



FROM FR. MARK:

Some prayer ideas for Lent.....

- Don't forget to keep up with the Rice Bowl (orb.crs.org). Last week we visited Lesotho and this weekend we learn about Bolivia.
- Daily Mass!
- Stations of the cross on Friday night at 5:30 pm
- Steal 12 minutes some time during your day to read a daily meditation. Try www.sacredspace.ie for some prayer ideas.
- Pack a light meal and take a walk—it will get warmer, I promise.
- Fill in one of the open hours in the Adoration Chapel.
- Fast for 45 minutes from the computer and talk to someone face to face.

Thanks to all who have turned in their stewardship of treasure pledge cards and *Call to Share* pledges. If you have not already done so, I ask each parishioner to renew his or her financial stewardship to the parish for the coming year. I ask you to consider a tithe. We recommend a gift of 5% of our income to the parish, 4% to other charities, and 1% to the *Archbishop's Call to Share*.

If you enjoy young people and like eating lasagna have I got a deal for you! All are invited to a Lasagna Dinner catered by Garozzo's to help raise funds for a permanent chapel at Prairie Star Ranch. The dinner will be this Sunday at the Church of the Ascension from 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm. All proceeds will go to the chapel. The cost is \$12 for adults and \$6 for children 12 and under.

We have upgraded our website and I invite you to visit it at www.holycrossopks.org A recording of my homilies can be found. On the home page simply click on "podcasts." and then click on "listen." I could use some assistance in recording and posting my homilies so if you have some skill or interest in that area let me know. Our plan is to have other presentations available for your listening pleasure and edification.

The Runnin Revs will take the floor in 8 days to take on the Serra All Stars. Come and root for the player of your choice at 7:00 pm on Monday, March 8, at Bishop Miege High School.

READINGS & FAITH SHARING QUESTIONS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, the Third Sunday in Lent: Exodus 3: 1-8a, 13-15; 1Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12; Luke 13: 1-9.

Questions for Adults: In what ways are you like the owner of the vineyard in today's gospel? In what ways are you like the gardener?

For Children: What is it like to be given a second chance? What's the biggest difference that it makes?

PERPETUAL ADORATION: What a wonderful Lenten practice to spend an hour with our Lord in our beautiful Adoration Chapel. Take one of these open hours or call and we can find your special hour. Sun. 4am, 9am; Mon. 2am, 3am; Wed.7am; Thurs.3am; Sat. 9am, 5pm, 11pm. Lu 744-1921.

STEWARDSHIP: Stewardship of treasure involves trust in God. You have to really believe in God's Providence and trust that, if you give 10% of your income to church and charity for example, He will help you live on the rest.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE:

	February 21, 2010	Fiscal YTD
Needed	\$28,800	\$961,200
Collected	38,298	932,145
Over/(Under)	9498	(29,055)
Special Donations	264	

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP: Tues., Mar.2, 9:30am in Fr.Burger Room. For more info call Ann, 642-2935.

MASS AND STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be held each Friday, 5:30pm, during Lent. Stay for Lenten meal:
 Mar.5 PTO fishfry (at Holy Cross School)
 Mar.12 Knights of Columbus fish dinner
 Mar.19 Respect Life & Social Justice ricebowl dinner
 Mar.26 Hispanic Ministry Lenten dinner

Monthly meeting of **ACT (Always Caring Together) support group** will meet Fri., Mar.5, following 9:00 a.m. Mass. The purpose of our group is to provide the bereaved a comfortable, safe environment where they can come to understand and work through their feelings of grief.

PTO FISH FRY: Please join us Mar.5, 5:30-7:30 p.m. in the Parish Activity Center for a delicious meal including our special recipe hand breaded Alaskan Pollock. Dinner also includes coleslaw, roll, French fries, corn or green beans, dessert, and drink. Macaroni and Cheese is available for children. **FREE WILL DONATION.** Volunteers are needed to make desserts. Please call Claire Hulsey, 381-8548, if you can make a dessert for twelve.

