

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,

Some parishioners have asked that I publish a bibliography containing books that I have found helpful in my own spiritual life. Instead of putting down my “top ten list” of favorite books, I would prefer to take a book a week and discuss why I think it should be read or not. This week, given the fact that we have begun the Lenten series on Pope Benedict XVI and his Apostolic Exhortation *Verbum Domini* - The Word of the Lord - I would like to recommend a book written when he was Professor of Dogmatics and History of Dogma entitled *Introduction to Christianity*. Fr. Joseph Ratzinger compiled and published his lecture notes from a summer course in 1967 at the University of Tübingen in Germany that was open to students from different academic faculties; hence, it is a work for non-specialists (but still a change to read!). It is basically an overview of the Apostles’ Creed, but seen through the eyes of one of the most educated and inspired men of our age. *Introduction to Christianity* is much more than a work of catechesis, in my opinion; it is a relatively brief (380 pages) perusal of human history in light of the Cross that could be retitled *Introduction to the Most Important Questions about God and Human Life!!* This is not a book to be read on the couch during March Madness time-outs and commercials in your living room...this is a magnum opus that deserves to be enjoyed like a fine wine in appreciative sips.

I recently received a letter from Archbishop Naumann giving our parish permission to celebrate two Easter Vigils this year. After consulting with Fr. David, the Committee for Hispanic Ministry in the parish, Rick Worms, and the Archdiocesan Liturgical Office, we have decided to divide our celebrations according to linguistic needs this year. The Hispanic members of our community will celebrate the Stations of the Cross on Good Friday and the Easter Vigil in Spanish down at Holy Cross School. This is an experiment in order to try and accommodate our different language groups. I received quite a bit of negative feedback after celebrating the bilingual Mass for our parish festival last September, and since then I have tried to respect the linguistic needs of our community during worship. I continue to receive criticisms (not all constructive!) in this area, and I am open to suggestions as to how we might improve our pastoral service here in the parish. I am grateful that Holy Cross acts as a regional center for Hispanic ministry, and I pray that we may continue to embrace the words of Jesus in the Priestly Prayer of John 17:21--“*So that they may all be one, as you, Father, are in me and I in you, that they also may be in us, that the world may believe that you sent me.*”

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This Lent all the parishes in the archdiocese are offering the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Wednesday evenings, as I mentioned in a previous column. A good examination of conscience is an important prerequisite for making a good confession, and with that end in mind, I have purchased a good quantity of the popular pamphlet called, *A primer for confessions / un manual para la confesión* by Fr. Frederick Miller, STD. Fr. Miller has taught at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary in Philadelphia and is now at Mt. St. Mary’s Seminary in Emmitsburg, Maryland. This primer contains a very helpful explanation of the order of the sacrament, a brief description of the difference between moral and venial sin, plus a detailed examination of conscience based on the 10 commandments. There is an Act of Contrition printed on the last page. Please feel free to pick up some copies located in the narthex of the church.

People stop actively participating in the Church for all sorts of reasons. The community of Holy Cross wants to be a spiritual resource for people, who have been inactive, and are now interested in exploring more involvement in our parish. Anyone interested can call Robert Bacic for a confidential appointment at 381-2755 or rba-cic@holycrossopks.org.

Ten men and women from Holy Cross will participate in the **Rite of Election** this weekend at St. Michael the Archangel parish. During this ceremony, Archbishop Naumann will elect the catechumens from Johnson County for the Easter Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. He will also recognize the desire of those who are already baptized to enter into the Full Communion of the Catholic Faith. Our catechumens are Michelle Ashley and Kris Troy. Our candidates are: Paul Ashley, Sam Cole, David Dixon, Julie Gustafson, Bill Schneider, Carla Bayha-Smith, Sean Wilde and Chris Yankee.

Join Fr.Bob on a Scriptural Pilgrimage: You are invited to make a scriptural pilgrimage this Lent by studying, discussing, and praying with the recently released Apostolic Exhortation of Pope Benedict XVI. The document is entitled *Verbum Domini - The Word of God in the Life and Mission of the Church*. On Mar.14, Fr.Robert Conroy began leading a series of five conferences on Mondays at 7:00pm in the church. Themes to be covered include the following: theological/exegetical perspective of Pope Benedict XVI; patristic and medieval exegesis: Different levels of Scripture; *Lectio Divina*; biblical prayer; living tradition; and the Marian dimension of biblical interpretation. There is no cost to these evenings, but participants will need to bring a bible and find a copy of *Verbum Domini* (ct. Vatican website or a local Catholic bookstore). All are welcome.

