

# 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. & 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,

Today we celebrate the Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ the King. This is the last Sunday in Ordinary Time (Post-Pentecost) according to the liturgical calendar of the Church. It is with great joy that we acknowledge that Christ is King of our personal lives, of this parish community, and the universe. The feast that we celebrate today invites us to examine our own lives in order to ensure that all we think, say, and do ultimately pertain to the Kingdom of God!!

It is very appropriate, therefore, as we finish this liturgical year that we give thanks to our Heavenly Father for the recently renovated offices, meeting rooms, kitchen, gathering space, and upstairs bathrooms. I am grateful to each parishioner for your assistance in helping us to complete this important project. The many prayers, donations, and hours of service spent in preparing this beautiful area will be a benefit not only to us, but to future generations of Holy Cross families and friends as well. I would also like to thank Fr. Mark, for helping us to arrive at this day! Archbishop Joseph Naumann will preside at the official blessing this afternoon at 1:30. There will be an open house in the morning and afternoon so that everyone might have a chance to see what has been done. May God be praised in all things.

Last week I participated in a two-day workshop for leaders of the Cursillo Movement (Spanish) that belong to the Midwest region. We gathered together in a retreat house outside of Omaha, Nebraska for prayer, faith-sharing talks, and Mass. It was a somewhat precarious arrival on Friday night due to the inclement weather - Omaha received several inches of snow! In researching my presentations I stumbled across a beautiful sentence in the document published by the Latin American Bishops (CELAM) in 2007 after their meeting in Aparecida, Brazil: *"The kerygma is not only a stage, but it is the golden thread in a process that culminates in the maturing of the disciple of Jesus Christ...the Church needs to keep this element present in all her actions."* (cf. #278, 279 - my translation). As you know, the kerygma is the basic message of salvation brought to us by Jesus Christ (cf. *Evangelii Nuntiandi*, 1975), which, as Christians, we believe needs to be proclaimed to the whole world. The spiritual renewal sponsored by movements such as Cursillo or Christ Renews His Parish aim at rekindling the fire placed within our hearts at Baptism. I have spent time reflecting on how it might be good for every group at Holy Cross to consider how this "Golden

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**READINGS & FAITH SHARING QUESTIONS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, First Sunday of Advent:**

Isaiah 2:1-5; Romans 13:11-14; Matthew 24:37-44..

**Questions for Adults:** Isaiah's vision includes turning swords into plowshares and spears into pruning hooks. What weapons do you have that you can transform into tools of peace?

**For Children:** Have you ever had to stay awake while you waited for something special to happen? What can you do to "stay awake" to the presence of Jesus this week?

**ADORATION CHAPEL:** A good Advent resolution: Spend one hour listening to the Lord! Open hours: Sun. 2pm, 5pm; Mon.: 2am; Wed.: 3pm; Fri. 4pm. Call Anne Lawrence, 649-2049

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE:**

	November 14, 2010	Fiscal YTD
Needed	\$28,800	\$576,000
Collected	26,478	516,607
Over/(Under)	(2322)	(59,393)
Special Donations	373	

**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.

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thread" is present in your statutes, guidelines, or bylaws. All of the wonderful groups sponsored by our parish reflect the basic Gospel message in some fundamental way, and our activities and services to others are simply its good fruit. It is always good to make this explicit!

Last year Fr. Mark established a standing committee (comité) of Spanish-speakers to serve our Hispanic community. This group of men and women meets every few months to oversee different activities, discuss liturgical schedules (eg, Dec.12, Our Lady of Guadalupe), and organize the different programs offered at Holy Cross in Spanish. During our recent meeting on Nov.10, it was decided to implement more structure in the organization of this committee. An electoral process was held among the members and the results are as follows:

President: Malaret Sierra

Vice President: Armando Toxqui

Treasurer: Karla Melgar

Secretary: Monica Jiménez

Members: Jesús Salas, Roberto Briseño, Maribel Rubio

The newly elected officers were duly installed at the 2:00 Mass on Sun., Nov.14. I am grateful for the generosity of these men and women in serving our parish community, and I ask that you keep them in your daily prayers.

Have a great week.

## Religious Education

**Afternoon Classes** for children in Gr. 1-6 will **NOT** meet this week Tues., Nov. 23, for Thanksgiving break.

**Confirmation classes** meet Nov.21. We will not meet on the 28<sup>th</sup> 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.

