

Church of The Holy Cross

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Holy Cross is a diverse community, welcoming and accepting, united in Catholic faith, and committed to forming people in the image of Christ to better serve the Lord and our neighbor.

Pastor: Rev. Mike Stubbs
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Rectory: 341-5618

PARISH STAFF

Pastoral Associate: Robert Bacic
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Parish Manager: Mark Engen
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Religious Education Staff: 381-2757

Director - Pre.-Gr. 6: Julie Dresser
Session Coordinator: Carol Morris
Assistants: Michelle Rieger & Karla Melgar
Confirmation Coordinator: Sandy Schluter

Youth Ministries: 205-0825

Director: Sandy Schluter

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se encuentra en la página 4.

Holy Cross Catholic School

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Principal: Bobbie Beverlin
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Rebeca Richmond, 671-8722

Parish Center Manager

Allison Carney, 244-5970

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

RECONCILIATION: Saturday, 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. and Wednesday, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK: Semi-annually, Fall & Spring, and by appointment

BAPTISMS: 4th Sunday each month

(Parent classes 3rd Tuesday each month. Call the office to register.)

MARRIAGES: Six months notice required. Call the office for information.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: Mon.—Thurs. 8:30 to 5:00 p.m. & Fri., 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon

PREGNANT? NEED HELP? All calls confidential. Gabriel Project, 913-602-0306

A Special
Half-Day
Enrichment for
Married Couples

Nov. 12, 2011
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Lickteig Hall

Cost is \$25 per couple and includes lunch. Child care available for an additional \$5/child with registration in advance. Pick up a flyer in the narthex or download a registration form at www.holycrossopks.org. For more information contact the Church Office at (913) 381-2755 or call Ralph & Jan Lewis at (913) 400-7173.

Married and Loving It!
(Most of the Time)

Take time for just the two of you to focus on the strengths of your marriage, to learn new tools to keep you tuned in to each other, and to learn new ways to increase your passion.

Sponsored by Holy Cross Parish and
Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Are You Confirmed? Adult parishioners wanting to receive the sacrament of Confirmation should contact Robert Bacic (381-2755) or rbacic@holycrossopks.org for information about the parish's preparation program.

The **Saint Thomas Aquinas High School Open House** will be held this weekend on **this Sunday, October 30 from 1:30-4:30 p.m.** All young people in 6th, 7th, and 8th grades and their parents are invited to tour the school, learn about our academic programs and activities, and meet administrators, the faculty, and coaches. Please join us and discover how our school has earned the reputation of providing excellence in Catholic education.

Saint Thomas Aquinas High School invites you to the musical *Aida*, a contemporary musical version of a timeless classical tale. The score is a crowd pleaser that embraces multi-cultural casting and exuberant dancing, staging and singing. Nov.3, 5, and 6 at 7:00 p.m. Nov.5 at 2:00 p.m. For tickets visit www.stasaints.net/theater or www.seatyourself.biz/stasaints.

READINGS & FAITH SHARING QUESTIONS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time: Wisdom :12-16; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13. **Questions for Adults:** What do you find as necessary to your spiritual life as oil is to lamps? What keeps your spirit alive? **For Children:** What do you find as necessary to your spiritual life as oil is to lamps? What can you do to make sure Jesus knows who you are?

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE:

	October 23, 2011	Fiscal YTD
Needed	\$25,700	\$419,700
Collected	16,479	431,448
Over/(Under)	(9,221)	11,748
Special Donations	881	

ADORATION CHAPEL: Open Hours: Sun. 1-2pm; Mon. 11am-Noon; Thurs. 1-2pm; Sat. Noon-1pm & 8-9pm. If you can help with any part of these vacancies, please call Anne, 649-2049.

Please Pray for Those Asking for Prayers: Bob Bray, Ray Carter, Cecile Driscoll, Kevin Haeusser, Florence Happer, Tom Hill, Roseann Hoedl, Bob Hoffman, Jennifer Presser, John Rhoades, Al Rilinger, Ginny Shepard, & Eleanore Zibinski.

