



Church of the Holy Cross

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

El Boletín *Encuentro* en español se encuentra en la páginas 5 & 6.

Sunday Masses

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

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

Weekday Masses

M, W, F 9:00 am

T, Th 6:30 am

Sat. 7:30 am

Reconciliation

Sat. 3:30 - 4:30 pm, and

Wed. 6:00 - 7:00 pm

Anointing of the Sick

Individually by appointment, scheduled during Mass in the Fall and Spring

Baptisms

Usually the 4th weekend of the month during the 5:00 pm and 11:00 am Masses. Parent classes are every other month.

Matrimony

Six months notice required. Couples should contact the Parish office for more information.

Parish Office hours

Mon - Th 8:30 am to 3:00 pm

Fri 8:30 am - Noon

Holy Cross Catholic School

8101 W. 95th Street

913-381-7408

Early Education Center

7917 W. 95th Street

913-381-7151

FOURTH SUNDAY

OF Advent

Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord.
May it be done to me
according to your word.

Luke 1:38



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DECEMBER 24, 2017

Dear parishioners,



I wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! During 2018, we will be observing the 50th anniversary of our parish. The highlight will occur at the parish festival, Sept. 8, when we celebrate our patronal feast, the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. Hopefully, though, there will be other ways to emphasize this important point in the life of our parish. Perhaps you have an idea? Please contact me if you do. I'd love to hear from you.

Fr. Mike

Readings for Next Sunday:

Feast of the Holy Family

SIR 3:2-6, 12-14 COL 3:12-21 LK 2:22-40

Please Pray for Those Asking for Prayers:

Elsa Brzozowski, Joan Swanson, Jim Giordano, Ana Marie Antonio, Stephanie Park, Antoinette Arragon, Brian Cavanaugh and Dave Jones

PARISH STAFF

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Welcome to Church of the Holy Cross! We invite you to join the parish! Fill out the form below and we will send a registration packet to you or go to www.holycrossopks.org to register online.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip Code _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Drop in collection basket, bring or mail to: Church of the Holy Cross, 8311 W 93rd St. Overland Park, KS 66212

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday Christmas Day
10:00 a.m. Bunny Goetz Ingalls
Tuesday
6:30 a.m. Spec. Int - Arnold & Mary Merer
Wednesday
9:00 a.m. Spec. Int - James & Mary Watson
7:00 p.m. Sick of the Parish
Thursday
6:30 a.m. Evelyn M. Rothenberger
Friday
9:00 a.m. Kevin Haeusser
Saturday
7:30 a.m. In Thanksgiving
5:00 p.m. Bill Anderson
7:00 p.m. Special Intention of the Pope
Sunday
7:30 a.m. Mike Peterson
9:00 p.m. World Peace
11:30 a.m. Tom Yankee
1:00 p.m. People of the Parish



Finance Update

Weekly Collection Report for Dec. 10, 2017

Table with 4 columns: Category, Dec. 10, FYTD (11/31), FYTD Bud.
Weekly Offering: \$28,278, \$558,035, \$577,750
Capital Campaign: \$3,231, \$39,737, \$20,000
Special Donations: \$465, \$17,356, \$14,056

*Our Fiscal Year runs July 1st thru June 30th.

Loan and Assessment Balances

St. James High School Loan: \$354,626
Renovation Construction Loan: \$403,030
Archdiocesan Assessments: \$586,026

Please prayerfully consider Year-End Giving



Whether for gratitude, the joy of the season, catching up on a commitment or the excitement about exceeding your commitment, we are grateful for your year-end giving. Only gifts completed by December 31 help to reduce taxes you owe next April. We hope that you will consult your qualified professional advisers on how your gift would fit into your overall plan. Thank you for planning for generosity. For questions please contact Jonathan Oakes in the Parish office.

Feast day Masses

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Vigil Mass on Sun. December 31 at 5:00 pm,
Mon. Jan. 1, 2018 10:00 am, 1:00 pm (SP)



Celebration is our parish wide dinner and auction that benefits all of our Holy Cross ministries.

Saturday January 20, 2018
Bilingual Mass at 4:00 pm celebrated
by Fr. Stubbs & Fr. Franco
(no 7:00 pm Spanish Mass on Jan. 20)

Celebration tickets are on sale!

