

# 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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## PARISH STAFF

Pastoral Associate: Robert Bacic  
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## 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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## Advocate for Annulments:

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



**FROM FR. MIKE:**

Dear Parishioners,

Thank you for your participation in Stewardship Sunday. This parish could not function without you. I am continually amazed by how much goes on here. Just the lengthiness of the Time and Talent form reflects that. I often am encountering some ministry or event that I didn't even know existed. That's all part of the process of getting to know the parish.

We have much to be grateful for, here at Holy Cross parish. At the end of the month, as we thank God for the fruits of the earth, and our many other blessings, we also thank God for the ways in which our faith has borne fruit in our lives and in the life of our community. We thank God for the rich harvest of generosity which has resulted from our offerings of time, talent and treasure. That is the true meaning of Thanksgiving.

And last but not least, thanks to all the women who worked on the Spaghetti Dinner and to the parishioners who attended it. Fr. Mike

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

**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 sessions will focus on the changes themselves.

**Worldwide marriage Encounter will be facilitating a Weekend of Discovery for married couples on Dec.2-4, 2011 at the Savior Pastoral Center in KC, KS.** Don't miss this opportunity to rekindle the love you have for each other, renew your vows and recommitment to living out the vocation of marriage with courage and conviction. For more info or to apply on-line visit [www.wwomeneks.com](http://www.wwomeneks.com) or call Ralph & Jan Lewis at 913-400-7173.

**READINGS & FAITH SHARING QUESTIONS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time:** Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20; 30-31; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6; Matthew 25:14-30. **Questions for Adults:** Has anything ever held you back from using one of the gifts or talents that God has given you?

**For Children:** Can you think of someone who puts a lot of time and energy into your parish, school, or neighborhood? Why do you think the person does it?

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE:**

	October 30, 2011	Fiscal YTD
Needed	\$25,700	\$445,400
Collected	18,389	449,837
Over/(Under)	(7,311)	4,437
Special Donations	414	

**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, Kevin Haeusser, Florence Happer, Tom Hill, Roseann Hoedl, Bob Hoffman, Jennifer Presser, John Rhoades, Al Rilinger, Ginny Shepard, Eleanore Zibinski.

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

**The 27th Annual Viviano Benefit Variety Show** will be held on Sat., Nov.19, at Rockhurst High School, 92nd & State Line Rd., KC, MO. It will be a great night of great food and terrific entertainment. All proceeds will go to Catholic Charities in our diocese. Tickets are available at the church office or by calling Catholic Charities at 913-433-2046.

**ST. BENEDICT'S CIRCLE** will meet on Sat., Nov.12, at 9:30 a.m. in Room 2. Have your money for the Tea party if you want to sit with the circle on Nov.19.

**MOTHER TERESA CIRCLE FRIENDSHIP TEA at Holy Cross Church - Lickteig Hall:** Ladies, please join us for a Luncheon on Sat., Nov.19, at 10:30 a.m. at Holy Cross Church - Lickteig Hall (8311 W. 93rd St., OP, KS). Our guest speaker this year is Susan Carroll who will be sharing her thoughts regarding a poem "A Friendship Ball". Tickets are \$10.00 per person. Please make checks payable to Mother Teresa Circle. For information and to make reservations, call or e-mail Maxine Rodriguez at 913-383-2014 ([Maxine@rmckc.com](mailto:Maxine@rmckc.com)) or Donna Heit, 913-402-6843 ([Dheit@kc.rr.com](mailto:Dheit@kc.rr.com)).

**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

**AFTERNOON CLASSES** meet this Tues., Nov.8th. Mass will be celebrated with the children who are in the Year 1 classes. Families are invited to join us in church at 4:35 p.m. Children in Year II classes will be preparing for first Reconciliation in their classrooms.

**FAMILIES GROWING in FAITH Together** will meet this Tues., Nov.8th, to study the sacraments.

### Confirmation

**Confirmation Classes** meet the following Sundays in November, 11/ 6, 11/13, and 11/20. 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, 7pm. 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](mailto:sschluter@holycrossopks.org) or call/text 205-0825.*

**Holy Cross Highschoolers...**We meet Wednesday evenings in our newly relocated, renovated, repainted, re-decorated Youth Room! Join us 7-8:30pm for some faith-filled fun and friends. Our November meeting dates are Nov.16 & 30th. We meet at Homers Coffee House on Nov.9th. Hope to see you there!

