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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

Mass Schedule/ Horario de Misas

Mon, Tues, Thurs 6:30 a.m.
Wed, Fri (Mie, Vier) 12:15 p.m.
Saturday/Sábado 8 a.m., 5 p.m.
Sundays/Domingo:
English 7:30 a.m., 9:15 a.m., 11 a.m.
Español 12:45 p.m.;
Burmese 2:30 p.m.

School of Religion K-8 Catecismo K-8

Wednesdays/Miercoles 7 p.m.
(September—April)

RCIA Classes (Adults)

Tuesdays 6:30 p.m., Sept—Easter

Adoration

Tuesdays, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Marriages/Matrimonios

Please notify the pastor
8-10 months prior to wedding.
Favor de notificar a la parroquia
8-10 meses antes.

Baptisms/Bautismos

By appointment only;
Por cita solamente.

Confessions/Confesiones

3:30 p.m. Saturdays,
5:30 p.m. Tuesdays
or by appointment
Español— Martes a las 5:30 p.m.
Sabados a las 3:30 p.m.



Pastor

Father Mark Mertes (mmertes@archkck.org)

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Father Shawn Tunink
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Burmese Ministry

Father Michael Van Lian

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From Father Mark Mertes, Pastor:

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)

If you ever travel to our state capitol, Topeka, Kansas, I invite you to take a close look at the top of the capitol's dome. You will find a statue of a Lakota Native American aiming his bow and arrow at the North Star. The statue, called "Ad Astra," is named after our state motto, "*Ad astra per aspera*," which is to say "*To the stars through difficulties*."

As Catholics and Kansans we are doing just that! We are being called to enter into the brilliant light of life in Christ, and the only way to get there is through difficulties. 2020 certainly passed along its share of challenges and no doubt there will be many more in 2021. The magi who came from the east followed their star, through difficulties, to lay themselves low in homage. Interestingly their encounter with the Christ caused them to return to their country "by another way."

As we make our way into this New Year hopefully our encounter

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with Christ this holiday season will help us travel a new way with:

- More compassion for those who are suffering.
- A deeper appreciation for teachers and school administrators who manage the miracle of education in a pandemic.
- Gratitude for nurses and truck drivers and package handlers and grocery clerks who have never stopped helping us.
- More attention to the basics of shared family meals, praying together and connecting by phone.

With our Catholic faith to guide us and our sacraments to sustain us we will arrive at our destination, life in Christ!

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Scripture Readings for Week of January 4-10

Mon/Lun:	1 John 3:22-4:6; Matthew 4:12-17, 23-25
Tue/Mar:	1 John 4:7-10; Mark 6:34-44
Wed/Mie:	1 John 4:11-18; Mark 6:45-52
Thur/Jue:	1 John 4:19-5:4; Luke 4:14-22
Fri/Vie:	1 John 5:5-13; Luke 5:12-16
Sat/Sab:	1 John 5:14-21; John 3:22-30
Sun/Dom:	Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7; Acts 10:34-38; John 5:1-9

Desde Padre Mark Mertes:

¿Dónde está el recién nacido rey de los judíos? Vimos su estrella salir y hemos venido a rendirle homenaje. (Mateo 2.1)

Si alguna vez viaja a nuestra capital estatal, Topeka, Kansas, lo invito a echar un vistazo de cerca a la cima de la cúpula del capitolio. Encontrarás una estatua de un nativo Americano Lakota apuntando con su arco y flecha a la Estrella del Norte. La estatua, llamada "Ad Astra", lleva el nombre de nuestro lema estatal, "Ad astra per aspera", que quiere decir "A las estrellas a través de las dificultades".

¡Como católicos y habitantes de Kansas, estamos haciendo precisamente eso! Estamos llamados a entrar en la luz brillante de la vida en Cristo, y la única forma de llegar es a través de las dificultades. El 2020 ciertamente pasó su parte de desafíos y sin duda habrá muchos más en 2021. Los magos que vinieron del este siguieron su estrella, a través de las dificultades, para rendirle homenaje. Curiosamente, su encuentro con Cristo hizo que regresaran a su país "por otro camino".

A medida que nos acercamos a este Año Nuevo, esperamos que nuestro encuentro con Cristo en esta

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temporada festiva nos ayude a viajar por un nuevo camino con:

- Más compasión por los que sufren.
- Un aprecio más profundo por los maestros y administradores escolares que manejan el milagro de la educación en una pandemia.
- Agradecimiento a las enfermeras, los conductores de camiones, los que empacan nuestras cosas y los trabajadores de las tiendas que nunca han dejado de ayudarnos.
- Más atención a los aspectos básicos de las comidas familiares compartidas, rezar juntos y conectarse por teléfono.

