

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:

Brothers and Sisters,

Next Thursday, the 26th of August, will be the 100th Birthday of Blessed Teresa of Calcutta, The “Saint of the Gutters”, while appreciated and loved around the globe for the tremendous work that she did for the poorest of the poor, has not been truly understood by the same world that granted her so much acclaim. I wonder what would happen if I took a picture of Mother Teresa over to Oak Park Mall and asked shoppers to tell me who she was and what she did? I bet that many people would be able to identify her and state something about her, e.g., “she took care of street people”, “she fed the hungry”, “she was a voice for the voiceless”, “she defended the unborn”, etc. All of these comments would be accurate, but what if I asked those same random shoppers to explain to me why she did what she did - what kind of response would I receive then? What would your answer be to that question?

Bl. Teresa of Calcutta did not like to speak about her own personal experiences in prayer. It is well known that the popular book, *Come be my Light*, used excerpts, after much discernment, from her private writings that were never intended to become public. She shared those spiritual thoughts only with her spiritual director/confessor and the local bishop. However, when she was asked in 1947 to write down the first rules of her future community, the Missionaries of Charity, she revealed, albeit in somewhat dry canonical language, the heart of her message. You can find this information tucked away in appendix A of *Come be my Light*. Mother Teresa writes as follows:

The General End of the Missionaries of Charity is to satiate the thirst of Jesus Christ on the Cross for love and souls by the Sisters absolute poverty, angelic chastity, cheerful obedience.

The Particular End is to carry Christ into the homes and streets of the slums, (among) the sick, dying, the beggars and the little street children. CBML 341

These two sentences contain the key to unlocking the reason why she did what she did. The “General End” today might be better stated as the “goal” or the “aim” of the religious institute. In other words, every member of her religious family and every person associated with this special charism, should seek “to satiate the thirst of Jesus Christ on the Cross” first by the pursuit of personal holiness. Mother Teresa recognized that we are able “give Jesus to drink” by our pursuit of sanctity, which will then enable us to discover the face of Christ

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READINGS & FAITH SHARING QUESTIONS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time: Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a; Luke 14:1, 7-14.

Questions for Adults: What is wise about being humble?
For Children: Do you know a truly humble person? What is one thing you could do to be like that person?

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: Stewardship is not job-oriented or project-minded. It is a way of life for a lifetime.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE:

	August 15, 2010	Fiscal YTD
Needed	\$28,800	\$201,600
Collected	26,994	179,618
Over/(Under)	(1806)	(21,982)
Special Donations	202	

Are you engaged or married to a Catholic, but not Catholic yourself? Consider participating in an Inquiry group that’s now forming to learn more about the faith of your loved one. Contact Robert Bacic at 381-2755 or rbacic@holycrossopks.org to find out more. Contacting him does not obligate you to enroll. Inquiries are kept confidential.

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in those who are suffering most. Our service to others begins with a loving relationship with God.

Once we have clarified the importance of the “general aim” in our personal lives, we can seek to put into practice the “particular aim” - attending to the needs of the poor in our own area. Mother Teresa would later develop this second part of her first rules into a fourth vow of “wholehearted and free service to the poorest of the poor.” Thus the divine pedagogy becomes easier to understand: holiness is like the trunk and branches of a tree that produces the beautiful fruit of service to others.

As we admire the heroic charity of Bl. Teresa of Calcutta, we might ask ourselves the following questions: Do I feel the call of God to be holy? Is it possible to aspire to holiness in this day and age? How can I put this special call into practice? Where are the poorest of the poor in my life? Who are they - can I name them? May Mother Teresa intercede for us the grace to seek holiness and the will power to put it into practice by serving others, especially those most in need.

CANDLES MOVED FROM SACRISTY: Votive candles will no longer be sold in the sacristy. You may be aware that the money box for the candle sales was stolen two weeks ago. Therefore, candles will now be available in the narthex and the money will be removed frequently! Let us pray that the person who needed that money might feel inspired to return it.

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 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.

