

# Church of The Holy Cross

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se encuentra en la página 4.

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## MASSES:

**Saturday** 7:30 a.m., 5:00 p.m. (Sunday Mass)  
**Sunday** 7:30, 9:00, 11:00 a.m., and 2:00 p.m. (Spanish)  
**Nursery** - 9:00, 11:00 a.m., and 2:00 p.m. Masses  
**Weekdays** Mon., Wed., Fri. 9:00 a.m.  
Tues. & Thurs. 6:30 a.m.  
Tues. 6:00 p.m. (Spanish)  
Tues. & Wed. (School days only): 8:15 a.m. in the school

## RECONCILIATIONS:

**SACRAMENT OF THE SICK:**

**BAPTISMS:**

**MARRIAGES:**

**Saturday**, 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. and **Wednesday**, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

**Semi-annually, Fall & Spring, and by appointment**

**4th Sunday each month**

(Parent classes 3rd Tuesday each month. Call the office to register.)

Six months notice required. Call the office for information.

*PREGNANT? NEED HELP? All calls confidential. Gabriel Project, 913-602-0306*

**FROM FR. ROBERT:**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This past Saturday Archbishop Naumann came to our parish in order to celebrate the Saturday evening Mass and install me as pastor. I am very happy that so many parishioners were able to attend this celebration; there was also a small contingent of friends and family members that came from Topeka. It was humbling to witness so many people working to ensure that the Mass and reception went smoothly. May God bless all of you.

I presume that this was the first time that many of you participated in the installation of a new pastor. As you know, the Church takes the entrustment of pastoral responsibility to a priest very seriously, and the ceremony that took place Saturday evening presupposes a rather lengthy process of discernment on the part of the Archbishop and the priest involved. The Code of Canon Law (#519) describes some of the duties that pertain to the parish priest:

(The pastor) exercises the pastoral care of the community entrusted to him *under the authority of the diocesan Bishop, whose ministry of Christ he is called to share, so that for this community he may carry out the offices of teaching, sanctifying and ruling with the cooperation of other priests or deacons and with the assistance of lay members of Christ's faithful...*

The Code also states that the appointment belongs to the diocesan Bishop, who must investigate the suitability of the candidate via consultations with priests and laity in the diocese.

One noteworthy aspect of the ceremony at Mass occurred after the homily when I was asked to recite the Profession of Faith and make a public oath of fidelity. This particular norm is found in canon 833 and is asked of those who exercise special authority in the Church. It was a beautiful opportunity to underline my adherence to the teachings of the Church and to reaffirm my loyalty to the Holy Father and his successors. I am reminded of the ancient citation from St. Ambrose that goes – "*Ubi Petrus ibi ecclesia*" (where Peter is, there is the Church). Our fidelity to the teachings of the Church and her Shepherds creates a channel of grace and light that transcends our own opinions, ideas, and feelings. May all of us be the bearers of such light and grace in the world of today!!

**READINGS & FAITH SHARING QUESTIONS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary:** Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; 1 Corinthians 15:20-27; Luke 1:39-56.

**Questions for Adults:** What does Mary's life and assumption into heaven mean for your life on earth and eternal life in heaven? **For Children:** Do you have a favorite picture or image of Mary?

**PERPETUAL ADORATION:** If you desire to find Him immediately, see—He is quite close to you. Tell Him what you desire, for it is to console you and grant your prayer that He remains in the Tabernacle. Open Hours: Sun. 4am, 5pm; Mon. 2am, 3am, 1pm; Wed. 3pm; Thurs. 4am; Fri. 4pm; Sat. 8am, 5pm, 11pm. Call 381-2755.

**STEWARDSHIP:** "Do not neglect good deeds and generosity. God is pleased by sacrifices of that kind. (Hebrews 13:16)

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE:**

	August 1, 2010	Fiscal YTD
Needed	\$28,800	\$44,000
Collected	29,550	127,376
Over/(Under)	750	(16,624)
Special Donations	729	

Please join us to pray the **ROSARY FOR LIFE** every Friday at 8:30am in church before Mass.

