

# 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:**

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Brothers and Sisters,

Today is Dec.12, the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe and the Third Sunday of Advent. Different Spanish-speaking groups from the parish took responsibility for the devotions that were part of the Novena begun on Dec.3 and concluded on Sat., Dec.11, at 10:00 p.m. with prayers, Mass, and songs (mañanitas). Even though the Church asks that we respect the liturgical season of Advent, we are permitted some leeway in terms of music, homily, and devotional images. Today is a wonderful occasion to celebrate the apparitions of Our Blessed Mother on this continent!

Our Lady of Guadalupe appeared to St.Juan Diego near and on Tepeyac Hill in December 1531 in what is known today as Mexico City. The messages of our Bl. Mother were written down some 30 years later by the scholar Antonio Valeriano in the Aztec language of Nahuatl. This document, known as the *Nican Mopohua* ("Thus it is said"—from the very first words), contains a simple narrative of the events that transpired and has been translated into many languages. Of all the approved Marian apparitions around the world, I would venture to say that the words addressed to St.Juan Diego in the *Nican Mopohua* are the most beautiful, especially when Mary seeks to console him after a difficult encounter with Bishop Zumárraga:

*119 Am I not here, I, who am your mother? Are you not under my shadow and protection? Am I not the source of your joy? Are you not in the hollow of my mantle, in the crossing of my arms? Do you need something more?  
120 Let nothing else worry you, disturb you...*

Translation from the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe

The *Nican Mopohua* is a tremendous literary record of the events that happened almost 500 years ago, but the still extant image of Our Lady of Guadalupe impressed onto the blanket worn over the shoulders of St.Juan Diego is an even more startling pictorial record! The covering used by St.Juan Diego was made of woven cactus fibers and has endured until our age located above the altar in the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe. There are many miraculous properties associated with this image, too many to be named here, that lend a powerful veracity to our Lady's apparitions and the faith of the Mexican people.

In order to foster a greater sense of Marian devotion at Holy Cross, I would like to send out a pilgrim image of Our Lady of Guadalupe to visit the families of our parish. It is my hope that this image might visit as many families as possible in the future. As Patroness of the Americas, Our Lady of Guadalupe is a special source of unity and peace. The guidelines will be as follows:

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

Isaiah 7:10-14; Romans 1:1-7; Matthew 1:18-24. **Questions for Adults:** Have you ever felt guided by angels or by the Lord in your decisions? What was that experience like for you? **For Children:** Do you know the story of your birth or adoption? Ask your parents to share with you their memories and hopes.

**ADORATION CHAPEL:** The Lord said, "I was ready to answer my people's prayers, but they did not pray. I was ready for them to find me, but they did not even try." (Isaiah 85:1) We need a few committed parishioner to spend one of these five hours in conversation with the Lord: Sun., 2pm, 5pm; Mon., 2am; Wed., 3pm, Fri., 4pm. If you can help, call Anne, 649-2049.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:** If you are unable to join us for our Reconciliation Service here at Holy Cross, the schedule for the area is as follows:

- |                                      |  |
|--------------------------------------|--|
| Sun., Dec.12, 7:30 p.m.              | Curé of Ars - Leawood<br>Good Shepherd - Shawnee           |
| <b>Mon., Dec.13, 7:00 p.m.</b>       | <b>HOLY CROSS</b>  |
| Tues., Dec.14, 7:00 p.m.             | Holy Spirit - Overland Park<br>Queen of the Holy Rosary-OP |
| Wed., Dec.15, 7:00 p.m.              | St. Michael - Leawood<br>St. Joseph - Shawnee              |
| Thurs., Dec.16, 7:00 p.m.            | Ascension - Overland Park<br>St. Pius X - Mission          |
| Sun., Dec.19, 3:00 p.m.<br>7:30 p.m. | St. Ann - Prairie Village<br>Nativity - Leawood            |

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**PILGRIM IMAGE OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE GUIDELINES**

1. Families are encouraged to sign the list in the office.
2. Each family may take the pilgrim image to their home for one week.
3. The image should be placed in a central location in the home.
4. Every family that receives the pilgrim image agrees to pray the Rosary together each day in front of the image.
5. Any family belonging to Holy Cross Parish may receive the image in their home.
6. The image should be collected and returned on Sunday in the sacristy of the church.
7. Each family that receives the image should indicate at what time (or Mass) they will return the image so as to alert the next family when they may pick it up.
8. The host family is encouraged to pray for the individual needs of each family member, the intentions of the parish, and the intentions of the Holy Father.
9. At the end of the week the family will return the pilgrim image to the sacristy.