Come join us for an evening of dinner, bidding, winning, dancing and fun! Tickets are \$50/person, except if over age of 55 then it is \$45/person. For more information or to buy a ticket or register visit our website at <https://bidpal.net/hccscelebration>. For questions, please call contact Brandi Garcia at 913-835-8898.

Start your New Year off right!



Bible study, book of Genesis

Start the New Year with Bible Study! Fr. Mike will conduct a study on the book of Genesis. Two different time sessions are offered a week, Wednesday evenings or Friday mornings.

Wednesdays at 7:30 pm

Jan. 3, Jan. 10, Jan. 17 Jan. 24

Fridays at 9:45 am

Jan. 5, Jan. 12, Jan. 19, Jan. 26

The Church office will be closed

Office closed

Monday, December 25
Tuesday, December 26
Monday, January 1



Please check out the stars on the Celebration display in the church lobby. If you can help out by donating an item from a star we would greatly appreciate it! Thanks for your support of the Holy Cross **Celebration!**



Attention all Sunshine Club Members. Our first 2018 breakfast meeting will be held on Sunday January 7 after the 7:30 mass. Hope you are able to come celebrate the beginning of the New Year with us. If you are interested in joining please contact Karen Peterson at 816-519-5105 or by e-mail at cakemaker49@gmail.com. Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

It takes over 100 volunteers to make **Celebration** happen! To signup, please visit www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0449A5A823AA8-celebration2

Perpetual Adoration

Special needs are:

- Sunday 1:00am, 3:00am, 5:00am, 9:00am
- Monday 2:00am
- Tuesday 1:00am, 2:00am, 3:00am, 9:00pm, 11:00pm
- Wednesday 1:00am, 3:00am, 4:00am
- Thursday 3:00am, 3:00pm
- Friday 9:00am, 11:00am, 1:00pm
- Saturday 4:00am, 7:00am, 11:00am, 12:00pm, 3:00pm, 5:00pm, 6:00pm, 7:00pm



To be an adoror, call

Ruth Kuse 913-963-3700 (text or call)
ruthkuse@gmail.com
Jade Gough 913-488-6607 jough7@hotmail.com
If you are unable to keep your hour(s) or find a sub please let one of us know via call, text or email.

Angel Tree ~ Thank you



St. Benedicts Circle sends their sincerest thanks to all who contributed to the Angel Tree this year. Through your generosity we were able to provide assistance to 30 Holy Cross families to help them have a Merry Christmas.

"Miss no single opportunity of making some small sacrifice, here by a smiling look, there by a kindly word; always doing the smallest right and doing it all for love."

— *Thérèse de Lisieux*



Memorial flowers

Thank you for your kind donations for the memorial flowers that adorn our worship space, your generosity is appreciated.



In communion with family and church, Holy Cross Catholic School will provide our students with a high quality education and a Christ centered approach to the world community.

Message from the principal

Give your children the best Christmas present ever – a Catholic education!

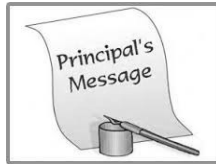
Holy Cross Catholic School is ready for you. Children in Pre-K thru 8th grade receive an exceptional education in a faith-filled environment.

Please contact Allison Carney, Principal at 913-381-7408 or acarney@holycrosscatholicsschool.com to schedule a tour for you and your children.

Enrollment for the 2017-2018 school year opens on January 10th. Tuition assistance is available for parish families. Don't allow finances to be your only deterrent to a Catholic education.

Experience the Difference! Call today.

God Bless,
Allison Carney



Religious Education This Week

Religious Education Classes will not meet on Dec. 26 or Jan. 2. Classes resume on Jan. 9, 2018.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

For questions call Robert Bacic or Patricia Argueta (se habla español) at 381-2757.

Preparation dates

Sunday from 6:15pm - 8:00pm
Jan. 7, 21, and 28

No class January 14, Martin Luther King holiday



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Confirmation retreat Sunday, February 11

Please enter through the northwest door. For questions or to discuss attendance please contact, Heather Roche, hroche@holycrossopks.org



TurnStyles Thrift Store, a ministry of Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas, is excited to announce our new store and donation drop-off site. The store is scheduled

to be open to the public in March of 2018. Donations of gently used clothing, housewares and furniture will be accepted starting Dec. 22 on every Friday and Saturday from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. As a volunteer driven ministry, TurnStyles will need lots of help at the new location. If you are interested in helping please attend a Volunteer Open House on Jan. 26 from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm at the new store. For questions please call 913-433-2100 or email ccnekvolunteers@catholiccharitiesks.org



Scrip will be available to purchase next week in the Parish office for after Christmas sales! Please email Jon Oakes at joakes@holycrossopks.org to arrange a time to come by .

