

# 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. & Thurs. (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,

Last week I was happy to report that Julie Dresser had received the Outstanding DRE of the Year Award. This week I was surprised and happy to learn that Melissa McCarty has been named Catechist of the Year for the Archdiocese of Kansas City. Melissa assists with Confirmation preparation for our young people. Congratulations Melissa! These two awards highlight the good work of formation that is happening in our catechetical program here at Holy Cross.

These past days I participated in two meetings for our Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist. I expressed my gratitude to these generous men and women for their faithful service at the altar. You might have noticed that I have made a few small changes in the celebration of Mass, and it is my hope that these training sessions with the Extraordinary Ministers will help us to have a united vision. I am grateful to Terry Dressman for arranging these meetings. Similar training sessions will be held for altar servers in the near future.

The Finance Council recently decided to approve payment of an outstanding debt to the Leaven. As you may know already, it is the policy of the Archdiocese of Kansas City that one copy of the Leaven is sent each week to every family enrolled in the parish as a means of evangelization. This service, however, is not free!! Holy Cross Parish is assessed \$18.00 dollars for each subscription, and our total for the past year came to \$10,000 dollars. Praise God, we are currently caught up with what we owed, but a new assessment for the current year ought to be coming to our parish soon. I encourage each family to calculate this fee into your annual giving program.

A few parishioners have suggested installing a rail on either side of the sanctuary in order to assist those who might have difficulty in ascending and descending the stairs. This is a great idea. It was discussed and approved at the last Finance Council meeting. We hope to see railings in the not-too-distant future.

As I mentioned in the past, I would like to begin a catechesis of the liturgical changes coming in Advent 2011. These columns will examine different parts of the Mass where there will be noticeable differences; I hope to do a short historical overview of each change so that it can be understood in the larger context of Tradition.

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**READINGS & FAITH SHARING QUESTIONS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time:**

Exodus 17: 8-13; 2 Timothy 3: 14—4: 2; Luke 18: 1-8.  
**Questions for Adults:** What role has Scripture played in the course of your life? **For Children:** What is your favorite Bible passage? What does it mean to you?

**STEWARDSHIP:** “No servant can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other or be attentive to the one and despise the other.” (Luke 16:13)

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE:**

	October 3, 2010	Fiscal YTD
Needed	\$28,800	\$403,200
Collected	33,629	347,823
Over/(Under)	4829	(55,377)
Special Donations	1389	

**St.Helen’s Circle meeting** is Tues., Oct.12, 7pm at the home of Sandra Kelly, 9004 W. 89th St., 341-5437. New members welcome.

Fri., Oct.14, we will serve pasta casserole, salad, fruit, & cookies to the hungry at **ST.MARY’S FOOD KITCHEN**.

Please join us in praying the **ROSARY before daily Mass** every Mon.-Sat.. We will **begin 20 minutes before each Mass**. On Mondays only, we will begin at 8:30am with Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions followed by the rosary. On Fridays we will pray the Rosary for Life.

Ladies, if you are looking for an opportunity to increase your **CIRCLE OF FRIENDS** at Holy Cross along with becoming more active in our parish, consider joining one of our many “Circles.” Featured this month is one of our newest circles - Our Lady of Guadalupe. Margie Garcia and her daughter, JoAnn (Holy Cross parishioners since the 1980s), organized this circle in 2008. Members of Our Lady of Guadalupe Circle share their joy and generosity throughout the year in many ways but are best known for the Friday evening Lenten meal which they prepare and serve along with the wonderful Mexican banquet which they prepare and serve at the parish festival each year. If you are interested and would like to find out more about this “circle of friends”, please call Grace Ann, 341-7182 or Margie, 685-9714. They would love to tell you more about Our Lady of Guadalupe Circle and invite you (and your friends) to a circle meeting to give you an opportunity to get acquainted with the members.

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Traditionally the month of October has a Marian flavor due to the feasts of Our Lady of the Rosary (Oct.7th) and the last apparition of Our Lady of Fatima (Oct.13th). I invite each family to consider praying the Rosary together during this beautiful time of the year.

**SUNSHINE CLUB Breakfast social hour/dinner** for Oct. will be Wed., Oct.27, 4pm at “Bravo’s,” 5005 W.117th (north side of Town Center Plaza, next to “The Loft”). Please sign up or call Mary, 648-1482.

## Religious Education

**Families Growing in Faith Together** will meet again this Tues., Oct.12, 6:45-8:15pm in Pflumm Hall. Do bring the binder we gave you last week. We appreciate you making other arrangements for the care of your youngest children who are not in one of our classes, as we have limited space for childcare at the school.

