



# St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

## *The Epiphany Of The Lord*

January 4, 2026

Matthew 2:1-12

### Parish Office:

708 N. 4th Street, Kansas City, KS 66101

Office: (913) 371-0627

Hours: Mon-Thu 8:30am-5pm Fri 8:30am- 4

Web: [stjohnthebaptistcatholicchurch.com](http://stjohnthebaptistcatholicchurch.com)

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Facebook: St. John the Baptist Croatian Parish

Instagram: OurCroatianParish

### Sacraments:

Confession at 3 pm before Saturday Mass or call for appointment

### Parish Staff:

Fr. Joseph M. Arsenault, SSA, JV, VF, Pastor

Mrs. Wendy Christ, Administrative Assistant

Mr. Tony Locatelli, Music Director

### Mass Schedule:

Saturday at 4 pm

(at Holy Family 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

913-371-9690

Prayer Line (913) 281-4448

## Keeping In Touch

Happy New Year! It is hard to believe that we are already here in 2026. At the beginning of a new year, it is always an opportunity to look back over the year past and look forward to the year to come. As I pause to look back over this past year, I am filled with gratitude. This gratitude, in a big part, starts with all of you. I am so grateful for being with you.

I am also extremely grateful for all the many ways that I experienced your great generosity. Your presence, your smiles, kind words, gifts and much, much more are a blessing to me. I also want to take this opportunity in this context to say thank you for all the Christmas greetings and gifts that I received.

I hope and pray that you all have a very blessed and joyous Christmas and New Year! I also hope and pray that as you look back over this past year, that you too find moments of gratitude for the goodness and generosity which you experienced in your life. Even in difficult and painful moments of life there are elements for which we can be grateful.

As we look for these moments, may you be blessed and moved by them. In looking to the year to come I do so with excitement for what will be and I entrust what will be into the loving and merciful hands of God.

Blessings in Christ and

St. Augustine,

Fr. Joseph M. Arsenault, SSA, JV, VF, Pastor



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FaithWatch

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

### **Sunday, January 4- The Epiphany of The Lord**

9am- Jeffrey Hughes & Samuel Hughes  
Milka Subasic Family  
Peter & Dorothy Sutulovic  
Family Grdinovac

### **Thursday, January 8-**

8am- Roza Kralj  
Ivan & Ana Belanic  
Vilim & Katarina Zugecic  
Josip Zugecic

### **Saturday, January 10-**

4pm- **Vigil Mass at Holy Family**  
People of the Parishes

### **Sunday, January 11- The Baptism of The Lord**

9am- Ana Piskuric  
Mike & Mary Suljak  
Mirica Black & Kathy Suljak  
Kucenic & Novogradac Family

## LITURGICAL MINISTRY - DEC-JAN

### **January 4, 2025-**

**Lectors:** S. Glenn, M. Viskovic  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** N. Gasparovic  
**Servers:** A. Garcia  
**Sacristans:** H. Rebeck, W. Christ

### **January 11, 2025-**

**Lectors:** V. Tomasic, A. Dordevic  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** S. Morrow  
**Servers:** I. Dordevic  
**Sacristans:** S. Sandelich, M. Alvey

## WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

	<u>Sat.12/27/25</u>	<u>Sun.12/28/25</u>
Envelopes:	2090.00	5393.00
Loose:	2322.00	100.00
Building Fund:	215.00	425.00
Candles:	328.00	49.00
Poor Box:		145.53
Manger:	44.00	5.00
Christmas Flower:	30.00	
Christmas Offering:	680.00	
Catholic Charities:	225.00	
Donation(s):		25,000.00
Mass Intentions:		40.00

**Thank you for your Financial Support in 2025!**

Visit Our Sunday  
Visitor online  
giving at

[https://osvhub.com/  
stjohnthebaptists/  
giving/funds](https://osvhub.com/stjohnthebaptists/giving/funds)



## Prayer Requests

Pope Leo XIV, Sarah Skradski-Coleman, John Christ Sr., Diane Boan, Milka Subasic, Dianna Stimac, Kathy Riley, Millie Sambol, James Lipovac, Chris Braun, Special Intention, In Thanks-giving, for all those who suffer from homelessness, addictions, cancer, mental health issues, for those who are serving time in prison, for all the holy souls in purgatory, and anyone else in need of our prayers.