**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.

**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.

### 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.holycrosscatholicsschool.com](http://www.holycrosscatholicsschool.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



<b>Monday</b>	9:00 a.m. Spec.Int.-James L.Watson Family
<b>Tuesday</b>	6:30 a.m. Betty Hauber 8:15 a.m. Frank Diskin (at school) 6:00 p.m. All Souls (Spanish)
<b>Wednesday</b>	9:00 a.m. Thomas Lewis, Jr.
<b>Thursday</b>	6:30 a.m. Dan Heimer 8:15 a.m. Noel Sweetman (at school)
<b>Friday</b>	9:00 a.m. Joseph Nguyen Van Dam
<b>Saturday</b>	7:30 a.m. Mike Manning 5:00 p.m. Clare & Robert Drinane
<b>Sunday</b>	7:30 a.m. People of the Parish 9:00 a.m. Lawrence Nolan 11:00 a.m. Trenton Paul Schroeder 2:00 p.m. Maria Dung (Spanish)

**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.

**St.Mary's Food Kitchen:** 442 dinners were served to the hungry on 10/21/11. Thank you to everyone who provided food help serve and gave monetary donations. So far this year, Holy Cross has served 3504 dinners at the food kitchen.

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.**

**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](mailto:information@cathcemks.org); or visit [www.cathcemks.org](http://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.

**ADVENT-CHRISTMAS PROJECT:** Next week a tree in narthex will again be filled with tags for families of St. Benedict's Special Children Center. You have the opportunity to buy for someone who otherwise would not receive a Christmas gift. Take a tag, buy a gift, return gift unwrapped with tag attached to it, and place it under tree before Dec.6th. This year there are tags to help center with many needs. It will be labeled St. Benedict center needs. Some tags say like new or gently used items may be accepted. Put these also under tree with tag attached. St. Benedict's Circle will collect and deliver gifts. Gift cards for only Wal-mart and Price Chopper can be used because of their location and lack of transportation. Try to use Script in shopping and it will benefit the parish as well. For further info, please call Mary Ann Meert 642-3954 or Yvonne Matousek 642-7911.

## Gospel of Life Update

"In the Christian tradition, 'conscience,' 'conscientia', means 'with knowledge': that is (we) ourselves, our being is open & can listen to the voice of being itself, the voice of God...In the depths of our being not only can we listen to the needs of the moment, to material needs, but we can also hear the voice of the Creator Himself & thus discern what is good & what is bad." Pope Benedict XVI (2007). Please pray to end abortion. Pray for a culture of life.

One of our Gabriel Project Mothers will be having twins in the next couple of weeks. Please pray for the family & a safe delivery.

The Gabriel Project provides spiritual, emotional, & material help for any woman facing difficulty in her pregnancy. Please call 602-0306.

If you have had an abortion & are still grieving, Project Rachael can help. Confidential. 621-2199. Hurting from abortion?? Call Project Rachel, (913) 621-2199.



## “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

#### **DEL PADRE MIKE:**

##### **Queridos Feligreses:**

Gracias a ustedes los que participaron en el Domingo de Servicio Cristiano. Esta parroquia no puede funcionar sin ustedes. Me maravillo continuamente de ver todas las cosas que se llevan a cabo en Holy Cross. Muchas veces me encuentro con un ministerio o evento que no sabía que existía. Esto todo es parte del proceso de llegar a conocer a la parroquia.

Tenemos muchas cosas que agradecer, aquí en Holy Cross. Al final de mes, al dar gracias al Señor por los frutos de la Tierra y muchas otras bendiciones, daremos gracias a Dios también por la manera en que nuestra fe ha producido fruto en nuestras vidas y en la vida de nuestra comunidad. Demos gracias a Dios por la rica cosecha de generosidad que han resultado de nuestros ofrecimientos de tiempo, talento y tesoro. Este es el verdadero significado de Thanksgiving (Acción de Gracias). Padre Mike.

**INTENCIONES PARA LAS MISAS:** Martes, 11/8, 6:00 p.m.: Todas las Almas  
 Domingo, 11/13, 2:00 p.m.: María Dung

**LECTURAS Y PREGUNTAS PARA COMPARTIR LA FE: 33° Domingo Ordinario**  
 Proverbios 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; 1 Tesalonicenses 5:1-6; Mateo 25:14-30.

**Preguntas para Adultos para Compartir la Fe:** ¿Ha habido alguna vez que los haya detenido de usar alguno de sus talentos o dones que Dios les haya dado a ustedes?

**Preguntas para los Niños:** ¿Pueden pensar en alguien que da tiempo y energía a su parroquia, escuela o barrio? ¿Por qué creen ustedes que lo hace?

