

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,

I would like to thank Anne Lawrence for volunteering to take over as Coordinator of our Perpetual Adoration Program. Anne will assume the responsibility of this important apostolate that was previously overseen by Lu Sheehan, who recently passed away – may she rest in peace. All of us are beneficiaries of the graces that come from Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in our parish, and each one of us has the duty to pray for Anne and all those generous men, women, and children who dedicate one Hour per week (or more) for Adoration.

When I first arrived in the parish I was immediately struck by how many activities and groups there are at Holy Cross. It has been a challenge for me to visit or meet with the participants of these different groups that speak both English and Spanish. However, I must admit that I have been able to pray for everyone before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Our little Adoration Chapel is really the heart of Holy Cross!

As you know, there are 168 hours in every week. This means that we need 168 volunteers to cover all the days of the week at Adoration! Furthermore, it is best for each hour to have at least two people present so that when one needs to be absent due to sickness, vacation, etc., the other person can cover the hour for them. Currently, we have most of the hours filled...this is an incredible blessing for Holy Cross!! Still, we are always looking for new members to join this supernatural club!

Last week the parish staff members began moving into their newly renovated offices in the church basement. Apart from some furniture rearrangement and a faulty fire alarm (which brought a fire engine and firefighters to Holy Cross early one Sunday morning), the adjustment has been fairly smooth, praise God. A class will be held in the near future to explain how to use the newly remodeled kitchen. Once the final touches are put on the kitchen we will host a “newly renovated church basement” party. Thanks for your generosity in helping support this important church project.

Holy Cross Parish accepts Mass stipends for particular intentions of the faithful – living and deceased. This is according to the Code of Canon Law #945, which states:

In accordance with the approved custom of the Church, any priest who celebrates or concelebrates A Mass may accept an offering to apply the Mass For a specific intention.

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READINGS & FAITH SHARING QUESTIONS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time:

Malachi 3:19-20a; 2Thessalonians. 3:7-12; Luke 21:5-19.

Questions for Adults: How would you feel if the day of God’s coming were today? **For Children:** When have you seen God’s power at work? What was that like?

ADORATION CHAPEL: The following hours are still available for prayer: Sunday: 2pm, 5pm; Mon.: 2am, 3am; Wed.: 3pm. Also needed: 1 or 2 persons to clean the chapel on a weekly basis. Requires about a half hour. Call Anne Lawrence, 649-2049

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE:

	October 31, 2010	Fiscal YTD
Needed	\$28,800	\$518,400
Collected	22,364	452,184
Over/(Under)	(6436)	(66,216)
Special Donations	683	

DO YOU SING? Our choirs are in need of some extra voices for the holidays. If you’d like to share in this wonderful stewardship opportunity, please call Rick Worms at 816-835-7441. There really is nothing like singing in a choir for the holidays.

Join us for an Advent Retreat on Tues., Nov. 30, 7:00-9:00 p.m., in the church. It will be led by Denise Simeone and Cele Breen, SCL, and will focus on the theme “it is the hour now for you to awake from sleep” (Romans 13:11). Advent does not simply suggest changes to our lives, it demands it. If we are to be challenged by the Scriptures of this liturgical year of Matthew, Advent is our wake up call. The evening retreat is free to Holy Cross parishioners who register in advance through the Church Office. Anyone registering at the door will pay a \$15 registration fee.

Please Help/ Fall Cleanup in the Meditation Garden: We need your help, individuals, families, scout groups, school service hours. Sat., Nov.13, 12-3pm. Bring rakes, pruners, and gloves. Contact Patti Taylor for more info, 648-8174. Thanks.

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The acceptance of Mass stipends creates an obligation in justice that must be satisfied. You may have noticed that I try to mention the specific intention at the beginning of each Mass; these intentions are also listed in the weekly bulletin. It should be noted, however, that priests helping out in the parish might not mention the intention at the beginning of Mass or at all – on occasion I have also forgotten to mention it! Nevertheless, each Mass celebrated at Holy Cross has one principal intention, even if it was not mentioned.

First Reconciliation Parent Meeting in English is scheduled for Thurs., Nov. 11th, at 7:00 p.m. in Pflumm Hall at the School. This is for parents only. Childcare is available by calling the Rel. Ed. Office at 461-0726. At least one parent or guardian of children preparing for First Communion in May 2011 needs to attend.

Religious Education

Afternoon Classes for children in Gr. 1-6 will continue to meet at Holy Cross School until the Church hall and classrooms are completed and furnished.

Families Growing in Faith Together will meet this Tues., Nov. 9th at 6:45 p.m. in Pflumm Hall. This is a change in the schedule you received in your binders the first gathering.