**Why Do Catholics Do That?** An Inquiry into the Catholic Faith is now forming. This is an opportunity for people who are not Catholic to have their questions about the Church answered in a safe & supportive atmosphere. The group will meet on Sunday mornings, beginning in September. For more information call or email Robert Bacic at 381-2755 or [rbacic@holycrossopks.org](mailto:rbacic@holycrossopks.org). Requests for information are kept confidential..

**OPEN YOUR HEART** to children who want to know God and the Catholic Way! Many more adults and youth are needed to meet their needs. We need catechists, classroom aides, childcare providers, and other helpers for our classes on Tuesday afternoons, 4:30-5:45 p.m. beginning this fall. Training and resources provided. Contact Julie Dresser at 461-0726 or email [jdresser@holycrossopks.org](mailto:jdresser@holycrossopks.org) for more info.

**How is God calling you?** Do you feel a call to renew your faith? We can all use some time with our Lord to help us love Him with all our heart. Mark your calendars now for the next *Christ Renews His Parish* renewal weekends, Sept.25&26 for men and Oct.9&10 for women. Spend a weekend with Jesus and refresh and renew your spirituality with other Holy Cross parishioners. Questions? Call Kathy Keary at 816-903-1225 or Terry Dressman at 913-599-6997.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** have moved their meetings to second Thursday of month. If you have had a conflict in past and are interested in learning more about us, come to our next meeting Thurs., Aug.12.

**FATHER/DAUGHTER DANCE:** Mark your calendar for the Father/Daughter Dance which will be on Sat., Aug.28, 6:30-8:30pm in Parish Activity Center. The dance which has been a popular event at Holy Cross for several years, is being organized by St. Mary's Circle. Watch Aug.8 bulletin for registration information.

**2010 CYO VOLLEYBALL & FOOTBALL:** If you are interested in playing CYO Volleyball or Football this season, and are entering 3rd -8th grade this school year, visit [www.holycrosscatholicschool.com/sports.html](http://www.holycrosscatholicschool.com/sports.html) to find out more info, or contact Mike Miranda at [mamirandam2004@yahoo.com](mailto:mamirandam2004@yahoo.com). If you are interested in coaching volleyball this season, please contact Mike.

## Religious Education

**Religious Education for Families with Children in Gr. K-6:** Enrollment for next school year takes place now until Aug.15. We are in narthex Tues. & Wed. 4-7pm for enrollments. Enrollment form is available from parish website. Payment of half the fees must accompany the form. Please call Julie Dresser at 913-461-0726 or email [jdresser@holycrossopks.org](mailto:jdresser@holycrossopks.org) for more info and to request enrollment form. You need to re-enroll your child even if they were with us this past year. Enrollment includes preparation for First Communion for those children who have completed one year of regular attendance in our classes during the school year.

**Confirmation classes** for the 2010-2011 school year will begin in October, 2010. If you were enrolled in the 1st year program, information was mailed to your home in July. Contact Sandy at [sschluter@holycrossopks.org](mailto:sschluter@holycrossopks.org) for registration information or to update address information.

## Youth Ministry

Sandy Schluter, 381-2757, ext.18  
[sschluter@holycrossopks.org](mailto:sschluter@holycrossopks.org),

**Contact during our construction...** For questions regarding Middle and High School Rel. Ed or Youth Ministry, Sandy can be reached quickly & easily by email at [sschluter@holycrossopks.org](mailto:sschluter@holycrossopks.org) or call 205-0825. Your call will be returned asap if you leave message.

**Project Uplift...** an outreach to those homeless in KC. We need adults and teens first Monday of each month—contact Sandy if interested. We meet at Holy Cross at 4:30pm and return between 9pm and 9:30 pm. Eat dinner before you come, bring bottled water, and dress appropriately for weather. If you sign up, be sure to keep your commitment. People in need are counting on you.

