

# 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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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

**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,

During the month of November, we remember the faithful departed. We write their names in the book on the stand near the pulpit. We do that in order to keep their names in our hearts and in our prayers. We also intend our book to parallel God's book of life. Daniel 12:1 refers to that book: "It shall be a time unsurpassed in distress since nations began until that time. At that time, your people shall escape, everyone who is written in the book." This is a metaphor to describe God's plan of salvation. Just as we remember the faithful departed, we are also confident that God remembers them, and will give them eternal life. Fr. Mike

**Quilters & Crafters will sell their crafts after 9:00 & 11:00 Masses this Sunday.**

**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:** The last session on the changes on the new prayers of the Mass will be offered on Thurs., Nov.17th, at 7 pm. in the church.

**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.womeneks.com](http://www.womeneks.com) or call Ralph & Jan Lewis at 913-400-7173.

**The collection at our Ecumenical Thanksgiving service on Nov.20th** will be going to support the new Heartland Habitat builds new and remodeled, decent homes in a four county area including Johnson County. The ReStore specifically resells donated construction items and uses the money for the new homes. They also accept used materials to sell to recycle. In addition to donating to this offering, we encourage you to donate left over construction materials from your latest project and go visit and purchase supplies there so together we can share in building our community.

**READINGS & FAITH SHARING QUESTIONS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: Our Lord Jesus Christ the King:** Ezekiel 34:11-12. 15-17; 1 Corinthians 15:20-26,28; Matthew 25:31-46. **Questions for Adults:** How have your expectations of yourself as a Christian changed over the course of your life?

**For Children:** Who needed your help this week? Did you help? What do you think Jesus would have wanted you to do?

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE:**

	November 6, 2011	Fiscal YTD
Needed	\$25,905	\$471,305
Collected	32,206	482,043
Over/(Under)	6,301	10,738
Special Donations	1,053	

**ADORATION CHAPEL:** Let this be the hour that Jesus calls you from tears to spiritual joy! Open Hours: Sun. 9-10pm & 1-2pm; Mon. 8-9pm; Thurs. 1-2pm; Sat. Noon-1pm & 8-9pm. Call Anne, 649-2049.

**Please Pray for Those Asking for Prayers:** Bob Bray, Ray Carter, Kevin Haeusser, Florence Happer, Bob Hoffman, Samantha Marcellus, Melanie Pelchat, Jennifer Presser, John Rhoades, Al Rilinger, Ginny Shepard, and Eleanore Zibinski.

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

**FIRST RECONCILIATION** will be celebrated this Wednesday and next Monday evenings with 88 children and their families. Additional priests will be present to provide parents with the opportunity to participate more fully in this celebration by going to confession, also. We remember these children, their families and their parish teachers in our prayers this week as they celebrate the extravagant love that God has for us in His forgiveness of our sins. We are grateful for your witness of God's unconditional love as you practice forgiveness, live as peacemakers and work for justice in our parish and community.

**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.

**FIRST RECONCILIATION** will be celebrated at 7:00 p.m. in the church this Wed., Nov. 16<sup>th</sup> with children from the parish school second grade class and the Families Growing in Faith Together evening (6:45 p.m.) classes. Please remember to bring your decorated scarf with you.

### Religious Education

**FAMILIES GROWING IN FAITH Together** will meet this Tues., Nov.15th, to study the communion of saints.

### Confirmation

**Confirmation Classes** meet the following Sundays in November, 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.

**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 11/14, 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.

**It's beginning to look a lot like... Thanksgiving!** What does that mean? **CHRISTMAS card sales**, of course. HCYM is once again selling Christmas Cards from Printery House with Conception Abbey this weekend after all masses. Turnaround time for orders is one week! Come see the beautiful selection of religious and faith-inspired cards to celebrate the seasons of Advent and Christmas. Support Holy Cross youth and Conception Seminary College at the same time!

### 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 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.

### *A Time for Holy Waiting*

*Wednesday, Nov. 30, 2011  
7:00 p.m. in the Church*

Join Fr. Mike Stubbs for an **Evening of Reflection**. Enter into the Advent season by reflecting on two Scripture passages by the prophet Isaiah: **A People Hungry for Hope** (Isaiah 40: 1-5, 9-11) and **Promise or Prediction** (Isaiah 61: 1-2, 10-11). Along with these two presentations, there will be time for song, prayer and quiet meditation. The evening is free and no advance registration is necessary.