From the Scrip community, we wish you and your family a blessed Christmas season! Thank you for your support of Holy Cross!



Choose Holy Cross as your favorite charity!

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We collect Box Tops for Education and Best Choice UPC labels all year round! Please keep on clipping! Thank you!



The school will be closed for Christmas break until Jan. 2, 2018. See you on Jan. 3, 2018!

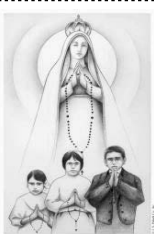
A CHRISTMAS BLESSING, Wilda English, n.d.

God grant you the light of Christmas,
which is faith;
the warmth of Christmas,
which is purity;
the righteousness of Christmas,
which is justice;
the belief in Christmas,
which is truth;
the all of Christmas,
which is Christ.

Blessings to each of you this Christmas season and through the New Year of 2018. Know of our prayers for you. Staff of Keeler Women's Center

First Saturday Devotion

The next First Saturday devotion will be on **Saturday, January 6**. The Rosary will be prayed at 7:05am, Mass at 7:30am, followed by coffee and donuts in the church hall. All are welcome to join.



Art Show at Boulevard Brewery for CEF

The Catholic Education Foundation's Futures' Committee is hosting their annual art event Thursday, February 8, 2018, at the Boulevard Brewery. The CEF Art Event offers an exciting evening of music, food and drink as well as the opportunity to view and bid on professional art along with featured CEF student art. All proceeds from this event go to support the CEF Guardian Angel Fund which provides emergency scholarships for families whose children attend designated Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas. These scholarships help families who have experienced unexpected personal hardships (medical bills, job loss, etc.) that might impact a family's ability to pay their child's Catholic school tuition. For more information please visit www.cefks.org/events/art-event-2018

Project Uplift ~ Join us as we answer the call to feed the homeless. Holy Cross works with Project Uplift, a Kansas City Metro volunteer group whose fundamental belief is that each life matters. Our slot is the first Monday of each month from 4:30 pm - 10:30 pm. Please contact Rich Bontrager at (913) 381-5362 or sign up at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4faea72da2f49-project1>. This is a great opportunity for teens to get service hours.

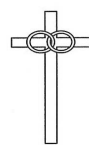
Every Day in Love series starting soon!

Do you need a common sense approach to inviting more joy into your marriage? Every Day in Love is an upbeat series of three-hour sessions which offer positive and affirming insights and fun couple exercises to help couples love smarter not harder. Two new series

begin in January, one in Overland Park and one in Burlington (Saturday, Jan 13 at Holy Spirit at 5:30p, and Sunday, Jan 14 at 1pm at St. Francis) Cost: \$25 /couple per session. Child care is included on limited basis. This empowering series is a featured offering of the Joyful Marriage Project. Register and see more details at www.archkck.org/everyday. Questions: email Brad, bdupont@archkck.org



Marriage Minute



Christmas time is filled with symbols: trees, holly, and of course, the Nativity.

But did you know that if you're married, YOU are a sign too?

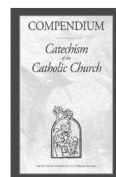
In the Christmas Eve liturgy, the prophet Isaiah tells us, "As a bridegroom rejoices in his bride so shall your God rejoice in you." At Christmas, we celebrate the fact that God does not love us from a distance. He became a baby boy so that he would share all of our joys and sorrows—all our sufferings except sin. As spouses, we proclaim this reality every time we share:

- Joy of our spouse's accomplishments
- Grief of a loss with our spouse
- The weight of an important decision

By entering deeply into our spouse's reality, we shine brightly like the Star of Bethlehem, guiding people to the love of God.

Discover more for your marriage at www.JoyfulMarriageProject.com

Catechism Corner



What was the fall of the angels?

