

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,

The First Sunday of Advent initiates our four week journey toward the celebration of the birth of Our Lord on December 25th. This season of Advent (from Latin *adventus/ ad+venire*: to come to/ a coming, approach, arrival) reminds us that we are waiting for the coming of Christ in several ways: the commemoration of His Birth on Christmas, His “coming” into our lives in the present moment, and His Second Coming at the end of time. Maranatha... Come, Lord Jesus, come.

In order to receive Jesus well we need to prepare our hearts and souls. Traditionally these weeks of Advent have been known as a “little Lent” because there was the practice (still followed in the Eastern Church) of preparation via increased prayer, fasting, and good works. One of the ways in which we “fast” as an ecclesial community is by omitting the singing of the Gloria during this season.

The Gloria is a very ancient hymn originally written in Greek to commemorate the angel’s announcement of the Savior’s arrival in Bethlehem to the shepherds, as found in the Gospel of Luke. It was written in a poetic style that resembles a psalm, and, according to Adrian Fortescue in his book, *The Mass*, it follows a particular style of the time in which “private psalms” were composed and “*written in short verses, like the psalter, divided in halves; often they had a certain amount of free rhythm.*”(p.239) The hymn was probably translated into Latin by St. Hilary of Poitiers in the 4th century, and it seems to have been first chanted in early Christmas liturgies; later its use was extended beyond the 25th of December. The newer version is as follows:

New Text (2011)

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you, we bless you, we adore you,
we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God,
Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The third line of the new text of this well-known hymn reveals an ancient stylistic technique of using repetitive phrases as a means of honoring God: we praise you, we bless you, we adore you, etc. The present version completely omits any reference to these pious aspirations and
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READINGS & FAITH SHARING QUESTIONS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, Second Sunday of Advent:

Isaiah 11:1-10; Romans 15:4-9; Matthew 3:1-12
Questions for Adults: Today’s reading for Isaiah begins, “A shoot will sprout from the stump of Jesse, and from his roots a bud shall blossom.” And in the gospel, John the Baptist challenges us to “Reform your lives.” What change of heart is budding in you this Advent season?
For Children: How would you welcome your friends differently if you welcomed them as Christ welcomes you?

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 21, 2010	Fiscal YTD
Needed	\$28,800	\$604,800
Collected	20,804	537,411
Over/(Under)	(7996)	(67,389)
Special Donations	268	

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.

Holy Cross provided 371 dinners to the hungry on Nov.19 at **St. Mary’s Food Kitchen**. Thanks to all who provided food, helped serve, and gave monetary donations.

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overlooks the original poetic nature.

One small correction in the new translation occurs in the 8th line with the addition of a single “s” to the word sin. Instead of reading “you take away the *sin* of the world”, the newer version now reads: “you take away the *sins* of the world.” It would take a theological Sherlock Holmes to find out where that tiny “s” went after Vatican II. Curiously, the Latin texts before and after the Vatican Council use the same word: “*peccata*” – “sins” (plural). Why did the English translation drop the “s” and show preference for the singular “*peccatum*” – “sin”?? Fr. Edward McNamara, liturgist at Regina Apostolorum University in Rome, says that the distinction might lie in the fact that sometimes “sins” (plural) refers to sinners and “sin” (singular) has a more universal sense in its connection to Jesus’ death and resurrection.

When we sing or recite the Gloria at Mass we are entering into a spiritual realm that transcends space and time. Our voices are lifted to heaven united in the desire to imitate the angels and saints gathered around the throne of God. The years have aged this hymn like a fine wine, and by singing it with our whole hearts we imbibe in the nectar of the heavenly places!!

Join us for **ADVENT RETREAT Tues., Nov.30, 7-9pm, in church** to be led by Denise Simeone and Cele Breen, SCL, and will focus on 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 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 church office. Anyone registering at the door will pay a \$15 registration fee.

Religious Education

Tues. Aft. Classes will meet this Tues., Nov.30, in the Church building. Please bring your child down into the newly renovated space using the north doors. See your child's folder for a diagram of our drop off and pick up procedures at the Church.