## CAPITAL CAMPAIGN CORNER

"Our Family, Our Future"

### UPDATE:

Total Pledged: \$2,084,592

Total Received: \$1,423,538

**FESTIVAL NEWS:** Our day of community is **SUN., SEPT.12.** We begin with 11:00am Mass, followed by plenty of food, fun, & fellowship. The Time Machine will kick off our live entertainment while you enjoy ethnic foods and snacks. The PTO will provide an entire day of bingo with awesome prizes, and we are excited to provide activities for our older children and adults. Come try out the giant trike track or test your skill at the human wrecking ball! There's something for everyone so mark you calendar now. There's also plenty of stewardship/service hour opportunities. Please call Carol Reardon, 244-6443, to volunteer 1-2 hrs. and **CELEBRATE ALL THAT IS HOLY CROSS!**

**FESTIVAL SPONSORS:** Many of our circles and groups are already signed up to volunteer and provide an activity for our parish event. We are inviting any family, organization, or business to join our great day of community by donating monies or in kind items to assist us in covering our expenses. Your donation will assist in tent and table/chair rental, food and game costs, and inflatables. Your name will be proudly displayed on our large leaderboard sign the day of the event. This event is **NOT A FUNDRAISER... IT PROVIDES A BEAUTIFUL DAY OF COMMUNITY** for our parish family. Any assistance is greatly appreciated.

**Please Pray for Those Asking for Prayers:** Kelly Belk, David Ferguson, Kevin Haeusser, Dolores Herrera, Miguel Herrera, Mason Kempf, Rhonda Martin, Eric Monello, Pete Obert, Chris Payne, Christina Ramires, Maria de Jesus Ramos, Lu Sheehan, Ginny Shepard, & Marcia Werp.

## **Rest in Peace**

Prayers are requested for **Charles Puhr & Mary Staley**, both of HC, and **Paula Ziegler**, daughter of Jay Wessling.

## Mass Intentions For The Week

<b>Monday</b>	9:00 a.m.	Joseph Armilio
<b>Tuesday</b>	6:30 a.m.	Billie Hauber
	6:00 p.m.	M/M David J. Watson (Spanish)
<b>Wednesday</b>	9:00 a.m.	Charles J. Haas
<b>Thursday</b>	6:30 a.m.	Eugene Pruitt
<b>Friday</b>	9:00 a.m.	Stella Seamands
<b>Saturday</b>	7:30 a.m.	Carrie Lorenzana
	5:00 p.m.	James Plumberg
<b>Sunday</b>	7:30 a.m.	Virginia Kerkvliet
	9:00 a.m.	Bob Havens
	11:00 a.m.	People of the Parish
	2:00 p.m.	Robert McIntyre (Spanish)