This expression indicates that Satan and the other demons, about which Sacred Scripture and the Tradition of the Church speak, were angels, created good by God. They were, however, transformed into evil because with a free and irrevocable choice they rejected God and his Kingdom, thus giving rise to the existence of hell. They try to associate human beings with their revolt against God. However, God has wrought in Christ a sure victory over the Evil One. Further reading: CCC 391-395, 414

Stewardship Reflection

December 24, 2017

"Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you!" - LUKE 1:28

Faith is a gift from God. Take time in silence and thank Him for all the gifts He has given you. Try to set aside any anger or resentment you have and really open your heart to receive the gift of God's mercy and forgiveness. We can't give what we don't have. We need to receive God's mercy and forgiveness first before we can give it to others.

Misas de Adviento y Navidad

La Nochebuena es un domingo este año. ¿Asistir a Misa de Nochebuena cubre mi obligación de Misa Dominical? No, aún necesitarías asistir ya sea a una Misa de vigilia el sábado, dic. 23 o el domingo, dic. 24 a las 10:00 am o 1:00 pm (Español).

Misas Regulares de Fin de Semana

sábado, diciembre 23, 2017 a las 5:00 pm, 7:00 pm (Español)
domingo, diciembre 24, 2017 at 10:00 am, 1:00 pm (Español)

**Misas Navideñas

diciembre 24

4:30 pm (en la iglesia), 4:30 pm (en el salón),
8:00 pm, 9:30 pm, 11:00 pm (Español)

diciembre 25

Misas Regulares de Fin de Semana

domingo, diciembre 31, 2017 a las 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 11:00 am, 1:00 pm (Español)

Solemnidad de María, Madre de Dios -

Misa de Vigilia el dom, 31 de diciembre a las 5:00 pm,
lunes, enero 1, 2018 10:00 am, 1:00 pm (Español)

**Indica Día Santo de Obligación

Sacramento de Reconciliación en Holy Cross

sábado, diciembre 23 a las 3:30 pm



Celebration es nuestra cena y subasta parroquial que beneficia todos los ministerios de Holy Cross.

sábado, 20 de enero, 2018

Misa bilingüe a las 4:00 pm

Registración a las 5:00 y diversión hasta la 1:00 am

¡Boletos ya a la venta!

¡Acompañanos para una noche de cena, baile y ofertas y diversion! Precio de boleto anticipado \$40/persona. Después \$50/persona y boleto para mayores de 55 a \$45/persona.

También necesitamos de tu tiempo y talento para **Celebration**. Regístrate para alguna area de voluntariado. Si estás interesado en ser voluntario, por favor insíbete hablando a la oficina de la parroquia.

Encuentro

La Iglesia Holy Cross es una comunidad diversa y acogedora, unida en la fe Católica y comprometida en formar a la gente en la imagen de Cristo, para servir mejor al Señor y al prójimo.

MISAS EN ESPAÑOL:

sábados 7 pm; domingos 1 pm, miércoles 7 pm

MISAS EN INGLÉS:

sábados 5:00 pm y domingos 7:30 am, 9 am y 11 am

RECONCILIACIÓN (BILINGÜE):

miércoles 6:00—7:00 pm, sábados 3:30—4:30 pm y domingos: 12:15 pm— 12:45 pm

MATRIMONIOS:

Llaman a la parroquia 6 meses antes de la fecha en que desean casarse para programar la primera entrevista con el sacerdote.

BAUTISMOS:

Usualmente el 4º domingo del mes, después de la misa de la 1:00 pm. Comuníquese con la oficina para confirmar fechas y para registrarse.

PLÁTICA PRE-BAUTISMAL:

Padres y padrinos tomarán una clase de preparación, el 1^{er} sábado del mes, **9:30 am**. Favor de **NO** traer niños. **Deben anotarse con anticipación para plática y bautizo**, llamando a la oficina de la iglesia.

SERVICIOS EN ESPAÑOL:

Nuestra recepcionista habla español. Llaman directo a la oficina de la iglesia, **381-2755**, lunes—jueves, 9am—3pm, viernes 9am—12:00 pm.