MOTHER TERESA CIRCLE FRIENDSHIP TEA: Ladies, please mark your calendars to "save the date" and plan to join us for the annual Friendship Tea Luncheon on Saturday, November 19, 2011, in Lickteig Hall. Check future Bulletins for additional information.

REST IN PEACE: Prayers are requested for **Mary D. Allen**, sister of Agnes Lipp and Theresa Rathjen, and aunt of David Lipp; **Rita Heider** of Holy Cross; and **Mary Zelnock**, aunt of Anna Manning.

SUNSHINE CLUB breakfast and meeting in church hall on Nov.6th following 7:30 a.m. Mass.

The **BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP** will meet on Tues., Nov.1st, in Lickteig Hall after 9:00 a.m. Mass. For more info, call Doris, 888-7175.

THE NEW MASS: Three sessions on the new prayers of the Mass will be offered on Mon., Nov.7, at 7pm, on Wed., the 9th after the 9am Mass, and again on Thurs., Nov.17th at 7 pm. All will be in the church. The first session will delve into the background of the changes: the history of the Roman Missal, the philosophy of translation, and the process of formulating this 3rd edition of the Missal. You won't want to attend the Nov.7th session if you just want to acquaint yourself with the new words we will hear at Mass beginning Nov.26. The other session will focus on the changes themselves.

St. Catherine's Circle Meeting: November 2 at 11:00, Johnny's Tavern, 95th and Antioch. Questions call Kathy Eilenberger, 913-851-3463.

Where are the children going during the 9:00 & 11:00 Masses? It's called Children's Liturgy of the Word. Children in K-Gr.4 are invited to follow the Leader and Shepherd to Room 5C off of the hall. They listen to the same first reading and Gospel as we do in the main assembly using the Book of Readings Adapted for Children and sing the psalm adapted for children. The children 'break open the Word' as prompted by the leader who asks them what they heard, what it means for them and what could their response be to what they heard God saying to them in the readings. Children return to the main assembly at the Offertory. Parents are asked to accompany their child at least once.

CAN YOU HELP? We need a few persons who might be available to lead a class for our children or youth when one of our regular catechists cannot be here. Lesson plans and other support are provided. This is for Tuesday afternoons from 4:30-5:45 p.m., or from 6:45-8:15 p.m. and on Sunday evenings. Most classes have a classroom aide who can assist, also. Please consider this need prayerfully! Contact Carol Morris at 381-2757, x120.

Religious Education

NO CLASSES THIS Tues., Nov.1st, so that families can attend a Holy Day Mass. We will meet again on Nov.8th.

FAMILIES GROWING in FAITH Together: We will not meet this Tues., Nov.1st, so that families can attend a Holy Day Mass. We will meet again on Nov.8th, to study the sacraments.

Confirmation

Confirmation Classes meet every Sunday in October. Remember, attendance at class is very important in preparation for the sacraments. High school students meet 6:00 -7:30pm; Middle School students meet 6:30-8pm.

Confirmation Ceremony date is set. Mark calendars for Wed., Apr.18, at 7pm for Holy Cross. Abbott Barnabas Senecal will preside.

Youth Ministry

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/text 205-0825.

Middle Schoolers, W'SUP? Worship, Socializing, and Prayer around U! Our first meeting was a great success! But never fear! Never too late to come. Our upcoming meeting dates are 11/7, 11/14, and 11/21. Meetings take place from 7-8:30. We meet in the youth room and church hall. Please bring a bag of chips or cookies or some snack item for our pantry.

Holy Cross Parish... we need your help. Meetings & events are underway for our youth groups at Holy Cross & we could use your donations of snack items & pop. (FYI, We have plenty of tortilla chips, olives, and diet soda.) We could use cookies, potato chips, & regular soda or lemonade. Oh, did I mention chocolate? Thanks to our wonderful parishioners for all the continued support of the youth of Holy Cross. Middleschoolers, highschoolers, parents & Sponsors

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES...