Let us ask Our Blessed Mother to help us deepen our love and devotion to her. She will always lead us to the fullness of God's will in each and every moment.

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE:**

|                   |                  |            |
|-------------------|------------------|------------|
|                   | December 5, 2010 | Fiscal YTD |
| Needed            | \$28,800         | \$662,400  |
| Collected         | 30,214           | 584,614    |
| Over/(Under)      | 1414             | (77,786)   |
| Special Donations | 915              |            |

**A CHRISTMAS TRADITION:** Each year the altar is beautifully decorated with flowers donated by parishioners in memory of their deceased loved ones. We invite you to donate \$15 for flowers for the Christmas environment. Please call church office, 381-2755, or come during office hours by Tues., Dec.21.

**Religious Education**

**Tues. Aft. Classes** will meet this Tues., Dec.14, in church building. Please bring your child down into the newly renovated space using north doors. See your child's folder for a diagram of our drop off and pick up procedures at the church. That will be our last class until Jan.4.

**Families Growing in Faith Together** will meet this Tues, Dec.14 in the church hall.

**Confirmation classes** resumed Dec.5 and are 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](http://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](mailto:sschluter@holycrossopks.org)*  
 For questions regarding Middle and High School Rel. Ed or Youth Ministry, contact Sandy at 205-0825 or [sschluter@holycrossopks.org](mailto:sschluter@holycrossopks.org).

**Holy Cross Highschoolers** ... "Regular" youth group meets Dec.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.

**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.

**CAPITAL CAMPAIGN CORNER**  
 "Our Family, Our Future"  
**UPDATE:**  
 Total Pledged: \$2,092,202  
 Total Received: \$1,690,948

**"CHRISTMAS ASSISTANCE"**: If you are a Holy Cross family needing assistance this Holiday Season, please call the church office asap at 913-381-2755. HC will **NOT** be making deliveries directly to families; families will pick up at church on a designated day during Christmas week. All info is held in confidence.

**CASH DONATIONS FOR CHRISTMAS FAMILIES IN NEED:** Due to construction project, we don't have ability to collect/store food items. Therefore, we are asking for quick responses for cash and gift card donations. Please prayerfully consider helping by **donating cash or donating gift cards to Wal-Mart, Target, Kohl's or grocery stores.** Make checks payable to Holy Cross and marked "Christmas baskets" in the memo section. Donations may be dropped off or mailed to church office. Call Carol Reardon at 913-244-6443 with any questions. Thanks in advance for your generous response so others may enjoy Christmas.

Nadine Swanson **THANKS** all who provided pies for thanksgiving dinner at **St.Mary's Food Kitchen**, and a special thank you to Louis Lloyd, teachers, & students at Shaw.Miss.North H.S. who provided 47 of the 74 pies.

**Please join the Rosary at Bickford of OP** (106th & Barkley) on Mondays at 10am. Volunteers are needed especially for 3rd & 4th Mondays. If you are available, contact Pat at [plittle1@hotmail.com](mailto:plittle1@hotmail.com) or 913-341-3474.

**Please Pray for Those Asking for Prayers:** Mary Ellen Alfino, Ed Barton, Mary Cerkey, David Ferguson, Kevin Haeusser, Thomas Hill, Mary Bernadine Horan, Mason Kempf; Greg Lamping, Ed Nease, Lindsay Ripley, Theresa Ryan, and Ginny Shepard.

**REST IN PEACE:** Prayers are requested for **Elsa Garcia**, mother of Rose Wenzl.

**Mass Intentions For The Week** 

|                  |            |                                  |
|------------------|------------|----------------------------------|
| <b>Monday</b>    | 9:00 a.m.  | Dick Sandlin                     |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | 6:30 a.m.  | Joseph Nguyen Van Che            |
|                  | 6:00 p.m.  | Rodolfo DeAnda Ramirez (Spanish) |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | 6:30 A.M.  | Paul Rieger                      |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | 6:30 a.m.  | Eunice & Frank Addington         |
| <b>Friday</b>    | 9:00 a.m.  | Peggy Schrick                    |
| <b>Saturday</b>  | 7:30 a.m.  | Joseph Nguyen Van Kiem           |
|                  | 5:00 p.m.  | People of the Parish             |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | 7:30 a.m.  | Dick Obert                       |
|                  | 9:00 a.m.  | Charles Haas                     |
|                  | 11:00 a.m. | John Benson                      |
|                  | 2:00 p.m.  | Joseph Rydzal (Spanish)          |

**ADOPT A RESIDENT** from Indian Meadows Nursing Center for Christmas. St.Catherine's Circle is coordinating the collection of small items for each resident. If you would like to participate, place the following items in the box in the narthex: **Calendars** (Chiefs, NASCAR, animals, scenery), large print **word search books, lotions/lip glosses, & snack packs.** We will collect through Fri., Dec.17. Thanks for sharing!