**Week 19 of WHAT'S NEW FOR CHRIS:** We at Holy Cross are following development of a child in womb from conception to birth over 9 months from Feast of the Annunciation to Christmas. God said, "Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you." **We named this tiny new human being Chris. Chris's heart started beating 18 days after conception.** Amniotic fluid cushions Chris throughout pregnancy. The umbilical cord forms like a life-line for the baby in the "space" of the womb. **By Week 5** Chris was 10,000 times larger than the original fertilized egg, and developing rapidly. **By Week 6** Chris's brain waves could be detected and the brain began to control movement of muscles and organs. **By Week 7** Chris began to move, arms bending and flexing, fingers developing, and Chris started swimming and doing back flips. **By Week 8** Chris was a little under an inch long. Everything present would be found in a fully developed adult. **By Week 9** Chris's fingerprints were evident. Chris could feel pain. Chris wriggled and played with fingers, toes, nose, ears! **By Week 10** the most critical part of Chris's development was complete and Chris entered a period of rapid growth. Chris was squinting & swallowing, over an inch long, and moving quickly. **By Week 11** Chris was almost 2 inches long and could stand on daddy's little finger nail. Finger nails and hair were starting to grow. Placenta was providing nutrition. **By Week 12** Chris slept, awakened, and exercised muscles energetically, opening & closing mouth while "breathing" amniotic fluid to help develop respiratory system. **By Week 13** Chris had all 20 teeth buds, was almost 3 inches long, and weighed one ounce. Vocal cords began to form, and Chris will use them for first cry after birth! **By Week 14** my taste buds were working! I drank sweet tasting amniotic fluid. My skin was very transparent and was very sensitive to pain except for my back and the top of my head. **By Week 15** I had unique fingerprints, fingernails & toenails growing, adult's taste buds, eyebrows & hair on my head sprouting, probably to change color & texture after birth. **By Week 16** I was getting a little baby fat and my heart was pumping as much as 6 gallons a day. I weighed almost 6 oz., & was about 3" long. **By Week 17** I have REM (rapid eye movements) which means I dream, but can't remember. My vocal cords have formed but make no sound because no air in here. I breathe "underwater," inhaling & exhaling amniotic fluid? **By Week 18** I hear mother's heartbeat. I'm beginning to know her voice. My umbilical cord (where I get my food from) transports 300 quarts of fluid/day and completes round-trip of fluids every 30 seconds. I like sucking my thumb. Mother is probably starting to "show" now. **HERE IN WEEK 19** If a very bright light is shone on mother's abdomen, I may slowly move my hand in front of my eyes. If you make a very loud noise, I may cover my ears with my hands. But I can also hear my mom's voice, and when she sings a lullaby, it soothes me, and helps me sleep. My private parts are clearly visible now. Mom should be able to feel "kicks" now.

Next week will again bring something new for Chris.

**PARISH FESTIVAL BINGO TENT:** Please mark your calendars for the PTO BINGO TENT on SEPTEMBER 12! This year the bingo tent will again feature many prizes for the kids so come join the fun. We are asking for donations from our parish community to be used as prizes. The bingo tent has always been a fun event at the festival thanks to the generosity of our parishioners, parents, and local businesses. Please contact Claire Hulseley at 913-381-8548 / rcehulseley@everestkc.net or Catherine Gailloux at 913-859-0331 / catherinogailloux@gmail.com for more information or to have us pick up your donation..

**Holy Cross Parish/Jack Weitkamp Memorial GOLF TOURNAMENT** will be on Mon., Sept.13, at Brookridge Golf & Country Club. 12:30pm shotgun start. Individual player fee of \$120 includes 18 holes w/cart, Hereford House dinner, 2 beverage tickets, a "goodie" bag, 1 free mulligan, entry into putting contest, flight prizes and other contests. We are also looking for hole sponsors and volunteers to work the event. This is a great opportunity to honor a wonderful man and build community throughout holy Cross. For more info, contact Rich Weitz at 913-302-8564 or rweitz@sjakeepingfaith.org.

## School News

Holy Cross School and Early Education Center provide quality programs in a Catholic Christian environment. We would love to visit with you about our parish school and explore the possibility of enrolling your children for the 2010-2011 school year. Please call the school office at 913-381-7408 or the EEC office at 913-381-7151 to schedule an appointment and a tour.