READINGS & FAITH SHARING QUESTIONS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: Third Sunday of Lent

Exodus 17:3-7; Romans 5:1-2, 5-8; John 4:5-42.
Questions for Adults: On whose word of testimony did you come to believe in Jesus? **For Children:** What does it mean to harden your heart? Why do you think God doesn't want us to have hard hearts?

ADORATION CHAPEL: "No one who comes to me shall ever be hungry; no one who believes in me shall ever thirst." (John 6:35) Open hours: Mon., 2am & 3am; Wed., 8am & 3pm; Thurs., 2am; Fri., 1pm. Call Anne, 649-2049.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE:

	March 13, 2011	Fiscal YTD
Needed	\$33,800	\$1,135,600
Collected	26,741	997,596
Over/(Under)	(7059)	(138,004)
Special Donations	604	

Consider visiting the residents at Bickford Place (106th & Barkley) on Monday mornings 10 a.m. and join in praying the Rosary. Are you available? Will you come? Call Pat at 341-3474 for more details of this outreach and ministry.

SUNSHINE CLUB ACTIVITIES FOR MARCH:

3/17 Argosy Casino Meet at church 10:15 a.m. No dominoes in March.

Mass and Stations of the Cross will be held at 5:30pm each Friday during Lent. Then stay for a Lenten meal.

- Mar.25 PTO Lenten Dinner
- Apr.1 Knights of Columbus Lenten Dinner
- Apr.8 Youth Potato Bar Lenten Dinner
- Apr.15 Gospel of Life Lenten Dinner

Religious Education

Check the website for our calendar! Click on Parish Calendar on the right column.

Afternoon Classes will meet this Tues., Mar.22, 4:30 p.m.

Families Growing in Faith Together: We meet this Tues., Mar.22, at 6:45 p.m.

Confirmation classes WILL meet on Mar.20. Remember, high school students meet 6:00 to 7:30pm. 7th & 8th grade students meet 6:30 to 8pm.

Confirmation Ceremony will take place Tues., Apr.12, 7pm. Archbishop Naumann will preside. Candidates and sponsors will report for rehearsal on Mon., Apr.11, at 6:30 in the church. Please pray for our candidates as they take this important step in their faith journey.

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

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN CORNER

"Our Family, Our Future"

UPDATE:

Total Pledged: \$2,093,202

Total Received: \$1,781,979

Youth Ministry

For questions regarding Middle and High School Rel. Ed or Youth Ministry, contact Sandy at 205-0825 or sschluter@holycrossopks.org. Your call will be returned asap if you leave message

04MG!! Oh, For My God! Middle School Youth Group! Our next meeting date is Mon, Mar.21. Hope to see you there! Parents, we can always use adult leaders for our meetings.

Holy Cross Highschoolers..."Regular" youth groups meets Mar.23rd and 30th in the youth room. Go to Sandra K Schluter and add yourself as a friend to get information by Facebook.

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. ALSO, we are looking for clean couches in good condition for our meeting space. Please contact Sandy if you can fill one of these requests.

Adopt a Tank... It's that time of year again. We are trying to get 7 vehicles and 47 people to Minnesota and back to grow in our faith and serve God's people. If you are able to contribute a tank of gas to our trip, it would be greatly appreciated. Checks can be made out to Holy Cross Youth Ministry. We appreciate your support.

Please Pray for Those Asking for Prayers: Rubye Butler, David Ferguson, Jim Hadel, Kevin Haeusser, Karen Hoffman, Jerry Katz, Bob Long, Dolores McClain, Phillip McClain, Mary Jane Reardon, & Ginny Shepard.

REST IN PEACE: Prayers are requested for **John Daley**, father of Patrick Daley, and **Helen McKinzie**, mother of Sharon DeHaemers.