Thanks to all who prepared food, helped serve, and gave donations to feed 384 hungry people at **ST.MARY'S FOOD KITCHEN** on Feb.19.

VBS NEWS: Due to renovations of the church hall, we will not have Vacation Bible School this summer. See you next year for VBS 2011! Any questions, please call Carol Morris, 381-2757 ext.20.

Religious Education

Families Growing in Faith Together will meet this Tues., Mar.2, at 6:45 p.m. We will learn more about the Mass. Fr.Mark will be our guest teacher.

Confirmation Ceremony date has been scheduled for Thursday, April 22nd, 2009, at 7pm. Rehearsal will be Wed, Apr 21st, at 6:30 pm. Candidates and sponsors should plan to attend the rehearsal.

Youth Ministry

Sandy Schluter, 381-2757, ext.18
 ssschluter@holycrossopks.org,

Holy Cross High Schoolers... Regular Youth Group will meet again on Mar 3, Mar 24, and Mar 31. Remember, we meet at Homers on the 2nd Wed of the month. See you there!

Holy Cross Middle School Youth Group continues! We meet every other Monday in the youth room for games, food, music, friendship, prayer, and FUN! We meet Mar 8, and Mar 22. Come and meet Kristen, Lauren, and Gregory! Our AWE-SOME-MAZING middle school team!

Servant Saturday event for March...Join us Sat., Mar.6, to volunteer for Operation International Children, an organization that prepares school supplies for US soldiers in war-torn countries to distribute to children in need. Contact Sandy for details & meeting times.

Mission 2010 is full! If you would like to be on our waiting list, submit a \$75 deposit. We won't use it until we know we have a spot for you. Holy Cross Highschoolers will be traveling to Milwaukee, WI, June 20-26 this summer for our 8th annual mission trip, working with Catholic Heart Workcamp again. Please pray for our youth for another awesome, faith-filled experience as we serve as the hands and feet of Jesus.

Do you travel a lot and not know what to do with all those little bottles of shampoo and soap? Well, now you do! **Holy Cross Youth Ministries** will be collecting toiletry items for Project Uplift for the remainder of this year. This organization that provides food and necessities to those that are homeless in KCMO, are always in need of travel size shampoo, soap, toothpaste, etc. to meet basic needs. Contact Sandy for more details. Or feel free to leave items in front of the youth room.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN CORNER
 "Our Family, Our Future"
UPDATE:
 Total Pledged: \$2,079,702
 Total Received: \$1,249,396

PRE-SCHOOL FAMILY STORY TIME: We would like to welcome everyone to Preschool Family Story Time on Tues., Mar.9. The storyteller Jo Ho will be here to tell stories. The whole family is welcome. Those wanting to know more about Holy Cross Early Education Center and Holy Cross Elementary School are also welcome to visit our preschool and sit in on a question/answer session during the story with the Holy Cross school principal, Mary Jo Gates and EEC director, Penny Miller. We hope to see you there!

CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH upcoming weekends are Apr.10-11 for men and May 1-2 for women. Clear your weekend now so you can accept God's invitation to enjoy some time with Him. To register or for questions call Bill Hogue, 642-2991, or Christy Kincaid, 901-0445.

LENTEN REGULATIONS: All Catholics having reached the age of 14 are required to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays in Lent. Catholics between 18 and 59 must fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday by eating only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if needed to maintain strength.

Please Pray for Those Who Have Asked for Prayers: Bob Baker, Sandy Braatz, Ann Marie Gunby, Judy Jolly, Morgan Knoblock, Nancy Lichtenauer, Carlos López, Sr., and Daniel Sustrick.

REST IN PEACE: Prayers are requested for **Barbara McElheny**, mother of Greg Lamping.