*(If you or a family member or a friend requests prayers for someone, we will add them on our Prayer List. Please contact the church office to renew, add, or remove a name from the list.)*

## Upcoming Event

### **Coffee and Donut Sunday**

The event will be hosted by the **Altar Society** on **Sunday January 4th**. Please come and join the parish for fellowship and updates from other parishioners. Trash Bags will be available to buy during coffee and donuts! Yellow bags are 39 gal 25/roll, White bags are 15 gal 65/roll, Blue bags are 55 gal 16/roll, cost per roll is \$12.00. Make checks payable to **St. John the Baptist Church**. Exact money if paying with cash please.

### **Food Kitchen**

Food Kitchen date is for **Monday January 12th**. 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 desserts and 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 13th at 6 pm** at the house of the hostess. Not a member, but want to become a member? Call the office for more information 913-371-0627.

### **Monthly Senior Luncheon**

Senior meeting **WILL BE A SACK LUNCH!**. Bring a friend and come join us for fellowship, with bingo and prizes on **Wednesday January 14th** starting at 11 am in the church basement.

## YEAR END REPORT

See Year End Report to the parishioners for Fiscal Year 2024/2025, last page of bulletin.

# EPIPHANY CHALK BLESSING

## *Prayer for Households*



**Leader:**

Peace be to this house and to all who dwell here.

**All:**

And may all who enter experience Christ's blessing.

**Leader:**

Let us pray.

O Lord, grant that your blessing may rest on this home and all who dwell within it. May Christ who was made manifest to the nations through the star of Bethlehem dwell with us always. Bless this chalk that it may be used as a sign of your protection. May this home be filled with the light of Christ, and may our comings and goings be guided by his love. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**All:**

Amen.

The leader then writes the Epiphany inscription over the main door using the blessed chalk:

**20 + C + M + B + 26**

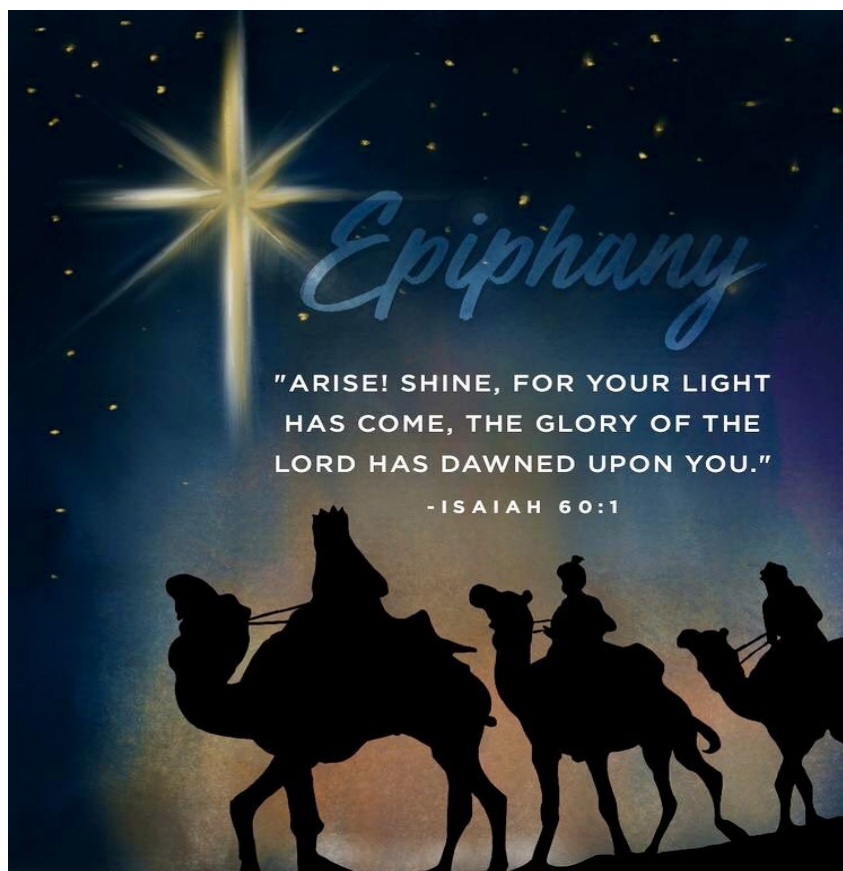
**Inscription Meaning:**

The numbers represent the year, and the letters stand for "Christus Mansionem Benedicat" ("May Christ bless this house"), as well as the traditional names of the Magi (Caspar, Melchior, Balthasar).