Servant Event for November... For our third year, we will be working at Harvesters on Tues., Nov.22, 4:30-8pm, helping one of the largest food banks in sorting and organizing food for people in need. Contact Sandy to volunteer. This event usually fills up fast. Middle schoolers, highschoolers, parents and sponsors.

Another Servant Saturday Event for High Schoolers: Knights of Columbus are asking for our support for the Viviano Variety Show coming up Sat., Nov.19th. We would be helping in the kitchen during and following the dinner. Please contact Sandy before Nov.12th to sign up service hours for school, and just a way to show your support for the communities of our parish and the KC area. We also need 1-2 VIRTUS trained adults to help with supervision. Contact Sandy for more information.

Holy Cross School News

Entertainment Books for 2011/12 are here. Anyone interested in buying Entertainment Book for \$25 please call school office at 381-7408. Limited quantity on hand.

Please continue purchasing trash bags in school office.

Stay up-to-date with info about the school. Go to www.holycrosscatholicschool.com where you can link to Principal's Weblog, our Facebook page & Twitter. Click "Family Login" button to see our newsletter and calendar.

Mass Intentions For The Week



Monday	9:00 a.m. Dr. Carolina Gabriel 5:30 p.m. Joe Edmonds
Tuesday	6:30 a.m. Betty Hauber 9:00 a.m. Pedro & Teresita Antonio (All School) 6:00 p.m. Maria Thuy (Spanish)
Wednesday	9:00 a.m. Bunny Goetz Ingalls 6:00 p.m. All Souls (Spanish)
Thursday	6:30 a.m. Dorothy Foote
Friday	9:00 a.m. Jim Sheehan
Saturday	7:30 a.m. Ann Nguyen Thi Sam 5:00 p.m. People of the Parish
Sunday	7:30 a.m. Joe Edmonds 9:00 a.m. Colette Huerter 11:00 a.m. Claudio Bulla 2:00 p.m. Teresa Nguyen Thi Tue (Spanish)

Mission Trip 2012! Holy Cross is celebrating 10 years of summer mission trips for our high schoolers. This summer, we will travel to...Nashville, TN to work with agencies & communities in need. Our travel dates are June 23rd-30th. We will be working with Catholic Heart Workcamp again. See Mission Trip flier in narthex for details. Or check out the website for more info. \$75 non-refundable deposit is required to hold your spot.

Cristo Rey KC High School is interviewing bus drivers with commercial drivers' licenses. Fulltime; \$10/hour; benefits. Contact Rick Alaniz at 816-595-2812 or cell 816-728-8988.

Support the Homeless Holy Cross is a support church for IHN (Interfaith Hospitality Network). IHN is hosting a holiday party for current and graduate IHN guests. Needed: gift cards from Target, Walmart, Price Chopper, QuikTrip (for gas); holiday food baskets and kids store items. Donations need to be received by Dec.3rd. For more info contact Shirley Maxwell 913-897-2127. Our week supporting OPCC with the homeless will be Nov.20-27. Please consider helping with this ministry.

IHN needs help for Holiday Party given for the graduates and current guests. Target or Walmart gift cards (\$10-20), food basket for a holiday meal. Price Chopper gift cards (\$10 range), Quik Trip gas gift cards (\$10-20), kids store items (\$5-10 range). St.Thomas Episcopal Church hosts the party (last year 91 was the attendance). Any gifts or donations need to be in by Dec.3rd.

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.

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.

CASINO PARTY: The Holy Cross Celebration committee will be hosting a casino party to collect live and silent auction gifts for the upcoming Celebration event. The party will be held on Sat., Nov.5, 7-10pm in the school gym. Casino games, appetizers and beverages will be provided. Admission is one gift per couple (minimum recommended gift value is \$50) or \$50 cash. Reservations are encouraged. Call or e-mail Julie Thompson with your reservation. 913-385-9858 or jthompy@aol.com. Gift ideas can be found on the Celebration tab at www.holycrosscatholicschool.com.