Mass Intentions For The Week 

Monday	9:00 a.m.	Juan Martin, Jr.
Tuesday	6:30 a.m.	Guse Son
	6:00 p.m.	Manuel Hernandez (Spanish)
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Mary & Margie Blake
Thursday	6:30 a.m.	Josephine Golub
Friday	9:00 a.m.	In Thanksgiving (All School)
	5:30 p.m.	Jamie Brady (Stations & Mass)
Saturday	7:30 a.m.	Mike Scheele
	5:00 p.m.	People of the Parish
Sunday	7:30 a.m.	Dr. A.J. Roitz
	9:00 a.m.	Tony Rinella
	11:00 a.m.	Paula Ziegler
	2:00 p.m.	Enrique Rodriguez Pena (Spanish)

Holy Cross parishioners send a big **THANK YOU** to all ladies who volunteer their time preparing food for and serving at funeral lunches here at Holy Cross. A **special THANK YOU goes out to NORMA McCALL**, our Funeral Lunch Coordinator. Norma volunteers her time organizing and overseeing this valuable service which we offer to our grieving families. (**MORE VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED** to maintain this wonderful program. Norma tells us that she would love to add you to the list of volunteers if you feel you can prepare food occasionally or help serve at a funeral lunch from time to time. Please call Norma McCall at 913-648-4058.)

Widen your **CIRCLE OF FRIENDS!** All Women of Holy Cross are welcome to join one of our many "Circles." **St.Helen's Circle** meets on the 2nd Tues. of the month, Sept.-May, at home of a member. In addition to assisting at Festival & all WHC events & fundraisers, **St.Helen's Circle** special events include: Lenten Shrimp Dinner (our yearly fundraiser), Baptismal Stole Making, Coffee & Donut Sundays, Funeral Dinners, Christmas Charity Project, Fr.Marc Tillia Missions Project, Provide Ronald McDonald with dinner for 30, once a month. Ronald McDonald House Pop-Tab Collection, Dinner with Husbands & Special Friends, Annual Summer Picnic. **Visitors are welcome at any time to join us in our service to God, Holy Cross & community!** Contact **Jo Roff 649-4497** or **Thais Fahy 341-1184**.

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.

Advice and Aid Pregnancy Centers, Inc. needs volunteers and will be offering a Volunteer Informational Meeting on Tues., Mar.29, 7:00-9:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at 11031 W.75th Terr., Shawnee, KS. For more info on volunteering in this ministry or to RSVP, please contact Mary Newcomer at 913-962-0200 or email voluanteer@adviceandaid.com.

Quilters and Crafters will accept various crafts, quilts, tablecloths, etc. to finish for you. Price adjusted according to work needed for completion. Call 913-381-9406 - Virginia Dunn

Join us in praying the Luminous mysteries of the **Rosary** on Thurs., Mar.24, 6:30pm in the church.

CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH: Now is the time to sign up for the Spring *Christ Renews His Parish* renewal weekends: Mar.19 & 20 for the men and April 2 & 3 for the women. Spend a weekend with Jesus and refresh and renew your spirituality with other Holy Cross parishioners. Questions? Call Kevin Beauford at 381-7414 or Deb Zila at 642-5774. You can also visit <http://holycrossopks.org/christ-renews-his-parish/> for more info. Peace, Joe

Parishioners are invited to attend a Villa Reception at Santa Marta on Tues., Mar.22, 4:00-7:00pm. Wine and hors d'oeuvres will be served. Please RSVP by calling (913) 323-7110.

Holy Cross School News

Mar.21 Classes Resume

Mar.25 Feast of the Annunciation All School Mass 9am
PTO Fish Fry 5:30-7:30pm

Holy Cross Catholic School and Early Education Center are currently enrolling for the 2011-2012 school year. We offer a quality academic experience strongly rooted in the Catholic faith. To find out more about our elementary school (K-8th grade) or to schedule a tour call the school office at 913-381-7408. For info about the Early Education Center please call 913-381-7151. Holy Cross Catholic school - Building Faith - Inspiring Minds

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.

Gospel of Life Update

They, no less than I, were created in the womb by the same God who shaped us all within our mothers. *Job 31:15*
Pray to end abortion.

The Gabriel Project provides spiritual, emotional, and material help for any woman facing a crisis pregnancy. Call 602-0306.

Thanks to all of your support & prayers, the Parish Gabriel Project has been able to help several women. Please continue to keep this important Parish Ministry in your prayers.