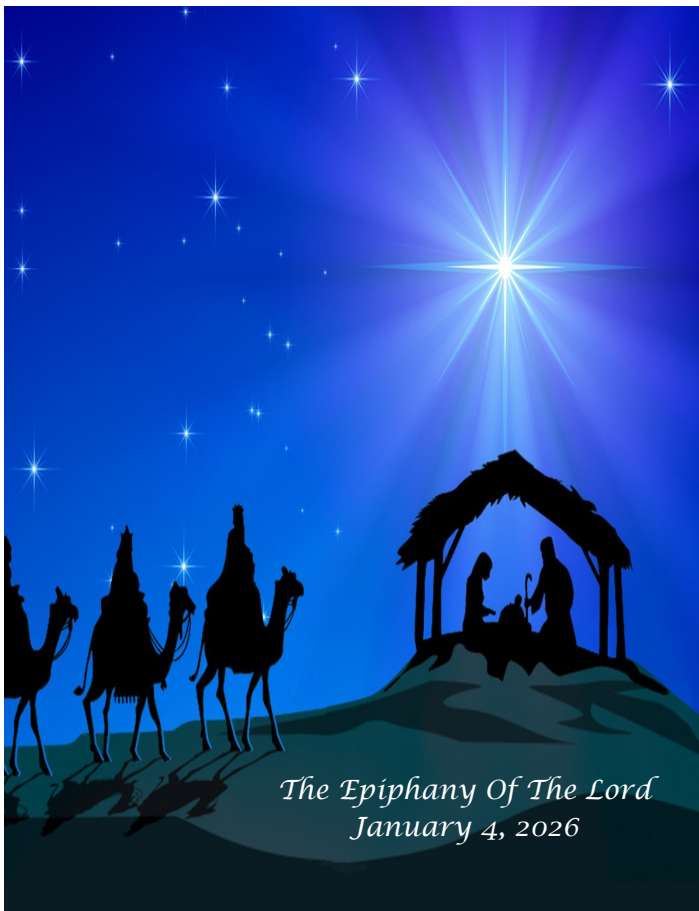
**Leader:**

May Christ bless this house and remain with us throughout the new year.

**All:** Amen.



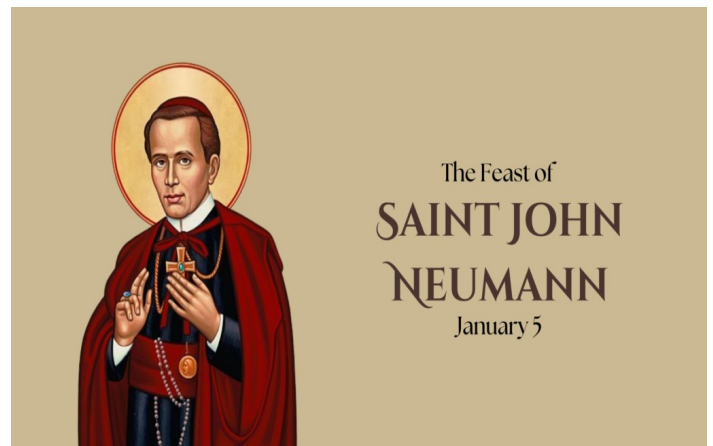




**Help feed the hungry!** Donate non-perishable food items such as tuna, canned chicken, peanut butter, soups, vegetables, beans, canned fruit, crackers, rice, cereal, etc.

Also, personal hygiene items such as toilet paper, feminine hygiene products, soap, and toothpaste. **Expired items and opened packages will not be accepted.** All the items you donate will be taken to Catholic Charities Food Pantry.

As of today 12-19-25, **484.1 lbs.** has been donated!  
Please keep donating as we will continue to collect till the end of December. Thank you!



# Taste of KCK

Tomorrow's Legacy Begins Today

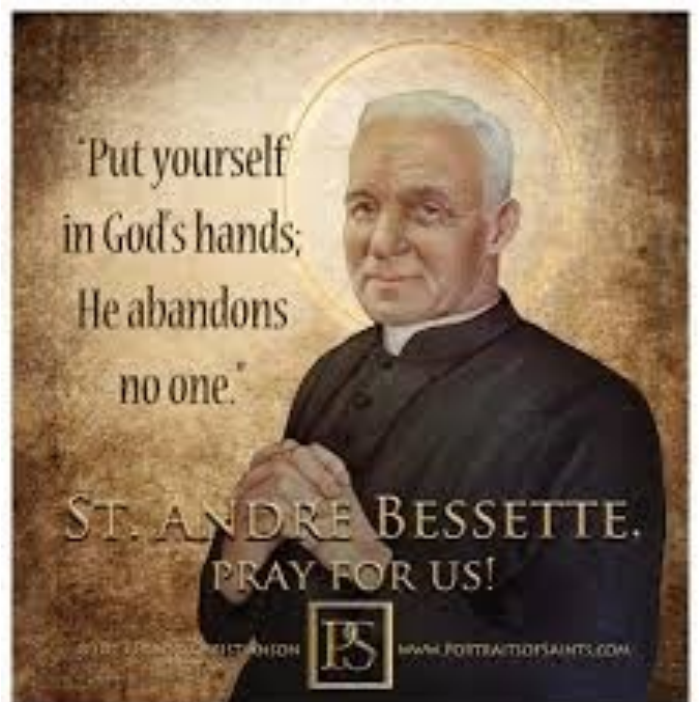
**Taste of KCK**  
Food • Culture • Community

