

Church of The Holy Cross

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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,

The week prior to the great Solemnity of Christmas could be called a time of “intensive liturgical preparation.” The readings and prayers of daily Mass and the Liturgy of the Hours are very specific to this time of year and direct our hearts and minds to the imminent coming of the Lord.

In the Table of Liturgical Days from the General Norms for the Liturgical Year and the General Roman Calendar (which gives the order of precedence for liturgical days), we find that the weekdays of Advent from Dec.17 to Dec.24 fall in a special category between feasts and obligatory memorials. Normally a liturgical feast is celebrated with greater solemnity (two readings, the Gloria, etc.) than a memorial, but the Octave before Christmas is celebrated without the normal “extras”. It seems that the Church wants us to acknowledge the liturgical importance of these days - but without changing the penitential character of the Season of Advent.

I would like to discuss one unique aspect of the eight days before Christmas that always brings me much joy: the “O Antiphons”!! These special Christological titles are found each day in the Liturgy of the Hours preceding the recitation or chanting of the Magnificat (in honor of Mary) and are also roughly adapted (not always in order) to the Alleluia verse sung before the Gospel. The antiphons incorporate Messianic titles that come from the Old testament and have been woven into a beautiful series of verses. The *Liber Usualis*, which is the Vatican Edition of Roman chant, as edited by the Benedictines of Solemnes in Franc (1938), contains the chant tones for each antiphon.

- O Wisdom (Latin: O Sapientia—Dec.17)
- O Lord (O Adonai—Dec.18)
- O Root of Jesse (O Radix Jesse—Dec.19)
- O Key of David (O Clavis David—Dec.20)
- O Rising Sun (O Oriens—Dec.21)
- O King of the Nations (O Rex Gentium—Dec.22)
- O Emmánuel (Dec.23)

While their origin is unknown, these beautiful titles were used as antiphons in the early Church, especially in monastic communities. The “O Antiphons” are the backbone of the 15th century processional hymn entitled: “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”. Each stanza contains a different Christological title and brief poetic reference. Unfortunately, this hymn has been used excessively over the past years and, in some cases, has been relegated to the liturgical “dustbin” in some places. I believe that this hymn might be more appreciated internationally if its connection with the “O Antiphons” was more publicized.

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READINGS & FAITH SHARING QUESTIONS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, & Joseph: Sirach 3:2-7, 12-14; Colossians 3:12-21, Matthew 9:13-15, 19-23. *Questions for Adults:* How does your family deal with tensions and unexpected turns? What light do today’s readings provide? *For Children:* What is one thing about your family that you want to thank God?

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.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE:

	December 12, 2010	Fiscal YTD
Needed	\$33,800	\$696,200
Collected	25,555	610,169
Over/(Under)	(8245)	(86,031)
Special Donations	261	

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: If you were unable to join us for our Reconciliation Service here at Holy Cross, other services are still available in our area:

Sun., Dec.19, 3:00 p.m. St. Ann - Prairie Village
7:30 p.m. Nativity - Leawood

Project Rachel - Come Home to God’s Mercy: If you have had an abortion, the Church invites you to *Come Home to God’s Mercy*. Project Rachel-Project Joseph offers a 6-week healing program, beginning late January. CONFIDENTIAL. Contact Pat for details, 913-621-2199, 888-246-1504, or projectrachelkc@archkck.org Free. Registration required. .

BULLETIN ITEMS for the Dec.26 bulletin must be received in the church office by 12:00 noon on Dec.20.

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Finally, there is one curious aspect of the “O Antiphons” that I do not want to neglect to mention!! When the first letter of each Latin Messianic reference is taken and put together in reverse order... two words are formed:

Emmanuel + Rex + Oriens = ERO: (Latin) “I will be”
Clavis+Radix+Aonai+Sapientia=CRAS: (Latin)“tomorrow”

Therefore:“Tomorrow, I will be.”(or- “Tomorrow, I will come)

The “hidden message revealed in these words does not contain the answer to any medieval puzzles or open any secret doors, as far as I know; nevertheless, it is a beautiful reference to the coming of the Lord.

Even though Christmas is almost here, it might be nice for each family in our parish to reflect on the daily “O Antiphon” together at home.

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 on Jan.4, 4:30pm in the church hall. No classes on Dec.21 and 28. Enjoy this time with your family and friends.

Families Growing in Faith Together will meet Tues., Jan.4, 6:30pm in the church hall..

Confirmation classes will not meet on Dec.26 due to Christmas holiday. We resume classes on Jan.2, and will meet in church hall. Remember, high school students meet 6-7:30pm. 7th & 8th grade students meet 6:30-8pm.

Candidate Sponsor sessions rescheduled...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
For questions regarding Middle and High School Rel. Ed or Youth Ministry, contact Sandy at 205-0825 or sschluter@holycrossopks.org.

Holy Cross High Schoolers ... "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.

Our next **HOMERS** date is Jan.12. Homers Coffeehouse is located in downtown OP. We meet 7pm-8:15pm. Bring a few dollars for a smoothie, latte, hot chocolate, etc. We gather together for fellowship and fun, in a relaxed and inviting atmosphere. Hope to see you there!

Mission 2011 is set! We'll 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

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.

