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Parish Staff:

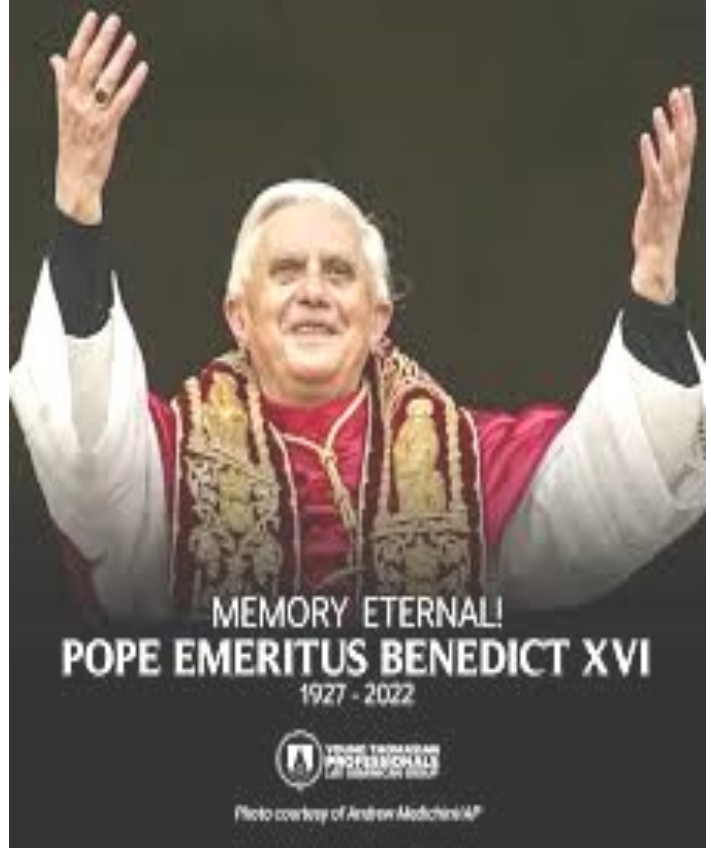
Fr. Joseph M. Arsenault, SSA, Pastor
Sr. Mary Michael MacChesney
Mr. Stuart Taylor, Music Director
Mrs. Wendy Christ, Administrative Assistant

Mass Schedule:

Saturday at 4 pm
(at Holy Family Parish in January)
Sunday at 9 am
Thursday at 8 am

Parish Ministries:

Finance Council Richard Sambol
Parish Council Don Taylor
Altar Society Kelly Moutray
St. John's Club Ken Yarnevich
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Prayer Line (913) 281-4448



Keeping In Touch



This past week we bid our final farewell to Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI. His service to the church as priest, bishop, prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine and Faith, and as Pope has been a tremendous gift. The example that he leaves to us is one of molding our minds and our hearts after the mind and the heart of Jesus. His example and work will continue to inspire and form us for years to come. As we are grateful for his long life and ministry, we now commend him to our loving and merciful God.

On Monday we will conclude the Christmas celebrations with the celebration of the Baptism of the Lord. It is hard to believe that Christmas is here and gone. I hope and pray that everyone has had a very blessed Christmas.

Blessings in Christ and St. Augustine,
Fr. Joseph M. Arsenault, SSA, JV, Pastor

Congratulations!

The parish would like to congratulate **Mike and Stephanie Abell** on their marriage at St. John the Baptist church on *December 31, 2022*. Stephanie is the daughter of parishioners **Tim and Diane Boan** and niece of parishioner **Al Boan**. Your marriage honors God and brings so much joy to friends and family.