Families Growing in Faith Together will meet Tues, Nov.30, in Church hall. Season of Advent is our focus.

Confirmation classes will not meet on Nov.28th due to Thanksgiving holiday. We resume classes on Dec.5 and will be meeting in church hall. Remember, high school students meet 6-7:30pm. 7th & 8th grade students meet 6:30-8pm.

Due to scheduling of hall renovations & moving/unpacking, **Candidate/Sponsor sessions scheduled for Dec.4 & Dec.11 will be rescheduled in Feb.2011.** Exact dates should be available after Thanksgiving break

For Confirmation info, you can go to our website, www.HolyCrossOPKS.org, click on Faith Formation to find link to Middle & High School Sacramental Prep.

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 ... "Regular" youth group meets Dec 1, 15, & 22. 7-8:30 pm. We plan to meet in our renovated youth room (located where former youth room was, room next to the kitchen). We will not meet on Dec.29. Stay tuned for details. Go to Sandra K Schluter and add yourself as a friend to get info by Facebook.

Servant Saturday event for December is Sat. evening, Dec.4, at Legacy Christian Church. We will help 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 to sign up. Number of volunteers determines number of children they can take for 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.

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.

BUNKO PARTY: Ladies, come join us in our newly remodeled hall for a fun time at our Holiday Bunko, Mon., Dec.6, 7:00pm. Please rsvp to Kathleen-642-1171, Linda -648-4268, or Mary Beth-383-3293, so we may know how many tables to set up. There will be a \$5 charge at the door.

Please Pray for Those Asking for Prayers: Ed Barton, Mary Cerkey, David Ferguson, Kevin Haeusser, Mason Kempf; Ed Nease, John Rhoades, Lindsay Ripley, and Ginny Shepard.

Mass Intentions For The Week



Monday	9:00 a.m.	Ann Bui Thi Dao
Tuesday	6:30 a.m.	Dixie Byrnes
	9:00 a.m.	Lucille McCown
	6:00 p.m.	Ann Bui Thi Thao (Spanish)
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Paul Rieger
Thursday	6:30 a.m.	Charles J. Haas
	9:00 a.m.	Nancy Hittner
Friday	9:00 a.m.	Dick Sandlin
Saturday	7:30 a.m.	Antonio del Carmen
	5:00 p.m.	Thomas Jaskot
Sunday	7:30 a.m.	Eunice & Frank Addington
	9:00 a.m.	Larry Nolan
	11:00 a.m.	Joseph Armilio
	2:00 p.m.	People of the Parish (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.

Interfaith Hospitality (IHN) would not exist without the loving support of Holy Cross. IHN is currently asking for gift cards at the following places: Quick Trip, Walmart, Target, Price Chopper, and Savers. Shopping at Ten Thousand Villages on Dec.19, 1-5pm (IHN will get a percentage of the sales). To assist the Family Center in reducing expenses, donations of stamps, Chlorox wipes and Target gift cards are appreciated. Jean Adam is in charge of the Holiday Store (for the guests-event to be held on Dec.11). If you can assist in donations, please call or email Jean, before Dec.5, 402-4392, cell 530-9097, or jean-adam2004@yahoo.com. God bless you for any help you can give!

ADVENT-CHRISTMAS PROJECT: Please return your unwrapped gift for the families and the Center with the tag attached, designated for our St.Benedict's Special Children Center. We need all the gifts to be turned in by Dec.6 in order to deliver them on time to the Center. Thank you for your generosity. If you have a problem with this timing, please call Mary Ann Meert, 642-3954.

SCHOOL OF FAITH presents *Free First Thursdays*, Johnson County's own *Catholic Night Out*, Dec.2, 7-8pm, **Purgatory the Front Porch of Heaven:** What does the Bible say about Purgatory? How do I explain Purgatory to my family and friends? Learn why Purgatory is part of the mercy of God. Experience hope, Heaven and what we live for. *One Night Each Month, September Through May, One Hot Topic, One Central Location, No Registration, No Admission, Free-Will Offering, All Are Welcome!* **Holy Sprit Church, 11300 W. 103rd, Overland Park, KS 66214.** Questions? Call School of Faith 913-310-0014.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

8-10am Sat., Dec.11

Located at Applebee's Restaurant
11000 Metcalf

Children \$5 Adults \$10 donation.