**Confirmation classes** for the 2010-2011 school year will begin NEXT Sunday, Oct.17. Only students who were enrolled last year and students who have already turned in registration forms should attend. High School Students will meet 6pm to 7:30pm. This is a change in time from last year! 7th and 8th grade students will continue to meet 6:30pm to 8pm. We will meet at Holy Cross School on 95th St. Enter building through back parking lot, accessed on EAST side of building. Please follow signs and traffic guides for drop off and pick-up. We want to ensure everyone’s safety! Call Sandy with any questions.

## 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 has begun!** Our meeting dates for October include the 20th and 27th. This month, we meet at Homers Coffeeshouse on the 13th. All meetings are from 7-8:15pm.

**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.

**PROJECT UPLIFT...**an outreach to those homeless in KC. We need adults and teens the first Monday of each month—contact Sandy if interested. We meet at Holy Cross at 4:30pm and return between 9pm & 9:30pm. Eat dinner before you come, bring bottled water, & 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

**Our 2011 Mission trip for Summer 2011 is planned!** We will travel to Twin Cities, MN, June 12-18, and work with Catholic Heart Workcamp. Students entering 9th grade in Fall of 2011 are eligible to attend. Non-refundable \$75 deposit will hold your spot. Total cost for 7 days lodging, food, and transportation is \$400. We will have several fundraising opportunities throughout year. Act now. This trip filled before Dec. last year. Contact Sandy for more info.

**MOTHER TERESA CIRCLE FRIENDSHIP TEA:** Ladies, please join us for a Luncheon Sat., Nov.6, 10:30am at Holy Cross School - Pflumm Hall. Our guest speakers this year are authors of the book “Four Ordinary Women.” Tickets are \$10/person. Please make checks payable to Mother Teresa Circle. For info and to make reservations, call or e-mail Maxine Rodriguez, 913-383-2014 ([Maxine@rmckc.com](mailto:Maxine@rmckc.com)) or Donna Heit, 913-402-6843 ([Dheit@kc.rr.com](mailto:Dheit@kc.rr.com)).

**Pancake Breakfast to Benefit Sisters, Servants of Mary**—Pancake and sausage breakfast, Sun., Oct.24, 8am-1pm, St.Patrick’s Parish Hall, 94th & State Ave., KC, KS. \$6 for adults; \$4 for children under 10 years old. Bake sale, apple strudels for sale & Variety booth, Call 913-371-3423 for more info.

**Please Pray for Those Asking for Prayers:** David Ferguson, Kevin Haeusser, Thomas Hill, Mason Kempf, Rhonda Martin, Eric Monello, Rickey Payne, Lu Sheehan, Ginny Shepard, and Amber Weaver.

## **Rest in Peace**

Prayers requested for **Dr. Joe Rydzal & Marcia Werp**, both of Holy Cross; & **Edwin F. White**, formerly of HC.

## **Mass Intentions For The Week**

<b>Monday</b>	9:00 a.m.	Shawn Wickersham
<b>Tuesday</b>	6:30 a.m.	Stella Seamands
	8:15 a.m.	Paul Rieger (at school)
	6:00 p.m.	Mary Callaghan (Spanish)
<b>Wednesday</b>	9:00 a.m.	Eunice & Frank Addington
<b>Thursday</b>	6:30 a.m.	Deanna Mercer Warren
	8:15 a.m.	Teresa Tu (at school)
<b>Friday</b>	9:00 a.m.	Maria Gai Vu
<b>Saturday</b>	7:30 a.m.	Charles J. Haas
	5:00 p.m.	Thomas Jaskot
<b>Sunday</b>	7:30 a.m.	People of the Parish
	9:00 a.m.	Mary Pasqualino
	11:00 a.m.	Edward Humphrey
	2:00 p.m.	Hector Acosta (Spanish)

**What's New in CDs?** October finds 8 new titles to choose from, including "The Holy Rosary" which recites the rosary and is great in the car or for bedtime prayers, "Praying the Rosary like Never Before" by a nationally sought dynamic speaker, Dr. Edward Sri, who provides strategies for praying the Rosary better, so that you can encounter Jesus more deeply in this prayer, we also have 2 great CD recordings of Blessed Mother Teresa AND two new CatChat CDs on Saints and Angels for our 3-11 year olds. We ask for a \$3 donation to keep this program growing. Questions? Call Brenda 913-649-6442.

**On first Saturday of every month, Ascension** (127th & Grant, between Switzer & Antioch) has a **rosary at 8am, followed by Mass around 8:30am. Then there is a group of individuals that go over to Planned Parenthood and start praying at 9:30.** If you are unable to join them for Mass, feel free to come to Planned Parenthood at 9:30 to pray with them.



