

# Church of The Holy Cross

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La información en español  
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,

Children can once again be seen all over the city toting bags of books and school supplies on their backs. A new school year has begun and students and teachers alike are in the classroom attending to their lessons. It is time once again to get back to the business of learning...

I suppose the beginning of the academic year is as good a time as any to remind ourselves that responsibility for the formation of our children rests primarily with parents - not with teachers—even when children attend a Catholic school. Pope John Paul II provides a helpful paradigm in his document on family life written in 1981 entitled, *Familiaris Consortio*. This is a great document because it provides a spiritual and practical look at the essential elements of family roles and responsibilities. He says that “according to the plan of God, marriage is the foundation of the wider community of the family, since the very institution of marriage and conjugal love are ordained to the procreation and education of children, in whom they find their crowning.” (FC, 14)

Parents are the primary agents of instruction and catechesis in the lives of their children. The family home, modeled on the life of the Holy Family in Nazareth, becomes a school of faith in which children receive proper indoctrination and orientation in religion. Each Mother and Father teaches by their words and by their example what they believe about God and life. Conversely, inappropriate words and bad examples can create confusion within children as they seek to understand, and in some cases, emulate the actions of their parents.

I want to encourage all parents to be personally involved in the moral formation of their children. If your young ones attend public school, it would be good to review what is being taught in all areas, but especially science, health, and classes that touch on themes of morality and religion, eg, mandated “family life curricula.” We need to be vigilant in our awareness of the values that our children are learning in school.

Parents of children in Catholic Schools need to reinforce what is being taught by following classroom topics, homework assignments, and discussing Catholic teaching in the home. A Catholic education will take root in a child’s heart only to the extent that the family prepares that “interior soil” by living their faith! Teachers in Catholic schools must teach and practice values that resonate with their own lifestyle so as not to create an environment of spiritual dissonance or confusion. Parents continue this educative process in the home.

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**READINGS & FAITH SHARING QUESTIONS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time:**

Wisdom 9:13-18b; Philemon 9, 10, 12-17; Luke 14:25-33.

**Questions for Adults:** Do you see yourself as the owner or as a steward of your possessions?

**For Children:** What is the hardest thing that you have done for Jesus?

**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:** Christian Stewardship provides a spirituality that you can take home from church, exercise at work and express through personal involvement in the community and church.

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE:**

	August 22, 2010	Fiscal YTD
Needed	\$28,800	\$230,400
Collected	19,324	198,942
Over/(Under)	(9476)	(31,458)
Special Donations	171	

**Do you know someone interested in becoming Catholic?**

The first step is participating in an Inquiry series that begins in September. Invite your friend or family member to call or email Robert Bacic at 381-2755 or [rbacic@holycrossopks.org](mailto:rbacic@holycrossopks.org). Contacting him does not obligate a person to participate.

**ST.MARY’S FOOD KITCHEN:** Thanks to all who prepared food, helped serve, & gave donations to feed 394 hungry people on Aug.20.

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In families that home school, the burden of responsibility falls squarely upon Mom and Dad - in some cases they must assume multiple roles: father, mother, teacher, disciplinarian, catechist, coach, etc. Homeschooling parents enjoy the great advantage of being able to control the subject matter taught to their children. It is no small matter to accept responsibility for guiding one’s children in all areas of academic and spiritual formation!.

All parents are heartily invited to accompany their children to Mass each week. The witness of our younger families at Holy Cross is a great blessing for the entire parish. We pray that all our children will be first supported and guided in the faith at home, and that our parish will provide a spiritually healthy environment for all!!

**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 a second and third grade catechist, a few more classroom aides, and other helpers for our classes on Tuesday afternoons 4:30-5:45pm 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.

**Religious Education for Families with Children in Gr.K-6:** If you want to enroll your child, call Julie Dresser, 461-0726, or email [jdresser@holycrossopks.org](mailto:jdresser@holycrossopks.org) and provide name and grade of child you wish to enroll. Some sections are full. You need to re-enroll your child even if they were with us this past year. This enrollment includes preparation for First Communion for children who have completed one year of regular attendance in our classes during school year. You may call or visit website for description of our offerings.