For Confirmation info, you can go to our website, [www.HolyCrossOPKS.org](http://www.HolyCrossOPKS.org), click on Faith Formation to find link to Middle School and High School Sacramental Prep.

## 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.

**"Regular" youth group** meets on the 17th & 24th. Let's hope we can return to our renovated youth room soon! Stay tuned for details. Go to Sandra K Schluter and add yourself as a friend to get information by Facebook.

**Servant Saturday event for November** takes place on a Tues. evening. We will be volunteering 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. Thanks to all of our special donors who have provided us with snacks and drinks for our meetings at the school. We are hopeful to return to our youth room soon and so we can again take donations of snack items for our meetings. ALSO, we will be looking for clean couches in good condition for our meeting space. Please contact Sandy if you can fill one of these requests.

**Servant Saturday event for December** is Sat. evening, Dec.4 at Legacy Christian Church. We will help with a Parents' Night Out program for children with special needs. This experience is great for students and parents/sponsors, or high school students working in pairs. This is a challenging opportunity but the rewards are all the greater. Contact Sandy before Nov 29<sup>th</sup> to sign up. The number of volunteers determines the number of children they can take for the evening. VIRTUS-trained adults are also welcome.

## CAPITAL CAMPAIGN CORNER

"Our Family, Our Future"

### UPDATE:

Total Pledged: \$2,092,202

Total Received: \$1,690,948

**Mission 2011 is set!** We will travel to Twin Cities, MN, June 12-18, & 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, & transportation is \$400. We will have several fundraising opportunities throughout year. Act now. At this time, we have filled all spots from last year, but have added 10 more spots. 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.

**SUNSHINE CLUB Thanksgiving/Christmas party** is this Sun., Nov.21, 1pm Social hour & 2pm Dinner at Milburn Country Club. Questions call Mary Lou, 381-5474.

**Glory and Praise Prayer Group** meet in the Church right after Mass on Monday mornings. Everyone is welcomed to come anytime and share in our praising of God, centering, and lexio divina, and prayers for the parish and special intentions. If you have questions, call Mary Ann Meert, 642-3954.

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

## **Rest in Peace**

Prayers are requested for **Sue Davis**, wife of Chuck Davis.

## Mass Intentions For The Week

<b>Monday</b>	9:00 a.m.	Wilma Likem
<b>Tuesday</b>	6:30 a.m.	Raymond Lee
	9:00 a.m.	Paul Rieger (All School)
	6:00 p.m.	Lucille McCown (Spanish)
<b>Wednesday</b>	9:00 a.m.	Sal Viviano
<b>Thursday</b>	6:30 a.m.	Eunice & Frank Addington
	9:00 a.m.	Lillian Callaghan
<b>Friday</b>	9:00 a.m.	Dick Sandlin
<b>Saturday</b>	7:30 a.m.	Tran & Suoi Bau
	5:00 p.m.	Joseph Bui Van Vy
<b>Sunday</b>	7:30 a.m.	People of the Parish
	9:00 a.m.	Ann Nguyen Thi Dao
	11:00 a.m.	Mary Pasqualino
	2:00 p.m.	Dominic Pham (Spanish)

The downstairs renovation is nearly complete. Would you like to see first hand what's been done? There will be an **OPEN HOUSE on this Sun., Nov.21.** You can visit new Staff offices, classrooms, hall, & kitchen during Coffee & Donuts 8:30am-1:30pm. You are asked not to take food & drink outside Lickteig Hall. At 1:30pm Archbishop Naumann will bless our newly renovated spaces, and you are encouraged to join us. Open House continues 3-4pm, following the 2:00pm Mass in 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 & Holy Cross parishioners pray the Rosary at 9:30am on the first Saturday of every month at Planned Parenthood, 4401 W. 109th St, just southeast of 435 & Roe in Fox Hill Office Park. Come join us.**

**Our newly renovated nursery is re-opening THIS Sun., Nov.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.

Members of Holy Cross Catholic Church: **Interfaith Hospitality** would not exist without your loving support. We are so grateful to Holy Cross for supporting our families the week of Oct.24. We know that providing this help requires a big commitment from your congregation. Please convey our gratitude to all involved and let them know their efforts make a difference to people who need help.