INTERESTED IN CUB SCOUTS? Boys in Grades 1-5 who want to find out more about Scouts join us for an informational meeting and picnic on Aug.26, 6pm at Brookridge Park. Call for details and/or to RSVP to Ellen Jones at 381-6709 or Kerrie McLoughlin at 488-4780.

Religious Education

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 for registration information or to update address information.

Youth Ministry

Sandy Schluter, 205-0825
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 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

Please join us to pray the **Rosary for Life** every Friday at 8:30am in the church before Mass.

MASS OF INNOCENTS: Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann invites you to join him in a Mass of Remembrance for all who have experienced the loss of a child thru miscarriage or other before-birth losses, through still-birth, or in early childhood death. Sunday, Sept.12, 3pm at Savior Pastoral Center, 12601 Parallel Pkwy., Kansas City, KS 66109. For directions or more information please call: The Archdiocesan Family Life Office, 913-721-1570 or flifesecc@archkck.org

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.

Please Pray for Those Asking for Prayers: Kelly Belk, Tom Domville, David Ferguson, Kevin Haeusser, Dolores Herrera, Miguel Herrera, 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 **George Duermyer**, of Holy Cross, **Richard Hall**, uncle of Mary Accardi, and **Margaret Spellman**, formerly of Holy Cross

Mass Intentions For The Week

Monday	9:00 a.m.	Spec. Int. - Hoc Vu
Tuesday	6:30 a.m.	Billie Hauber
	6:00 p.m.	Manuel Ticao (Spanish)
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Spec. Int. - Anthony Mai
Thursday	6:30 a.m.	Charles J. Haas
Friday	9:00 a.m.	John Benson
Saturday	7:30 a.m.	Spec. Int. - Aubrey Steen
	5:00 p.m.	Lucy Gregoire
Sunday	7:30 a.m.	People of the Parish
	9:00 a.m.	Colette Huerter
	11:00 a.m.	Antonio del Carmen
	2:00 p.m.	Herminia Campomanes (Spanish)

FESTIVAL NEWS: Our day of community is **SUN., SEPT.12.** We begin with 11am Mass, followed by plenty of food, fun, & fellowship. The Time Machine will kick off live entertainment while you enjoy ethnic foods and snacks. PTO will provide entire day of bingo with awesome prizes, and we are excited to provide activities for older children and adults. Come try out giant trike track or test your skill at human wrecking ball! There's something for everyone so mark your 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.

FESTIVAL TRIVIA: Can you name two sponsors that have generously donated to our beautiful day of community for 15 years in a row? You may be asked this again at our event on Sept.12. **THE ANSWER: ART'S MEXICAN PRODUCTS and ALAN BROXTERMAN, CPA.** Please join us in thanking them for their support and patronize their businesses. Watch for next week's trivia question.

JO CO CHRISTMAS BUREAU will celebrate its 50th anniversary on Oct.8 and is 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 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.

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 / catherinegailloux@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 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 anticipa-
 ción, llamando a la ofici-
 na 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:

Hermanos y Hermanas,

El próximo jueves, 26 de Agosto, cumpliría 100 años de nacida, la Bendita Teresa de Calcuta. La "Santa de las Zanjas". Aunque fue apreciada y amada en el mundo entero por su tremendo trabajo por los más pobres de los pobres, dicho trabajo no ha sido completamente entendido por el mismo mundo que le otorgara tanto aclamo. Me pregunto qué pasaría si llevara su retrato al Oak Park Mall y le preguntara a los compradores que me dijeran, ¿quién era ella y qué fue lo que hizo? Les apuesto que muchas personas la podrían identificar y decir algo sobre ella, como, "ella se hizo cargo de las personas de las calles", "ella alimentó a los que tenían hambre", "ella fue la voz de los que no tenían voces", "ella defendió a los que no habían nacido todavía", etc. Todos estos comentarios serían correctos, pero, ¿qué pasaría si le preguntara a esos mismos compradores que me explicaran por qué ella hiciera lo que hizo? ¿Qué clase de respuestas recibiría entonces? ¿Cuál serían sus respuestas?

