



Holy Family Church GEMS

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 21, 2025

KEEPING IN TOUCH

At the beginning of this last week I was at the monastery where I am the extraordinary confessor. Even though my time there is spent in the confessional, it is always a joy for me to be with the community. This particular time was especially joyful in that while I was there four of the novices made their first profession of vows. Upon my return life was as busy as ever. On Wednesday we had the Presbyteral Council meeting with the Archbishop. This was the first meeting of the Presbyteral Council with the new Archbishop. It was a good meeting that was both challenging and hopeful.

The remainder of the week was filled with the normal busyness of pastoral life and office work. Looking forward to the week ahead I will be attending with our Archbishop and brother priests our annual Priest Convocation. Normally we would gather at Conception Abbey for our convocation, however this year we will be going to the Augustine Institute just north of St. Louis. As always I am looking forward to the presentations that will be given and to the fraternity among us. Please pray for us and know as always I carry you in my thoughts and prayers.

Blessings!

Fr. Joseph M. Arsenault, SSA
Pastor



PARISH FESTIVAL

We really do need your support to make our 17th annual Slovenefest a success! Bring your family, friends, and neighbors to enjoy an evening full of fun! There will be music and dancing, a delicious Slovenian dinner, games for the children and adults, a small Silent Auction, Food Court, Souvenirs, Mega Raffle and Raffle Drawings!

But we also need your help, if even for a couple of hours. We will be here from 8:00 a.m. until after 11:00 p.m. on Saturday and there are many opportunities to volunteer through the day and evening. Call the parish office at 913-413-002 or just show up on the day of the event to volunteer.



Please join us for the
25th Anniversary of Priestly Ordination
Celebration for

Rev. Joseph M. Arsenault, S.S.A.

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be celebrated
on Friday, October 3, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. at

St. John the Baptist Church
708 N. 4th Street
Kansas City, Kansas 66101

A reception with a meal to follow Mass in the
St. John the Baptist Auditorium

Please RSVP by September 25 to
Wendy at 913-371-0627
or ourcroatianparish@gmail.com
or Cathy at 913-413-0022
or holyfamilychurch1925@gmail.com

*The Celebration is presented by the parishes of
St. John the Baptist and Holy Family*

**May Our Lord Jesus Christ, through
the intercession of Our Lady of Good
Success, bless our event with fair-
weather and a good turnout!**



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 20

Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gon Priest & Paul Cong Ha-sang & Companions, Martyrs

3:00 p.m. Confessions

4:00 p.m. People of the Parishes

Sunday, September 21

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:30 a.m. Linda Bartkoski†

Friday, September 26

Mass Cancelled due to Annual Priest Convocation.

Mass Intention moved to October 3.

Saturday, September 27 Slovenefest

Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest

3:00 p.m. Confessions

4:00 p.m. People of the Parishes

Sunday, September 28

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:30 a.m. Ron Mayerle†

WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Weekly Collection 9/13/25, 4:00 p.m.:

Weekly Envelopes:	\$ 360.00
Plate:	151.00
Candle:	45.00
The Leaven:	40.00
TOTAL STEWARDSHIP:	\$ 596.00

Weekly Collection 9/14/25, 10:30 a.m.:

Weekly Envelopes:	\$ 1,077.00
Plate:	70.00
The Leaven:	82.00
Pew Rent:	\$ 15.00
TOTAL STEWARDSHIP:	\$ 1,244.00

Weekly Collection 9/14/25, 12:15 p.m.:

Weekly Envelopes:	\$ 705.00
Plate:	267.00
Pew Rent:	7.00
School Support:	5.00
Catholic University:	22.00
The Leaven:	58.00
TOTAL STEWARDSHIP:	\$ 1,064.00

Other Deposit 9-17-25:

Mega Raffle:	\$ 1,100.00
Total Deposit 9-17-25:	\$ 1,100.00

Other Deposit 9-16-25:

Weekly Envelopes:	\$ 525.00
Mega Raffle:	800.00
SLO Sponsorship:	1,000.00
Building Maintenance:	30.00
Funeral Donation - J. Cornish:	100.00
Mass Intentions:	40.00
Total Deposit 09-17-25:	\$ 2,495.00

Other Deposit 9/16/25:

SLO Donation:	\$ 500.00
SLO Sponsorship:	100.00
Mega Raffle:	2,900.00
Total Deposit 9/17/25:	\$ 3,500.00