**ADVENT-CHRISTMAS PROJECT:** There is a tree in the narthex filled with tags with the needs for the families of St.Benedict's Special Children Center. You have the opportunity to buy for someone who otherwise would not receive a Christmas gift. Return the gift unwrapped with tag attached, and place it under the tree before Dec.6. Gift certificates to Wal-Mart or Price Chopper are also acceptable for adult gifts. Both are in walking distance for them. You can also use scrip for purchasing the gifts so you'll be helping the grade school as well. Tags marked for the center will allow some like-new items, but family gifts must be new. St.Benedict's Circle will collect and deliver the gifts. Thank you for your generous help. (The grade school helps a small number of families, and we as a parish have the rest.) For further info, call Mary Ann Meert, 642-3954, or Yvonne Matousek, 642-7911.

Give thanks to the Lord for He is good! **Join us this Sun., Nov.21, for an ECUMENICAL THANKSGIVING SERVICE,** 7pm at Valley View United Methodist Church. We will share prayer, Scripture, & song with our Methodist neighbors. Fr.Bob will preach. A reception follows the service. In his encyclical, *Et Unum Sint*, Pope John Paul II wrote, "The Catholic Church embraces with hope the commitment to ecumenism as a duty of the Christian conscience enlightened by faith and guided by love...Jesus at the hour of his passion prayed that 'they may all be one' (Jn 17:21)." Join us and give witness to our hope that one day all Christians will be one.

**Pies are needed for the Thanksgiving meal at St.Mary's Food Kitchen. If you can make a pie, please call Nadine Swanson, 888-6025. Thank you!**

**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 **\$20** in Procter & Gamble products you purchase you will earn 100 points. Save your receipt and then login to [www.hy-vee.com](http://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. 30<sup>th</sup>. We are currently in first place. For more information go to the following website [http://hccs.eduk12.net/news/ newsletter%20October%202021.pdf](http://hccs.eduk12.net/news/newsletter%20October%202021.pdf) and read our school newsletter. Thanks for your support.

Thanks to all the volunteers who came to school on Saturday to help with the Tree Trimming Project. A special thanks to Mark Bartlow and Ryan Lawn & Tree for their guidance and use of their equipment.

**Upcoming Events:**

- 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 the gym
- Nov.30 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation Pictures
- Dec.1 PTO Meeting 7pm in the school library
- Dec.3 Yearbook 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.

Stay up-to-date with information about the school. Go to [www.holycrosscatholicsschool.com](http://www.holycrosscatholicsschool.com) where you can link to the Principal's Weblog, our Facebook page and Twitter. Click the "Family Login" button to see our newsletter and calendar.



**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 anticipación,  
 llamando a la oficina  
 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,

Hoy celebramos la Fiesta de nuestro Señor Jesús Cristo Rey. Este es el último Domingo del tiempo Ordinario (después de Pentecostés), de acuerdo al calendario litúrgico de la Iglesia. Es con gran alegría que reconocemos que Cristo es Rey en nuestras vidas personales, en nuestra parroquia y en el universo. La fiesta que celebramos hoy nos invita a examinar nuestras vidas para asegurarnos que todo lo que pensamos, decimos y hacemos al final, está relacionado con el Reino de Dios.

Es muy apropiado, por esta razón, al terminar este año litúrgico que demos gracias a nuestro Padre Celestial, por nuestras oficinas, salones de reuniones, cocina, espacio para reuniones y los baños, recientemente renovados. Estoy muy agradecido a todos los miembros de la iglesia por su ayuda para completar este proyecto tan importante. Las muchas oraciones, donaciones y horas de servicio pasados en preparar estas áreas tan bonitas será de beneficio no sólo de nosotros, pero para las futuras generaciones de familias de Holy Cross y amigos también. Quiero agradecer al Padre Mark, por su gran visión y planificación. No estaríamos hoy donde estamos sin los muchos sacrificios que él hizo durante los pasados años. **¡Gracias Padre Mark, por ayudarnos a llegar a este día!** El Arzobispo Naumann, presidirá la bendición oficial esta tarde a la 1:30 p.m. Habrá un “open house” en la mañana y en la tarde para que todos puedan tener oportunidad de ver lo que hemos hecho. Alabado sea Dios en todas las cosas.