Parishioners are invited to attend the following events at Santa Marta: 1) Life Care Seminar and Lunch on Wed., Nov.9, beginning at 10:30am. 2) Life Care Seminar and Lunch on Tues., Nov.15 beginning at 10:30am RSVP by calling 913-323-7110.

Veterans Day observance scheduled at Resurrection Cemetery, Lenexa: Veterans, family members & friends are invited to attend a flag-raising ceremony and tribute on Fri., Nov.11, 2pm at the Veterans Memorial at Resurrection Cemetery, 83rd & Quivira Rd., Lenexa. The American Legion Band will provide a patriotic musical prelude to the ceremony at 1:30pm. The tribute will be given by Rev.Jerry Spencer, pastor of Holy Name Parish, KC, KS; coordinator of health affairs for the archdiocese; & vice chairman of the Catholic Cemeteries' Board of Trustees. For more info, call Catholic Cemeteries at 913-371-4040; email at information@cathcemks.org; or visit www.cathcemks.org.

SHALOM HOUSE a Catholic worker house for homeless men: Would you like to volunteer or help make a dish? We leave the church on the third Monday of the month at 5pm. If you would like to help, call Nancy Rhoades at 492-9067 or Ruth Kuse at 963-3700.

6th Annual Hope Benefit, A Dinner Dance, and Auction to benefit Sanctuary of Hope Retreat Center, Nov.5, Jack Reardon Center, www.hopebenefit.org, Call 913-321-4673 for Reservations.

Gospel of Life Update

"It is impossible to further the common good without acknowledging and defending the right to life, upon which all the other inalienable rights of individuals are founded and from which they develop. A society lacks solid foundations when, on the one hand, it asserts values such as the dignity of the person, justice and peace, but then on the other hand, radically acts to the contrary by allowing or tolerating a variety of ways in which human life is devalued and violated, especially where it is weak or marginalized. Only respect for life can be the foundation and guarantee of the most precious and essential goods of society, such as democracy and peace." ~Pope John Paul II, Evangelium vitae (1995), no.101 Please pray for a culture of life. Pray to end abortion.

Three of our Gabriel Project Mothers have had their babies within the month. Please keep them all & their families in your prayers.

The Gabriel Project provides spiritual, emotional, & material help for any woman facing difficulty in her pregnancy.



“Encuentro”

La Iglesia de Holy Cross es una comunidad diversa y acogedora, unida en la Fe Católica, comprometida en formar a la gente en la imagen de Cristo para servir mejor al Señor y al prójimo.

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.

ANUNCIOS

INTENCIONES PARA LAS MISAS: Martes, 11/1, 6:00 p.m.:
 Domingo, 10/30, 2:00 p.m.:

LECTURAS Y PREGUNTAS PARA COMPARTIR LA FE: 32° Domingo Ordinario
 Sabiduría 6:12-16; 1 Tesalonicenses 4:13-18; Mateo 25:1-13.

Preguntas para Adultos para Compartir la Fe: ¿Qué encuentran necesario para sus vidas espirituales como el aceite es para la lámpara? ¿Qué mantiene su espíritu vivo?

Preguntas para los Niños: ¿Qué pueden hacer para asegurarse que Jesús sepa quiénes son ustedes?

¿PUEDEN AYUDARNOS? Necesitamos personas bilingües que nos puedan ayudar cuando uno de nuestros catequistas no puedan estar aquí. Los planes de clases y otra ayuda estará disponible. Esta ayuda sería los martes de 4:30-5:45pm., 6:45-8:15pm., y/o domingos por la noche. Casi todas las clases tiene un ayudante también. ¡Por favor, consideren esta ayuda! Llamen a Carol Morris, 381-2755, ext.120

EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA:

NO HABRÁN CLASES ESTE MARTES Nov.1°, para que las familias puedan asistir a Misa. Nos reuniremos de nuevo el martes Nov.8.