Confirmation classes meet Nov.7, Nov.14, and Nov.21. We will not meet on the 28th due to Thanksgiving holiday. Remember, high school students meet 6pm to 7:30 pm. 7th & 8th grade students meet 6:30 pm to 8pm. We will be meeting at Holy Cross School and plan to return to the church in December. Thank you for your patience and flexibility during this time of transition.

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.

Holy Cross Highschoolers meet Wed., Nov.10, at Homers, 7-8:30pm. Bring \$\$ for a smoothie, shake or dessert. This is our time to socialize in a warm and inviting environment. We will have table activities, but also time for conversation. "Regular" youth group meets on the 17th & 24th. Let's hope we can return to our renovated youth room soon! Stay tuned for details.

Servant Saturday event for November will be on a Tues. evening. We will volunteer at Harvesters on Nov.23. Sign up early. We are almost full.. We will meet at 5pm and carpool to Harvesters warehouse where we assist with stocking, packing, sorting food for area food pantries. We will return before 9pm. The perfect event to remind us of our blessings and thanksgivings. We also need parent chaperones & drivers.

With the start of youth group, our need for snacks and drinks returns. We will be meeting a 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.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN CORNER
 "Our Family, Our Future"
UPDATE:
 Total Pledged: \$2,084,592
 Total Received: \$1,423,538

Mission 2011 is set! 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.

Beautiful Catholic-themed Christmas cards available for order all of November. Cards will be available before Thanksgiving. 50% of proceeds benefit Mission Trip 2011. The other 50% supports Conception Abbey in NE Missouri. Look for us after mass or email Sandy for info.

Holy Cross School would like to invite any active or retired members of the US Military to celebrate mass in Pflumm Hall on Veteran's Day, Nov.11, at 8:15am. Coffee and donuts will be served immediately following mass. Please call Kathleen DeKraai with any questions, 913-599-6395.

St.Benedict's Circle will meet Sat., Nov.13, 10:00am at church in Conference Room by elevator to prepare tags and tree for our Christmas Project for Children's Center.

Please Pray for Those Asking for Prayers: Ed Barton, Mary Cerkey, David Ferguson, Kevin Haeusser, Thomas Hill, Rickey Payne, John Rhoades, and Ginny Shepard.

Rest in Peace 

Prayers are requested for **Joy Ann Hodes** of Holy Cross, and **Rhonda Martin**, wife of Mike Martin.

Mass Intentions For The Week 

Monday	9:00 a.m.	Dick Sandlin
Tuesday	6:30 a.m.	Mary Pasqualino
	8:15 a.m.	Wilma Likem (at school)
	6:00 p.m.	Gary Strahl (Spanish)
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Children of the World
Thursday	6:30 a.m.	Rhonda Martin
	8:15 a.m.	JoAnn Power (at school)
Friday	9:00 a.m.	Rosetta (Sadie) Armilio
Saturday	7:30 a.m.	Charles J. Haas
	5:00 p.m.	Eileen Cavanaugh
Sunday	7:30 a.m.	Virginia Kerkvliet
	9:00 a.m.	Eunice & Frank Addington
	11:00 a.m.	People of the Parish
	2:00 p.m.	Nancy Hittner (Spanish)

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.

Fr. Bob and Holy Cross parishioners pray the Rosary at 9:30am on the first Saturday of every month at Planned Parenthood, 4401 W. 109th St, just south of 435 & Roe near Fox Hill Medical Center. Please come join us.

Fr.Mark Mertes & Fr.Kent O'Connor return to Hospitality Rock 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. Location: Holy Cross Catholic School, 8101 W.95th St., Overland Park. **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 **\$25** 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) If you are unable to Attend, but would like to contribute to the IHN mission, checks are welcome at above address.

Our newly renovated nursery will be re-opening on November 21st, 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 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.

ADVENT-CHRISTMAS PROJECT: Next week a tree in narthex will again be filled with tags for families of St.Benedict's Special Children Center. You have the opportunity to buy for someone who other wise would not receive a Christmas gift. Return the gift unwrapped with tag attached, and place it under the tree before Dec.6. This year there are tags to help the center with many needs. It will be labeled St.Benedict center needs. Some tags say like new or gently used items may be accepted. Put these also under the tree with tag attached. St.Benedict's Circle will collect and deliver the gifts. Gift cards for only Walmart and Price Chopper can be used because of their location and the lack of transportation. For further info, call Mary Ann Meert, 642-3954, or Yvonne Matousek, 642-7911.

Save this date for FRIDAY FUN NIGHT at Holy Cross School on Fri., Nov.19: Don't miss Food, Fun and Bingo. Hosted by the 2011 Graduation Class.

Don't miss this opportunity to fall in love with your spouse 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 it can be. The next Weekend will be held Nov.19-21 at the Capital Plaza hotel in Topeka, KS. For more info call Ralph & Jan Lewis (KC) at 913-400-7173. register on-line at www.wwmesection9.org.