CALL TO SHARE KICKOFF WEEKEND!
JANUARY 7/8

Fr. Joseph Arsenault will read Archbishop Joseph Naumann's homily at all Masses this weekend to kick-off the 2023 Call to Share Campaign! Our parish target goal for this year is \$19,822 . Please prayerfully consider a gift to this important campaign.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, Jan 8- The Epiphany of the Lord

9am- Rade Subasic
Janko & Maria Dukovcic
Mike Suljak & Mirica Black
Katherine Suljak



Thursday, Jan 12 - 8am--

Charles "Jake" Sutulovich
Berniece Novosel
Mary Ann Schneider

Saturday, Jan 14

4pm- **Vigil Mass at Holy Family Church**
St. John's and Holy Family parishioners

Sunday, Jan 15-

9am- Tony Jr. & Helen Kovach
Edie Kovach
Family of Nikola & Jadranka Gojmerac
Kucenic & Novogradac Family

LITURGICAL MINISTRY -JANUARY

January 8, 2023

Lectors: M. Viskovic, S. Taylor
Eucharistic Ministers: R. Sambol
Servers: I. Dordevic
Sacristans: G. Garcia, S. Sandelich

January 15, 2023

Lectors: G. Garcia, M. Piskuric
Eucharistic Ministers: M. Garcia
Servers: A. Garcia
Sacristans: H. Rebeck, W. Christ

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

Sat. 12/31/2022 Sun. 01/01/2023

Envelopes/Loose:	2260.00	2832.00
Building Fund:	275.00	570.00
Candles:		170.00
Poor Box:		219.50
Church of Latin America:	175.00	
Catholic Charities:	5.00	40.00
Immaculate Conception:		10.00
Solemnity of Mary:	175.00	90.00
Christmas Offering:	605.00	20.00
Manger:	5.00	6.00
Mass Intentions:	50.00	140.00
Donation:		335.00
Food Kitchen:		80.00



Many thanks to all of you for showing such love and support for our parish and making it special during Advent! May God continue to guide us and protect us each day.

Upcoming Events

Coffee and Donut Sunday

The event will be hosted by the **Altar Society** in the church basement after the *9am Mass on Sunday January 8th*. Please come and join the parish for fellowship and updates from other parishioners.

Food Kitchen

Food Kitchen date is for *January 9th*. Desserts may be dropped off in the church basement the weekend before or the day of at the Willa Gill Center (645 Nebraska Ave) after 8:30. There is a desperate need for volunteers to help serve from 11-12:30. Financial donations can also be made. Checks can be made to St. John the Baptist Church with a designation for the food kitchen.

St. Bernadette's Circle

Members of the circle are invited to come to the meeting on *Tuesday January 10th at 6 pm* in the church basement. Not a member, but want to become a member? Call the office for more information at 913-371-0627 ask for Wendy.

Monthly Senior Luncheon

Bring your own sack lunch and come join us for fellowship, with bingo, prizes, and sack lunch on *Wednesday January 11th starting at 11 am* in the church basement.

Ignite for Life Mass & Rally

We are excited to have Lila Rose, Founder of Live Action, as our keynote speaker for **IGNITE for Life** on *Tuesday, January 24th in Topeka!* Visit www.archkck.org/ignite to learn more about Lila Rose and Live Action, the IGNITE for Life Rally the Kansas Mass & March for Life, and to register to attend. Please help us promote this event as we celebrate the end of Roe and let all know that in Kansas, we still value them both.



Marica Dukovcic, 71 of Kansas City, Kansas passed away Saturday, *December 31, 2022* at home. Funeral Services will be

Tuesday, January 10th, beginning with a Visitation at 9:00 AM with Mass of Christian Burial following at 10:00AM both at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, 708 N. 4th Kansas City, KS. Burial will be at Gate of Heaven Catholic Cemetery, Kansas City, KS.

Marica was born September 27, 1951 in Mrzljaki, Croatia to Ivan and Katica (Andrisevic) Broz. She married Stjepan Dukovcic in 1974 in Karlovac, Croatia and they were blessed with a son Branimir in 1976. The family came to the United States in 1980 and settled in Kansas City, Kansas. Marica worked at IDI and Conagra. Marica is survived by her husband Stjepan, two sisters, Barica and Katica Vrbanic, both in Croatia. Her sister-in-law Ana Piskuric, brother-in-law Juro (Barbara) Dukovcic and Ljubica Lukac and many cousins. Preceding her were her son, Branimir, brothers, Josip, Mijo, I Janko, and sister Ljubica.

Upcoming Events cont.