Benefit for Kindness Connection, Inc.,

www.kindness-connection.org

Questions? 913-451-4824.

“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!!!

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 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 go to the following website <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.28 First Sunday of Advent
- Nov.29 Advent Wreath Blessing 8:30AM in the gym
- Nov.30 8th 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 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, 11/30, 6:00 p.m.: Ann Bui Thi Thao
 Domingo, 12/5, 2:00 p.m.: Personas de la parroquia **(para más información vea el revés de esta página)**

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LECTURAS Y PREGUNTAS PARA COMPARTIR LA FE EL PRÓXIMO DOMINGO Diciembre 5, 2010 - Segundo Domingo de Adviento: Isaías 11:1-10; Romanos 15:409; Mateo 3:1-12.

Preguntas semanales de Adultos para Compartir la Fe: ¿Qué conversión se está formando en ustedes en este adviento
Preguntas para los Niños: ¿Cómo recibirían diferentemente a sus amigos si los recibieran como Jesús los recibe a ustedes?

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.

The **ACT Bereavement Support Group** will meet this month on Fri., Dec.3, after 9:00 Mass. The group will gather in a meeting room in the Fr.Licteig Hall. Our discussion will address getting through the Holidays. For more info, please call Kay Spaniol, 226-8745.

Thanksgiving-News from the Little Sisters of the Lamb: Dear Friends, we wanted to let everyone know that we have reached 50% of our fundraising goal for completion of the Little Monastery to be built in Kansas City, KS. Thank you to all who have donated your time, talent, monetary gifts, and especially for your prayers on which we rely as we enter the second phase of the fundraising. God willing, we would begin building in the spring....Be assured that you remain in our prayers. In Thanksgiving, The Little Sisters of the Lamb, 36 South Boeke St., KC, KS 66101, Phone: 913-621-1727.

Rockhurst University's 30-voice chorus, under direction of Timothy L. McDonald, celebrates the chorus 20th anniversary with performance of *Ceremony of Lessons and Carols* on Dec.4 Traditional and non-traditional seasonal music, scriptural readings representing the Christmas story, a candlelit rendition of "Silent night" and the signature finale—"O Holy Night"—highlight the evening performance The concert will take place Sat., Dec.4, 7pm in St.Francis Xavier Church, 52nd & Troost Ave., KC, MO. The evening is free, but please bring nonperishable food, a child's toy, or a grooming product to the church or to the post-concert reception. Register by calling 816-501-4828.

Save the Date! The **Annual ACCW Retreat** will be Sat., Feb.5, the feast day of St.Agatha, patron of cancer patients. The retreat will be held at the Sacred Heart Parish Center in Gardner, KS. Speakers will include Ron Kelsey from Archdiocesan Right to Life Office, Mary Ann Garner from Marian's Mantle, & Aletha Adams from Respite. Visit our website for coming info: <https://sites.google.com/site/accwkck/>

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.

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



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

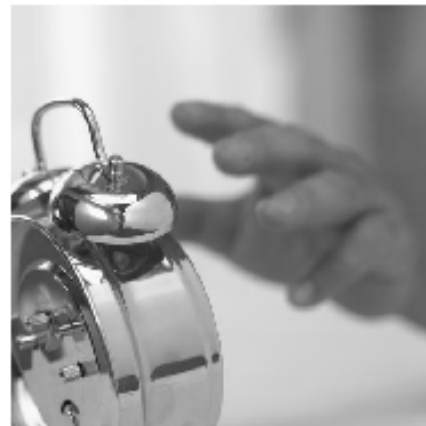
Purchase certain items ahead of time from the Live and Almost Live Sections. Items can be found at:

www.holycrosscelebration.com

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.

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(Romans 13:11 - 1st Sunday in Advent)



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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.