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 available 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

Do you shop at Hy-Vee? Do you purchase Procter & Gamble and Sara Lee products? If you do, you can help Holy Cross School win a Smart Board for our computer lab. For every \$200 in Procter & Gamble products you purchase you will earn 100 point. Save your receipt and then login to www.hy-vee.com to donate your points to Holy Cross Catholic School. You may also win a MacBook for yourself. The contest ends Nov. 30th. We are currently in first place. For more information read go to the following website and read our school newsletter. Thanks for your support. <http://hccs.eduk12.net/newsletter/newsletter%20October%202021.pdf>

Upcoming Events:

- Nov. 10 School Play 1:30pm in the gym
- Nov. 11 School Play 1:30pm & 7:00pm in the gym
- Nov. 19 Mid-Quarter – Noon Dismissal
- Nov. 22 & 23 EEC Thanksgiving Celebrations
- Nov. 23 All School Mass
- Nov. 23 Mid-Quarter Grades Out
- Nov. 24 – 26 Thanksgiving Break – No School EEC & K-8
- Nov. 28 First Sunday of Advent
- Nov. 29 Advent Wreath Blessing 8:30AM in gym
- Nov. 30 8th Grade Graduation Pictures

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,

Quiero agradecer a Anne Lawrence, ofrecerse de voluntaria como Coordinadora de nuestro Programa de Perpetua Adoración. Anne, asume la responsabilidad de este importante apostolado, el cuál, fue manejado previamente por Lu Sheehan, quien falleciera recientemente – que descanse en paz. Todos nosotros nos beneficiamos en nuestra parroquia de las gracias que vienen de la Exposición al Sagrado Sacramento. Cada uno de nosotros tiene el deber de orar por Anne y todos esos generosos hombres, mujeres y niños, quienes dedican una hora a la semana (o más tiempo) para la Adoración.

Cuando llegué a Holy Cross, inmediatamente me impresionó la cantidad de actividades y grupos que tenemos. Ha sido un desafío para mí visitar o reunirme con los participantes de los diferentes grupos que hablan inglés y español. Sin embargo, debo de admitir que he podido orar por todos ante Jesús en el Santo Sacramento. ¡Nuestra pequeña Capilla de Adoración es realmente el corazón de Holy Cross!

Como ustedes saben, cada semana tiene 168 horas. ¡Esto significa que necesitamos 168 voluntarios para cubrir todos los días de Adoración! Además, es mejor tener dos personas por hora, en caso de que alguien esté ausente por enfermedad, vacaciones, etc., la otra persona pueda estar presente y cubra esa hora. Actualmente tenemos casi todas las horas cubiertas...¡¡Esto es una bendición increíble para Holy Cross!! Sin embargo, ¡siempre estamos buscando nuevo miembros de la parroquia que puedan unirse a este club tan supernatural!

La semana pasada, los miembros del personal de la iglesia comenzaron a mudarse a sus nuevas y remodeladas oficinas en el sótano de la iglesia. Aparte de arreglar los muebles y de una alarma defectuosa (la cual trajo una mañana a los bomberos a Holy Cross), el ajuste ha sido bastante calmado, alabado el Señor. Tendremos una clase en el futuro cercano para explicar cómo usar la nueva cocina remodelada. Una vez que los toques finales sean puestos en la cocina, tendremos una fiesta en el sótano para celebrar “la cocina nueva y renovada.” Gracias por su generosidad respaldándonos con este proyecto de la iglesia tan importante.

La Parroquia de Holy Cross acepta estipendios de Misas por intenciones particulares de los fieles – vivos y muertos. Esto es de acuerdo al Código de la ley de Canon #945, la cuál dice:

“De acuerdo con las costumbres aprobadas de la iglesia, cualquier sacerdote que celebre o concelebre una Misa podrá aceptar una ofrenda para aplicar la Misa por una intención específica.”

El aceptar estipendios en las Misas crea una obligación en justicia que debe ser satisfecha. Habrán notado que yo trato de mencionar las específicas intenciones al empezar cada Misa. Estas intenciones también se encuentran escritas en el boletín. Sin embargo notarán que los sacerdotes ayudando en la parroquia no mencionan las intenciones al principio de la Misa o en otro momento. En ocasión, ¡yo también he olvidado hacerlo! De todos modos, cada Misa celebrada en Holy Cross tiene una intención principal, aunque no se mencione.

INTENCIONES PARA LAS MISAS: Martes, 11/9, 6:00 p.m.: Gary Strahl

Domingo, 11/14, 2:00 p.m.: Nancy Hittner

LECTURAS Y PREGUNTAS PARA COMPARTIR LA FE EL PRÓXIMO DOMINGO

Noviembre 14, 2010 - 33° Domingo Ordinario: Malaquías 3:19-20, 2 Tesalonicenses 3:7-12; Lucas 21:5-19.