Save the date:

PTO Kickoff - August 11th, 7pm at Holy Cross School;

Sign-Up Day - August 16th

PTO Ice Cream Social - August 22nd

Kindergarten Parent Pot Luck - August 23rd

First Day of School - August 25th

Back to School Night - August 31st

First All School Mass - September 3rd

EEC Orientation - September 3rd

EEC First Day of Classes - September 7th

Grandparents Day - September 10th

Parish Festival - September 12th

Holy Cross - Jack Weitkamp Memorial Golf Tournament - September 13th

**Summer Office Hours: Mon.-Fri., 9am-3pm as of 8/9.**

**SCRIP Certificates and Trash Bags are sold at the school office during our summer hours.**



# “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 ROBERTO:**

Estimados Hermanos y Hermanas en Cristo,

El Sábado pasado el Arzobispo José Naumann vino a nuestra parroquia para celebrar la Santa Misa y instalarme como párroco de Holy Cross. Siento muy contento porque llegaron muchas feligreses de la parroquia. Unos familiares y amigos de Topeka asistieron también. Además estoy agradecido por todas las personas que nos ayudaron con la Misa, los cantos, la comida, todos los preparativos, etc. Que Dios los bendiga a todos.

Supongo que para muchos de Uds. esa Misa fue la primera vez en asistir a una instalación de un nuevo párroco. Como Uds. saben, la Iglesia toma muy seriamente la entrega de responsabilidad pastoral a un sacerdote. La ceremonia de Sábado fue el fruto de un largo proceso de discernimiento por parte del Arzobispo y el sacerdote. El Código de Derecho Canónico de la Iglesia Católica (#519) explica algunas de las responsabilidades que pertenece al párroco:

(El párroco) ejerce el cuidado pastoral de la comunidad entregada a el bajo la autoridad del Obispo diocesano, cuyo ministerio de Cristo el está llamado a compartir, para que el pueda cumplir los oficios de enseñar, santificar, y gobernar con la cooperación de los otros sacerdotes y diáconos y con la asistencia de los miembros laicos de los fieles de Cristo...

El Código de Derecho Canónico dice que el nombramiento pertenece al Obispo diocesano, quien debe investigar las calidades del candidato a través de consultaciones con los otros sacerdotes y los laicos de la diócesis.

Un elemento notable de la ceremonia ocurrió después de la homilía cuando yo tuve que recitar la Profesión de Fe y hacer una declaración pública de la fidelidad a la Iglesia Católica y a los sucesores de San Pedro, los obispos. Todo esto fue una oportunidad muy hermosa para subrayar mi adhesión a las enseñanzas de la Iglesia y para reafirmar mi lealtad al Arzobispo. Estos pensamientos me ayudan en recordar una cita antigua de San Ambrosio que dice: "Ubi Petrus ibi ecclesia" (Donde hay Pedro, hay la Iglesia también). Nuestra fidelidad a las enseñanzas de la Iglesia y a sus Pastores crea un canal de la gracia y la luz que supera nuestras opiniones, ideas, y sentimientos. Que todos nosotros seamos deseosos de llevar tal luz y gracia en el mundo de hoy.

### **LECTURAS Y PREGUNTAS PARA COMPARTIR LA FE EL PRÓXIMO**

**DOMINGO: Agosto 15, 2010 - Asunción de la Virgen María, Misa del Día**

Apocalipsis 11:19; 12:1-6:10; 1 Corintios 15:20-27; Lucas 1:39-56.

**Preguntas de Adultos semanales para Compartir la Fe:** ¿Qué significado tiene la vida y asunción de la Sta. Virgen María para su vida aquí en la tierra y en el futuro en el cielo?

**Preguntas para los Niños:** ¿Tiene una estampa o imagen favorita de la Sta. Virgen?

**INTENCIONES PARA LAS MISAS:** Martes, 8/3, 6:00 p.m.: M/M David J. Watson

Domingo, 8/8, 2:00 p.m.: Robert McIntyre

### **EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA:**

**PRIMERA COMUNIÓN PARA NIÑOS EN LOS GRADOS K-6°:** Si quieren preparar a sus niños para celebrar su Primera Comunión, **deberán matricularlos ahora. La preparación de este Sacramento es un compromiso de 2 años. Necesitan pagar \$30 al matricularlos, la mitad de la cuota total.** Los niños necesitan un año de catecismo para poder entrar al segundo año de preparación y celebración. **El personal de Educación Religiosa estará presente: los martes y miércoles, 4pm.-7pm. hasta Agosto 15, 2010.** Todos los niños **deberán ser matriculados cada año.** Llamen a la Oficina de la Iglesia: 913/381-2755 durante las horas en español, o visiten email: [jdresser@holycrossopks.org](mailto:jdresser@holycrossopks.org) o 913-461-0726.