PRAYER REQUESTS

Beatrice Arce, Paul Anselmo, Jim Blair, Steve Blaschke, Robert Bartkoski, Brisimitzakis Family, Steven Brocker, Christine Muelmaster Bruns, Bill Bushue, Sam Cattey, Frank Chavez, Larry Cornish, Elizabeth Curtin, Ann Crump, Savannah Crawford, Gary Dercher, Joe Dragosh, Janet Easter, Vincent Eskina, Gary Esposito, Jane Ferbezar, Matthew Fuqua, Ron Gabrielson, Don Gergick, Nick Gianfrancesco, Greg Golder, Teresa Grado, Gary Grindel, Joe Grindel, Mary Ann Hamm, John Hart, Jr., Diane Holton, Linda Holton, Mary Lou Holton, Mary Ann Stimac-Huber, Roger Jackson, Lupe Jaramillo, Madeleine Glenn-Klein, Beth Ann Palcher Kornegay, Janice Labesky, James Lipovac, Tim Lukavsky, Hrvoje Ljubicic family, Brett McCord, Linda Macek, Walter Marnett, Charles Martynowicz, Ed Melnick, Julie Miller, Mike Mootz, Betty Mulich, Frank Muelmaster, Mary-Elizabeth Anna Neitzke, Joe Paduch, Joseph Punswick, Cameron Rezin, R.J. Samuels, Stacy Taylor Scheelk, Richard Schutte, Roger Schutte, Marco Serra, Donna Severance, Anthony Smarekar, Sr. Gloria Solomon, John Soppick, Jacob Strathman, Matt & Chrissy Stewart, Joe Sutton, Don Swanson, Bennett (McCord) Thimgan, Brad Torelli, Germaine Van Hoet, Joe Waliczek, Richard Whitaker, Carol Sue Williamson, Martha Wolf-Holland, Marcia Wolf, Louis Villegas, Angie Yadrich, Weslie Mae Zych, & for all those who suffer from alcoholism, cancer, mental health issues and anyone else in need of our prayers.

The annual Priest Convocation will begin on September 22 through September 26.

The 8:00 a.m. Thursday & Friday morning masses scheduled for St. John the Baptist and Holy Family parishes are cancelled due to the convocation.

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

274 Orchard St., Kansas City, Kansas 66101

Pastor: Fr. Joseph Arsenault, SSA

Burmese - Sacramental Assistant: Fr. Michael Lian

Parish Office Address: 515 Ohio Ave., KCK 66101

Office Phone: 913-413-0022

Hours: Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Web: holyfamilychurchkck.org

Find us on Facebook!

Email: holyfamilychurch1925@gmail.com

Resurrection Catholic School: 425 N. 15th St., KCK 66102

Phone: 913-371-8101

MASS SCHEDULE:

Friday: 8:00 a.m.

Saturday: 4:00 p.m. (Odd months at Holy Family)
(Confessions at 3:00 p.m. before Mass)

Sunday: 10:30 a.m. & 12:15 p.m. (Burmese)

THE HOLY ROSARY

Recited every Saturday at 6:00 p.m. (Burmese)

Recited every Sunday at 10:00 a.m. before 10:30 a.m. Mass

Slovenefest 2025

Saturday, September 27

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

274 Orchard Street, Kansas City, KS 66101

Celebrating the 100th anniversary of our current church building!

4:00 p.m. - Holy Mass

274 Orchard Street

5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. - Festivities

*Msgr. Mejak Hall, Gym & School grounds
515 Ohio Avenue*

**Traditional Slovenian Dinner,
Food Court, Adult & Children Games,
Raffles, Mega Money Raffle,
Cultural Booth & Souvenirs,
Mini Silent Auction**

Music & Dancing featuring:

THE BRIAN MCCARTY BAND



For more information visit our website at
www.holyfamilychurchkck.org,
like & share the event on Facebook,
or contact the church office at
913-413-0022.



All proceeds to benefit Holy Family Church

SLOVENEFEEST 2025

Our annual parish festival is on Saturday, September 27. We are looking for **Volunteers** for the entire week of September 22. Our schedule for the week of Slovenefest begins each day around 10:00 a.m. and ends around 4:00 p.m.

On Thursday, September 25, we will begin making Slovenian Potato Salad around 9:00 a.m.

On Friday, September 26, we will begin making cabbage rolls around 9:30 a.m.

Both of these projects will take place in Mejak Hall of the club. Lunch is provided for all volunteers for both days.

On the day of the event, September 27, we will need your help with various projects.

Marla Serra leads the dessert tables and could use help slicing, plating, and wrapping various delectable treats. She usually begins around 10:00 a.m., however, please contact her for additional information.

The beer garden is sponsored by the Simonich Family and Sarah Lee could use your help in this set up.

Tom Westfall is in charge of set up and take down and many, many other things. He sure could use your help!

Patty Westfall is in charge of the Silent Auction and is busy with her baskets and gift giving.

The children's games also could use additional staffing.

Contact Cathy Schneider at the parish office at 913-413-0022 if wish to volunteer or have any questions.

ASSORTED DESSERT DONATION REQUEST

Assorted dessert donations are needed for the Slovenefest dinner. Please bring dessert donation to the church hall on Friday or Saturday morning the week of Slovenefest.