**¿PUEDEN AYUDARNOS?** Necesitamos personas bilingües que nos puedan ayudar cuando alguno 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 Karla Melgar, 381-2757, ext.140

**ADVIENTO - PROYECTO NAVIDEÑO:** La próxima semana se pondrá un árbol de Navidad en el vestíbulo, el cuál estará lleno de etiquetas con nombres que **beneficiarán a las familias del Centro de Niños Especiales de San Benedicto.** Usted tiene la oportunidad de comprar un regalo Navideño para aquella persona que no recibiría ninguno. **Traiga a la iglesia su regalo sin envolver y con la etiqueta anexada. Coloque el regalo debajo del árbol antes del 6 de Diciembre.** Este año habrán también etiquetas para ayudar al Centro con muchas de sus necesidades. Tendrán el nombre del Centro de Necesidades de San Benedicto. Algunas etiquetas dirán “como nuevos”, esto quiere decir artículos en muy buenas condiciones podrían ser aceptados. Póngalos debajo del árbol también, con la etiqueta anexada. Sólo tarjetas de regalos de Wal-mart y Price Chopper pueden ser usadas, por problemas de transportación. Traten de usar Scripts en sus compras y así la parroquia se beneficiará también. Para más información, llamen a Mary Ann Meert, 642-3954, ó Yvonne Matousek, 642-7911

#### **EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA:**

**CLASES DE LA TARDE:** Nos reuniremos el martes, Nov.8. Celebraremos Misa con los niños del 1er año de clases. Las familias están invitadas a reunirse con nosotros a las 4:35pm. Niños en el 2° año de clases serán preparados para su Primera Reconciliación, en sus salones de clases.

Para más información vea el revés de esta página.

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**FAMILIAS CRECIENDO JUNTAS EN LA FE:** 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](mailto:sschluter@holycrossopks.org). Para preguntas sobre Escuelas Intermedia y Superior, comuníquense con Sandy Schluter.

**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.

**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](http://www.padrepioacademy.org) for more info. RSVP to 913-268-5774.

**VOLUNTEERS OPPORTUNITIES:** Do you have some free time and enjoy meeting new people? Catholic Charities has a great opportunity for you. We are looking for someone to help staff the front desk reception at 2220 Central, KS City, KS on Wednesdays 1:00-4:00pm, and on Fridays 12:30-4:30 pm. Responsibilities include greeting clients, answering the phones, and making appointments. Training provided. If interested contact Mary Kay Drees at 913-433-2080, or e-mail [mdrees@catholiccharitiesks.org](mailto:mdrees@catholiccharitiesks.org).

**AN EVENING WITH FRIENDS:** Join Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas' Committee of Young Patrons (CYP) during the season of giving hope for a cocktail party to support our neighbors in need. An Evening with Friends is on Sat., Nov.19, 7-9pm at The American Institute of Architects Building. Tickets are \$25 for paid members, \$35 for non-members. CYP is a group of 20-40 somethings, supporting the mission of Catholic Charities of NEKS. We strive to impact the lives of those in need with Volunteer Efforts, Social Outings, Professional Development, Fundraising & Friendraising. Visit [www.catholiccharitiesks.org/cyp](http://www.catholiccharitiesks.org/cyp) or call 913-433-2046 for more info & to purchase tickets.

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](http://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 & west of K-7 on Prairie Star Pkwy.

**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.

**Please join us for 27th anniversary of the Viviano Variety Benefit Show,** benefitting Catholic Charities Foundation of Northeast Kansas, on Sat., Nov.19, at Rockhurst High School's Rose Theatre. The variety show will feature music, dance, singing and more by renowned performers. Tickets are \$35 for reserved seats and \$25 for open seating. Dinner begins at 4:30 p.m. with show following at 7pm. To purchase tickets or learn more, please visit [www.catholiccharitiesks.org](http://www.catholiccharitiesks.org) or call 913-433-2046.

**PART-TIME SCHOOL BUS DRIVER:** Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas is in need of a volunteer to drive a small school bus on an as-needed basis in Wyandotte County. For more info contact Mary Kay Drees at 913-433-2080, or [mdrees@catholiccharitiesks.org](mailto:mdrees@catholiccharitiesks.org).

**Did you return your stewardship forms?**



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

**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](mailto:mamirandam2004@yahoo.com) or 913-341-6577 if you have questions. Or please visit to find out more info at <http://www.holycrosscatholicsschool.com/sports.html>.

**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.

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](http://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.

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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](http://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](http://www.ignatiancenterkc.org) for application details, call 816-523-5115 x212 or email [advent@ignatiancenterkc.org](mailto: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](http://www.mountosb.org/sophia.html).