Con nuestra fe católica para guiarnos y nuestros sacramentos para sostenernos, llegaremos a nuestro destino, ¡la vida en Cristo!

Limpieza de la Iglesia

La limpieza de la iglesia a sido pospuesta.

Ministerios

Si usted desea inscribirse o informarse sobre los ministerios de Lector, Ministro Extraordinario de la Comunión, Hospitalidad, limpieza de los viernes, Coro, o Monaguillo, por favor de mandar un correo electrónico a jcarpio@stpatriickck.org. Su parroquia los necesita.

Si le gustaría hablar con el Padre Mark por favor de llamar al 913/299-3370 en la oficina parroquial. También, si necesitan ayuda en español por favor de llamar al 913/299-3370, ext. 104.

Local Job Openings

1. Blessed Sacrament Parish is seeking a part-time parish secretary to work 20-25 hours a week. The desired candidate will be a practicing Catholic with great organization skills and be bilingual in English and Spanish. Call or visit the parish office for application and details about the position!

2. Catholic Cemeteries is seeking a friendly, energetic, detail-oriented person for a full-time receptionist position with our organization. Must be professional and extremely organized. Ideal candidate will have experience with MS Word, Excel and the ability to handle multiple phone lines. Spanish speaking is a plus. Required hours are 7:30 am to 4 pm, Monday through Friday. Interested individuals should contact Kayla at 913-344-7505 or send resume to kardon@cathcemks.org.

Keeler's Women Center (Some offerings may be delayed due to Covid restrictions.)

Nutrition Class hosted by K-State Extension: Mondays, February 1, 8 and 15, 2–3:30 p.m. Join us for a series of classes exploring healthy and inexpensive ways of shopping and preparing meals for you and your family. Learn how to improve the quality and nutritional value of what you are preparing each day. Participants who complete the entire program will receive a gift card to assist with food shopping. Register by calling 913-689-9375.

Easy English hosted by Brenda Mortell; Wednesdays, 10 – 11:30 a.m.; Miercoles, 10 – 11:30 a.m. The Easy English program allows students an opportunity to increase their knowledge and verbalization of the English language. Students will be evaluated prior to beginning the program as to better place them in a group with comparable understanding of English.

El programa Easy English Brinda a los estudiantes la oportunidad de aumentar su conocimiento y verbalización del idioma inglés. Los estudiantes serán evaluados antes de comenzar el programa para ubicarlos mejor en un grupo con una comprensión comparable del inglés. Call 913-689-9375.

Liturgical Help Needed For All Weekend Masses

If you attend Mass regularly and would be willing to serve as usher (especially at 7:30 a.m.), lector, Extraordinary Minister or Sacristan (especially at 9:15 a.m.), please contact Theresa Smith, 913-299-3370 or tsmith@archkckcs.org for information and training. Due to the covid restrictions, several volunteers are no longer able to serve. Your help is needed and very appreciated!

Mass Intentions (Intenciones)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 3—*Epiphany of the Lord;* *National Migration Week*

7:30 a.m. Mass Int: Bob and Dorothy Isabell †
9:15 a.m. Mass Int: Henry and Rose Bartkoski †
11:00 a.m. Mass Int: People of the Parish
12:45 p.m. (Spanish) Int: Special Intention of Jesus Azucena Cordova Munoz
2:30 p.m. (Burmese) Mass Int: Holy Souls †

MONDAY, JANUARY 4- *St Elizabeth Ann Seton*

6:30 a.m. Mass Int: Janice Kaminski †

TUESDAY, JANUARY 5—*St. John Neumann*

6:30 a.m. Mass Int: Robin Conrad

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6—*St Andre Bessette*

12:15 p.m. Int: Clarence and Jeanette Porter †

THURSDAY, JANUARY 7—*St. Raymond of Penyafort*

6:30 a.m. Mass Int: Emilie Gordon †

FRIDAY, JANUARY 8

12:15 p.m. Mass Int: Brigid Mullins †

SATURDAY, JANUARY 9

8:00 a.m. Mass Int: Aaron Moeder †

5:00 p.m. Mass Int: Timothy Sackovich †

SUNDAY, JANUARY 10—*Baptism of the Lord*

7:30 a.m. Mass Int: Thresa Ehrhart †

9:15 a.m. Mass Int: Arlene Duggan †

11:00 a.m. Mass Int: John Grosko †; and
Velda Jones †

12:45 p.m. (Spanish) Int: Special Intention of Manuel Francisco Soto

2:30 p.m. Burmese Mass Int: People of Parish

Confession Schedule:

Tuesdays 5:30 p.m. (English and Spanish)

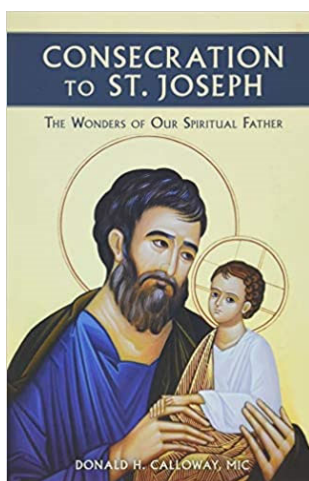
Saturdays 3:30 p.m.