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.**

Come join us in praying the Luminous mysteries of the Rosary on Thurs. evening, Dec.16 at 6pm in church.

**St.Catherine's Circle Meeting:** Mon., Dec.20, meet at church at 9am to shop, wrap, and distribute gifts for our holiday project. Lunch will be enjoyed at Elephant Bar immediately after our project. Call Kathy, 913-851-3463.

**THANK YOU** to everyone who helped supply a gift with the tags for the families of St.Benedict's Special Children Center. May your generosity bring you many blessings of peace for taking time to answer Jesus Call. *"What you do to the least of my people, that you do unto Me."* Any further donations that you might have, please contact Mary Ann Meert, 642-3954. Tricycles and ride on toys are always appreciated at the Center.

The **"CALLED BY NAME"** program is an opportunity for priests of the Archdiocese, to invite their parishioners to get involved in vocations, and for pastors to receive feedback from parishioners. The goal is to provide feedback which will help develop vocations in young people, and IDENTIFY those who may have a religious vocation or calling. Please be thinking of single men or women (of high school age or older) who in your opinion have the qualities to make a good priest, sister, or brother. Among such qualities would be commitment to God and Church, desire for service, concern for others, and leadership abilities. You will be receiving a vocation Referral Card to be completed at Mass on the weekend of Jan.15-16, 2011.

The 37th Annual **SNOW BALL**, benefiting Catholic Charities Foundation of Northeast KS, will be held Sat., Jan.15, Join us for cocktails, dinner and dancing at the Hyatt Regency, Crown Center Exhibition Hall. Proceeds from this black tie gala will help provide the most basic needs such as food & utilities to children & families in our community. For more info, contact Kerry Gentry, 913-433-2046 or [kentry@catholiccharitiesks.org](mailto:kentry@catholiccharitiesks.org), or [www.catholiccharitiessnowball.org](http://www.catholiccharitiessnowball.org).

**St.Helen's Christmas Circle meeting** will be Tues., Dec.14, 6:30pm at home of Thais Fahey, 8514 W 88th St., 341-1184. Bring appetizer & \$10 gift exchange. New members welcome.

Fri., Dec.17, we will serve pasta casserole, salad, & dessert to the hungry at **St.Mary's Food Kitchen.** Take baking pan & recipe provided in narthex, but last month only 35 of 40 pans came back. As soon as possible, please return any pan you forgot to bring back in the past.

**Advice & Aid Pregnancy Centers, Inc.** needs volunteers & will offer a Volunteer Informational Meeting, Mon., Jan.10, 7-9pm. at 11031 W.75th Ter., Shawnee, KS. For more info or to RSVP, contact Mary Newcomer at 913-962-0200 or [volunteer@adviceandaid.com](mailto:volunteer@adviceandaid.com)

## School News

Thanks to all who participated in the Hy-Vee Smart Points contest. Your efforts took us to first place. We have won a new Smart Board for our school!

Are you getting ready to shop for a Christmas tree? Please consider making your Christmas tree purchase at Whole Foods; the school will earn gift cards if you do. Just let the sales clerk know that you are from Holy Cross when you make your purchase.

**Upcoming Events:**

- Dec.14 Reconciliation Grades 3, 4 & 5 at 1PM at church
- Dec.16 Christmas Program Grades 5, 6 Choir, Band, Bells 7PM in the gym
- Dec.17 Reconciliation Grades 6, 7 & 8 at 1PM at church
- Dec.19 EEC Christmas Program 3PM in the gym
- Dec.21 Sunshine Club Lunch 1PM in the gym
- Dec.21 Christmas Program Grades K – 4<sup>th</sup> 7PM in gym
- Dec. 22 Posada Service 10:15am-Christmas Parties 11am
- Dec.23-Jan.3 Christmas Break
- Jan.4 All Classes resume

Mark your calendar for our annual Open House Feb.6, 10:30am-2pm. Tours in both English and Spanish will be available. Discover what our parish school has to offer your children. Holy Cross School and Early Education Center provides an outstanding academic experience rooted in our Catholic faith. We serve children PK3yr.old -8th grade. For more information visit us on the web. We look forward to seeing you at our Open House.