“Encuentro”

ANUNCIOS

DEL PADRE ROBERTO:

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Hermanos y Hermanas,

Algunos miembros de Holy Cross me han pedido que publique una biografía, incluyendo una lista de libros que hayan podido ayudarme en mi vida espiritual. En vez de hacer una lista de mis “top ten” libros favoritos, prefiero tomar un libro semanalmente y discutir por qué yo creo que debe ser leído o no. Esta semana, debido a que hemos empezado la serie de Cuaresma del Papa Benedicto XVI y su Exhortación Apostólica, *Verbum Domini* - La Palabra del Señor - me gustaría recomendar un libro escrito cuando él era Profesor de Dogmática e Historia del Dogma, titulado *Introducción al Cristianismo*. El Padre Joseph Ratzinger compiló y publicó sus notas de conferencias de un curso de verano tomado en 1967, en la Universidad de Tübingen, en Alemania, abierto a estudiantes de diferentes facultades académicas. Por esto, es un trabajo sin especialidades (¡pero un reto para leerlo!). Es básicamente un relato del Credo de los Apóstoles, visto a través de los ojos de uno de los más inspirados hombres de nuestra era.

En mi opinión, *Introducción al Cristianismo*, es mucho más que un trabajo de catequesis. Es un relato corto (380 páginas), sobre historia humana desde el punto de vista de la cruz, que pudiera ser renombrada ¡*Introducción a las Más Importantes Preguntas sobre Dios y la Vida Humana!* Este NO es un libro para leer en el sofá, mirando los partidos de baloncesto o los comerciales tan entretenidos. Esto es un opus magno que merece ser disfrutado como vino fino, en tragos pequeños.

Recientemente recibí una carta del Arzobispo Naumann, dando permiso a nuestra parroquia para celebrar dos Vigilias de Pascua este año. Después de consultar con el Padre David, el Comité del Ministerio Hispano, Rick Worms y la Oficina Litúrgica de la Arquidiócesis, hemos decidido dividir nuestras celebraciones de acuerdo a las necesidades lingüísticas este año. Los miembros del Ministerio Hispano celebrarán las Estaciones de la Cruz el Viernes Santo y la Vigilia de Pascua en español, en la Escuela de Holy Cross. Esto es un experimento para tratar de acomodar nuestros grupos de diferentes idiomas. Recibí bastante retrocomunicación negativa por celebrar una Misa bilingüe para nuestro Festival de la Parroquia el pasado Septiembre. Desde entonces he tratado de respetar las necesidades lingüísticas de nuestros grupos durante la adoración. Continúo recibiendo crítica (¡no toda constructiva!) en esta área y estoy abierto a sugerencias para poder mejorar nuestros servicios pastorales en nuestra parroquia. Estoy agradecido que Holy Cross sirva como centro regional para el Ministerio Hispano y rezo que continuemos abrazando las palabras de Jesús en el Priestly Prayer, de Juan 17:21—“*Te pido que todos ellos estén completamente unidos, que sean una sola cosa en unión con nosotros, oh Padre, así como Tú estás en mí y yo estoy en Ti. Que estén completamente unidos, para que el mundo crea que Tú me enviaste.*”

Esta Cuaresma, todas la parroquias en la Arquidiócesis, ofrecerán el Sacramento de Reconciliación los miércoles por la tarde. Un buen exámen de conciencia es un importante requisito para una buena confesión. Con esto en mente, he comprado un buen número de panfletos “Un Manual para la Confesión”, del Padre Frederick Miller, STD. Este panfleto contiene una provechosa explicación del orden del sacramento, una breve descripción de las diferencias entre el pecado mortal y venial, además de un detallado exámen de conciencia, basado en los 10 Mandamientos. También contiene un Acto de Contrición en la última página. Favor de recoger su copia en el vestíbulo de la iglesia.

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.

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INTENCIONES PARA LAS MISAS: Martes, 3/22, 6:00 p.m.: Manuel Hernandez
Domingo, 3/27, 2:00 p.m.: Enrique Rodriguez Pena

LECTURAS Y PREGUNTAS PARA COMPARTIR LA FE: 3er Domingo de Cuaresma

Éxodo 17:3-7; Romanos 5:1-2, 5-8; Juan 4:5-42.

Preguntas para Adultos para Compartir la Fe: ¿Quién les habló o les dió testimonio para que ustedes creyeran en Jesús?

Preguntas para los Niños: ¿Qué quiere decir “endurecer su corazón”? ¿Por qué creen que Dios no quiere que tengan sus corazones endurecidos?

EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA:

Clases de por la Tarde: Nuestra próxima reunión será el martes, 22 de Marzo, 4:30pm.