Holy Baptism

**CONGRATULATIONS to the following people who were baptized here at Holy Cross in July & August:**

Ricardo Antonio Avendano López, Diego Uriel Cano García, Kimberly Donínguez Mendoza, Gael Gerardo García Torres, Kristina Hernández Chávez, Ashley Lara Martínez, Viridiana Oretón Rodríguez, Brit-tany Gizel Sánchez, Davenet Jeanette Sánchez, Bryan G. Santiago Mendoza, Amirley Ashley Cruz Torrecilla, Se-lene del Valle Urbietta, Stephanie Geral Jaime Torrecilla, Alexander William Martínez, Diana Selena Pinto Vidal, Oswaldo Jesús Rico Cortes, Genesis Rincon Robledo, Evan Joaquin Franzm, Melissa Betsabeth Vargas Torres, Yadira García Armas, Victoria Paz González, Donatello Alekzander Morales Hernández, Erick Paulino Hernández, Dayami Jiménez Carrillo, Antony Alexander López Rodríguez, Victor Enrique Martínez, Brian Molina Soria, Uriel Molina Soria, Allan Aldair Ortiz, Dominick Vazquez Mendieta, Venus María Aguilar Arellano, Juiver Vladimir Fernández, Joselin Islas, Alex Pérez Martínz, Anderson Bernardo Trinidad, Brandon Alcides Trinidad, Elmer Alexis Trinidad, Cristian Andrew Rangel, Isaac Matthew Rangel, David Alberto Argueta Melgar, Greg-ory Paul Farrell.



**CONGRATULATIONS to the following people who were married here at Holy Cross in July and August:**

José Alberto Chincilla and Rosalba Segovia  
 Víctor Manuel Domínguez and Araceli Peralta  
 Cavic Lawrence Hutchens and Jessica Marie Imholte  
 Hector Robles López and Teresa Sánchez Herrera  
 Luis Contreras and Adriana Ordaz

**Our newly renovated nursery will be re-opening on November 7th, for the 9am, 11am, & 2pm Masses.**

**Volunteers needed:** We need nursery caregivers for all three masses. All youths 13 years and older are eligible to receive service hours for your time serving in the nursery. We are also in need of Adult caregivers. For the 9am and 11am mass you may contact Pat Sheldon at 642-2997. pat.sheldon@yahoo.com, or the office. Please contact the office for volunteering for the 2:00 Hispanic mass.

**Children's Toys:** Do you have any gently used children's toys or play furniture you would like to donate to our new nursery? Call Pat Sheldon, 642-2997, or the office.

**After School Care Job Opportunity:** Holy Cross After School Care looking for part-time Lead Teacher with or seeking Early Childhood Education or Education degree. Elementary Education Degree. Should have or be avail-able to receive CPR, First Aid, and VIRTUS training. General Hours 2:45-5:45 M-F. Please contact Anette Growney, 381-7408 x29.

## School News

Beginning Oct.6th the school will be selling sets of Spirit Cups. Proceeds will go to our Technology Fund (Smart Boards) and Building Fund (windows and air condition-ing). The cups come in sets of 4 for \$15/set. You can order cups for all NFL, MLB and major colleges and uni-versities. These would be great gifts. You can place an order after all the Masses this weekend or by calling the school office at 913-381-7408. The cups will be deliv-ered to the school before Thanksgiving. We will call you when they arrive so you can stop by the school to pick them up.

Please join us for our Respect Life All School Mass on Oct.8 at 9am in church. The Little Sisters of the Lamb will be joining us and will be singing with our student choir. After mass the Sisters will come to school to visit with the children. They will be talking about their voca-tion and explaining the mission of their religious order.

Upcoming Events:

- Oct.6-21 Spirit Cup Sale
- Oct.8 Respect Life All School Mass 9am at Church
- Oct.11 Archdiocesan Teacher In-Service No School
- Oct.21 Twilight Madness Tailgate & Volleyball Tournament
- Oct.22 Teacher In-Service (School of Faith) No School
- Oct.27-28 Parent Teacher Conferences
- Oct.29 No School Trunk or Treat 5pm Church Parking Lot

Our office hours are 8:00am to 4:00pm on school days. You may purchase SCRIP certificates and Trash Bags during our office hours.