**Rel.Ed.Classes** start dates will be later than usual and will begin at Parish School on 95th St. due to renovation of lower level of church building. Afternoon Classes 4:30-5:45pm will begin Tues., Oct.5. There will be a Parent Orientation Meeting on Tues., Sept.21, 7-8:15pm in Pflumm Hall. Families Growing in Faith Together will begin Tues., Sept.28, 6:45-8:15pm in Pflumm Hall. See Elementary Faith Formation link on parish website for directions and more information.

### Religious Education

**Confirmation classes** for the 2010-2011 school year will begin in Oct.17. If you were enrolled in the 1st-year program, you will still need to re-enroll. Registration forms deadline is Aug.30. You can print registration form at Holy Cross website, [www.holycrossopks.org](http://www.holycrossopks.org) under Faith Formation page. Contact Sandy at [sschluter@holycrossopks.org](mailto:sschluter@holycrossopks.org) for registration information or to update address information. Due to our late start this year, we will NOT be able to add students once classes begin. Enroll now to guarantee placement in a class.

### Youth Ministry

Sandy Schluter, 205-0825  
[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.

**High School Youth Group will begin in Sept.** We have exciting events planned. For more info, call, email, or contact Sandy on Facebook at Sandra K Schluter account specifically for communication about HS & MS events.

### CAPITAL CAMPAIGN CORNER

“Our Family, Our Future”

**UPDATE:**

Total Pledged: \$2,084,592

Total Received: \$1,423,538

**Servant Saturday to begin again!** Our first Servant Saturday event will be Fri. evening Sept.24. Send email to [sschluter@holycrossopks.org](mailto:sschluter@holycrossopks.org) by Sept.15 if you're interested in being part of annual Light the Night Walk to fight Leukemia & Lymphoma. We will assist by directing walkers on path, providing bottled water, and picking up trash. If you want service hours for school, this is a great opportunity. This event is for middle & high school students. We also need parent chaperones & drivers.

**With the start of youth group, our need for snacks and drinks returns.** We will be meeting at Holy Cross School until our renovations are complete, and we will not have storage for our snacks at this time. We are requesting your assistance with gift cards to HyVee or Walmart so that we can purchase snacks as we go along. It's a small gesture that means so much for our students to see how nurturing our parish is to the youth.

**SUNSHINE CLUB** meets Sun., Sept.5, at 7:30am Mass, and then meets for **breakfast at Holy Cross School.**

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

**Please Pray for Those Asking for Prayers:** Kelly Belk, Tom Domville, Kevin Haeusser, Dolores Herrera, Miguel Herrera, Theresa Maggio, Rhonda Martin, Eric Monello, Pete Obert, Chris Payne, Christina Ramires, Maria de Jesus Ramos, Lu Sheehan, and Ginny Shepard.

### **Rest in Peace**

Prayers are requested for **Paul Gilbert** of Holy Cross; and **Richard Hall**, uncle of Mary Accardi.

### **Mass Intentions For The Week**



<b>Monday</b>	9:00 a.m.	Special Intentions
<b>Tuesday</b>	6:30 a.m.	Billie Hauber
	6:00 p.m.	Praise the Lord (Spanish)
<b>Wednesday</b>	9:00 a.m.	Danny de Guzman
<b>Thursday</b>	6:30 a.m.	Carita Sutter
<b>Friday</b>	9:00 a.m.	Pete and Mary Schartz
<b>Saturday</b>	7:30 a.m.	Charles J. Haas
	5:00 p.m.	Patricia Kreutzer
<b>Sunday</b>	7:30 a.m.	Thomas Halfmann
	9:00 a.m.	People of the Parish
	11:00 a.m.	Francis Bertrand
	2:00 p.m.	Dominic Nguyen (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 14 years in a row? Can you name the family owned restaurant that has donated prepared and served at this even for over 15 years? You may be asked this again at our event on Sept.12. **THE ANSWERS: EILENBERGER'S AUTOMOTIVE and VALLEY VIEW BANK; RUDY & MARGIE GARCIA FAMILY** has served thousands of tacos from **RUDY'S TANAMPA TAQUERIA.** 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.

**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.

**Gigantic Garage Sale:** Benefiting Catholic Charities of Northeast KS, the Catholic Edu. Foundation & many other programs supported by KS Ancient Order of Hibernians. Sat., Sept.11, 9am-4:30pm, 87th & Farley, OP. Great selections of home furnishings, house wares, clothing, books, records, CDs, etc. Come early for best selection.