Mass Intentions For The Week

Monday	9:00 a.m.	Anthony J. Rinella
Tuesday	6:30 a.m.	Spec. Int. - Gilner Family
	8:15 a.m.	Elliott Francis L'Esperance (at school)
Wednesday	6:00 p.m.	Floralba Moreno (Spanish)
	8:15 a.m.	Spec. Int. - Kevin Haeusser (at school)
Thursday	9:00 a.m.	Patty Devine
	6:30 a.m.	Jack Caldwell
Friday	9:00 a.m.	Josephine Golub
	5:30 p.m.	Gallagher, Carter & Collins Family
Saturday	7:30 a.m.	Marlene Golub
	5:00 p.m.	Ignacio Baldor
Sunday	7:30 a.m.	Richard Costello
	9:00 a.m.	Robert Klewitz
	11:00 a.m.	Monte Goodnow
	2:00 p.m.	People of the Parish (Spanish)

Jesus' transfiguration was a moment of hope for the disciples, giving them the strength to endure the future sacrifices they would make as they formed the early Church. As we continue our journey with Catholic Relief Services' **OPERATION RICE BOWL**, let us be mindful that our Lenten sacrifices help to give hope to our brothers and sisters in need.

In response to a request from the Archdiocesan Pro Life Office, the Church of the Holy Cross has begun the Gabriel Project as part of our own Pro Life Ministry. Our mission statement is as follows:

We, the members of the Church of the Holy Cross, see in the birth of each baby a fresh expression of God's unfailing love. For the love of God and each and every one of his children we offer immediate and practical help to any woman faced with a crisis pregnancy.

READY FOR SPRING CLEANING? Catholic Charities' thrift store, "TurnStyles", needs your quality used items, including clothing, furniture, linens, pots and pans, and other household items. The drop-off location at 9750 W.87th St. in O.P. (across the street from the Johnson County Central Resource Library) is open Mon.—Sat., 10am-4pm. Drop-offs are made at the back of the building where you will receive a receipt for your donations.

In addition, we are looking for volunteers to help with cashiering and merchandising in the store one afternoon per week. This is a great opportunity for your kids to earn service hours and have a lot of fun while helping others in need. Call 909-2735 or 433-2080 for more information.

PROJECT RACHEL NEWS: Is the pain of the abortion still with you? Take first step...call Project Rachel-Project Joseph. Learn what's available. Your church loves you, understands you, and wants to help you. All calls are **confidential**. 913-621-2199 or 888-246-1504.

PATHS TO PEACE—featuring Rabbi Alan Cohen of Jewish Community Relations Bureau and Pastor David Altschul of Serbian Orthodox Church—will be held at Sanctuary of Hope Prayer and Retreat Center, 2601 Ridge Ave., KCKS, on Sun., Mar.7, 1pm-4pm. Reserve your place today at Julie@sanctuaryofhope.org or call 913-321-4673. Free will offerings will be accepted and refreshments will be served.

DRIVERS NEEDED: Cristo Rey Kansas City High School, located at 211 W.Linwood in KC,MO, is looking for drivers to take students from school to the work place in the morning and from the work place back to school in the afternoon. If interested, please contact Lisa Cherry, cherry@crstoreykc.org or 816-457-6044.

FIFTEENTH ANNUAL RUNNIN' REVS VS SERRA ALL STARS BASKETBALL GAME 7PM MARCH 8, 2010, BISHOP MIEGE HIGH SCHOOL:



Come watch the Runnin' Revs, Priests and Seminarians from the Archdiocese take on High School men from each of five High Schools and Eighth Grade men from each of the Catholic Grade Schools in Johnson & Wyandotte Counties. Bring the family and friends! We promise a Great Time. Note: Several priceless items will be available for Auction.

School News

Upcoming Events:

- 3/5 PTO Fish Fry 5:30 pm (Pflumm Hall)
- 3/11—3/21 Spring Break
- 3/21 Parish Easter Egg Hunt

Now Enrolling—Open Enrollment for the 2010 –2011 year begins on March 1st. If you are interested in a school tour or a day of shadowing in a classroom, please call the school office at 913-381-7408.