**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.

## “Encuentro”

### ANUNCIOS

#### **DEL PADRE ROBERTO:**

Hermanos y hermanas:

La semana pasada estuve feliz de informar que Julie Dresser había recibido el premio sobresaliente del Año como DRE. Esta semana me sorprendí y me sentí feliz de saber que Melissa McCarthy ha sido nombrado catequista del Año de la Arquidiócesis de Kansas City. Melissa ayuda con la preparación de la Confirmación para los jóvenes. Felicidades Melissa! Estos dos premios destacar el buen trabajo de formación que está sucediendo en nuestro programa de catequesis aquí en Santa Cruz.

Estos últimos días he participado en dos reuniones de nuestros Extraordinarios Ministros de la Eucaristía. Yo expresé mi gratitud a estos hombres y mujeres generosos por su fiel servicio en el altar. Usted puede haber notado que he hecho unos cambios pequeños en la celebración de la misa, y es mi esperanza de que estas sesiones de entrenamiento con los Extraordinarios Ministros nos ayuden a tener una visión unida. Doy las gracias a Terry Dressman de organizar estas reuniones. Sesiones de entrenamiento similares se llevarán a cabo para los servidores del altar en un futuro próximo.

El Consejo de Finanzas recientemente decidió aprobar el pago de una deuda pendiente con el periódico Leaven. Como ustedes saben ya, que es la política de la Arquidiócesis de Kansas City que una copia del periódico Leaven se envía cada semana a todas las familias inscritas en la parroquia como un medio de evangelización. Este servicio, sin embargo, no es gratis! La Parroquia de La Santa Cruz paga un costo de \$ 18.00 dólares por cada suscripción, y el total del año pasado llego a ser \$ 10,000 dólares. Alabado sea Dios, estamos atrapados todavía en lo que debemos, pero una nueva evaluación para el año en curso debería estar llegando a nuestra parroquia pronto. Animo a cada familia para que calcule este monto dentro de su programa de donaciones anuales.

Algunos feligreses han sugerido la instalación de pasamanos a cada lado del santuario con el fin de ayudar a los que podrían tener dificultades para subir y bajar las escaleras. Esta es una gran idea. Se discutió y se aprobó en la última reunión del Consejo de Finanzas. Esperamos ver los pasamanos en un futuro no muy lejano.

Como ya he dicho en el pasado, me gustaría comenzar unos cambios en la catequesis litúrgica que vienen para Adviento del 2011. Estas columnas examinarán las diferentes partes de la Misa en el que habrá diferencias notables, espero hacer una breve reseña histórica de cada cambio para que pueda ser entendido en el contexto más amplio de la Tradición.

Tradicionalmente el mes de octubre tiene un sabor mariano debido a las fiestas de Nuestra Señora del Rosario (Oct.7) y la última aparición de Nuestra Señora de Fátima (Oct.13). Invito a cada familia a considerar rezar el Rosario juntos durante este tiempo hermoso del año.

#### **LECTURAS Y PREGUNTAS PARA COMPARTIR LA FE EL PRÓXIMO** **DOMINGO - Octubre 17, 2010 - 29° Domingo Ordinario:**

Exodo 17: 8-13; 2 Timoteo 3:14—4:2; Lucas 18: 1-8

**Preguntas de Adultos semanales para Compartir la Fe:** ¿Qué rol han tenido las Escrituras en el curso de sus vidas?

**Preguntas para los Niños:** ¿Cuál es su pasaje de la Biblia favorito? ¿Qué significa para ustedes?

**Para más información vea el revés de esta página**

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**INTENCIONES PARA LAS MISAS:** Martes, 10/12, 6:00 p.m.: Mary Callaghan  
Domingo, 10/17, 2:00 p.m.: Hector Acosta

### EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA:

**Las clases de Ed. Religiosa de 1° a 6° Grados empezarán el martes 5 de Octubre, en el salón Pflumm de la Escuela Holy Cross.** Preguntas: Julie, 461-0726.

**Nuestros niños necesitan:** ¡más jóvenes y adultos para poder celebrar nuestras clases! Necesitamos catequistas, ayudantes de clases y personas para cuidado de niños. Llamen a Julie, 461-0726, email: [jdresser@holycrossopks.org](mailto:jdresser@holycrossopks.org)

**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).*

**HOSPITALITY ROCK II !!!** It's true. Fr. Mark and Fr. Kent O'Connor will return to Holy Cross with Stephanie Pino-Dressman in their new band, The Mama and the Padres the evening of Fri., 11/12. Dinner catered by RJ's Bob-Be-Que Shack will be served at 6:30 followed by entertainment. If you attended the original Hospitality Rock, then you know this is something you don't want to miss. Proceeds will benefit Johnson County Interfaith hospitality Network, a non-profit with a mission to empower families challenged by homelessness. Reservations are needed by 11/3. A donation of \$15 payable to IHN will reserve your seat & dinner. A donation of \$200 payable to IHN will reserve a table of 8. Send your check today to Kathy Keary, 803 Chisam Rd., Kearney, MO 64060. (Questions: 816-903-1225, [keary@fairpoint.net](mailto:keary@fairpoint.net))

