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CHURCH OF THE
Holy Cross

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Dear Parishioner,

Our parish has set evangelization and outreach to nursing homes as top priorities for Holy Cross. Evangelization means sharing our faith. Outreach to nursing homes is one way we can live out our faith, by practicing one of the corporal works of mercy: to visit the sick. Hopefully, this directory will serve as a useful tool in carrying out our mission. The directory will enable us to join together in continuing the work of Jesus Christ, as his body on earth.

Fr. Mike



Our Mission

Holy Cross is a diverse community, welcoming and accepting, united in Catholic faith, and committed to forming people in the image of Christ to better serve the Lord and our neighbor.

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Website: www.holycrossopks.org

Church Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday & Thursday - 8:30 am to 3:00 pm;
Wednesday - 8:30 am to 7:30 pm; Friday, 8:30 am to 12:00 noon.

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm and 7:00 pm (Spanish)

Sunday: 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 11:00 am (Nursery Available)
and 1:00 pm (Spanish)

Weekday Mass Schedule

Monday at 9:00 am

Tuesday at 6:30 am

Wednesday at 9:00 am and 7:00 pm (Spanish)

Thursday at 6:30 am

Friday at 9:00 am

Saturday at 7:30 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday at 3:30 to 4:30 pm

Wednesday at 6:00 to 7:00 pm

Sacrament of Baptism

Baptisms are usually celebrated in English on the 4th weekend of the month during the 5:00 pm Saturday Vigil Mass and the 11:00 am Sunday Mass.

Parent preparation classes in English are held every other month. Call the office for specific dates and to register.

Los Bautizos en español se celebran el cuarto domingo de cada mes, después de la 1:00 pm Misa.

Las pláticas bautismales para padres y padrinos se celebran el primer sábado de cada mes, 9:30 am, para más información y para inscribirse, llamen a la oficina de la iglesia, (913) 381-2755.

Sacrament of Matrimony

Engaged couples should contact the Church Office at least six months prior to their wedding date.

Holy Cross Church Office

Pastor	Rev. Michael Stubbs
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Liz Yawarsky	lyawarsky@holycrossopks.org
Director of Youth Ministries	
Fr. Anthony Saiki	asaiki@holycrossopks.org

Holy Cross Catholic School

8101 West 95th Street • Overland Park, KS 66212

Phone: (913) 381-7408

Email: gradeschool@holycrosscatholicschool.com

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Receptionist	Anita Lemmon...	alemmon@holycrosscatholicschool.com
After School Care		
Kevin and Denise Mason.....		381-7408 ext. 369
Athletic Committee: Joe Jareczek		681-1313

Holy Cross Early Education Center

7917 West 95th Street • Overland Park, KS 66212

Phone: (913) 381-7151

Email: preschool@holycrosscatholicschool.com

Director: Penny Miller

Assistant Director: Stefanie Bridges

High Schools

Bishop Miege High School	Dr. Joe Hornback	262-2700
St. James Academy	Mr. Andy Tylicki	254-4200
St. Thomas Aquinas High School	Dr. William Ford	345-1411

Holy Cross Parish Activity Leaders

Altar Servers	Eva Gavin	381-9450
Art & Environment	Sharon DeHaemers	449-2474
Bereavement Support Group	Kay Spaniol	383-1157
Bible Study	Kevin Beauford	381-7414
.....	and David Dixon	961-5538
Book Club	Mary Jo Nations	649-9257
Boy Scouts	Sean Wilde	636-0687
Bridge Club	Bill Kelly	642-0585
Catholic Career Roundtable	David McClain	645-5294
Charismatic Prayer Group	Mary Ann Meert	642-3954
Celebration	Pat Sheldon	642-2997
Counters	Jon Oakes	381-2755
Cub Scouts	Glenn Hatstrup... leaders@pack3251.org	
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion..	Terry Dressman	599-6997
Eucharistic Ministry to the Homebound.....	Margi Foley	381-8145
Fathers Club	John Schultz	515-2043
Finance Council	Fr. Mike Stubbs	381-2755
First Saturday Devotions	Jerry Viviano	341-5430
Gabriel Project	Leah Conner	383-1343
Garden Club.....	Mark Stuecheli	385-3871
Girl Scouts	Tricia Chitwood	492-7734
Greeters	Kris Troy	322-1191
Hispanic Ministry	Rev. Anthony Saiki	381-2755
Hospital Visitors	Vicki Bronson	484-9593
Interfaith Hospitality Network	Shirley Maxwell	897-2127
Knights of Columbus	David West ...	816-560-7853
Lectors	Kathy Gellings	341-2990
Marriage Encounter	Kevin & Pam Beauford	381-7414
Marriage Preparation Lead Couples	Fr. Mike Stubbs	381-2755
Meditation Garden	Patti Taylor	648-8174
Music Director.....	JoAnna Rubino	381-2755
Nursery Coordinator	Pat Sheldon	642-2997
Nursing Home Visitors	Carol Reardon	244-6443
Parish Festival	Carol Reardon	244-6443