Alumni Database If you or your child(ren) are Holy Cross graduates or even attended Holy Cross in the past, please be sure to visit our website www.holycrosscatholicsschool.com to register in our Alumni database. Click the Alumni link on the left side and enter contact information under Alumni Registration.

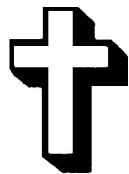
Getting Ready to Spring Clean and De-Clutter? Think about saving your items for the Holy Cross 8th Grade **Garage Sale Fundraiser June 9th—12th**. More details to come soon.

Blogging Away! Check out the Principal's blog on our website to see some of the fun things happening at the school. Here is a direct link for you to bookmark on your browser:

<http://holycrosscatholicsschool.wordpress.com>

Also, we are getting great feedback about our Twitter Tweets so if you haven't signed up, please do so. Here is another direct link:

<http://www.twitter.com/HolyCrossOP>



“Encuentro”

MISAS EN ESPAÑOL:
todos los domingos a las 2:00 p.m. y los martes a las 6:00 p.m.

MISAS EN INGLÉS:
 sábados 5:00 p.m.
 y domingos 7:30 a.m.,
 9:00 a.m. y 11:00 a.m.
 Los invitamos a participar en cualquiera de estas liturgias.

RECONCILIACIÓN:
 sábados, 3:30 a 4:30pm;
 martes, 5:30 p.m., antes de la Misa en español; y
 miércoles, 5:30-6:30pm.

MATRIMONIO: Llame a la parroquia 6 meses antes de la fecha en que desea casarse para tener una entrevista con un sacerdote.

BAUTISMO: Segundo sábado 11 a.m., y tercer domingo de cada mes después de la Misa de las 2:00 p.m. Padres y padrinos deben asistir a una clase de preparación. Favor de anotarse con anticipación, llamando a la oficina de la iglesia, 381-2755.

SERVICIOS EN ESPAÑOL: Para hablar en español, llamen a la oficina de la iglesia, **381-2755:** lunes, miércoles y jueves 2-5 pm.; martes 2-7pm. Pueden llamar también a los Sacerdotes, al 341-5618 y dejarles un mensaje.

ANUNCIOS

DEL PADRE MARK:

Pláticas Para Casarse por la Iglesia – Marzo 6-7 – Holy Cross:

Estas pláticas son para las parejas que están viviendo juntos y desean casarse por la iglesia. El retiro tendrá lugar en nuestra parroquia, Holy Cross. Las fechas son **el sábado el 6 de Marzo (8:00am – 4:30pm) y domingo el 7 de Marzo (10am-3:00pm)**. El costo es \$40.00 por pareja y no se permiten niños. Para inscripciones, favor de llamar a nuestra oficina (913) 381-2755 o al Ministerio Hispano (913)281-6644.

FAMILIA MIGRANTE RENOVADA: Retiro Cuaresmal, **sólo para parejas.** *“He recibido el regalo más bello. Mi familia.”*

Marzo27, 8:30am.-5pm. Salvador del Mundo, costo \$15-pareja. **NO** habrá cuidado de niños. Cupo limitado para 50 parejas. Llamen al 913/281-6644.

Retiro “JOVEN MISIÓN IMPOSIBLE II: El Ministerio Hispano te invita a tí, joven de 14 a 17 años y de 18 a 26 años. Este 13 de Marzo, de 9am.-5pm., en El Salvador del Mundo. Tendremos la participación del Padre Chan Sánchez, de la Congragación Scalabriniana. Costo \$10. Para más información o para inscribirse, llamen al 281-6644.

LECTURAS Y PREGUNTAS PARA COMPARTIR LA FE EL PRÓXIMO DOMINGO: Marzo 7, 2010 - 3er Domingo de Cuaresma

Éxodo 3:1-8, 13-15; 1 Corintios 10:1-6, 10-12; Lucas 13:1-9.

Preguntas de Adultos semanales para Compartir la Fe: ¿De qué maneras es usted como el dueño de la viña en el Evangelio de hoy? ¿De qué maneras es como el jardinero?

