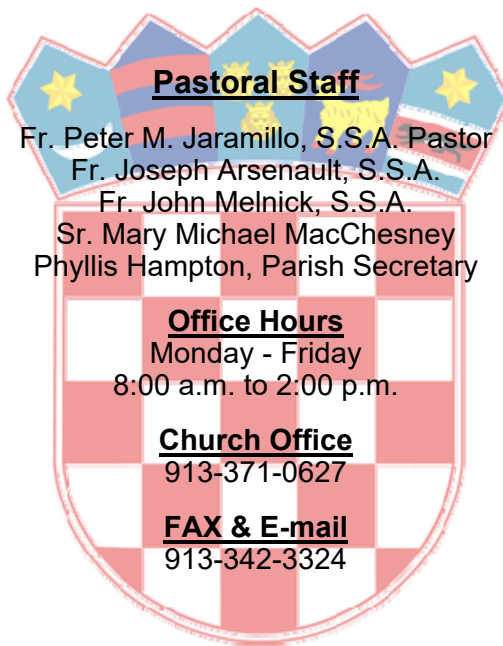


# ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

CROATIAN PARISH ON STRAWBERRY HILL  
708 N. 4th Kansas City, Kansas 66101  
OLDEST CROATIAN CHURCH WEST OF THE MISSISSIPPI - 1900  
[www.stjohnthebaptistcatholicchurch.com](http://www.stjohnthebaptistcatholicchurch.com)



## 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.

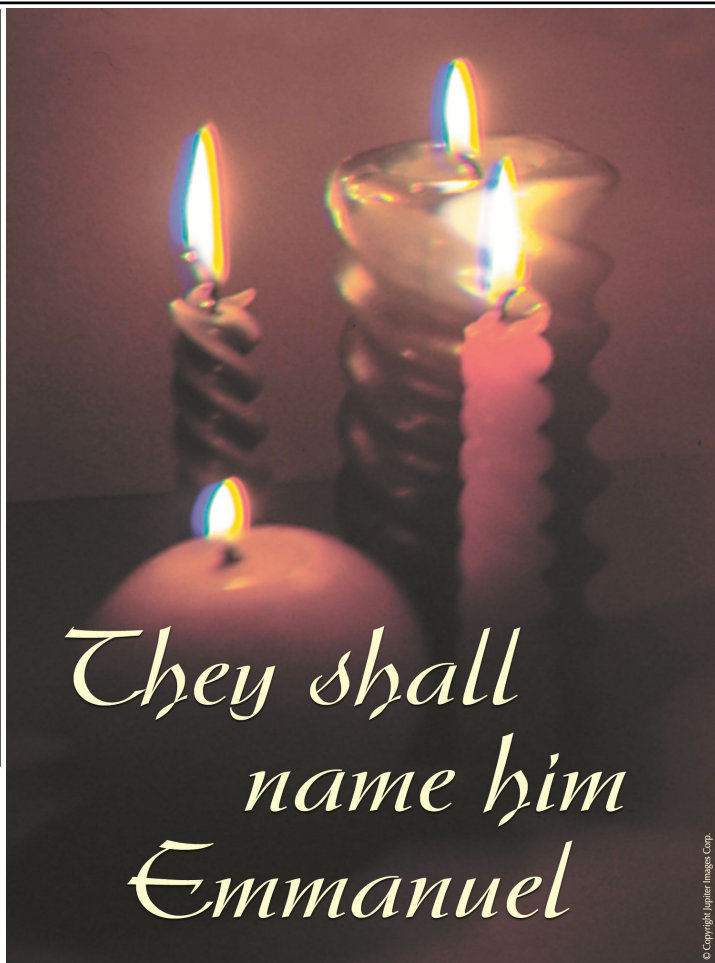
## Pastoral Care of the Sick:

**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             | Don Taylor        |
| Altar Society President              | Kelly Moutray     |
| St. John Catholic Club, 913-371-9690 | Ken Yarnevich     |
| St. Cecilia Choir / Organist         | Matt Winterhalter |



**DECEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup>, 2016**  
**4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS**

**Thursday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2016**

8:00 a.m. Janice Delic, Matt & Ann Modrcin Jr.  
Steve & Barb Kolich Sr.  
Matt & Teresa Modrcin.

**Saturday, December 24<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

4:00 p.m. Parish Members

**Midnight Mass**

Parish Members

**Sunday, December 25<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

9:00 a.m. at Holy Family

**Saturday, December 24, 2016**

Christmas Eve      Midnight

|                              | 4:0 p.m.                            | 9:00 a.m.                                |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|
| <b>Lectors</b>               | G. Garcia<br>G. Garcia              | M. Viskovic<br>R. Subasic                |
| <b>Eucharistic Ministers</b> | M. Foster<br>C. Delich<br>B. Horvat | R. Sambol<br>P. Mikesic<br>C. Schneider  |
| <b>Cantor</b>                | L. Chavez<br>P. Davidson            | Choir                                    |
| <b>Servers</b>               | L. Lally<br>N. Garcia<br>I. Garcia  | A. Subasic<br>L. Viskovic<br>K. Dordevic |

**WEEKLY COLLECTION**

**December 10 & 11**

Week:                   \$       3,486.00  
Maintenance:       \$       2,139.00  
Loose:                   \$       109.00  
Poor:                    \$       34.05  
Candle:                 \$       131.82



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.