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.

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,

Hoy es Diciembre 12, la Fiesta de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe y el Tercer Domingo de Adviento. Distintos grupos de la parroquia que hablan español han tomado la responsabilidad de las devociones que son parte de la Novena, que empezó el 3 de Diciembre y terminará el Sábado, 11 de Diciembre, a las 10:00 p.m., con oraciones, Misa y canciones (Mañanitas). Aunque la Iglesia nos pide que respetemos el tiempo litúrgico del Adviento, nos dan permiso para algunas celebraciones en términos de canciones, homilía e imágenes devocionales. ¡Hoy es una gran ocasión para celebrar las apariciones de Nuestra Santa Madre en este continente!

Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe se le apareció a San Juan Diego, en Diciembre 1531, cerca de la loma Tepeyac, lo que es hoy la Ciudad de Méjico. Los mensajes de nuestra Santa Madre, fueron escritos 30 años más tarde, por el hombre de letras, Antonio Valeriano, en el lenguaje Azteca de Nahuatl. Este documento conocido como *Nican Mopohua* (“Entonces fue dicho” – de las primeras palabras), contienen una simple narrativa de los eventos que transpiraron y han sido traducidos en muchos lenguajes. De todas las apariciones Marianas aprobadas alrededor del mundo, yo me aventuro a decir que las palabras dichas a San Juan Diego en el *Nican Mopohua*, son las más bonitas, especialmente cuando María pretende consolarlo después de una entrevista muy fuerte con el Obispo Zumárraga:

*119. ¿NO ESTOY AQUÍ, YO, QUIÉN SOY TU MADRE? ¿NO ESTÁS BAJO MI SOMBRA Y MI PROTECCIÓN? ¿NO SOY LA RAZÓN DE TU ALEGRÍA? ¿NO ESTÁS EN EL VACÍO DE MI MANTO, EN EL CRUZAR DE MIS BRAZOS? ¿NECESITAS ALGO MÁS?*

*120. NO DEJES QUE NADA MÁS TE DISTURBE...*

Traducción de la Basílica de nuestra Señora de Guadalupe

El *Nican Mopohua* es un tremendo escrito de los eventos que pasaron casi 400 años atrás, pero la tranquila imagen de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, impresa en la frazada que usaba San Juan Diego sobre sus hombros, ¡es todavía un testimonio más impresionante! La frazada usada por San Juan Diego fue hecha de fibras de cactus tejidas y todavía dura, localizada sobre el altar de la Basílica de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe. Hay muchos propiedades milagrosas asociadas con esta imagen que sirve de testimonio a las apariciones de Nuestra Señora y la fe del pueblo Mejicano.

En orden de promover un mayor sentido de la devoción Mariana en Holy Cross, me gustaría mandar una imagen peregrina de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe a visitar las familias de nuestra parroquia. Es mi esperanza que esta imagen visite cuantas familias sea posible visitar en el futuro. Como Patrona de las Américas, Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe es una fuente especial de unidad y paz. Las pautas serán como siguen:

#### **PAUTAS DE LA IMAGEN PEREGRINA DE NUESTRA SEÑORA DE GUADALUPE**

Se le invita a las familias a firmar sus nombres en la oficina de la iglesia.

Cada familia tendrá a la imagen peregrina por una semana.

La imagen será exhibida en un lugar central en sus hogares.

Cada familia que recibe la imagen peregrina rezará el Rosario juntos cada día en frente a la imagen.

La imagen será recogida y devuelta el domingo, en la sacristía de la iglesia.

Cualquier familia perteneciente a la parroquia Holy Cross podrá recibir la imagen en su hogar.

Cada familia que recibe la imagen indicará a qué hora ó en cuál misa, devolverán la imagen, para avisarle a la siguiente familia cuándo pueden recoger la imagen.

La familia hospedando la imagen, se le invita a orar por las necesidades individuales de cada miembro familiar, las intenciones de la parroquia y las intenciones del Santo Padre.

Pidámosle a Nuestra Santa Madre, a ayudarnos a profundizar nuestro amor y devoción a ella. Ella nos guiará siempre a la voluntad completa de Dios en cada y en todo momento.