If you have any questions, please call the parish office at 913-413-0022.



BOTTLES OF 2 LITER SODA for Children's Ring Toss Game

2 liter Soda bottles are needed for the Ring Toss Game for Slovenefest. So far we have only received 58 bottles total. My goal is 75 to 100 bottles for this popular children's game. Buy brand and off brand soda on sale if you can.

If you have any questions, please call the parish office at 913-413-0022.

SPONSORSHIP FORM

Holy Family Church, 274 Orchard Street, Kansas City, KS 66101

We are proud to announce the 17th Annual Slovenefest on Saturday, September 27, 2025. The event begins with 4:00 p.m. Mass with festivities followed afterwards at the school grounds and Mejak Hall. Music provided by the Brian McCarty Band. This year marks 117 years of Slovenians gathering to celebrate their faith in our community. The first Holy Family Church sat on three lots of 511, 513, and 515 Ohio Ave. with two frame cottages, acquired for \$3,000. One house was converted into a small church, the other became the rectory. On the feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, August 15, 1908, the first Holy Family Church was blessed and mass was offered by the Rev. Joseph Kompare.

A bell for the church was deemed a necessity. Cast by the Stuckstede Bros. foundry in St. Louis in 1908, it carries the message (translated from Slovenian): "*St. Joseph, pray for us. Slovenci, use your time well.*" It sounded the Angelus three times each day, called the faithful to mass and other services, tolled at funerals, and rang with gladness on joyous occasions.

In celebration of our Slovenian roots we symbolically ring the bell and call home our former parishioners, their descendants, sons and daughters of the parish, former students of Holy Family School, acquaintances and friends of Holy Family Church back to celebrate our 117 years as a parish community at Slovenefest. If you are unable to attend this year, please come and visit us anytime by attending the 8:00 a.m. Friday morning mass, 4:00 p.m. Saturday evening mass (odd months), the 10:30 a.m. Sunday mass or just stop by the parish office at 515 Ohio Ave.

This year in particular, we celebrate the 100th anniversary of our current church building! There is always ongoing maintenance in a building so old—plumbing, HVAC systems, sound system, organ, etc. While our Slovenefest is our big fundraiser for the year, we hope to do other fundraisers throughout the year as we have done in the past. Stay tuned as we journey through the year together. We look forward to seeing you at Slovenefest 2025!

YES! I want to help preserve Holy Family Catholic Church and our Slovenian legacy.

Circle One

\$50 - Sponsorship	\$1,000 - Sponsorship
\$100 - Sponsorship	\$ 2,500 - Sponsorship
\$250 - Sponsorship	\$ 5,000 - Sponsorship
\$500 - Sponsorship	_____ - Other Amount

Donation in Memory of:

Your Name: _____

Address/City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____

You may drop this form in our weekly Mass collection with your check or mail to:

**Holy Family Church, 515 Ohio Ave., Kansas City, KS 66101.
If you have any questions, please call our parish office at 913-413-0022.**



HOLY FAMILY CHURCH MEGA MONEY RAFFLE!

Dear Parishioners & Friends:

Our 17th annual parish Slovenefest will be held on Saturday, September 27, 2025. The event will begin with Holy Mass at 4pm at the church with festivities from 5pm-9pm at Monsignor Mejak Hall, Gym, & School Grounds, 513 Ohio Ave., Kansas City, Kansas. This annual event is an important part of the financial stability of Holy Family parish. In the past, a large portion of the proceeds came from the Mega Raffle.

It is our goal to sell 300 mega raffle tickets at \$100 each with nine (9) \$1,000.00 winners! Winning tickets will be drawn at Slovenefest. You need not be present to win. All proceeds from the raffle will benefit Holy Family Church.



COUNT ME IN: Enclosed is my donation per ticket.

Name/Address/Phone #:

_____ White Mega Raffle Ticket - \$100 each

**Please complete and mail this form
with your check made payable to:**

Holy Family Church, 515 Ohio Ave., Kansas City,
KS 66101 or drop this form in the collection basket
at any of our weekend masses.

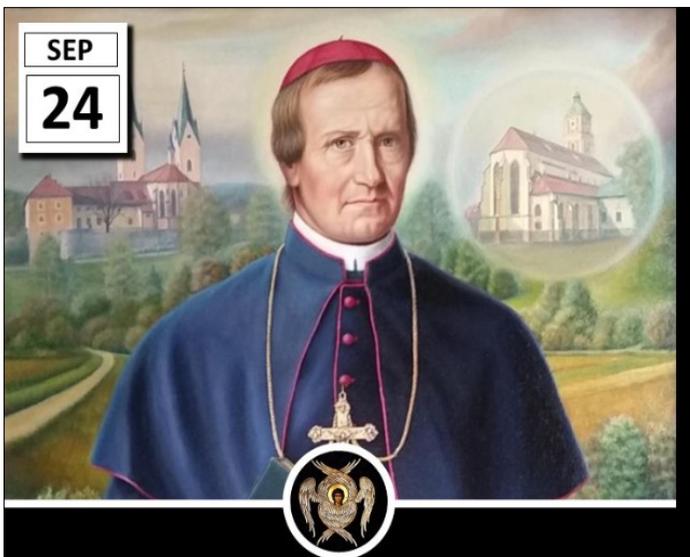
MEGA RAFFLE TICKET UPDATE

If you haven't gotten your Mega Raffle ticket, now is the time! Share a ticket or two with a friend or family member!

