

# ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

CROATIAN PARISH ON STRAWBERRY HILL

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## Pastoral Staff

Fr. Peter M. Jaramillo, S.S.A. Pastor

Fr. Joseph Arsenault, S.S.A.

Fr. John Melnick, S.S.A.

Sr. Mary Michael MacChesney  
Phyllis Hampton, Parish Secretary

## Office Hours

Monday - Friday

8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

## Church Office

913-371-0627

## FAX & E-mail

913-342-3324

### **Weekday Mass Including Adoration:**

Thursday 8:00 a.m.

### **Weekend Mass Schedule:**

Saturday 5:15 p.m.

Sunday 9:00 a.m.

### **Confessions:**

By Appointment. Call 913-371-0627

### **Rosary:**

Saturday 4:45 p.m. and Sunday 8:30 a.m.

### **Marriage Preparation:**

Notify the parish eight months prior to the wedding.

### **Pastoral Care of the Sick:**

**Crisis Prayer Line: 913-281-4448 or 913-608-5600**

Anointing and Pastoral Visits: Contact Church Office

### **Parish Contact Information:**

Finance Council President

Mark Calvert

Parish Council President

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Mary Ann Fanning

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## The Epiphany of the Lord

Magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying,  
"Where is the newborn king of the Jews?"

We saw his star at its rising  
and have come to do him homage."

Matthew 2:1-2

# JANUARY 3, 2016

**JANUARY 3, 2016 - THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

**WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS**

**Thursday, January 7, 2016**

8:00 a.m. Anna & Albert Sachen, Marie Verbeck,  
Robin Ashwell.

**Saturday, January 9, 2016**

5:15 p.m. Mike & Mary Suljak, Ivica Malic,  
Steve Cavlovic, Mike & Anck Kralj,  
Dragotin & Barbara Cavlovic.

**Sunday, January 10, 2016**

9:00 a.m. Parish Members

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

January 9 - 10, 2016

|                              | 5:15 p.m.                            | 9:00 a.m.                                  |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| <b>Lectors</b>               | S. Stalker<br>D. Stalker             | M. Viskovic<br>M. Calvert                  |
| <b>Eucharistic Ministers</b> | M. Foster<br>C. Delich<br>B. Palcher | N. Gasparovic<br>R. Sambol<br>C. Schneider |
| <b>Cantor</b>                | C. Lally                             | Choir                                      |
| <b>Servers</b>               | T. Lally<br>L. Lally                 | L. Viskovic<br>N. Viskovic                 |

**WEEKLY COLLECTION**

**December 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>**

|              |             |
|--------------|-------------|
| Week:        | \$ 4,861.00 |
| Maintenance: | \$ 206.00   |
| Loose:       | \$ 185.00   |
| Candle:      | \$ 167.00   |
| Poor:        | \$ 46.91    |

If you have a family member who is hospitalized or homebound and would like to have a visit or receive communion, please contact the Church Office. Hospitals do not inform us of a parishioner being admitted to the hospital. Call Phyllis at 913-371-0627.



Coffee & Donuts  
January 3, 2016  
following 9am Mass  
In Church Basement.  
**Everyone Welcome**

**MEETINGS**

**Senior Citizens Meeting**

Wednesday, January 13<sup>th</sup>. 2016  
At the church Basement - 11:00 a.m.

**Parish Council Meeting**

Tuesday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016  
At the Rectory - 7:00 p.m.

**LOOKING IN THE RIGHT PLACES**

"Appearances can be deceiving," as the saying goes. As we celebrate the epiphania, the "appearing" of the eternal Word of God on earth, this is still true.

What rapturous foresight must have filled Isaiah as he wrote the words we hear today. How, for four hundred years, they must have filled the hearts of the people of Israel with hope for the day when God's glory would shine on them. How deceived some must have felt when the glory of God came to them in the lowliest and humblest of human lives.

We have many expectations about how the divine presence will appear among us. But we can also set ourselves up, through these expectations, to miss the divine glory when it truly appears. We get caught up in looking for the star, forgetting that the star is not the divine sign, the babe is. It may take a persistent journey for us to come upon the true appearance of God's glory in our lives: Jesus Christ.