**INTENCIONES PARA LAS MISAS:** Martes, 12/14, 6:00 p.m.: Rodolfo de Anda Ramírez  
 Domingo, 12/19, 2:00 p.m.: Joseph Rydzal

(para más información vea el revés de esta página)

**LECTURAS Y PREGUNTAS PARA COMPARTIR LA FE EL PRÓXIMO DOMINGO Diciembre 19, 2010 -****Cuarto Domingo de Adviento:** Isaías 7:10-14; Romanos 1:1-7; Mateo 1:18-24.**Preguntas semanales de Adultos para Compartir la Fe:** ¿Se han sentido alguna vez guiados por ángeles o por el Señor en sus decisiones? ¿Cómo les fue esa experiencia? **Preguntas para los Niños:** ¿Saben ustedes la historia de su nacimiento o de su adopción? Pregúntenle a sus padres que compartan esa experiencia con ustedes.**EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA:****Clases de por la tarde:** Nos reuniremos el martes 14 de Dic., en el salón renovado de la iglesia. Favor de traer a sus niños abajo usando las puertas del Norte del edificio. Busquen en los folders de sus niños un diagrama del procedimiento para dejar y recoger a los niños. Esta clase será la última hasta el 4 de Enero, 2011.**Familias Creciendo Juntas en la Fe:** Nos reuniremos este martes, 14 de Dic., en el salón nuevo de la iglesia.**CONFIRMACIÓN:** Nos reunimos en el salón nuevo de la iglesia. Los alumnos de Escuela Superior se reúnen de 6:00pm -7:30pm. Los alumnos de 7° y 8° Grados se reúnen 6:30-8pm.**Sesiones para Candidatos y Padrinos:** Debido a las renovaciones, mudada y desempaque, *estas sesiones han sido pospuestas hasta Febrero, 2011.**Para más información sobre Confirmación, Ministerio Juvenil o clases de Escuela Intermedia o Superior, llamen a Sandy: 205-0825, o el website siguiente: [sschluter@holycrossopks.org](mailto:sschluter@holycrossopks.org).*

**Archbishop's Quo Vadis Retreat:** Are you a single man 18-35 who wants to challenge himself to grow closer to Christ, and discover the meaningful life He want for you? Will you leave the ordinary behind for 2 1/2 days to join other men of faith and integrity? The retreat will be held at Savior Pastoral Center 8pm Jan.1 to 11am Jan.4, 2011. The retreat is free. There will be Mass, communal prayer, a service project, inspiring stories and movies, and time to relax and visit with seminarians. Archbishop Naumann will meet personally with guests to offer spiritual direction and advice. To get more info or register see our website [www.kckvocations.com](http://www.kckvocations.com) or email [vocation@archkck.org](mailto:vocation@archkck.org). Please register by Dec.22.

Fr.Greg Hammes will celebrate the **Archdiocesan monthly pro-life Mass on Sat., Dec.18.** Mass is at 8am at Sts.Cyril & Methodius, 44 N.Mill, KC, KS. Immediately following Mass is a rosary procession to the abortion clinic approximately 4 blocks away. Eucharistic adoration is available for those not processing. Benediction concludes services by 9am. Please join in this prayerful, peaceful witness to life.

**St.Monica's and The Peach Tree is coming back to Holy Cross for Martin Luther King weekend.....on Sat., Jan.16th,** the Gospel Choir from St.Monica's Catholic Church in Kansas City will be our guest choir at the 5pm mass. Come hear this awesome choir and band sing the Lord's praises in the way only they can...AMEN!! Fr. Terrell M. Finnell will be our guest co-preside, and after the mass there will be a catered Soul Food dinner from The Peachtree restaurant. Enjoy delicious chicken and catfish, sweet potatoes, collard greens, and other great Southern delicacies. The cost is \$12 per person, with part of the proceeds going to cover the cost of our guests from St.Monica's. **YOU MUST RSVP** with the office to secure a reservation for dinner we have only space for 100 and we will sell out, so hurry and call the churchoffice. For more info and questions, call Mike at (913) 526-1498.

*Tick, tock...Tick Tock!!*

**January 7th will be here before you know it, so  
get your tickets now for:**



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

**Limited number of seats**

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

**\$45 for senior reserved**

**If you still would like to donate a gift,  
please see our gift wish list on the  
Celebration website for lots of ideas.**

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

**Proceeds from the evening benefit Holy Cross Parish and School**

**Celebration 2010 Gift Gathering Opportunities:** The Celebration Committee would like to say "Thank you" to all of the families who have already donated to Celebration. If you still would like to donate, **you may drop off gift donations in the narthex this weekend (December 11-12).** We are asking for a minimum gift item or cash donation of \$25 dollars. Gift categories include: On the Town, A Beautiful You, Home & Garden, Men's Club, Kid's Paradise, Precious & Priceless, Camps, Religious & Holiday.