FAMILIAS CRECIENDO JUNTAS EN LA FE: No nos reuniremos este martes, Nov.1°, para que las familias puedan asistir a Misa este día. Nos reuniremos de nuevo el martes, Nov.8, para estudiar los Sacramentos.

CONFIRMACIÓN:

Clases de Confirmación: Nos reuniremos todos los domingos de Octubre. Recuerden que la asistencia a estas clases es muy importante para la preparación del Sacramento. Los estudiantes de Escuela Superior se reúnen 6:00pm.-7:30pm. Los estudiantes de Escuela Intermedia se reúnen 6:30pm.-8:00pm.

Fecha para la Confirmación: ¡Marquen sus calendarios! La fecha para la ceremonia de Confirmación será el 18 de Abril, 2012, 7p.m., en Holy Cross. Presidirá el Abott Bernabás Senecal.

Ministerio de Jóvenes: Sandy Schluter, 205-0825, sschluter@holycrossopks.org. Para preguntas sobre Escuelas Intermedia y Superior, comuníquense con Sandy Schluter de la misma forma.

Estudiantes de Escuela Intermedia: W'SUP (¡Worship, Socializing and Prayer around U!) ¡La primera reunión fue un éxito! Nunca es tarde para participar. Las reuniones se llevan a cabo en el sótano, de 7-8:30pm. Las siguientes reuniones serán 11/7, 11/14 y 11/21. Traigan una bolsa de chips o cookies para repartir.

PROYECTO UPLIFT... alcanzando a los desamparados de Kansas City. Los voluntarios de Holy Cross se necesitan **el 1er LUNES DE CADA MES. Estamos tomando voluntarios para el 5 de Diciembre. Llamen o email Sandy.** Nos iremos de Holy Cross a las 4:30 p.m., y regresaremos alrededor de las 9:00p.m. Cenen antes de venir y traigan agua en botellas para su consumo. ¡Vístanse apropiadamente con el tiempo! **Recuerden, las personas con necesidad cuentan con nosotros. Así es que, si firman, ¡asegúrense que van a cumplir con este compromiso! ¡Gracias!**

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PAREJAS QUE DESEAN CASARSE POR LA IGLESIA: Pláticas pre-matrimoniales, se llevarán a cabo el 5 y 6 de Noviembre, 2011, de 8am.-5 p.m., en el sótano de la iglesia. El costo es \$60/por pareja, incluyendo comidas y un libro. **NO** tendremos cuidado de niños. Favor de inscribirse en la oficina de la iglesia, 381-2755, o con el Ministerio Hispano, 281-6644, o con Jesús y Carolina Salas, 633-3199.

This Sunday, October 30, 2011, is the annual day of recognition for our priests, Priesthood Sunday. It is an opportunity to pray for our priests, in praising God for their courage and their generosity. This includes our present pastor, as well as, those who have served us in the past. A simple note, a smile or a phone call to assure him of your loving care and gratitude for his presence in the life of your parish will go a long way to express how much his service means to all of us.

First Saturday Mass and devotions will be held Sat., Nov.5. The Rosary will be prayed at 7:05 a.m., Mass at 7:30. Following Mass, parishioners and friends who have been on recent pilgrimages to midwest Marian shrines will share their experiences and Mary's call to us. The presentation will be in the church hall. All are welcomed.

Advice and Aid Pregnancy Centers, Inc. is in need of volunteers and will be offering a Volunteer Informational Meeting on Tues., Nov.1, (7pm-9pm). The meeting will be held at 11031 W. 75th Ter., Shawnee, KS. For more info on volunteering in this ministry or to RSVP, please contact Mary Newcomer at 913-962-0200 or email volunteer@adviceandaid.com.