RAISING FUNDS FOR SCHOLARSHIPS  
ACADEMIC PROGRAMS  
CLASSROOM SUPPORTS

*January 24, 2026*

RESURRECTION CATHOLIC SCHOOL  
425 NORTH 15TH STREET  
KANSAS CITY, KS 66102

 <b>Social Hour</b> 6:00 PM Drinks & Appetizers School Tours Student Projects	 <b>Ethnic Dinner</b> 7:00 PM KCK diversity on a plate.	 <b>Program</b> 8:00 PM Honoree Student Speaker Performances
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**Church Name: ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST**

**City: KANSAS CITY, KS**

**Fiscal Year: July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025**

**FINANCIAL SUMMARY**

**RECEIPTS**

Ordinary Collections (pg 4)	\$ 317,495.09	
Other Contributions (pg 4)	\$ 90,893.59	
Income from Parish Assets (pg 4)	\$ 31,405.03	
Capital Fund Drives (pg 4) (Only Archbishop approved capital campaigns)	\$ 500.00	
Parish Ministry Program Receipts (pg 4)	\$ -	
Communication Apostolate (pg 5)	\$ 946.00	
Special Activities (pg 5)	\$ 176,267.19	
Cemetery (pg 5)	\$ -	
Other Income (pg 5)	\$ 22,903.72	
Receipts from Borrowing (pg 5)	\$ -	
Additional Parish Receipt Accounts (pg 5)	\$ 4,737.18	
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>		<b>\$ 645,147.80</b>

**DISBURSEMENTS - input as positive number, for example \$10.00 not (\$10.00)**

**Personnel Expenses**

Salaries - Church (pg 8)	\$ 16,992.20	
Salaries - Operations (pg 8)	\$ 49,900.70	
Salaries - Other (pg 8)	\$ -	
Contract Services (pg 8)	\$ 1,310.00	
Personnel Related Expenses (pg 8)	\$ 11,735.28	
<b>Total Personnel Expenses</b>		<b>\$ 79,938.18</b>

**Parish Operations**

Maintenance (pg 9)	\$ 72,580.17	
General Operations (pg 9)	\$ 56,397.10	
Insurance (pg 9)	\$ 34,805.00	
Travel (pg 9)	\$ 513.97	
Administration (pg 9)	\$ 2,450.88	
Professional Services (pg 10)	\$ 7,687.17	
Cost of Borrowing (pg 10)	\$ -	
Other Parish Operations (pg 10)	\$ 7,840.72	
<b>Total Parish Operations</b>		<b>\$ 182,275.01</b>

**Capital Expenditures**

Equipment (pg 10)	\$ 43,490.02	
Buildings (pg 10)	\$ 111,161.31	
Land (pg 10)	\$ -	
Principal Debt Reduction (pg 10)	\$ -	
Other (pg 11)	\$ -	
<b>Total Capital Expenditures</b>		<b>\$ 154,651.33</b>

**Parish Programming & Services**

Liturgical Supplies (pg 11)	\$ 10,687.40	
Parish Ministry Program Supplies (pg 11)	\$ 500.00	
Communication Apostolate (pg 11)	\$ 3,500.00	
Special Activities (pg 11)	\$ 52,159.62	
Parish Cemetery (pg 11)	\$ -	
<b>Total Parish Programming &amp; Services</b>		<b>\$ 66,847.02</b>

**Parish Responsibility in its Mission**

To the World (pg 11)	\$ -	
Within the Archdiocese (pg 12)	\$ 42,596.89	
Within the Parish (pg 12)	\$ 111,288.17	
Within the Community (pg 12)	\$ 600.00	
<b>Total Parish Responsibility in its Mission</b>		<b>\$ 154,485.06</b>

**Additional Disbursement Accounts (pg 12)**

<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENT ACCOUNTS</b>		<b>\$ 638,196.60</b>
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**NET - (RECEIPTS LESS DISBURSEMENTS)**

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