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Quilters & Crafters	Marcie Mohler	888-7185
R.C.I.A.	Fr. Mike Stubbs	381-2755
Respect Life Committee.....	Becky Dixon	961-5538
Saint Mary's Food Kitchen.....	Wayne Guelbert	492-1857
School Advisory Council	Allison Carney	381-7408
Shalom House.....	Ruth Kuse	963-3700
Stewardship	Robert Bacic	381-2755
Sunshine Club.....	Pat Sheldon	642-2997
Ushers.....	Ken Castinado	851-1074
Vocations.....	Fr. Mike Stubbs	381-2755
Youth Ministries	Fr. Anthony Saiki	381-2755

Women of Holy Cross and Circle Presidents

President.....	Margi Foley	381-8145
Special Events Chairperson	Kathleen Dickinson	642-1171
Secretary.....	Carol Reardon	244-6443
Treasurer.....	Lynn Sparks	648-2474
Funeral Dinner Chairperson.....	Norma McCall	648-4058
Kitchen Chairperson.....	Jean Murry	383-9256
Donut Chairperson.....	Leanne Diskin	888-3119
Mother Theresa Circle.....	Maxine Rodriguez	383-2014
Our Lady of Guadalupe.....	Margie Garcia	685-9714
St. Benedict Circle.....	Pete Obert	451-3374
St. Catherine Circle	Kathy Eilenberger	851-3463
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Circle	Diane Cunningham	642-4705
St. Helen Circle	Jo Roff	649-4497
St. Mary Circle	Mary Radetic	338-1656

Hispanic Ministry

Hispanic Council Coordinator	Fr. Anthony Saiki	381-2755
Hispanic Council Secretary	Nallely Romero	484-6872
Hispanic Council Treasurer	Claudia Bustos	660-9461
Hispanic Liturgical Ministry	Tony Saenz	649-8284

Hispanic Ministry Groups

Catequesis Pre-Bautismal	Fr. Anthony Saiki	381-2755
Coro de Holy Cross	Silvia Quezada	238-8524
Grupo de Oración	Samuel Amaro	314-5767
Legión de Maria	Rosario Aguilar	375-8014
Pastoral de Matrimonios	Fr. Saiki	381-2755
Quinceañeras	Pilla Martinez	314-3590

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Holy Cross Ministries and Activities

Adult Formation

Throughout the year various opportunities are offered for adult religious education and formation. Information about upcoming programs at Holy Cross, as well as at neighboring parishes, is announced in the bulletin and on the parish website. Parishioners are invited to help plan a program or serve as a presenter.

Contact: Fr. Mike Stubbs, 381-2755

Altar Servers

Any child in Holy Cross parish who is in 5th to 12th grade is encouraged to join the Altar Servers. Servers are trained to assist the priest in the celebration of the Mass.

Contact: Eva Gavin, 381-9450

Art & Environment

Altar decorations, banners and flowers, designed to reflect the seasons of the liturgical year, enhance the worship services at Holy Cross. Parishioners with talent in art, interior design, floral arrangement or sewing are needed.

Contact: Sharon DeHaemers, 449-2474

Bereavement Support Group

This monthly support is for those who have experienced the death of a spouse or loved one. The group meets on the first Friday of each month in Room 8 from 9:30-11:00 am.