Familias Creciendo Juntas en la Fe: Nuestra próxima reunión será el martes 22 de Marzo, 6:45pm.

CONFIRMACIÓN: Para información sobre Confirmación: visiten el website, www.HolyCrossOPKS.org, marquen Faith Formation y encontrarán Middle School y High School Sacramental Prep. También pueden llamar a Sandy Schluter: 205-0825, o el email, sschluter@holycrossopks.org.

O4MG, For My God! El Grupo de Jóvenes de Escuela Intermedia regresa! Nuestra fecha próxima para reunirnos es el 20 de Marzo. ¡Espero verlos a todos!

RETIRO DE QUINCEAÑERA: Se celebrará en Holy Cross, el próximo Abril 16-17. Llamen al Ministerio Hispano para inscribirse y más información: 281-6644.

Retiro de Cuaresma: Si eres una joven soltera, de 15 a 25 años, y quieres conocer más sobre Dios y tú misma, estás invitada al Retiro del sábado, 2 de Abril, 9am.-7pm., en el Convento de las Hermanas Servidoras de María. Llamen al 371-3423, para más información.

PTO FISH FRY: Please join us on Mar.25, 5:30-7:30 p.m. in the Parish Activity Center for a delicious meal including our special recipe hand breaded Alaskan Pollock. Dinner also includes coleslaw, roll, French fries, corn or green beans, dessert and drink. Macaroni and Cheese is available for children. **FREE WILL DONATION.** Volunteers are needed to make desserts. Please email Jeanine Schneider at jschneider@holycrosscatholicschool.com if you can make a dessert or volunteer.

Let my children come. Matthew 19:14 On Sunday mornings Holy Cross offers parents nursery services for children walking through age 5 as a free service. **We are in need of youth and adult volunteers** that would be able to help out once a month for either the 9:00 or 11:00 mass. If you would find this a stewardship opportunity that you would like to become involved in please contact Pat Sheldon at 913-642-2997 or pat.sheldon@yahoo.com

Second Week of Lent—With the Help of God:

On our own we cannot live the life God intends for us. Like Abraham, our lives can produce great fruit only if we follow God in faith. This week, pray for the grace to follow God with stronger faith. Pray also for the gift to see the poor in our midst so that we may assist them, for the fruit of faith is love. **Catholic Relief Services' Operation Rice Bowl** supports programs that help the most vulnerable in communities in Indonesia and around the world.

Over the next few weeks, Kansas Catholics should be aware of budget discussions, in both Topeka and Washington, D.C., that will impact our local communities and our ability to serve the poor and vulnerable among us. For more info on how to make your voice heard, go to www.catholiccharities.org, www.kscathconf.org, or www.archkck.org.

2010 CYO Track: If you are in 3rd-8th grade, and are interested in coming out for CYO Track, please visit <http://www.holycrosscatholicschool.com/sports.html> to find out more info. Please contact Mike Miranda at mamirandam2004@yahoo.com, or at 913-341-6511 if you have any questions. Thanks, Mike Miranda

The **Church of the Ascension in Overland Park would like to invite those who have recently or presently going through Cancer to our next Cancer Support Group meeting** on Mar.29 at 7:00pm being held in the Conference Room on the main level of the Church (signs will be posted on the front door of the church for directions). Also inviting all our wonderful support group members back and those who are Cancer survivors that would like to share their Faith and Journey with the newly diagnosed. Feel free to bring your spouse, friend or relative to the meeting. Please RSVP to Terri Miller at tasmrose@aol.com or contact Jean Hinman at jhinman@kcascension.org. Church of the Ascension phone number is 681-3348 and ask to speak to Jean Hinman.

Learn to live in 'fullswing' through energizing program: Make and take time for yourself with an energizing program titled "Living in Full Swing" scheduled **Sat., Mar.19, 9:00am-3:30pm**, at Marillac Center, 4200 South Fourth St., Leavenworth, KS. Facilitators of this personal enrichment program: Cathy Newton, PRT Consulting, and Sr. Noreen Walter, Marillac Center. Open to all interested persons; bring a friend. Approved for five contact hour credits applicable for nursing relicensure. Registration fee of \$50 includes lunch and a copy of *Living in Full Swing* by Cathy Newton. Scholarships are available based on financial need. Registration deadline is Mar.11. Call 913-758-6552, email retreats@scls.org or visit www.MarillacCenter.org to learn more about the program and to register.