Preguntas para los Niños: ¿Cómo les parece que les den una segunda oportunidad? ¿Cuál es la mayor diferencia que ésto hace?

INTENCIONES PARA LAS MISAS:

Martes, 3/2, 6:00 p.m.: Floralba Moreno

Domingo, 3/7, 2:00 p.m.: Personas de la Parroquia

EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA:

FAMILIAS CRECIENDO JUNTAS EN LA FE: Nos reuniremos este martes, 2 de Marzo, 6:45pm. Aprenderemos sobre la Misa. Tendremos de invitado al Padre Mark.

CEREMONIA DE CONFIRMACIÓN: Esta celebración será el jueves, 22 de Abril a las 7:00 p.m. El ensayo será el miércoles, 21de Abril. 6:30 p.m. **Candidatos y Padrinos deberán venir a este ensayo.**

Para más información vea el revés de esta página.

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MINISTERIO JUVENIL, Sandy Schluter, 381-2757, ext.18, sschluter@holycrossopks.org

Estudiantes de Escuela Superior de Holy Cross: No se olviden de nuestras reuniones regulares cada segundo miércoles del mes en Homer's, Marzo 24 y Marzo 31.

Estudiantes de Escuela Intermedia de Holy Cross: Nos reunimos cada otro lunes en el salón de los jóvenes para compartir juegos, meriendas, música, amistad, oración y ¡muchas diversiones! Las próximas reuniones serán Mar.8 y Mar.22. ¡Vengan a conocer a Kristen, Lauren y Gregory! AWE-SOME-MAZING Team.

The 14th Annual **Joint Diocesan Mass for the Anointing of the Sick** will be held Sat., Mar.6, 10am at Cure of Ars Church. Bishop Robert Finn and Bishop Emeritus Raymond Boland will join with Archbishop Joseph Naumann and Archbishop Emeritus James Keleher of the diocese of Kansas City in Kansas in a joint communal Mass to administer the sacrament of the sick to Catholics in both dioceses. This special concelebration of the Mass, anointing and blessing of the sick as it is done in Lourdes, France, will be conducted at 10am, Sat., Mar.6, at Cure of Ars parish 93rd & Mission Rd., Leawood, KS. All are invited to attend. The church is especially accessible for those who are handicapped. Those wishing to receive the sacrament are asked to pre-register by phone. Please call 913-432-5266 or 913-649-3260.

Bishop Miede High School Concert Chorale will perform Vivaldi's *Gloria* with string quartet on Mar.4 at Queen of the Holy Rosary in OP, and Mar.7 at Bishop Miede High School. Performances begin at 7pm and admission is free.

University of Saint Mary will hold an Information Session at its Overland Park Campus, 11413 Pflumm Rd., 6pm on Tues., Mar.9. Faculty and staff will be available to answer your questions about our **accelerated graduate and undergraduate degree-completion programs in business, education, and psychology**, in addition to our new RN-to-BSN program. You can register for the Information Session by calling 345-8288 or visit www.st.mary.edu.

Jared and Matty Memorial Basketball Tournament: On Apr.17, Catholic Challenge Sports will be sponsoring a 3-on-3 basketball tournament, 3-pt challenge and free throw contest. All proceeds will support vocations in the Archdiocese of Kansas City, KS, and Diocese of Kansas City-St.Joseph in memory of Matty Molnar and Jared Cheek. The tournament will have 3 divisions (men's competitive, men's rec, women) and is open to anyone 18 years and older. All games will be played at St. Ann's parish. For more info and to register, go to www.kccatholicchallenge.com.

The following **FREE** programs are offered at **KEELER WOMEN'S CENTER**, at 2220 Central, KC,KS (in the Catholic Charities building), a ministry of the Benedictine Sisters, whose mission is to empower women in the urban core through education, advocacy, personal and spiritual development. Call 906-8990 or register on-line at www.mountosb.org/kwc/

12-week series with education and support for women dealing with addictions and domestic violence will be held on Tuesdays, 10am-12noon, beginning Mar.2 and continuing through May. Facilitators are Riley Lockridge and Arica Rolano. The series is presented in partnership with Friends of Yates and Joyce Williams Sheifer. Free.