Contact: Kay Spaniol, 383-1157 or Priscilla (Pete) Obert, 451-3374

Bible Study

Do you want to enrich your experience of Sunday Mass? Grow closer to Jesus? Meet other parishioners? Then join our Sunday Morning Bible Study. Each week the Mass readings for that Sunday are explored. The study meets from 10:00 to 10:50 in Room 1, which is downstairs off of Lickteig Hall. So, you can attend the Bible Study after the 9:00 am Mass or before the 11:00 am Mass. And childcare is a possibility. Inquire if interested.

Contact: Kevin Beauford, 381-7414 and David Dixon, 961-5538

Book Club

Do you love reading a good book and enjoy discussing it with others? You are always welcome to participate in the Holy Cross Book Club, which meets on the first Tuesday of the month, 9:30-11:00 am, in Room 1.

Contact: Mary Jo Nations, 649-9257

Boy Scouts

Meetings are held on Monday evenings. A camp-out is held one weekend a month, and a week-long camp takes place during the summer.

Contact: Sean Wilde, 636-0687

Building and Maintenance

Occasional help is needed for maintenance projects on the church property and small repairs to the building.

Contact: Jon Oakes, 381-2755

Bulk Mailing

When the church sends out large mailings, volunteers are needed to fold items, put them in envelopes, seal the envelopes and apply address labels. The whole process usually takes two hours.

Contact: Claudia Bustos, 381-2755

Celebration

Celebration is our largest fundraiser and benefits both the parish and the school. It takes place on the last Saturday of January and includes a dinner, silent auction, live auction and raffles. Not only is the event a fundraiser, it is a celebration of our community.

Contact: Pat Sheldon, 642-2997

Catholic Career Roundtable

Catholic Career Roundtable (CCR) is about people finding people jobs. It is a collaborative effort of several parishes, including Holy Cross. Meetings are on Saturday mornings from 8:30 to 10:00 am. Meeting information can be found online at www.catholiccareerroundtable.org.

Contact: David McClain, 645-5294

Charismatic Prayer Group

The Charismatic Prayer Group meets every Monday at 9:30 am.

Contact: Mary Ann Meert, 642-3954

Collection Counters

Counting the Sunday collection begins after the 9:00 am Mass and continues until after the 11:00 am Mass. Counters serve about once every three months.

Contact: Jon Oakes, 381-2755

Confirmation

Holy Cross Confirmation Program is a two-year process. Formation typically begins in the 7th Grade, but can start anytime through 10th Grade. The Confirmation Program also allows for Religious Education for all students 7-10th Grades, including preparation for First Reconciliation and First Communion. Classes meet on a weekly basis September through May.

Contact: Liz Yawarsky, 381-2757

Couples Bridge

The Holy Cross couples Bridge Group meets monthly, usually the second Saturday. Two tables play at different members' homes each month, September through April. During the evening, members rotate partners. The last session in May is a dinner and awards night.

Contact: Bill Kelly, 341-5437

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Parishioners, 16 years of age or older, may assist the priest with the distribution of Communion. Training is required. Training sessions are held periodically during the year and are announced in the parish bulletin. Some Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are also trained to bring Communion to the homebound.

Contact: Terry Dressman, 599-6997

Finance Council

The Finance Council serves the parish and the pastor as consultants on financial decisions. The group meets monthly throughout the year.

Contact: Fr. Mike Stubbs, 381-2755

First Saturday Devotions

These devotions developed as a result of the appearance of Our Lady of Fatima in Portugal in 1917. On the first Saturday of each month, the Rosary is prayed at 7:05 am, followed by Mass at 7:30 am. After Mass, a program is presented in Lickteig Hall on the subject of Mary, and coffee and donuts are served.

Contact: Jerry Viviano, 341-5430

Food for the Hungry

Holy Cross and the surrounding Catholic parishes of Johnson County supply food for the Catholic Charities Food Pantry at 9720 W. 87th St. in Overland Park. Please donate nonperishable grocery items on the last Sunday of each month. Bring your donations with you when you come to Mass and simply leave them in the narthex.

Contact: Church Office, 381-2755

Food Kitchen (St. Mary's)

Approximately 300 people from our parish are involved in preparing a casserole and/or serving a hot lunch to about 400 people on the third Friday of each month at St. Mary's Food Kitchen in Kansas City, Kansas. The time commitment can vary between 1-4 hours each month.