~Rosary Rally~
January 22, 2023
3:00 pm-4:15 pm
St. Mary/St. Anthony
Parish
615 N 7th St. Kansas
City, KS 66101

Tickets for Resurrection Catholic School at the Cathedral's Taste of KCK are on sale now.

To purchase tickets for the January 28th event or to make a donation, visit rscck.org or call the school office at 913-371-8101. Partnerships are also still available at this website or call Greg Alejos at: 913-909-0422. Join us for Resurrection Catholic School's annual **Taste of KCK!**

When: **Saturday, January 28, 2023, 6 PM - 9 PM**

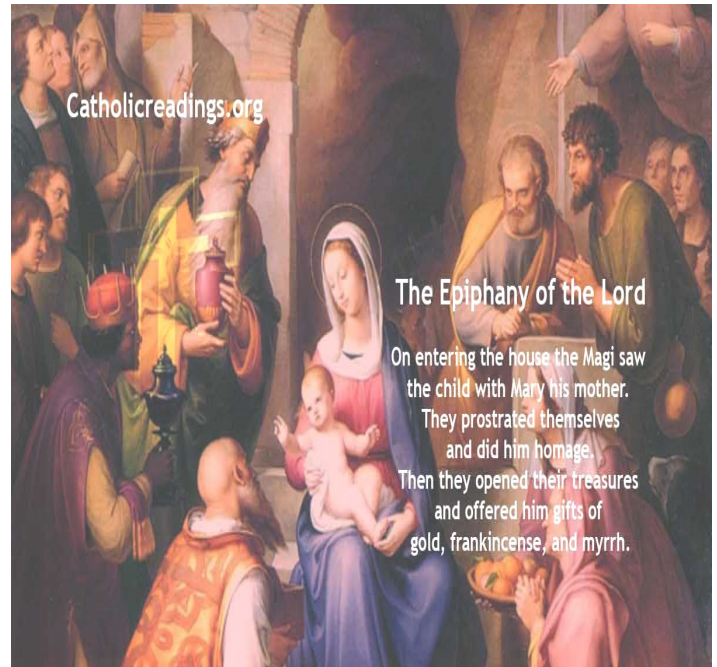
Where: **Resurrection Catholic School** at 425 N. 15th St, KCK 66102. 6 PM Social, 7 PM Ethnic Buffet Dinner, 8 PM Program . Proceeds benefit students through academic programming, classroom supports, need-based scholarships, and operations. Tickets are \$100 and go on sale January 1, 2023. For more information, to purchase a ticket, or make a donation, please visit rscck.org/taste-of-kck or call 913-371-8101.

FEAST of the BAPTISM of the LORD

*A voice came from
the heavens, saying,
"This is my beloved
Son, with whom
I am well pleased."*

– St. Matthew 3:16-17

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The Epiphany of the Lord

On entering the house the Magi saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

The Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

commemorates the visit of the magi to worship the baby Jesus as told in the Gospel of Matthew:

"Behold, 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.'"

The word "epiphany" comes from the Greek *epiphainain*, which means "to manifest," "appear," or "make known." The Feast of the Epiphany celebrates the revelation of Jesus, the Son of God, to the world.

"The Epiphany is the manifestation of Jesus as Messiah of Israel, Son of God and Savior of the world. The great feast of Epiphany celebrates the adoration of Jesus by the wise men (magi) from the East, together with his baptism in the Jordan and the wedding feast at Cana in Galilee. In the magi, representatives of the neighboring pagan religions, the Gospel sees the first-fruits of the nations, who welcome the good news of salvation through the Incarnation." CCC 528

"Jesus is the Savior of the world. He comes not just for one group of people but for all. The magi, or kings, or astrologers, or seekers from the East, stand in for all the peoples of the earth," says Bishop Robert Deeley. "They represent all the people, including ourselves, who have found their way to Christ, who have found in him the meaning of their lives, and the light which guides them. They also represent the inner hope of the human spirit showing that it strives for the meaning that Jesus brings to life."

Please submit any bulletin news and events by **Thursday morning** to the Parish office by phone or email to croatianparish@gmail.com