## 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:

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

**School Office Hours: Mon.-Fri., 8am-4pm.**

**SCRIP Certificates and Trash Bags are sold at the school office.**



# “Encuentro”

## ANUNCIOS

**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.

### **DEL PADRE ROBERTO:**

Hermanos y Hermanas,

Podemos ver de nuevo niños en toda la ciudad cargando bolsas de libros y materiales en Sus espaldas. Un nuevo año escolar ha comenzado y estudiantes y maestros están en sus salones de clases atendiendo a sus lecciones. Es tiempo de volver a ocuparnos de aprender de nuevo...

Supongo que el principio del año escolar es buen tiempo para recordarnos que la responsabilidad por la formación de nuestros hijos reposa primeramente en los padres – no en los maestros – inclusive cuando los niños asisten a una escuela Católica. El Papa Juan Pablo II, nos provee con un provechoso paradigma en su documento sobre la vida familiar, escrito en 1981, titulado, “Familiaris Consortio”. Este es un gran documento porque provee una vista espiritual y práctica a los elementos esenciales de los roles y responsabilidades de las familias. Él nos dice que, “de acuerdo al plan de Dios, el matrimonio es la fundación de la extensa comunidad de la familia, ya que la misma institución del matrimonio y el amor conyugal están ordenados a la procreación y educación de los niños, en los cuáles encuentra su coronamiento”. (FC,14)

Los padres son los primeros agentes de instrucción y catecismo en las vidas de sus niños. El hogar familiar, modelado en la vida de la Sagrada Familia en Nazareth, se convierte en una escuela de fe, en donde los niños reciben su propia endoctrinación y orientación en la religión. Cada madre y padre enseñan con sus palabras y por sus ejemplos lo que ellos creen sobre Dios y la vida. Recíprocamente, palabras inapropiadas y malos ejemplos pueden crear confusión en los niños que buscan como entender, y en algunos casos, emular las acciones de los padres.

Quiero alentar a todos los padres a involucrarse personalmente en la formación moral de sus niños. Si sus niños van a escuelas públicas, sería bueno repasar lo que se enseña en todas las áreas, especialmente, ciencias, salud o sanidad y clases que tocan temas sobre la moral y la religión, ej.: “currículo de vida familiar” mandatorio. Necesitamos ser vigilantes en nuestro conocimiento de los valores que nuestros niños están aprendiendo en las escuelas.

Padres de niños en escuelas Católicas necesitan reforzar lo que se enseña, siguiendo los tópicos de los salones de clases, asignaciones de tareas escolares y discusiones en el hogar de enseñanzas Católicas. ¡Una educación Católica hará raíz en el corazón de un niño solamente al límite que la familia prepare esa “tierra interior” viviendo su fe! Los maestros en las escuelas Católicas, deberán enseñar y practicar los valores resonantes con sus propios estilos de vida, sin crear un ambiente de disonancia espiritual o confusión. Los padres deberán seguir este proceso educativo en los hogares.

En familias que educan a sus niños en los hogares, la carga de esta responsabilidad pesa directamente sobre los padres – en algunos casos, ellos deberán asumir múltiples roles: padre, madre, maestro, disciplinario, catequista, coach, etc. Estos padres disfrutan la gran ventaja de poder controlar las materias enseñadas a sus niños. No es ninguna pequeñez el aceptar la responsabilidad de guiar a sus niños en todas las áreas de formación académica y espiritual.

Todos los padres están cordialmente invitados a acompañar a sus hijos a Misa cada semana. El testimonio de familias jóvenes en Holy Cross es una gran bendición para toda la parroquia. ¡Pedimos al Señor, que todo nuestros niños sean respaldados y guiados primero en la fe del hogar y que nuestra parroquia pueda proveer un ambiente sano y espiritual para todos!

Para más información vea el revés de esta página.

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**LECTURAS Y PREGUNTAS PARA COMPARTIR LA FE EL PRÓXIMO DOMINGO:**

**Septiembre 5, 2010 - 23° Domingo Ordinario**

Sabidurías 9:13-19; Filemón 9:10, 12-17; Lucas 14:25-33.