La semana pasada participé de un taller de dos días para líderes del Movimiento de Cursillo (en español) en la Región del Midwest. Nos reunimos en una casa de retiro en las afueras de Omaha, Nebraska, donde oramos, compartimos nuestra fe, charlas y Misa. Tuvimos mal tiempo el viernes por la noche – ¡Omaha recibió varias pulgadas de nieve! Preparando mi presentación, descubrí una oración bella en los documentos publicados por los Obispos Latinoamericanos (CELAM), en 2007, después de su reunión en Aparecida, Brazil:

*“el kerigma no es sólo una etapa, sino el hilo de oro en un proceso que culmina en la madurez del discípulo de Jesús Cristo...la Iglesia necesita mantener este elemento presente en todas sus acciones.”* (cf. #278, 279-mi traducción). Como ustedes saben, el kerigma es el mensaje básico de salvación traído a nosotros por Jesús Cristo (cf. *Evangelii Nuntiandi*, 1975), el cuál, como Cristianos, necesita ser proclamado al mundo entero. La renovación espiritual, respaldada por movimientos como Cursillo o Cristo Renueva su Parroquia, dedican sus esfuerzos a re-encender el fuego prendido en nuestros corazones en nuestro Bautizo. He pasado tiempo reflexionando en cómo pudiera ser bueno para *todos los grupos* en Holy Cross el considerar cómo este “hilo de oro” estuviera presente en sus estatutos, pautas o reglamento. Todos nuestros magníficos grupos respaldados por nuestra parroquia reflejan el mensaje básico del Evangelio en alguna forma fundamental y nuestras actividades y servicios a otros son simplemente su buen fruto. ¡Siempre es bueno explicar esto!

El Padre Mark, estableció el año pasado un comité permanente de personas que hablan español, para servir nuestra comunidad Hispana. Este grupo de hombres y mujeres se reúnen cada varios meses para sobrellevar las diferentes actividades, discutir los horarios litúrgicos (eg. Diciembre 12 – Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe) y organizar los diferentes programas ofrecidos en español en Holy Cross. Durante nuestra reciente reunión el 10 de Noviembre, fue decidido implementar más estructura en la organización de este comité. Un proceso electoral se llevó a cabo entre los miembros y el resultado fue el siguiente:

Presidente:	Malaret Sierra
Vice-Presidente:	Armando Toxqui
Tesorero:	Karla Melgar
Secretaria:	Mónica Jiménez
Miembros:	Jesús Salas, Roberto Briseño y Maribel Rubio

Los recién electos oficiales fueron instalados en la Misa de las 2:00 p.m., el domingo, 14 de Noviembre. Estoy muy agradecido por la generosidad de estos hombres y mujeres que sirven a nuestra comunidad parroquial. Les pido que los mantengan en sus oraciones diarias.

**INTENCIONES PARA LAS MISAS:** Martes, 11/23, 6:00 p.m.: Lucille McCown  
 Domingo, 11/28, 2:00 p.m.: Dominic Pham

**LECTURAS Y PREGUNTAS PARA COMPARTIR LA FE EL PRÓXIMO DOMINGO Noviembre 28, 2010 - Primer Domingo de Adviento:** Isaías 2:1-5; Romanos 13:11-14; Mateo 24:37-44.

**Preguntas semanales de Adultos para Compartir la Fe:** La visión de Isaías incluye convertir espadas y lanzas en instrumentos de campo. ¿Qué armas tienen ustedes que puedan transformarse en instrumentos de paz?

**Preguntas para los Niños:** ¿Han tenido que mantenerse despiertos alguna vez para esperar que pase algo muy grande? ¿Qué pueden hacer ustedes esta semana para quedarse despiertos para la presencia de Jesús?

**“SCRIP is for Sale in the Narthex”** - Did you know that if you stop by the SCRIP table and purchase gift cards to use instead of cash, the merchant gives Holy Cross a percentage of the gift cards' face value and it costs you nothing more than what you're already spending? So, before you head to **HyVee, Price Chopper, Sam's/Walmart or Whole Foods** to shop for your Thanksgiving meal, please purchase SCRIP. If you are gearing up for those after Thanksgiving Day sales and you're planning a large purchase at **Best Buy, JCPenney, Kohl's or Macy's** we've got SCRIP for them, too. If you've never given SCRIP a try, please stop by the table and take home an order form and plan out how you can benefit **Holy Cross** as you do all your holiday shopping.