Loss Support Group, led by Sr.Loretta McGuire, OSB, meets monthly on the 1st Tuesday of each month (Mar.2), 3:30-5pm. Men and women are welcome. Free.

Lenten Retreat for Women, presented by Sr.Bridget Dickason, OSB, Wed, Mar,10, 6:30-9pm. (light refreshments at 6pm.) Free.

"Building Children's Self Esteem," will be offered on Wed., Mar.10, 9:30-11am. Offered in partnership with Wyandot Center. Free.

Young Women ages 18-45: Do you wonder where God is calling you? The Benedictine Sisters of Mount St. Scholastica, Atchison, KS, are hosting a **Come and See Weekend** on Mar.12-14. Come experience Liturgy of the Hours, the celebration of Eucharist, discussion of Benedictine life and the call to religious life. You will have time to visit with Sisters as well as time alone to listen to your heart and to God. Call Sr.Suzanne Fitzmaurice at 913-350-6216 or email vocation@mountosb.org for more info or to register. Website: www.mountosb.org

Keeler Women's Center, located at 2220 Central Avenue, KCK, offers **regular opportunities for women to deepen their relationship with God, to relax and nurture the body God has given them.** Call 913-806-8690 for info or to schedule an appointment for spiritual direction, massage or an Afternoon at the Spa . Programs and services are free. Donations are always welcome.

HOLY CROSS YOUTH MINISTRY 8th ANNUAL SUMMER

2010



• Over 10000 participants from 450 Catholic parishes worked with CHWC in Summer of 2009!

• Check out www.heartworkcamp.com for more info about CHWC., read testimonies, watch promo videos, and for FAQs.

DATES OF MISSION:
6/20/10 - 6/26/10

Mission Trip to...

Holy Cross Youth Ministries is excited to be working with Catholic Heart Workcamp again for our 8th mission trip. We had an awesome experience with this Catholic-based mission trip org last year and are ready to go again! The Milwaukee Workcamp is an inner city camp, and there is much work to be done! Our work concentrates on helping families through the Dominican Center for Woman or A.C.T.S. with repairs, and helping the Senior population through the Milwaukee Center for Independence and the Interfaith Senior Center. One group also spends a week helping Repairers of the Breach, an outreach ministry to the homeless.



Questions? Call Sandy at 381-2757, x18.

Milwaukee, WI!

On the Road Again.... 25 High School Students, 5 chaperones, 30 duffel bags, 30 sleeping bags and pillows, 5 vans, 1175 miles EQUALS...

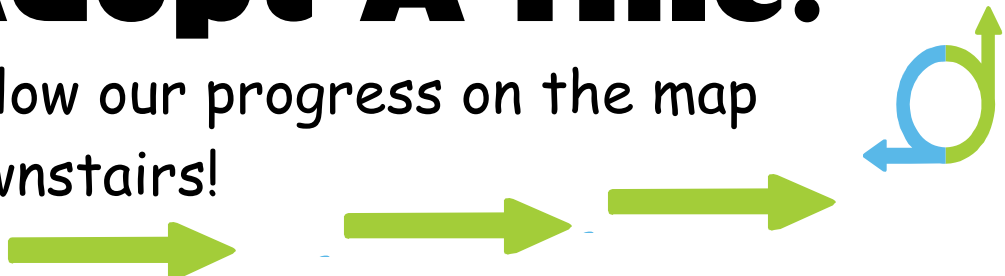
\$2.91 per MILE

Help us get to **Milwaukee & back** by adopting a mile (or several miles!) so that we can serve those in need while growing in our Catholic faith!



Donate to **Adopt-A-Mile!**

Follow our progress on the map downstairs!



Please make checks payable to: Holy Cross Youth Ministry: Mission 2010