Contact: Wayne Guelbert, 492-1857

Funeral Dinners

Upon request, Women of Holy Cross provide food for families of deceased members of the parish. The funeral luncheon may be served in Lickteig Hall or food can be delivered to the home. An entrée is provided by WHC and volunteers provide salad, vegetable dish or dessert. If you would like to be on the volunteer list, please contact the WHC Funeral Dinner Chairperson. Donations are also accepted.

Contact: Norma McCall, 648-4058

Gabriel Project

The Gabriel Project provides spiritual, emotional and material support to women in crisis pregnancy. If you feel called to pro-life work, please join us to decide if this ministry is for you. Whether you have an hour a month or an hour a day, we can find a place for you to help in this amazing ministry to women.

Contact: Leah Conner, 383-1343

Gardening – Garden Club

Volunteers plant flowers around the entry of the church and care for them during the growing season. Work sessions are scheduled 3-4 times each year and generally last 3-4 hours.

Contact: Mark Stuecheli, 385-3871.

Gardening – Meditation Garden

Volunteers help with periodic planting, weeding, mulching and general upkeep of the Meditation Garden. Work sessions are scheduled 3-4 times each year and generally last 3-4 hours.

Contact: Patti Taylor, 648-8174

Gardening – Stewardship Garden

Volunteers give of their time & talents to grow several vegetable gardens to benefit the poor. All produce is donated to the local Catholic Charities Food Pantry.

Contact: Christy L'Esperance, 642-8456

Gift Bearers

Parish families and individuals are welcome to carry the gifts of bread and wine to the altar during the Offertory. There is a sign-in sheet on the sacristy door in the church narthex. Simply sign your name and/or let one of the ushers know that you are interested.

Contact: Fr. Mike Stubbs, 381-2755



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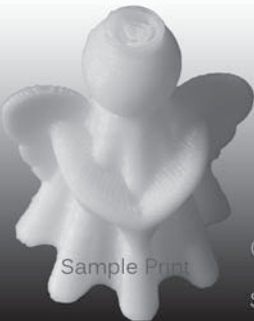
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Greeters

Any parishioner or family can play a special part in the Sunday liturgy by welcoming other parishioners and guests as they enter the church for Mass.

Contact: Kristoffer Troy, 885-2351

Hispanic Ministry

The primary goal of Hispanic Ministry is to bring all Hispanic Catholics into enthusiastic participation in the life and mission of the parish, while strengthening the unity of the One Body of Christ. This is accomplished by developing leadership opportunities for Hispanics and supporting the expansion of the ministerial capacity of our parish to respond to the growing Hispanic presence within our community.

Contact: Rev. Anthony Saiki, 381-2755

Holy Cross Catholic School and Early Education Center

A cornerstone of faith and education since 1986, Holy Cross Catholic School offers a fully licensed, self-contained preschool with a transitional kindergarten and a childcare facility open 7:30 am until 6:00 am. Our Catholic school for kindergarten through 8th grade offers full-day kindergarten, before and after school care, as well as summer programs and camp. Holy Cross Catholic School is accredited by AdvancEd and the State of Kansas, and has been awarded the Kansas Governor's Achievement Award. Enrichment programs include art, music, band, vocal choir and bell choir, technology, Athletics, Battle of the Books, F.I.T. Club, Vocation Club, and foreign language. We infuse our faith in every aspect of our students' lives. Our faith is not just a subject in school; it is a seamless connection to the world around us. Volunteers are always appreciated.

Contact: Allison Carney, 381-7408

Hospital Visitors

Volunteers from Holy Cross visit Catholic patients at Shawnee Mission Medical Center each month. Special training is required. This is a very rewarding ministry for both the patient and the visitor.

Contact: Vicki Bronson, 484-9593

Interfaith Hospitality Network

Join other Holy Cross parishioners in partnering with area churches to provide meals and/or visits with homeless families as they regain their independence. This involves a time commitment of a few hours or more, once a quarter. Training is required.

Contact: Shirley Maxwell, 897-2127

Knights of Columbus

Be a part of a Catholic, Family, Fraternal and Service organization that offers a variety of programs and activities for the entire family. Members are asked to attend a one-hour meeting once a month. Participation in other activities is optional.

Contact: David West, 816-560-7853

Lectors

Lectors proclaim the Word of God at Mass once every 6-8 weeks.

Training is necessary for interested parishioners, who are 15 years of age or older.