Would you like to help pregnant women in crisis? Birthright, an international emergency service offering positive alternatives to abortion is staffed by volunteers. We especially need compassionate women & men to answer hotline calls, run pregnancy tests, & befriend mothers in crisis. Training will be held Sat., Nov.5, at the Birthright enter, 6309 Walnut, KC, MO. Reservations are require by Nov.2; Call **Birthright**, 816-444-7090. or Janet Cozad, 816-741-2696.

Padre Pio Academy's Christmas Auction: Padre Pio Academy will be hosting its Annual Christmas Auction on Sat., Nov.12th, at 5pm at the Shawnee Civic Center, 13817 Johnson Dr., Shawnee, KS Admission is FREE. Dinner is available from 5-6:30. Silent auction starts at 6pm and live auction at 7pm. Please go to our website at www.padrepioacademy.org for more info. RSVP to 913-268-5774.

On Sun., Nov.6 **Dr. Philip Cunningham, Catholic Theologian and advisor to the USSCB on Catholic—Jewish relations**, will speak at the Jewish Community Campus in Overland Park. His talk is entitled "**Jesus: The Jew and the Christ**". Admission is free & all are welcome.

Parishioners are invited to attend the following events at Santa Marta: 1) Attack the House Seminar and Lunch on Wed., Nov.9th beginning at 10:30 a.m. 2) Attack the House Seminar and Lunch on Tues., Nov.15th beginning at 10:30 a.m. 3) Christmas Cookie Recipe Exchange in the Villa Model on Tues., Nov.29th, beginning at 1:00 p.m. 4) Holiday Wine Gift Ideas and Presentation in the Villa Model on Thurs., Dec.8th beginning at 1:00 p.m. RSVP by calling (913) 323-7110.

Want to be a good Samaritan? There are sick people at Shawnee Mission Hospital who would like a visit & many would like to receive the Body of Christ to encourage and strengthen them. We need volunteers for the 2nd or 4th Wednesday each month at 1 pm. There is training and then you are able to shadow someone who has already been going, until you are comfortable going on your own. If interested, call Mary Ann Meert at 642-3954.

HOSPITAL EUCHARISTIC MINISTER'S DAY OF RENEWAL: On Sat., Nov.5th, the Church of the Nativity is going to host a Day of Renewal for Eucharistic Ministers that take Holy Communion to Catholic patients in the hospitals in Johnson County. All Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion from the various parishes that minister specifically to the hospitals in Johnson County are invited to attend. The Day of Renewal will go 9am-12pm. There will be a light lunch available at the end of the program. Please RSVP to Kate Zon, Chaplain/Director of Hospital Ministry, Johnson County Catholic Parishes at catholicchaplainzon@yahoo.com or Tom Garbach 913-338-4367 or tom@kcnativity.org.

The next **CANCER SUPPORT GROUP MEETING** will be held on Nov.3 @ 7pm at Church of the Ascension, 127th & Grant, OP, KS 66213, downstairs in the Adult Community Room. Please feel free to attend the Rosary and the Sacrament of the Sick starting at 6:30 in the Church. We welcome all new members and all those that can be of support to others that have been newly diagnosed with cancer. We share faith and give testimony to God's great love and goodness that are found when enduring the hardships of life. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Terri Miller @ tasmrose@aol.com or ask to speak to Jean Hinman @ Church of the Ascension office 913-681-33648. RSVP if you plan to attend. Thank you.

2011 CYO Basketball: If you're interested in playing CYO Basketball, & entering 3rd-8th grade this school year, please contact Mike Miranda at mamirandam2004@yahoo.com or 913-341-6577 if you have questions. Or please visit to find out more info at <http://www.holycrosscatholicschool.com/sports.html>.

A Toast to the Holidays

The Ladies of Charity of Metropolitan KC would like you to join them on Thurs., Nov.3, 4-8pm; Fri., Nov.4, 10am-8pm with a **luncheon & fashion show** sponsored by Coldwater Creek at 12noon; and serving wine & cheese 5:30-7:00pm; & on Sat., Nov.5, 10am-3pm at their annual "holiday boutique". The event will be held at Ritz Charles, 9000 W. 137th St., Overland Park, KS.