Para más información vea el revés de esta página.

Preguntas semanales de Adultos para Compartir la Fe: ¿Cómo se sentirían si el día en que Dios viniera a la Tierra fuera hoy?

Peguntas para los Niños: ¿Cuándo han visto el poder de Dios trabajando? ¿Cómo les pareció?

EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA:

CLASES DE PRIMERA COMUNIÓN para los niños en los grados del 1-6: Nos seguimos reuniendo en la Escuela Holy Cross Hasta que el sótano de la iglesia esté terminado y con muebles.

FAMILIAS CRECIENDO JUNTAS EN LA FE: Nos reuniremos este martes, Nov 9, 6:45p.m., en Pflumm Hall. Esto es un cambio del programa que se les dió en la primera reunión.

REUNIÓN DE PADRES para la Primera Reconciliación: *¿La fecha y el lugar han cambiado!* Nos reuniremos el martes, Nov.16, en el sótano de la iglesia, 6:30 p.m. Por lo menos, uno de los padres de los niños de Primera Comunión deberá venir. Esta reunión es para **adultos solamente**. Para hacer arreglos de cuidado de niños, llamen a Karla Melgar:991-2078.

CONFIRMACIÓN: Las clases para el año 2010-2011, empezaron 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.

Did you know your **CIRCLE OF FRIENDS** has the opportunity to expand? All women of HC are invited to join one of our many "Circles." **St. Catherine's Circle** currently has a dozen members and meets during the day on the 3rd Monday of the monthly. Whether working on a service project or just meeting for lunch, they always stand ready to serve our parish. They take their turn serving funeral luncheons and donuts on the 3rd Sunday of the month. They also participate in our Parish Festival and provide desserts for the Celebration fundraiser. More recently, they have volunteered at Turnstyles and are preparing to adopt 50+ nursing home residents for Christmas. St.Catherine's has sponsored children for school supplies, assisted children with disabilities, and created many handmade items and homemade apple pies. They invite you to join them at their November meeting to share a meal and learn more about their circle. Watch the bulletin for their meeting announcements or call Kathy Eilenberger 913-851-3463 for more detail.

The 26th Annual Viviano Benefit Variety Show will be held on Sat., Nov.20, at Rockhurst High School's Rose Theatre, 9301 State Line Rd., KC, MO. The Las Vegas style show starts at 7:00 with Dinner starting at 4:30pm. Tickets are \$35 for reserved seating, \$25 for open seating. Food & drink are included. All proceeds go to Cristo Rey High School. Tickets are available in the church office or by calling 913-381-2755.

Catholic Charities Foundation of Northeast Kansas is asking for your old cell phones! Donated cell phones are being accepted during the month of November right here at Holy Cross. Please put your old cells in the green tub in the narthex. Funds raised from the recycling of used cell phones help to support Catholic Charities' programs that help thousands in our community each year.

Advice and Aid Pregnancy Centers, Inc. needs volunteers and will offer a Volunteer Information Meeting Mon., Nov.8, 7-9pm, at 11031 W.75th Terr., Shawnee, KS. For more info on volunteering in this ministry or to RSVP, contact Mary Newcomer at volunteer@adviceandaid.com or 913-962-0200.

Military chaplain to speak at Veterans Day observance at Resurrection Cemetery: Rev.James Ludwikowki, pastor of Good Shepherd Parish, Shawnee, KS, and retired Air Force Chaplain, will be the featured speaker during the Veterans Day observance on Thurs., Nov.11, 2pm at Resurrection Cemetery, 83rd & Quivira Rd., Lenexa. Veterans, family members, and friends are invited to attend the flag-raising ceremony at the Veterans Memorial at the cemetery. The American Legion Band will provide a patriotic musical prelude to the ceremony at 1:30pm. For more info, call Catholic Cemeteries at 913-381-4040; email at information@catholiccemeterieskc.org; or visit 222.catholiccemeterieskc.org.

Week 30 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 no sound because no air. 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.

Catholic Business Network Event: On Nov.9, there will be a breakfast meeting featuring Archbishop Naumann who has strongly encouraged CBN founders to build this business ministry in greater KC area. CBN offers Catholic business people both men & women together monthly learn how we can demonstrate our Catholic Faith in the workplace. For membership or RSVP access www.catholicbusinessnetwork.net. We are beginning our third year of monthly. This 11/9/10 breakfast meeting will be 7-8:30am (buffet available at 6:45am) at the Ritz Charles, 9000 W.137th St. in OP, KS. Reservations are a must and need to be made by 11/3/10. For more info, visit our website. Dan Spencer, Executive Director, 913-226-6675, or Michael Shirley, Chairman, 913-327-5962 for questions.