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**All Young Adults Welcome!**

Trust One Greater is an event for young adults to gather together for an evening of prayer and fellowship with Archbishop Naumann. There will be adoration with a homily given, Q&A, and a reception to follow.

When: Thursday, January 28<sup>th</sup>

Where: Church of the Ascension

Time: 7:00-9:00pm

Contact the Office of Evangelization for questions:  
913.647.0352

**2016 Calendars Available**

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**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

Over the next few weeks, if you were to stroll around Prague or Budapest or Kraków, you might see curious graffiti scratched in chalk over some doorways:

"20 C M B 16." The families dwelling behind those doors have celebrated the Epiphany door blessing. They have gathered before the feast-day meal, probably after Mass, and the head of the family has traced the sign of the cross on the piece of chalk.

Standing on a ladder, the leader traces the numbers for the new year, and the letters C M B for Christus Mansionem Benedicat, Latin for "May Christ bless this house." The letters also point to the names that tradition has assigned to the mysterious magi, Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar--although scripture tells us nothing of their number, their country, or their names.

The blessing speaks of journeys ended and journeys begun at the doorway, and prays that all journeys be as satisfying as was the magi's. It prays that the house beyond the door have the quality of love and peace that the magi marveled at when they at last arrived in Bethlehem. In some countries where the Soviet Union tried to impose a harsh atheism, the vigor of this household custom survived all efforts to erase Christian customs. In the years of struggle, the chalked blessings were a pervasive sign of defiance, and now in the light of new freedoms, they are a sign of the resilience of our tradition and the fulfillment of the magi's quest for meaning and peace.

--Rev. James Field, Copyright (c) J. S. Paluch Co.

Nearly half of American households are one emergency away from financial disaster. That could be the neighbor on your left; the one to your right. Maybe it's you. Angie and Larry were living modestly, working to make ends meet and provide for their family. In June, Larry had a health crisis that resulted in emergency surgery that left him unable to work for several weeks. They struggled paying the bills that were quickly mounting. When the couple met with a Catholic Charities case manager their utilities were on the verge of being disconnected. The summer heat had resulted in a very high electricity bill that the couple was desperately trying to pay down. With the assistance of Catholic Charities and the cooperation of the utility company, a manageable payment plan was negotiated to ensure their utilities would remain in service. Your support enables Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas to continue to serve our neighbors in need.

**EVENTS**

**Pancake Breakfast - January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

For Bishop Ward High School Senior class. Location Sr. John's auditorium. More information will follow.

**"Living in Love"**

See why over 700 couples in the Archdiocese have experienced the "Living in Love" retreat. You can sign up now for the "Living in Love" retreat at Sacred Heart Parish in Sabetha, January 16-17, 2016. Register online at [www.archkck.org/LivingInLove](http://www.archkck.org/LivingInLove) or contact Mary Anne Kierl at the Archdiocese at 913-647-0345 for information.

**Resurrection Catholic School**

The 4th annual Taste of KCK will be held on Saturday, January 30 from 6-9pm. Registration will open on December 1st. Tickets can be reserved on the school website, [www.rcskck.org](http://www.rcskck.org) or by calling the school office at 913-371-8101. Tickets are \$40 each or \$320 per table of 8. Come join us for an evening of diverse cultures and cuisine to benefit Resurrection Catholic School. We have sold out all three years, so be sure to register early!

**SAVE THE DATE**

Come celebrate World Marriage Day. Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann, at 6:30 p.m., February 11, 2016, at Holy Trinity Parish, Lenexa, Kansas. Mass will be followed by a reception and presentation by International Catholic speaker, author, and radio host, Jon Leonetti. Jon's book—Mission of the Family – is featured in Matthew Kelly's Dynamic Catholic Book program.

**LITTLE MINUTES**

Little drops of water, little grains of sand,  
make the mighty ocean, and the pleasant land;  
so the little minutes, humble though they be,  
make the mighty ages, of eternity.  
--Julia A. Fletcher Carney

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