A la Bendita Teresa de Calcuta no le gustaba hablar de sus propias experiencias personales en la oración. Es bien entendido que en el libro popular, "Ven, sé mi Luz", se usó extractos, después de mucho discernimiento, de sus escritos privados que nunca fueron destinados a conocerse públicamente. Ella compartió esos pensamientos espirituales solamente con su director espiritual/confesor y el obispo local. Sin embargo, cuando se le pidió en el 1947, que escribiera las primeras reglas de su futura comunidad, "los Misionario de la Caridad", ella reveló, aunque en algún lenguaje canónico prohibicionista, el corazón de su mensaje. Ustedes pueden encontrar esta información recogida en el apéndice A de "Ven, sé mi Luz". La Hermana Teresa escribe como sigue:

El Fin General de los Misionarios de la Caridad es el de saciar la sed de Jesucristo en la Cruz por amor y almas, por las Hermanas con pobreza absoluta, castidad angelical y obediencia alegre.

El Fin Particular es llevar a Cristo a los hogares y calles de los arrabales, (entre los enfermos, los que están muriendo, los mendigos y los pequeños niños de las calles. CBML, 341

Estas dos oraciones contienen la llave para abrir la razón por qué ella hizo lo que hizo. El "Final General" hoy puede ser declarado mejor como la "intención" o "meta" del instituto religioso. En otras palabras, cada miembro de su familia religiosa y cada persona asociada con esta carisma especial, debiera buscar "para saciar la sed de Jesucristo en la Cruz", primero por la búsqueda de la santidad personal. La Madre Teresa reconoció que somos capaces de "darle a Jesús un trago" con nuestra búsqueda de la santidad, la cuál entonces nos hace capaces de descubrir el rostro de Cristo en aquellos que sufren más. Nuestro servicio hacia los demás empieza con una relación amorosa con Dios.

A la vez que hayamos clarificado la importancia del "propósito general" en nuestras vidas personales, podremos buscar cómo poner en práctica el "propósito particular" – atendiendo a las necesidades de los pobres en nuestra propia área. Madre Teresa desarrollaría después la segunda parte de sus primeras reglas en una cuarta promesa solemne de "servicio gratis y de todo corazón a los más pobres de los pobres". De este modo, la pedagogía divina se hace más fácil de entender: La santidad es como el tronco y las ramas de un árbol que produce el fruto bello de servir a los demás.

Para más información vea el revés de esta página.

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Al admirar la caridad heroica de la Santa Teresa de Calcuta, nos podemos preguntar: ¿Siento que el llamado de Dios es divino? ¿Es posible aspirar a santidad en este tiempo en que vivimos? ¿Cómo puedo poner este llamado especial en práctica? ¿Dónde están los más pobres de los pobres en mi vida? ¿Quiénes son ellos – los puedo nombrar? Que la Madre Teresa interceda por nosotros la gracia de buscar santidad y el poder de voluntad para ponerlo en práctica sirviendo a los demás, especialmente aquéllos que más lo necesitan.

LECTURAS Y PREGUNTAS PARA COMPARTIR LA FE EL PRÓXIMO DOMINGO: Agosto 29, 2010 - 22° Domingo Ordinario

Eclesiásticos 3:19-21, 30-31; Hebreos 12:18-19, 22-24; Lucas 14:1, 7-14.

Preguntas de Adultos semanales para Compartir la Fe: ¿Qué es lo sabio de ser humilde?

Preguntas para los Niños: ¿Conocen alguna persona verdaderamente humilde? ¿Qué pueden hacer ustedes para ser como esa persona?

INTENCIONES PARA LAS MISAS: Martes, 8/24, 6:00 p.m.: Manuel Ticao

Domingo, 8/29, 2:00 p.m.: Herminia Campomanes

RICA: Clases para adultos que les falten recibir los siguientes sacramentos: Bautizo, Primera Comunión y Confirmación, empezarán el 22 de Sept., a las 7pm., en la Escuela Holy Cross. Inscribáse llamando a la oficina de la iglesia, 381-2755, horas de español.

EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA:

¡Abran sus Corazones!, a los niños que quieren conocer a Dios en la forma Católica. Necesitamos muchos adultos y jóvenes para cumplir con estas necesidades. Empezando este otoño, necesitamos catequistas, ayudantes de clases, cuidado de niños y otros ayudantes para nuestras clases de los martes, 4:30pm-5:45pm.. Se darán entrenamiento y recursos. Llaman a Julie Dresser, 461-0726, ó email: jdresser@holycrossopks.org

CONFIRMACIÓN: Las clases para el año 2010-2011, empezarán Oct., 2010. Si sus niños estuvieron en este programa el año pasado, recibirán su matrícula por correos en Julio. Estudiantes nuevos este año, deberán pasar por la iglesia a matricular a sus hijos e inscribir a su familia en la parroquia. Favor de traer o mandar por correos \$30, para matricularlos. **Todos los estudiantes deberán ser matriculados cada año.**

Para más información sobre Confirmación, Ministerio Juvenil o clases de Escuela Intermedia o Superior, durante el período de construcción llamen a Sandy: 205-0825, o el website siguiente: sschluter@holycrossopks.org.

Retiro de Quinceañeras: Celebraremos el próximo Retiro el **sábado, 16 de Agosto, 2010, en Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, Topeka, KS.** Si su Quinceañera no se ha inscrito, favor de llamar al 281-6644.

SERVING FROM THE HEART to benefit the Sisters Servants of Mary: Dear Fr. Robert and entire family of Holy Cross Parish, On behalf of the entire "Serving from the Heart" committee we would like to extend our heartfelt thanks for allowing the Sisters, Servants of Mary to share a weekend with the Holy Cross family. As members of the Serving from the Heart Committee it is our privilege to share the Sisters' story of compassion, love for mankind, caring, healing and unconditional giving of one's self to others. It is truly a blessing for us to attempt to see the world through their eyes. To share that with all of you is a privilege and honor. The generosity of this parish was apparent as we raised \$4500 for the Sisters. Please be assured that 100% of this collection goes directly to the Sisters. The Holy Cross family truly exemplified Christ's words..." I was a stranger and you invited me in...for whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers you did for me." Again, thank you for the warm welcome, and your charity is greatly appreciated.

With grateful hearts, Jim & Doris Wilson.

Week 21 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. Umbilical cord forms like lifeline for baby in "space" of womb. **By Week 5** Chris was 10,000 times larger than original fertilized egg, developing rapidly. **By Week 6** Chris's brain began to control movement of muscles & organs. **By Week 7** Chris began to move, arms bending & flexing, fingers developing, swimming & doing back flips. **By Week 8** Chris was a little under 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 & Chris entered a period of rapid growth. Chris was squinting & swallowing, over an inch long, moving quickly. **By Week 11** Chris was almost 2 inches long & could stand on daddy's little finger nail. Finger nails & hair were starting to grow. Placenta was providing nutrition. **By Week 12** Chris slept, awakened, & 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, & weighed 1 oz.. Vocal cords began to form, & 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 & 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. **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) in dreams I don'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 begin to know her voice. My umbilical cord transports 300 quarts of fluid/day and completes round-trip of fluids every 30 seconds. I like sucking my thumb. **By Week 19** I may cover eyes if bright light on mother's abdomen. I may cover ears if very loud noise. But I can also hear my mom sing a lullaby that soothes me. My private parts are clearly visible now. **By Week 20** my hair was growing on head, my heart pumping 6 gallons of blood every day. After 20 weeks now, I will be born in 20 more weeks. I'm over 6" tall and weigh over 10 oz. Mom can distinguish her heartbeats from mine. *(continued on next column)*

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..*

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.

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.

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 or RSVP with Mary Rukavina at 913-647-0373.

(continued from previous column) **HERE IN WEEK 21** My tongue is fully formed now. I'm practicing giving people a raspberry! I hear noises from the outside. Some loud ones scare me. I know mom's voice and like music she listens to. I now have fingernails and fingerprints. I'm not as little as I used to be just a few weeks ago. Now I'm about 10 inches long if I could stand up straight. Mom is waiting to find out if I am a boy or Girl.

Next week will again bring something new for Chris.