**JO CO CHRISTMAS BUREAU** will celebrate 50th anniversary on Oct.8 and are asking area churches for themed gift baskets for their auction held that evening. Last year 2855 families, over 10,000 persons, were assisted, and families in our area were served by this organization during Christmas. The proceeds from this auction will provide monies to assist families in their Holiday Shop in December. **YOU** may assist by providing a “themed” gift basket with a value of \$25-\$50. Some suggested themes would be holiday, birthday, family game night, food, movie night, bridal, baby/child, etc. Please wrap your basket with clear wrap and lightly tag with your with your name and the value. We must have them **ready for pickup by Sept.8**. The baskets may be left at the Church office but please **clearly mark them as JO CO CHRISTMAS BUREAU** as we will be collecting for the festival around the same time. Thanks for your support and representing Holy Cross with our true caring spirit. If you have any questions, please leave a message for Carol Reardon at 913-244-6443.

**HOLY CROSS COUPLES BRIDGE GROUP** will start again in September. It meets monthly, usually the second Saturday. Two tables play at different members homes each month, September-April. During the evening, members rotate partners. The last session in May is a dinner and awards night. If you are interested in joining, please contact Bill or Sandra Kelly at 913-341-5437.

**They're Waiting for You!** As you know, we now are offering Lighthouse Catholic Media CDs at the back of church. We only request a donation of \$3 each so we can keep the program going. Many Bishops recommend them, and many parishes are enjoying a resurgence in faith, a renewed and healed community, and an uplifting of the mind and heart with more awareness of the Church's truth. There are many topics, one for any concern you may have. So, please give them a try. **They are there for you!!** But if you have a concern not addressed, let us know because there are many more topics available. They're well worth your time and worth much more than \$3! Questions? Call Brenda 649-6442.

**Singles of Nativity (SON) Dog Days of Summer Dance** Sat., Aug.14, 7-11pm Nativity Parish Hall 119th Mission \$10 members \$15 guests, tropical attire. Questions email [www.SON-Ministry.org](http://www.SON-Ministry.org); [www.wingleskc.org](http://www.wingleskc.org) or Kathy 913-645-2046.

**Areawide Catholic Charismatic Prayer Meeting:** Sat., Aug.14, 2pm come join us as we bring gifts of the Holy Spirit together as one body in Christ. There will be songs and praise, a teaching by Fr. Evan Harkins, Baptism in the Spirit prayer and healing prayer ministry. For more info call Carol at 816-229-7924. St. Therese School - Third Floor 7277 NW Highway 9, Parkville, MO 64152.

**PRAY, MEET, EAT EVENT:** You are invited to join almost 30 Archdiocesan seminarians for Vespers, Benediction, and a reception where they will introduce themselves. The event is *SUNDAY, AUGUST 15, 4-6pm at Cure of Ars Church, 9360 Mission Rd., Leawood, KS.* This is a special opportunity for individuals and families to meet and get to know all the seminarians studying to become priests for our Archdiocese. Please join them for this time of prayer and fellowship before they return to seminary for the year. *Donations may be made for seminarian travel to World Youth Day in August 2011..*

**Outing at 'The K' with Committee of Young Patrons:** Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas' Committee of Young Patrons (CYP), a group of people in their 20s through 40s that supports Catholic Charities, invites you to spend an evening at “The K!” Join us on Sat., Aug.21, for the 6:10pm Royals vs. Chicago White Sox game. Get your special CYP rate tickets at [www.royals.com/groupevents](http://www.royals.com/groupevents) and visit us for our CYP tailgate in lot N. Visit [www.catholiccharitiesks.com](http://www.catholiccharitiesks.com) for more information.