New TurnStyles in Olathe: A second **TurnStyles Thrift Store** has been opened by Catholic Charities of NE Kansas for shopping, volunteering, and donating items, in addition to helping support the mission of Catholic Charities. The new store is in Olathe at 1703 Mur-Len, just north of the CVS at 151st St. Hours are Monday-Saturday 10am-6pm. Volunteer orientations are held each Monday, Friday, and Saturday at 11:30am. This is a great opportunity for kids to earn service hours! For more information, call 913-909-2485.

Spring Clean & Donate, Shop & Save, Volunteer!

"Food Rules: Keep Simple," A nutrition presentation offered in partnership with K-State Extension Services, will be offered at Keeler Women's Ctr., 2220 Central Ave., KCK, Thurs., Mar.24, 9:30-11am. Call 913-906-8990 for info or to register. Free.

Sanctuary of Hope Retreat Center, 26th and Ridge Ave., KC, KS, is hosting "**Listening to God through Our Dreams**," 9am-2pm, Apr.2. A one-day retreat designed to give a Christian approach and tools to begin the process of finding God's message in our dreams. Led by Sister Antonella Bayer, CSJ., \$20, lunch included. For more info or to register, call (913-321-4673 or email Julie@sanctuaryofhope).

St. Pius X Parish will host a Spring Interfaith Celebration, "Renewal and Redemption: God's Plan for Creation" on Monday evening, Apr.4, at 7:00. Muslim, Jewish, Protestant and Catholic congregations have been involved in planning. Everyone is welcome. Please join us. A free will offering will be designated for the Sustainable Sanctuary Coalition. Refreshments and discussion will follow the prayer service. Thanks, Fr. Ken Kelly

Girls in 5th-7th grade are invited to attend one of Sion's new sporting events—Lacrosse! Come see the Storm play and join us for a pizza party and short tour of the highschool campus at 10631 Wornall Rd., KC, MO, on Tues., Apr.5 starting at 4:30pm. For more info and to RSVP please call the school at 816-942-3282 ext.1115.

At Wisdom's Gate Finding the Sacred in Depression, Apr.5, 2011, 9:30-4:00pm: We can feel isolated and alone in our suffering. Spiritual practices can guide the pathway to peace and the experience of God's comfort. Finding the Sacred is a story of hope for others seeking a way out of depression, suffering and grief. The day will be conducted by Sharon Highberger who has ministered for 18 years as a clinical chaplain and in hospice care. The suggested offering \$50. For more info or to register, call 913-360-6151 or visit Sophia Center's website at www.mountosb.org/sophia.html.

Bishop Ward High School will host the 2011 **Bishop Ward Hall of Fame Induction Celebration and Dinner** on Sun., Apr.10, at the school. We will honor five distinguished individuals in the 2011 Hall of Fame class: Mrs. Lorraine Kolich '43 (*posthumously*), Dr.Edward J. Grosdidier (*posthumously*), Fr.Ronald J. Cornish '60, Mr. Marty Brock (*posthumously*). And Dr.James B. Pretz '41. The Hall of Fame Celebration festivities will begin with a reception at 4:30pm, followed by our Induction Ceremony at 5:15pm, and plated dinner at 6:30pm. Reservations and donations for the event can be made online at www.wardhigh.org/halloffame or you can contact Amy Nelson in the Bishop Ward Development office at 913-371-6901. Reservation deadline is Mar.31.

Jared and Matty Memorial Basketball Tournament: On Sat., Apr.30, Catholic Challenge Sports will be sponsoring a 3-on-3 basketball tournament, 3-pt challenge and free throw contest. All proceeds will support vocations in the Archdiocese of KC, KS, and Diocese of Kansas City-St.Joseph in memory of Matty Molnar and Jared Cheek. The tournament will have 3 divisions (mens competitive, mens rec, co-ed) and is open to anyone 18 years and older. All games will be played at Rockhurst High School. For more info, to register or to make a donation, go to www.kccatholicchallenge.com or contact Jake Riordan at jreiodan@pruke.com.

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www.runningwiththecows.com and on Facebook! Queen of the Holy Rosary-Wea, 22705 Metcalf Ave.-Bucyrus,KS. Welcomes all to join us in supporting Catholic Education and Catholic Relief Services with a day of Fitness, Food & Fun for the whole family!