## SCRIP NEWS

It's not too early to start preparing for Christmas, if you need to purchase gift cards, please purchase them at Holy Cross. We have **lots of specific vendors' gifts cards (Special Bonus AMC gift cards just arrived)** and also **VISA** gift cards (no service charge) that can be used anywhere...**OR** you could purchase VISA Cards for yourself and use those to do your shopping. It's a great way to budget Christmas spending. Several vendors' gift cards come in \$5 or \$10 denominations, great for stocking stuffers or office gift exchanges...please review the listing below, if you've never used SCRIP you'll be AMAZED!!!!

### THINGS TO REMEMBER ABOUT HOLY CROSS SCRIP

**SCRIP CARDS = GIFT CARDS.**

**NO HIDDEN CHARGES--YOU GET WHAT YOU PAY FOR.**

**ONE STOP SHOPPING FOR ALL YOUR GIFT CARD NEEDS.**

**USING SCRIP INSTEAD OF CASH = INCREASES YOUR CONTRIBUTION TO HOLY CROSS**

### LISTING OF GIFT CARDS AVAILABLE THRU SCRIP

#### GROCERY/PRESCRIPTIONS

Hy-Vee  
Price Chopper  
Sam's Club/WalMart  
Whole Foods  
CVS Pharmacy  
Walgreens

#### GAS

Bp Gas  
Shell Gas

#### SPECIALTY STORES

Aeropostle  
AMC Theatres  
Amazon. Com  
American Airlines  
American Eagle Outfitters  
Banana Republic  
Barnes & Noble  
Bass Pro Shop  
Bath & Body  
Bed, Bath & Beyond  
Best Buy  
Blockbuster  
Border's / Walden Books  
Disney  
Dress Barn  
Gap / Old Navy  
Eddie Bauer  
Express  
Family Tree Nursery  
Footlocker  
f.y.e.  
Gordman's  
GNC  
Great Clips  
Gymboree  
Hallmark  
Harry & David  
iTunes  
Jiffy Lube  
J. Jill  
Joann's  
Journeys

#### SPECIALTY STORES, CONT.

Kay Jewelers  
Land's End  
Lane Bryant  
Limited  
Marshall's  
Michael's  
Office Depot  
Office Max  
Payless Shoe Source  
PetSmart  
Pier One  
Pottery Barn  
Radio Shack  
Restoration Hardware  
Sally's Beauty Supply  
Sephora  
Shoe Carnival  
Shutterfly  
Spa Finder  
Sport's Authority  
Staples  
Sunglass Hut  
Talbot's  
The Children's Place  
The Container Store  
Toys R Us / Babies R Us  
Ulta Salon  
Williams Sonoma

#### RESTAURANTS

Applebee's  
Arby's  
BD' Mongolian BBQ  
Bob Evans  
Bonefish Grill  
Boston Market  
Bravo/Brio  
Buca Di Beppo  
Burger King  
California Pizza Kitchen  
Chili's  
Chipotle  
Chuck E. Cheese  
Cracker Barrel  
Cold Stone Creamery

#### RESTAURANTS, CONT.

Honeybaked Ham  
KFC Chicken  
Little Caesar's  
Longbranch Steakhouse  
Longhorn Steakhouse  
Long John Silver's  
Mimi's Cafe  
Mr. Goodcents  
Noodles & Co.  
Olive Garden  
Omaha Steaks  
Outback Steakhouse / Carraba's  
Panera Bread  
Papa John's  
P.F. Chang's  
Pizza Hut  
Quiznos  
Red Lobster  
Red Robin  
Restaurant Guide (good at over 50 restaurants)  
Ruby Tuesday's  
Starbucks  
Subway  
Sweet Tomatoes  
Texas Roadhouse  
TGI Fridays  
Wendy's

#### HOME REPAIR

Ace Hardware  
Home Depot  
Lowe's  
Sears

#### DEPARTMENT STORES

Dillards  
JC Penney  
K-Mart  
Kohl's  
Macy's

#### HOTELS

Comfort Inns  
Hyatt Hotels  
Marriot Hotels

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