*What gifts
will you
offer to the
Newborn
King?*

What a Lovely Testimony!

A visitor from Minnesota came by the office before Christmas to offer a \$25 donation plus comment on how grateful she was that the Church was open. She enjoyed her time of Adoration and said it was especially beautiful because of the students who came in to pray. She truly enjoyed the beautiful singing of a young man who then led the students in the rosary. This kind woman is the mother of 12 (includes 1 priest!). She has visited us many times in the past and we hope she will return soon. Thank you to the parish and school for your witness and generosity in offering travelers a chance to pray with Our Lord!



The Year of St. Joseph Began December 8!

On the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, December 8, 2020, Pope Francis declared the beginning of the Year of St. Joseph. Please spend time getting to know this incredible saint. "Consecration to St. Joseph" by Father Donald Calloway is very beautiful and highly recommended!

KS Mass, March & Rally for Life in Topeka!

The Kansas Mass, March & Rally for Life will take place this year in Topeka, KS on Thursday, January 21, 2021 to observe the National Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children and the 48th anniversary of Roe vs. Wade. Let's stand up for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life, in penance for the over 60 million lives lost, and to end violations to the dignity of the human person - both child and mother - committed through the act of abortion!

SCHEDULE:

10:30 am Mass with the Kansas Bishops – www.livestream.com/ArchKCK/KSMassforLife Unfortunately, due to Covid gathering restrictions, in-person Mass attendance this year is by invitation only.

12:00 pm March to the State Capitol for the Kansans for Life Rally – In-person! All are invited to join in the March for Life from the Topeka Performing Arts Center to the Kansans for Life Rally at the State Capitol steps. Visit www.archkck.org/prolife for updated information and details on the day's event.

Please contact Theresa Smith, 913-299-3370 or tsmith@archkckcs.org to add or remove a name. Only family may add names because of privacy.

Please pray for the sick: Vincent Anderjaska, Andrew Becker, Donna Bileck, Ann Bolden, Ray Bond, Douglas Braman, Victor Braman, Mary Ann Bush, Hannah Buttaccio, Bob Butters, Bernie Callaghan, Cindy Cigich, Owen Cigich, Raymond Cote, Vernon Cox, Margo Evans, Keith Geary, Bill Ghale, Cora Grant, Teresa Green, Blia Her, Randy Herrington, Shirley Imhoff, Mike Kerns, Michael Killian, Mary Elaine Kohler, Sophia Kovacs, Joyce Leiker, Debbie Martin, Martha McCarty, Fred McClain, Angela McDonald, Andrea McNeely, Laraun McNeely, Willetta Minters, Ashley Mizell, Belinda Ogan, Josephine Ogan, Mary Jo Prock, Mary Lou Schmalz, Dennis and Stephanie Seufferling, Linda Shalz, Helen Sims, Jack Sixta, Tom Sixta, Leo Storm, Margaret Struzzo, Joseph Tayler, Barbara Thiessen, Deacon Charlie Voss, Glenn Waltsak, Bob Williams, Joe Wingerter

Anointing of the Sick

Please call the parish office, 299-3370, to receive the sacrament of Anointing of the Sick. If your condition worsens, you recover then become ill again or you face new challenges due to aging, it's appropriate to be anointed again.

Please pray daily for those who have died:

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Home Visits

If you are homebound (for any reason) and would like to receive Holy Communion and/or the Sacrament of Reconciliation, please contact the parish office, (913) 299-3370 to arrange a time for one of our priests or the deacon to visit.

Grief Support Group Suspended Until Further Notice

Our parish Grief Support Group will resume meeting when possible. God bless you and know that you will be remembered in prayer.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Alberta Hernandez**. Our prayers and sympathy are offered to her family and friends.



Contribution Options:

1. Envelopes mailed, brought to Mass or dropped in mail slot at office.
2. Your bank account—Set up St. Patrick's KCK in your bank's Online Bill Payment Center. Our address is 1086 N. 94 Street, KCK 66112 (Use your envelope # as your account #).
3. Online giving (one time or recurring) - Secure online giving link is at www.stpatrickkck.org or on Facebook (stpatrickkck). Click "Give now."
4. Bank EFT/ACH Electronic Funds Transfer (recurring on set date) set up through parish. Forms available upon request, 913-299-3370.