Lecturas del próximo domingo:

SIR 3:2-6, 12-14 COL 3:12-21 LK 2:22-40

Esta Semana:

miércoles—Grupo de Oración 5:45 pm

jueves—Legión de María 6:00 pm

viernes—Estudio Bíblico 7:00 pm

Próximamente:

Dic 24 Misa de Gallo en Nochebuena 11pm

Ene 6 Clase Pre-Bautismal - Inscribirse con anticipación

Ene 10 Hora Santa ~ Devoción al Sagrado Corazón

Ene 20 Celebration

Ene 27 Hora Santa ~ Padres y Madres Orantes

Estimados Feligreses,

¡Les deseo Feliz Navidad y Feliz Año Nuevo! Durante 2018, estaremos observando el 50 aniversario de nuestra parroquia. Lo más destacado ocurrirá en el festival parroquial, el 8 de septiembre, cuando celebremos nuestra fiesta parroquial, la Exaltación de la Santa Cruz. Ojalá, sin embargo, habrá otras maneras de enfatizar este importante punto en la vida de nuestra parroquia. ¿Tal vez tienes una idea?



Padre Mike

Educación Religiosa Esta Semana

Las clases de Educación Religiosa no se reunirán el 26 de diciembre o el 2 de enero. Las clases se reanudan el 9 de enero, 2018. ¡Feliz Navidad y Próspero Año Nuevo!

Para preguntas, comuníquese con Robert Bacic al 381-2755, ext 111 o Patricia Argueta (para español) al 381-2757, 117.

Fechas de Preparación

Domingos de 6:15pm - 8:00pm
enero 7, 21, y 28

No habrá clase el 14 de enero, Día de Martin Luther King



¡MARCA TU CALENDARIO!

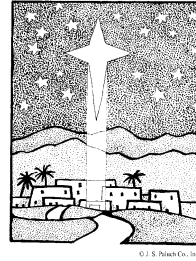
Retiro de Confirmación domingo, 11 de febrero

Favor de entrar por la puerta noroeste de la iglesia. Para preguntas o para discutir la asistencia a clase, contacte a Heather Roche, hroche@holycrossopks.org



La Oficina de la Parroquia tendrá horario reducido durante las próximas dos semanas para que nuestro personal pueda pasar tiempo con sus familias durante las vacaciones de Navidad. Siéntase libre de enviarnos un correo electrónico con sus preguntas o inquietudes o establecer un horario para pasar a hablar con un miembro del personal. churchoffice@holycrossopks.org
cbustos@holycrossopks.org

¡Oramos para que todos tengan una temporada Navideña saludable y bendecida!



Misa de Gallo en Nochebuena

Esté presente con Jesús en su nacimiento, ¿qué mejor manera de mostrarle nuestro amor? El **Padre Saiki** viaja a Kansas desde Roma y estará aquí en Holy Cross para celebrar la Misa de Gallo en Nochebuena con nuestra comunidad hispana a las **11:00 pm**. Le invitamos a que nos acompañe el **24 de diciembre** y aproveche para saludar al Padre Saiki.

¡Hagamos un sacrificio por Él, quien dio su vida por nosotros!

Misas de Navidad en Español en JOCO ~ diciembre 25

- 1:00 pm Holy Cross
- 12:15pm Buen Pastor (Shawnee)
- 12:30pm San Pablo (Olathe)

RETIROS

Retiro de IMPACTO para Familias

La Parroquia del Buen Pastor en Shawnee ofrece el retiro de Impacto para familias el fin de semana del 24-25 de febrero, 2018. Para registrarse o para más información, llamar a Anabella al (913) 563-5312.

Retiro de RETROVAILLE en Español—Wichita, KS

El retiro Retrouvaille provee ayuda a parejas con problemas matrimoniales, en dificultades o en crisis. Para más información acerca del programa Retrouvaille y futuros retiros, llamar a Julián y María al (623) 418-0676 o visitar el sitio web www.HelpOurMarriage.com



Misa para el Día Mundial de Migrantes y Refugiados

domingo, 14 de enero ~ 12:00pm

El **Arzobispo Joseph Naumann** celebrará una misa especial para la campaña *“Share the Journey” (Compartir el Camino)* en la Parroquia de Cure of Ars, 9401 Mission Rd, Leawood, KS 66206. Todas las comunidades migrantes están invitadas. Si un grupo nacional (México, Guatemala, Perú, Colombia, etc.) quiere participar en el evento y en el social multicultural que se llevará acabo después de la misa, por favor comuníquese lo antes posible con el P. Gianì (913) 634 1480.

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