**Advice and Aid Pregnancy Centers, Inc.** needs volunteers and will offer a Volunteer Informational Meeting on Tues., Sept.14, 7-9pm at 11031 W.75th Terr., Shawnee, KS. For more info on volunteering in this ministry or to RSVP, please contact Mary Newcomer, 913-962-0200 or email [volunteer@adviceandaid.com](mailto:volunteer@adviceandaid.com).

**A successful marriage requires falling in love many times, always with the same person.** (Mignon McLaughlin) Take a weekend to fall in love all over again. World wide Marriage Encounter provides couples with a unique opportunity to escape from the busy-ness of life and focus on making their marriage the best that it can be. The next **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend** will be Sept.17-19 in Olathe. For more info, contact Ralph & Jan Lewis (KC) at 913-400-7173 or Kyle & Denise Mead (Topeka) at 785-357-5000. To register on-line visit [www.wwmesection9.org](http://www.wwmesection9.org).

**Retreat for Individuals with Special Needs, Sept.25-26:** This retreat is a two day, one night experience for individuals with developmental disabilities from 9th grade up to 20 years old. The purpose of this retreat is for participants to have an opportunity to learn about and grow in their faith of Jesus Christ while taking part in highly interactive indoor and outdoor activities. The retreat starts on Saturday beginning at 8:30am and runs through to Sunday ending at 2pm. The retreat will conclude with Mass celebrated by Archbishop Joseph Naumann along with Fr. Gary Pennings. Parents will be required to stay overnight with their child at Prairie Star Ranch and enjoy other activities during the day as their child participates in the retreat. The cost of this two day event is \$140 for parent (non-participant) and youth. For more info check out website at [www.archkck.org](http://www.archkck.org) or RSVP with Mary Rukavina at 913-647-0373.

## *Extend an Invitation:*

**Invite someone you know to become part of Holy Cross Parish!**

People join the Catholic Church for a variety of reasons, but the majority of new members join our Church, because they know someone who is Catholic through work, sports, neighborhood or family life. You could be that someone! If you know a person who is curious about the Catholic faith, take time to share this information with him or her.

## **If You Don't, Who Will?**

Becoming Roman Catholic is a lifelong faith journey, which takes into consideration each individual's previous religious background and present needs. Adult Christian initiation at the Church of the Holy Cross takes place in the midst of the Catholic community, whose prayers and support are continually asked and given. The entire process generally lasts nine months to one year, depending on each person's situation.

### **Inquiry is the first step and begins in September!**

Each weekly session provides inquirers with basic information about the Catholic faith as well as an opportunity to ask questions about Catholics and their Church. At the conclusion of inquiry, those interested in continuing are invited to celebrate the **Rite of Welcome or Acceptance**.

The **Catechumenate** is the next step in the initiation process. It is a time for further study, prayer and participation in our community's life. A Catholic sponsor supports each *Catechumen* or *Candidate* with her or his prayers and presence during the fall and winter months.

During the first week of Lent, Archbishop Naumann affirms the desire of those who wish and are able to enter into the fullness of the Catholic faith during the **Rite of Election**. During the remaining weeks of Lent, the Church celebrates special prayers of **purification and enlightenment** with those preparing to join the Church at Easter, now called the *Elect*.

During the **Easter Vigil**, the Church glories in Christ's new life. One concrete expression of this Easter miracle is the celebration of the sacraments of initiation. Through the waters of Baptism, the oil of Chrism and the bread & wine of Christ's Body & Blood, the Elect become one with us in Christ.

In the weeks following Easter the Church **reflects on the mysteries** of Christ's life, death and resurrection in our lives.

**Sessions are held weekly on Sunday mornings,  
9:00 to 10:30 a.m., followed by Mass.**

**Inquiries are kept confidential.**

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