The Ladies of Charity are also hosting a "**Cruising to the Emerald Isle**" opening night gala reception on Thurs., Nov.3, beginning with a social hour at 5:30pm & dinner at 7pm, at the Ritz Charles. Join us for an evening of dinner, live music, silent auction & a chance to win a fabulous trip to Weaver's Lodge, Kenmare, Ireland.

For ticket info to the boutique & to make reservations for the gala, call Donna, 913-631-4097. All proceeds will benefit Duchesne Clinic, Seton Center & Villa St.Francis.

Surviving the Holidays with Grief, Wed., Nov.9, 7-9pm, Sanctuary of Hope: Facilitator *Mary Kay Whitacre* has over 35 years of experience in ministry, pastoral care, & spiritual direction. Does the thought of facing holidays without your deceased loved one feel overwhelming? Has grief left you so exhausted that you just want to cancel Christmas? Are you feeling guilty for thinking about celebrating when your loss is so new? This is your opportunity to remember the love you shared, and to make plans that are meaningful for you this year. Put yourself in the driver's seat of your grief during this holiday season.

Please join us at **St. James Academy** for our **OPEN HOUSE** Sun., Nov.6, 3:00-6:00 p.m. 24505 Prairie Star Parkway, Lenexa, KS 66227, (913)254-4200, www.sjakeepingfaith.org Tour our beautiful building. Meet new friends. Try our student laptops. Meet the staff. Visit the chapel—the center of our lives. Sign up to shadow. Meet coaches & athletes. St. James Academy is located north of K-10 and west of K-7 on Prairie Star Parkway.

Did you return your stewardship forms?



If you forgot,
Be sure to bring them
to church with you
next week!

Bettin' on the Future: Celebration 2012

Join Us ... January 28th!

VIRTUS TRAINING

If you plan to volunteer, or work with our Catholic children, (Catechist, co-teacher, classroom aide, scout leader, coach, etc.) you **MUST** complete the Protecting God's Children VIRTUS program required by the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas. Pre-register for the session using the following instructions...

1. Go online to: www.archkck.org
2. You will see a photo on the right side titled **Virtus to Protect God's Children**. Click on the picture.
3. Click on **Register for VIRTUS training**
4. Select your organization, Kansas City in Kansas (Archdiocese).
5. This will bring a list of VIRTUS trainings in our Archdiocese. Find the one that fits your schedule.
6. Click on **Start Registration** and follow the instructions.

Call church office if you have any questions.

Advent Program—Ignatian Spirituality Center of KC: This Advent, allow God to give you a gift that will last all year long. Open your mind and your heart in new ways to God's love. The Ignatian Spirituality Center of KC is offering an Advent Guided Prayer Program beginning the week of Nov.27. Each participant prays daily with selected Scripture, then meets weekly with a prayer guide to review the prayer. Space is limited, application deadline is Nov.10. The cost is \$30 and scholarships are available. Go to www.ignatiancenterkc.org for application details, call 816-523-5115 x212 or email advent@ignatiancenterkc.org.

Biblical Characters in the Saint John's Bible, Thurs., Nov.10, 10:00am-3:00pm: Come and spend an enriching day exploring some of the biblical characters we meet in the Bible—people such as Samson and Saul, Deborah and Esther, David and Solomon to name a few. What do their stories have to do with ours? What new vision will the illuminations of the newly released Historical Books of the Saint John's Bible open for us? The day will be led by *Sister Irene Nowell, OSB*. Sister Irene teaches Scripture for Saint John's University, is an author of Books on the Old Testament, was a member of the committee on illuminations and texts for the Saint John's Bible and has served as past president of the Catholic Biblical Association. The fee is \$50. For more information or to register, call 913-360-6151 or visit Sophia Center's website at www.mountosb.org/sophia.html.