May you be blessed for your generosity!

**FINANCIAL REPORT WILL
BE UPDATED NEXT WEEK!**

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Parish Updates! @StPatrickKCK**

Father Mark Mertes will post Sunday Masses and reflections or discussions on our page including Spanish content.

**Father Mark's Bible Study!
Thursdays, Facebook Live, 7 pm**

You're welcome to ask questions in the comments! If you can't join him live, watch the video to prepare for Sunday Mass!

**Father Shawn Tunink's
Morning Message!**

Join Father Shawn every morning via Facebook live (parish page or Shawn the Baptist) for a brief message to start your day!

Shawn the Baptist Show!

Join Father Shawn every Wednesday evening at 6:30 pm via Facebook live (parish page or Shawn the Baptist) for an interactive discussion of a topic of faith!

**www.stpatrickkck.org: Online giving is
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**Masses live streamed! Saturdays 5 p.m.
Spanish Mass Sundays 12:45 p.m.**

Thank You!

Thank you to all volunteers who helped decorate the Church for the Advent and Christmas seasons. Thank you also to those who served as sacristans, lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, and ushers for the Christmas and holy day Masses. Thank you to all who have watched the livestream of Masses and prayed with us and for us! Thank you to our priests and deacon for visiting our homebound. May the Lord bless you greatly for your service!

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4. The key is to then remember to sign on to Amazon.Smile to place your orders.

Reporting Suspected Abuse

Archdiocese remains committed to investigating any allegation of abuse of a minor made against any member of the clergy or any church employee or volunteer—no matter the age of incident or current age of the victim. Individuals are encouraged to call confidential report line at 913-647-3051 or archkck.org/reportabuse to make a report to Jan Saylor, archdiocesan report investigator, and to call law enforcement directly. If a child or vulnerable adult is in immediate danger, call 911.

**Training is required before volunteering
with children at the parish or school.**

To volunteer with children in the parish or school, you must first attend a Virtus "Protecting God's Children" session and pass a background check. Trainings can be found at www.virtusonline.org. Your account must remain current with assigned articles. Contact Betty Ann Battson, Virtus Coordinator, 299-3728 or bbattson@stpatrickkck.org.

Rosary Podcast Emailed Daily!

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Congratulations to our recently baptized children and their families!

Irisabelle Alejandra Montes Buenrostro
Daughter of Everardo Montes-Quintana
and Perla Martinez

Forrest Russell Daniels
Son of Joshua Folsom and Alyssa Buttaccio

Evan Del Real
Son of Estevan Del Real and Erika Banuelos

Yara Ivana Escobedo
Daughter of Luis and Yolanda Escobedo

Anna Sofia Hanses
Daughter of Jeremiah and Susana Hanses

Leonardo Herrera
Son of Armando and Jasmine Herrera

Camila Guadalupe Ruiz Jara
Daughter of Anuwar Ruiz and Geraldine Medrano

Katherine Alaiah Meza
Daughter of Baltazar Brecedo
and Adilene Hernandez

Omar Padilla Murillo
Son of Raul Padilla and Teresa Murillo

Luis Enrique Sanchez
Son of Luis Sanchez and Norma Herrera

Juliana Len Tha Par
Daughter of Anthony Le Khin and Elizabeth Elen

RaeLynn Harper Schmidt
Daughter of Troy and Krissie Schmidt

Beau Andrew Stoker
Son of Beau and Brittany Stoker

James Pa Khin Kmung Tihi
Son of Tihi and Biak Hmen Par



RaeLynn Harper Schmidt was baptized by
Deacon Dave and then celebrated with her mom
and dad, Troy and Krissie Schmidt!



Forrest Russell Daniels was all smiles
after his baptism with Father Mark!



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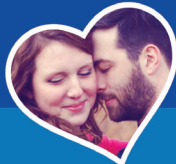
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Parish Ministries/Ministerios

Pastoral Council / Consejo Parroquial:
Nominations for Members will be accepted soon.

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Mickie Miller

CYO Director
Ashley Calderon

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Parish Mission Statement/Misión

St. Patrick Parish is called to love and
serve the Lord, to grow in knowledge,
virtue and holiness and to spread the Gospel.

La parroquia de San Patricio esta llamada a
amar y servir al Señor, a crecer en conocimien-
to, virtud y santidad y a compartir el evangelio.

Core Values: Christ-Centered, Evangelization,
Formation for All Ages, Family (Individual Fami-
lies and Parish Family), Stewardship