**Meetings & Parish Events**

**December 18, 2016 - Heart of the Redeemer**

10:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

**December 21, 2016 - CYO Basketball**

**December 27, 2016 - Money Counters**

8:30 a.m. - Rectory

Special Eucharistic Minister Meeting. This meeting is for All Eucharistic ministers and those that would like to become a minister of the body and blood of Christ.

We need you! Please attend this meeting.

Please meet in Church

January 21, 2017

Saturday at 11:00 a.m.

St. John's Church

**New Years Eve Masses**

December 31, 2016 - January 1, 2017

|                              | 5:15 p.m.                          | 10:00 a.m.                                    |
|------------------------------|------------------------------------|---|
| <b>Lectors</b>               | B. Palcher<br>B. Palcher           | Mass will be celebrated at Holy Family Church |
| <b>Eucharistic Ministers</b> | M. Foster<br>C. Lally<br>C. Delich |   |
| <b>Cantor</b>                |                                    |   |
| <b>Servers</b>               | L. Viskovic<br>N. Viskovic         |   |

**Rectory Closed  
December 23, 24, 25, 26  
& December 30, 2016**

**Friends of St. John's**

Thank you so much for the cards, masses & kindness showed to my family in the loss of my parents.

God bless,

Steve Pierce and family

**2017 Calendars Available  
Donated by Skradski Funeral Home**

**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

By now, the first Christmas carols are heard in the home, but usually not yet in church. What is a "carol" anyway? Originally, a carol was any kind of communal song sung at a festival such as a harvest. By the thirteenth century or so, carols were associated with household celebrations. "Carol" comes from the Old French carula, meaning a circular dance. Carols weren't for church, since the language of liturgy was Latin and the carols were in the common language. Their characteristic sound comes from medieval chord patterns, and they often have strong refrains for everyone to sing. Even in the churches of the Reformation, carols didn't make it into church services until the 1870s or so, since there was a preference for psalms. Anglicans resisted popular carols; most of our beloved carols came via the Methodists, an offshoot of the Church of England. The Catholic Church generally didn't admit carols to liturgy either, but we didn't make laws against them.

We are told that the beloved carol "Silent Night" comes from Catholic Austria and a harried parish music director. Joseph Mohr, the priest of St. Nicholas in Oberndorf, had written the words in 1816, but offered them to his music director, Franz Gruber, when the church's organ broke. Mohr asked him to write a melody that could be played on guitar as a prelude to Mass. Gruber finished the tune just hours before midnight Mass in 1818. The people were shocked to hear a guitar in church, but were charmed by the sweet lullaby. The church was swept away by a flood in the 1990s and the village later relocated, but the townspeople have set up the "Silent Night Memorial Chapel" at the site. Today the carol is in print in some three hundred languages. How wonderful that the pipe organ broke on that night!

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

***Taste of Kansas City***

The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual taste of KCK, which benefits Resurrection Catholic School, will be held on Saturday, January 28<sup>th</sup> starting at 6pm.

This year Lamar Hunt, Jr, on behalf of Loretto Foundation, will match all of the gifts received for Taste of KCK up to \$100,000. We need everyone's help with this wonderful opportunity. Double your donation dollars today to help Resurrection School!!

Tickets can be purchased and donations can be made at rcskck.org or by calling the school office at 913-371-8101. Sponsorship opportunities and tickets are still available but are selling quickly! Thank you for your continued support of Resurrection!



Keeler Women's Center, a ministry of the Benedictine Sisters is located at 2220 Central Ace. KCK. All programs and services are free donations are welcome. Call 913.906.8990.

**Financial Fitness for the New Year**

- What better time to look at finances, than while making those New Years' resolutions? Take break from holiday shopping and eating and look at ways to be financially fit.
- **Monday, December 19, 2:00-3:30 p.m.**
- Presented by Chiquita Miller, in partnership with K-State Research and Extension.

**Survive the Credit Card Church**

- Sponsored by Habit to Humanity
- Finds ways to deal with Credit Card spending
- **Wednesday, December 21, Light Supper at 5:30; workshop 6:00-7:30 p.m.**

**Scripture Group and Bible Study**

- Plan to make your Advent special by participating in KWC Bible Study Group
  - **Wednesday, 9:30-11:00 a.m.**
- Bible sharing, and reflection, lectio and journaling, led by Heather Neds, pastoral minister.

**Food Kitchen - Year of Mercy**

Food kitchen served 300 people Monday, December 12<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your help and donations. Next date to help is January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Same plan, leave items in Church basement after mass. Go to kitchen at 8:30 a.m. from St. John's parking lot.

Thank you.

***We need your help, this is a parish project.***

***Our next date to help is January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017***

**Catholic Charities**

Please help & support Catholic Charities, they help many families in the Johnson & Wyandotte Counties area with food, clothing, and shelter. Please be generous.

***New Address***

Barbara Carroll has moved to Minnesota as of December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016.  
New Address is

Hilltop Manor  
595 Highway 110  
Mendota Heights, Minnesota 55118

Barbara is Fr. Franks sister.  
She is the last of the 13<sup>th</sup> siblings.