**AN INVITATION TO YOU:** Benedictine Sisters of Mount St. Scholastica are pleased to extend an invitation to pastors, parish staff, teachers in Catholic Schools, religion department chairs, and all parishioners to the 14th Mary L. Fellin lecture at the O'Malley-McAllister Auditorium, Benedictine College, Atchison, KS on Sun., Oct. 10, 7:30pm. The title of the talk is **Christ and the Earth: Prepare to be Astonished.** The presenter is Sr. Elizabeth Johnson, CSJ. This presentation will be well worth the trip to Atchison! Dr. Johnson holds the position of Distinguished Professor of Theology at Fordham University. She holds several honorary doctorates and has been the recipient of many awards. She is a religious sister in the Congregation of St. Joseph. She serves on several editorial boards and has published many essays in scholarly journals. Her 2008 book "Quest for the Living God" received 1st place from Catholic Press Assoc. Following talk, refreshments served.

The Women of Nativity are making a **PILGRIMAGE TO ST. PHILIPPINE DUCHESNE** in Mound City, KS, Tues., Oct. 12, with Fr. Jerry Arano-Ponce. Men of the parish are invited and welcome to attend also. The bus will leave Nativity parking lot at 9am and return by 3pm. Fr. Jerry will say Mass at 10:30am. Lunch is provided. Cost is \$25/person. Make check payable to Women of Nativity and send payment to Ruth Sobek at 12804 Russell St., Leawood, KS 66209. Questions? Call Ruth Sobek, 681-8290.

**Catholic Youth Organization:** We want to know what YOU think! The executive Director of the CYO will be hosting three "**Listening Sessions**" at the following dates & locations. These meetings are an opportunity for anyone to come and share their thoughts, experiences of ideas for the CYO. It will be a fantastic opportunity to have your voice heard by the organization. Please plan to attend one of the following: Mon., Oct. 11 @ Bishop Miede Auditorium, 6:30-8:30pm; Mon., Oct. 18 @ Holy Spirit Church (Gymnasium), 6:30-8:30pm; Thurs., Oct. 21 @ Cathedral of St. Peter/Resurrection School (Spurlock Hall), 7-9pm.

**Catholic Youth Organization (CYO)** of Johnson & Wyandotte Counties in KS is seeking energetic, faith-filled applicants for **position of Administrative Assistant** to the Executive Director. This position will provide administrative support to the Executive Director and all CYO programs. Responsibilities include assisting with league registration and management, presentation, and meeting preparation, answering phone calls and emails, communicating with parishes and other CYO constituents, some fiscal duties, and other tasks as assigned. The Administrative Assistant is expected to be a registered and active member of his or her Catholic parish. Complete job description and application available on [www.cyojwa.org](http://www.cyojwa.org).

**Week 28 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 and know her voice. My umbilical cord transports 300 quarts of fluid/day and completes round-trip of fluids every 30 seconds. I suck my thumb. **By Week 19** I may cover eyes if bright light on mother's abdomen. I may cover ears if very loud noise. I hear my mom's soothing lullaby. 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 our heartbeats. **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. **By Week 22** I liked to suck my thumb & listen to Mom read to me. My brain was growing really fast & I weighed nearly a pound.

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**Next week will again bring something new for Chris.**

**TurnStyles Thrift Store/Catholic Charities of NE KS,** at 9750 W.87th St. in Overland Park, has exciting activities scheduled for this fall, and we're looking for volunteers to join us not only in helping serve our community, but also having a lot of fun doing it as well!

**Antique Enthusiasts:** TurnStyles is partnering with a local antique mall to sell select items that will generate additional revenue to help support Catholic Charities' valuable programs. If you have an interest in antiques and want to join a team of antique lovers, call us at 913-645-6943.

**Retail Volunteers:** TurnStyles thrift store is preparing for the busy fall season and are needing merchandisers, sorters, cashiers, & others interested in helping with our retail activities. Come check us out by attending a 30-minute informational orientation meeting each Monday, Friday, & Saturday at 11:30am at the store. We're looking for students, adults, and groups to come join in the fun!

Turnstyles is directly across the street from the main Johnson County Library. Hours are Monday-Saturday, 10am-6pm. All proceeds from TurnStyles go directly to Catholic Charities of Northeast KS to help fund over 20 programs serving the community. For more info, please call us at 913-909-2735.