Our goal is to sell 300 tickets in honor of our 100 year anniversary of the church building. If you would like to purchase a ticket, please call the church office at 913-413-0022.



**Featured beer at
Slovenefest 2025!**



Protector of the Slovene Language

Blessed Anton Martin Slomšek

He was a Slovenian bishop. He came from a family of peasants. He was assigned as the spiritual director of the seminary before being assigned as a parish priest. When he was 46 years old, he was ordained as a bishop. He concentrated on improving religious education in his diocese. He protected the Slovenian culture and language by teaching, writing and publishing Catholic books, and composing songs in Slovene.

PROUD SPONSORS OF SLOVENEFEEST 2025

Bernadette Horvat

IMO Joseph & Kristina Horvat

Cathy & Chris Schneider

IMO Palcher & Rezin Families & Sr. Saba Pistotnik

Connie Kucenic

IMO Nick Kucenic

Don Cornish

IMO Cornish & Gergich Families

Ed Roitz (Rojc)

Frank Simonich

Greg Golder

IMO Rose M. Golder

Holy Family Church Burmese Community

Ivana Morris & David Martin

James Kung Min Thang & Elizabeth Doi-Ling

Jeff Pyle

Joe Dercher

IMO Anna Marie Dercher & the Dercher family

John & Missy Wiber

IMO Frank, Josie, Keith & David Anzek

IMO Adolph, Mary, Vincent & Rose Wolf

Karolyn Tomasic

Kathryn A. (Lastelic) Zunick

IMO the Lastelic Family

Kent & Terri McCord

IMO Ralph Chambers

Linda Macek

IMO Anthony Macek, Sr.

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IMO Charles McBee

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Robert & Marla Serra

Rick & Susan Robards

Rick Worner

Sandy Simonich

IMO Ray & Paula Simonich

Sarah Simonich Lee

Theresa Jaksetic

IMO Don & JoAnn Lipovac

Tom & Patty Westfall

Tony Kovach

IMO the Kovach Family

The advisory board at Prairie Star Ranch is gathering data for strategic planning. We are trying to better understand whether people in our region are familiar with the work at Prairie Star Ranch. If you've been to the ranch, please tell us about your experience or if you have not visited, please let us know. The survey takes five minutes to complete and is available at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/37N3VZX>

or QR Code:



The goal of this survey is to understand the ministerial reach of Prairie Star Ranch today. We plan to use this survey over the years to gather data that will help us assess our current standing and identify areas for improvement. Any assistance is appreciated. The survey will remain open until the week of October 20, and we aim to receive responses from over 1,000 individuals. As an added incentive, Camp Tekakwitha will enter respondents who provide their email into a raffle for one

The Way of a Pilgrim: A Silent Walking Retreat
Christ's Peace House of Prayer 22131 Meagher Road
- Easton, KS 66020 Friday, October 17th at 5:30pm –
Sunday, October 19th at 4:30pm

Step into the ancient tradition of Russian spirituality with this silent retreat inspired by The Way of the Pilgrim and the powerful Jesus Prayer. The wisdom of the Jesus Prayer, "Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner," teaches us how to pray always and deepen our relationship with God. During this weekend retreat, retreatants will engage in a walking pilgrimage, practicing the Jesus Prayer as they move in silence through nature, bringing body and soul into harmony.

This ancient method of prayer and meditation is designed to help you cultivate a constant awareness of God's presence and grace. In addition to the walking pilgrimage, the retreat will include times of fasting and reflection, offering opportunities for silence and prayerful solitude. By immersing yourself in this sacred journey, you will learn to integrate the Jesus Prayer into your daily life, experiencing the power of constant prayer. Join us for a weekend of deep spiritual renewal as we walk the path of the pilgrim, seeking God's mercy and peace.

Cabins/Courtyard Rooms: \$180 Single/\$270 Couple or Single Guest Rooms: \$110 (Meals Included). To attend, fill out the Individual Retreat Form at Christ'sPeace.com or call 913.773.8255.

School Sisters of St. Francis of Christ the King, Lemont, Illinois

This is a current picture of the order of sisters that taught here at both Holy Family and St. John the Baptist parishes for many, many years.