Contact: Kathy Gellings, 341-2990

Liturgical Musicians

Any singer or instrumentalist interested in sharing the gift of music will find a variety of opportunities for ministry, including the Adult Choir, Cantor, Accompanist, and Bell Choir.

Contact: JoAnna Rubino, 381-2755

Marriage Encounter

Marriage Encounter emphasizes improving communication between a husband and wife, away from the distractions of everyday life in a loving, private atmosphere. Marriage Encounter is for good marriages and for any couple desiring to better their marriage.

Contact: Kevin & Pam Beauford, 381-7414

Marriage Preparation Lead Couples

Married couples are needed to help provide Marriage Preparation for engaged couples seeking the Sacrament of Matrimony.

Contact: Fr. Mike Stubbs

Nursery on Sundays

The Sunday morning nursery provides childcare during the 11:00 am Mass. The nursery serves 1-year-old-and-walking through Kindergarten. Adult and youth volunteers staff the nursery.

Contact: Pat Sheldon, 642-2997

Nursing Home Visitors

Volunteers from Holy Cross visit Indian Creek Nursing Center.

Volunteers host Bingo every fourth Thursday evening and assist with activities such as games, music, and birthday parties. Occasionally, a rosary is prayed and a Mass is celebrated. There is a great need for one-on-one visits. At Christmas, we adopt residents without families. Our goal is to show the residents that Holy Cross cares.

Contact: Carol Reardon, 244-6443

Parish Festival

The Parish Festival is celebrated in September on the Saturday nearest the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross. The afternoon begins with Mass and continues into the evening with festival activities that include ethnic food, bingo, carnival games, crafts and music. Volunteers are needed to help run booths and set up the festival.

Contact: Carol Reardon, 244-6443

Pastoral Council

The purpose of the Holy Cross Pastoral Council is to offer sound, practical and prayerful advice to the pastor regarding our parish's spiritual and community life. The Pastoral Council learns about the parish, identifies areas for growth and considers ways of responding to these identified needs.

Contact: Fr. Mike Stubbs, 381-2755

Perpetual Adoration

Perpetual Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament was begun at Holy Cross on May 7, 1989. An hour in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament each week promises great blessings. Your committed hour each week assures us of a continuation of Perpetual Adoration.

Contact: Ruth Kuse, 649-7344

Physical Plant Committee

The Physical Plant Committee consults with the pastor and parish manager on facilities maintenance and projects.

Contact: Jon Oakes, 381-2755

Quilters & Crafters

This group meets once a week on Tuesday, 9:30 am until 2:30 pm, in Room 3. They do crafts and handiwork to sell in order to raise funds for the parish and other charities.

Contact: Marcie Mohler, 888-7185

Religious Education for Children (Grades 1-6)

For families with children in Grades one through six, there are three options: (1) Children gather by grade in classes that meet every Tuesday after school hours from September through late April. Parents attend several designated class times. Classes are taught in English. (2) Children in Grades 1-6, along with one or more parents or guardians, gather on several Tuesday evenings from September through April for *Families Growing Together in Faith*. Children's classes are taught in English. Both Spanish and English are spoken for adults. In both options, children participate in learning activities, prayer services and preparation for the Sacraments of First Eucharist and First Reconciliation, under the guidance of volunteer ministers called Catechists. Parents, youth and other adults receive training and support in this ministry. Besides catechists, other volunteers are needed in support roles as childcare providers, music ministers, hall monitors and in other ways. (3) Home Study is also available. The parish provides guidance, an orientation and materials to support parents in this effort. Enrollment for all of these programs takes place during June, July & early August.

Contact: Religious Education Office, 381-2757

Respect Life

The Respect Life Committee at Holy Cross works to educate the parish members on respect life issues, including information on abortion, euthanasia, and capital punishment. There are monthly meetings plus special projects.

Contact: Becky Dixon, 961-5538

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

Any adult interested in becoming Catholic is asked to participate in the RCIA. An inquirer can call the Church Office to make an appointment. Reception into the Church takes place when the person is ready. Those who are unbaptized may have a slightly longer process than those who are baptized Christians. Sessions are held on Sunday mornings. Those who are already Catholics, who wish to renew their faith, may also participate as a sponsor or in another role.