**Preguntas de Adultos semanales para Compartir la Fe:** ¿Cómo se ven ustedes, cómo administradores o cómo dueños de sus posesiones? **Preguntas para los Niños:** ¿Cuál ha sido la cosa más difícil que han hecho por Jesús?

**INTENCIONES PARA LAS MISAS:** Martes, 8/30, 6:00 p.m.: Darle Gracias al Señor  
Domingo, 9/5, 2:00 p.m.: Dominic Nguyen

**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. Inscríbanse llamando a la oficina de la iglesia, 381-2755, horas de español.

**EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA:**

Las clases de Ed. Religiosa serán celebradas en la Escuela Holy Cross, en la calle 95, y empezarán este año más tarde, debido a la renovación del sótano de la iglesia. Clases de la tarde empezarán el martes, 5 de Oct., 4:20-5:45pm. *Tendremos una reunión de Orientación para Padres, el martes, 21 de Sept., 7:00-8:15pm., en el salón Pflumm de la Escuela.* Familias Creciendo Juntas en la Fe: empezarán las clases el martes, 28 de Sept., 6:45-8:15pm.

**CONFIRMACIÓN:** Las clases para el año 2010-2011, empezarán Oct. 17, 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](mailto:sschluter@holycrossopks.org).*

**WHY DO YOU COME TO MASS?** If Mass is only a Sunday obligation to you, you're missing out! Learn to love it and your Church. Understand why Jesus established the Eucharist. Learn the relationship between Passover and the Mass. Be aware of the importance of the Mass now and in eternity! There are several CDs about the Mass and the Eucharist available from Lighthouse Catholic Media. NEW CDs are coming! Watch for the "The Mass Comes Alive" for ages 4-12. And "A Call to Joy" by Matt Kelly - great for ages 13 and older. If you don't see one in the stand that speaks to your needs, contact Brenda, 649-6442.

**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 of [flifesecc@archkck.org](mailto:flifesecc@archkck.org)

**WE NEED YOUR INPUT!** During the past several months, Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann has consulted with the archdiocesan Pastoral Council, College of Consultors, Archdiocesan Finance Council and the Presbyterial Council about the challenges and opportunities that face the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas. Those meetings have resulted in a list of important needs that the Archbishop may consider addressing with a special archdiocesan-wide all-parish campaign. Before any decisions are made, it is important that your feedback is received regarding the preliminary plans. We are now asking for your ideas and feedback. We have retained the services of the Steier Group to conduct a feasibility study. The study will enable us to gather info that will be helpful in prioritizing our needs and gauging the level of support for a possible capital campaign. A capital campaign is a major fundraising effort that will focus on the Church's needs that can't be fully addressed by regular parish offertory or our annual appeal. Donors are able to make a pledge that can be paid over a 5-year time frame. Throughout the Archdiocese there are many needs that are under consideration including Catholic secondary education, Donnelly College, youth outreach and evangelization, and the needs of our urban areas/transitional areas, as well as offering a regional/parish sharing opportunity. You can read more about our needs and take the survey on our website: [www.archkck.org](http://www.archkck.org). Click on logo. If you have any questions or want to request a mail survey, please contact the Feasibility Study office, (913)647-0316. Thank you.

**Week 22 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)*

**Attention 7th & 8th Graders:** Bishop Miega High School invites you to attend a "Tailgate Party" on Fri., Sept.3, 5:30pm. Hamburgers, hotdogs, & pop will be provided along with free admission to the football game for you and your parents. Please RSVP by Wed., Sept.1. To RSVP or for more info contact Patti Marnett, 913-262-2701 x226.

**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. Worldwide 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.

*(continued from previous column)* **By Week 21** my tongue was fully formed & I practiced a raspberry! I hear noises from outside. I have fingernails & fingerprints. I was 10" long if I could stand up straight. **HERE IN WEEK 22** I hear Mom sing, and talk more clearly now. I like to suck my thumb & listen to her read to me. My eyelids and eyebrows are fully formed. My fingernails have grown to the end of my fingers. My brain is growing really fast. I weigh nearly a pound now. Dads, did you know: Low-frequency sounds mimicking a male voice penetrate the abdomen and uterine wall better than the higher frequencies of the female voice?