SCRIP has over 150 vendors to choose from—Some new vendors have joined SCRIP—**Dunkin' Donuts, Quiznos, Journey's and Restaurant Guide.** Restaurant Guide gift cards are the perfect gift for someone...a \$25 gift card that is redeemable at over 50 area restaurants; it lets the recipient decide where they want to go for dinner!!!

**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.

On the 27th of November 2010, **the Holy Father will be celebrating in St. Peter's Basilica, a solemn “Vigil for all nascent human life”**, coinciding with the First Sunday of Advent and with reference to the approaching Solemnity of the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ. The vigil shall also include Eucharistic adoration to thank the Lord for His total self-giving to the world and for His Incarnation which gave every human life its real worth and dignity. In addition, we shall also invoke the Lord's protection over every human being called into existence.

**Archbishop Emeritus James P. Keleher will celebrate the vigil ceremony in the Kansas City area** at St. Joseph Church in Shawnee, KS, at 7:00pm on Sat., Nov. 27. **Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann will celebrate the vigil ceremony in Topeka, KS,** at Assumption Church at 7:00pm on Sat., Nov. 27. Please make plans to participate in one of these unprecedented worldwide vigil celebrations for all nascent (early) human life.

The **Ascension Cancer Support Group** will hold their next meeting on Nov. 30 at Church of the Ascension at 7pm in the Conference room located on the main level of the church next to the church office and enter through the front doors of the church. We look forward to seeing all our new friends and hopefully meeting some new ones. All are welcome - so bring your friends, spouses, and relatives.

**St. James Academy Madrigal Dinner:** Prepare to be transported back to Medieval Times to enjoy an evening of dinner, Christmas music and theatre provided by the St. James Academy choir students! Dec. 3-5, 6:00pm. Tickets are available on line at [www.sjakeepingfaith.org](http://www.sjakeepingfaith.org).

**It's one special night, for a very special cause...**

**DENIM  
DIAMONDS**

**HOLY CROSS CELEBRATION 2011  
JANUARY 29, 2011 @ 5:00 PM**

Please join us for a night of dining, dancing and bidding in the Parish Activity Center (School Gym)

**\$35 for open seating, \$50 for reserved seating**

**\$45 for senior reserved**

**\*\*\*New in 2010: Buy It Now Option\*\*\***

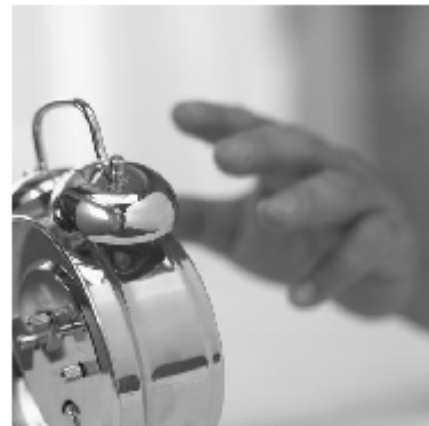
Purchase certain items ahead of time from the Live and Almost Live Sections. Items can be found at:

**[www.holycrosscelebration.com](http://www.holycrosscelebration.com)**

**Celebration 2010 Gift Gathering opportunities:** Part of what makes Celebration a success every year is the generous gift donations from so many parishioners. **This year, parishioners may drop off gift donations in the narthex before all Masses on the weekends of December 4th and 11th.** We are asking for a minimum gift item or cash donation of \$25 dollars. Gift categories include: Religious items, Kid's Corner, Men's Room and Women's Room. The Celebration Committee appreciates everyone who has already made a donation.

***“...it is the hour now  
for you to awake from  
sleep.”***

*(Romans 13:11 - 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Advent)*



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.

**Join us for an Advent Retreat**

**November 30, 2010**

**7:00-9:00 pm**

Registration 6:45 pm

Church of the Holy Cross  
8311 West 93rd Street  
Overland Park, KS 66212

Led by Denise Simeone & Cele Breen, SCL

Free for Holy Cross parishioners who register in advance through the Church Office.

Suggested donation at the door is \$15.00,  
but please just come and do whatever is possible.

Questions: Contact Robert Bacic at 913-381-2755 or [rbacic@holycrossopks.org](mailto:rbacic@holycrossopks.org).