Contact: Fr. Mike Stubbs, 381-2755

Stewardship Committee

The Stewardship Committee keeps the concept of stewardship in focus before parishioners and parish groups. All aspects of stewardship – time, talent, and treasure – are promoted. The committee meets approximately once a month.

Contact: Robert Bacic, 381-2755

Sunshine Club

Open to parishioners age 55 and over, the Sunshine Club meets the first Sunday every month for breakfast and a business meeting. Monthly social activities include Royals games, picnics, potlucks, dinner theater, races, boat rides and holiday celebrations. The Sunshine Club provides support to its members during times of illness through the telephone and prayer committee. An Honor Guard for members' funerals is provided if approved by the family.

Contact: Karen Simecka, 424-9587 and Pat Sheldon, 642-2997

Ushers

Ushers provide a climate of hospitality during Mass and attend to the practical needs of the assembly. Training is necessary for interested parishioners, who are 15 years of age or older. Ushers serve for one month at a time, usually 3-4 times a year.

Contact: Ken Castinado, 851-1074

Women of Holy Cross Circles

Women of Holy Cross (WHC) functions as a support group for the parish both spiritually and physically. Activities include funeral dinners, monthly Coffee & Donuts after Mass and managing the church kitchen. WHC also sponsors spiritual and social events for the women of the parish. WHC is funded by donations, Circle contributions and individual dues, which are collected in September through a parish envelope. All women of the parish are members and can become active by joining a Circle of Friends or by volunteering for a particular project. There are seven Circles. Each Circle meets monthly and has its own officers, goals and projects. New members are welcome in any stage of life. Both daytime and evening Circles are available. WHC will be happy to help you find a Circle right for you.

Contact: Margi Foley, 381-8145

Youth Ministry (Grades 7-8)

Middle School Ministry follows the comprehensive Youth Ministry Model to help middle schoolers learn about their faith, come to know God on a personal level and strengthen faith-based relationships with their peers. Middle School students participate in activities like Christian concerts, lock-ins, youth rallies, service projects and retreats.

Contact: Fr. Anthony Saiki, 381-2755

Youth Ministry (Grades 9-12)

Our Youth Ministry program provides opportunities for high school students to grow closer to God and our Church through weekly youth group meetings, mission trips, retreats, monthly service projects and participation as a group in parish and archdiocesan activities.

Contact: Fr. Anthony Saiki, 381-2755

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The Holy Cross Parish Endowment Fund

The Holy Cross Parish Endowment Fund is intended to provide a perpetual stream of income to the parish for generations to come, so that Holy Cross can continue to carry out its mission. Contributions to the Fund are invested by the *Catholic Foundation of Northeast Kansas* and only the profit earned on the Fund may be spent for a specific purpose. Currently, all earned profits are reinvested.

The Holy Cross Memorial Fund

The Holy Cross Memorial Fund is dedicated to care of the parish altar. Donations to this Fund are used to purchase materials like altar cloths, wine, bread, candles, and for special items like the Paschal (Easter) Candle, vessels, vestments, and ritual books.

The Holy Cross Catholic School Endowment Fund

The Holy Cross Catholic School Endowment Fund is intended to provide a perpetual stream of income to our Catholic school for generations to come. Contributions to the Fund are invested by the Catholic Foundation of Northeast Kansas and only the profit earned on the Fund may be spent for a specific purpose. Currently, all earned profits are reinvested.

The Guardian Angel Fund

The Guardian Angel Fund provides tuition assistance for Holy Cross parishioners, who are in financial need, but would like their child to attend Holy Cross Catholic School. The names of the recipients are kept confidential.

The Meditation Garden Fund

The Meditation Garden is a special place where parishioners and people from the neighborhood can come to pray and reflect in the midst of God's creation. Benches are situated throughout the garden for just this purpose. Donors to this Fund, who contribute \$500 or more, can inscribe their loved ones name(s) on one of these benches. Donations in any amount will be used for the upkeep of the garden.

Double Your Donation

Many employers match donations made by their employees to charitable organizations, like Holy Cross School's Guardian Angel Fund or School Endowment Fund, dollar for dollar. To find out if your employer has such a program, contact your company's Human Resources Department. A listing of eligible companies is also available on the parish website under "Stewardship/Make-a-Donation/Matching Gifts."

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For more information about these funds, contact Robert Bacic, Director of Stewardship & Development.