St.Monica's and The Peach Tree will be rescheduled to a later time because of a scheduling conflict with Fr. Terrell. Continue to watch the bulletin for the new time & date.

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

Change in Mass times for Christmas Eve! Remember that the Christmas Eve Mass times have been changed this year. The times now are 4:30, 6:30(Spanish), 8:30, and 10 pm.

Mass Intentions For The Week



Monday	9:00 a.m.	Finerty Family
Tuesday	6:30 a.m.	Nancy Hittner
	8:15 a.m.	Paul Rieger (at school)
	6:00 p.m.	John Baldor (Spanish)
Wednesday	9:00 a.m..	Ray Adams
Thursday	6:30 a.m.	Charles Puhr
Friday	9:00 a.m.	Richard Hall
	CHRISTMAS EVE	
	4:30 p.m.	John & Mary McCraner (upstairs)
	4:30 p.m.	Tony Smigin (downstairs)
	6:30 p.m.	Dominic Rang Nguyen (Spanish)
	8:30 p.m.	Robert Klewitz
	10:00 p.m.	Charles Haas
Saturday	CHRISTMAS DAY	
	9:00 a.m.	Edward Pelot
	11:00 a.m.	Bunny Goetz Ingalls
	2:00 p.m.	George Duermyer (Spanish)
Sunday	7:30 a.m.	Eunice & Frank Addington
	9:00 a.m.	David Volz
	11:00 a.m.	Jacqueline Davis
	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.

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.

ADOPT A CAUSE: In light of the recent burglaries at Holy Cross, we have asked a local security company to draw up a plan for improving vigilance of church assets. This is a cause close to everyone's heart, and I invite those who are interested and able to make a donation for this particular cause.

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

School News

Celebration 2011-Denim and Diamonds is quickly approaching. Mark your calendar for Jan.29 and reserve your seats. If you would like to donate an item to the auction you can drop it off at the school during our office hours. The planning committee is working hard to make this a special evening with some new twists. We hope to see you all there.

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.19 EEC Christmas Program 3PM in the gym
- Dec.21 Sunshine Club Lunch 1PM in the gym
- Dec.21 Christmas Program Grades K – 4th 7PM in gym
- Dec. 22 Posada Service 10:15am-Christmas Parties 11am
- Dec.23-Jan.3 Christmas Break
- Jan.4 All Classes resume
- Jan.6 All School Mass 9AM in the church
- Jan.17 No School / No EEC-Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

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 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.

Amazing people make amazing things happen!



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

Thank you to everyone who donated in the past few weeks.

We hit the 100 gift goal!

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

Prior to Christmas, gifts can be dropped off at the school office through December 22nd at noon.

www.holycrosscelebration.com

Proceeds from the evening benefit Holy Cross Parish and School.



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 pos 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, 12/21 6:00 p.m.: John Baldor

Domingo, 12/26, 2:00 p.m.: Personas de la Parroquia

(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.

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 kgentry@catholiccharitiesks.org, or www.catholiccharitiessnowball.org.

St.Thomas Aquinas Rugby Team Texas Hold ‘EM Poker Tournament: Jan.7, 2011. Doors open at 6:00. Tournament starts at 7:00. Advance Entry Fee: \$50 for the tournament with \$1000 to the winner. \$60 at the door. Holy Trinity Fr.Quigley Center, 9201 Summit, Lenexa, KS 66215. For full details and to register go to www.kcblues.org/STApoker.

Daniel Carr, Kyle Rieger, & Josh Staley all received their Eagle Scout rank at a Court of Honor on Dec.4. All three boys attended Holy Cross Catholic School and graduated in the same class (2008). All three are members of Troop 284 in Overland Park, They and their families are members of Holy Cross parish. Daniel Carr & Josh Staley attend Bishop Miege H.S., and Kyle Rieger attends Rockhurst H.S.

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 or email vocation@archkck.org. Please register by Dec.22.

“The Image of Mary on Stamps throughout the World”

What: Come celebrate the Advent Season and prepare with Mary at the Savior Pastoral Center! View images of Mary on stamps around the world, as painted by Phil Jensen, of St. Ann in Prairie Village. Phil has collected over 900 stamps from over 185 countries, and then painted an enlarged series of 44 of these images. Come and visit with the artist, view the paintings and the actual stamps, and enjoy some cocktails and appetizers as we prepare for Christmas during this Advent season. The evening will begin with vespers and a rosary in the Savior of the World Chapel at 6pm. All are welcome! **When:** 6-8pm on Tues., Dec.21. **Where:** Savior Pastoral Center, 12601 Parallel Parkway, KC, KS 66109. **Cost:** Free! Donations are always welcome. **How:** Call Martha at 913-721-1097 or e-mail at saviorsec@archkck.org to RSVP by Dec. 21.

St.Thomas Aquinas H.S. 2nd Annual **TRIVIA CHALLENGE** will be on Sat., Jan.22, in auxiliary gym at 7:30pm. Setup begins at 7. Organize your table of 10 for \$150. Single reservations also accepted at \$15/person. Prizes are determined based on attendance with limit of 40 tables. Reservations can be made online www.stasaints.net/triviachallenge. More info at 319-2425.

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

Visa Gift Cards