### Mass Intentions For The Week



<b>Monday</b>	9:00 a.m. Jane Beaudette
<b>Tuesday</b>	6:30 a.m. Denny Maher 6:00 p.m. Frank Diskin (Spanish)
<b>Wednesday</b>	9:00 a.m. Mike Golub
<b>Thursday</b>	6:30 a.m. Dick Obert
<b>Friday</b>	9:00 a.m. Giuse Hai (All School)
<b>Saturday</b>	7:30 a.m. Cheri Burchett 5:00 p.m. Anne & Michael Polacek
<b>Sunday</b>	7:30 a.m. Stephen Kramerich 9:00 a.m. People of the Parish 11:00 a.m. Joe Edmonds 2:00 p.m. Peter Pham (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.

**John Paul II Holiday Shoppe:** Nov.19 10am-6pm, Nov.20, 8am-2pm, St. Pius X Church, 5500 Woodson, Mission, KS Many wonderful crafts! Mary Patterson 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.

**Join the Church of the Ascension (9510 W. 127th St., Overland Park, KS) for a unique shopping experience. Ascension will hold its 8th Annual Marketplace on Fri., Nov.18th, 7:00pm-10:00pm and Sat., Nov.19th, 9:00am-3:00pm in the Parish Hall.** Community vendors will present their products: Jewelry, handbags and accessories, scrapbooking supplies, health and beauty products, stained glass, gourmet food items, children's books and toys, gift items & much, much more will be available for purchase. **Enjoy early Christmas shopping!**

**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:** There is a tree in the narthex filled with tags with the **needs for the families of St. Benedict's Special Children Center.** You have the opportunity to buy for someone who otherwise would not receive a Christmas gift. Return the gift **unwrapped** with the tag attached to it, and place it under tree before Dec.6th. Gift certificates to Wal-Mart are also acceptable for adult gifts, since it is within walking distance for them. Tags marked for the center will allow some like new items, but family gifts must be new. St.Benedict's Circle will collect and deliver the gifts. Thank you for your generous help. (The grade school helps a small number of families, and we as a parish have the rest.) When you use Scrip in your shopping, you 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.

Please keep our Gabriel Project Mothers and their families in your prayers.

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

Hurting from abortion?? If you have had an abortion & are still grieving, Project Rachael can help. All calls are confidential. (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:**

Durante el mes de Noviembre recordaremos a los feligreses que han fallecido. Escribimos sus nombres en el libro al frente del altar. Hacemos esto para mantener sus nombres en nuestros corazones y en nuestras oraciones. Intentamos que nuestro libros sea paralelo al libro de Dios sobre la vida.

Daniel 12:1, se refiere a ese libro: “En ese momento aparecerá Miguel, el gran ángel protector que defiende a tu pueblo. Será un momento angustioso, un momento como no ha habido otro desde que existen las naciones. Cuando ese momento llegue, se salvarán todos los de tu pueblo que tienen su nombre escrito en el libro.” Esto es una metáfora describiendo el plan de Dios de salvación. Así como recordamos a los fieles fallecidos, también estamos confiados que Dios los recuerda a ellos y les dará la vida eterna. Padre Mike.

**INTENCIONES PARA LAS MISAS:** Martes, 11/15, 6:00 p.m.: Frank Diskin  
 Domingo, 11/20 2:00 p.m.: Peter Pham

**LECTURAS Y PREGUNTAS PARA COMPARTIR LA FE:** *Nuestro Señor Jesucristo, Rey del Universo :* Ezequiel 34:11-12, 15-17; 1 Corintios 15:20-26, 28; Mateo 25:31-46.

**Preguntas para Adultos para Compartir la Fe:** ¿Ha habido algo 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:** Hay un árbol en el vestíbulo lleno de etiquetas con las necesidades de las familias del Centro de Niños Especiales de San Benedicto.

Ustedes tienen la oportunidad de comprar para aquella persona quién no recibirá un regalo Navideño. **Devuelvan el regalo sin envolver y con la etiqueta anexada a él.** Coloquen el regalo debajo del árbol **antes del 6 de Diciembre.** Certificados de regalos de Wal-Mart son también aceptados como regalos para adultos, por su conveniencia de ubicación. Etiquetas marcadas por el Centro permitirán algunos artículos como nuevos, pero regalos para familias **tienen que ser nuevos.** El Círculo de San Benedicto recogerá y entregará los regalos.

**Gracias por su generosa ayuda.** (Los Grados de la escuela ayudan a un pequeño número de familias y nosotros como parroquia ayudamos al resto). Cuando ustedes usa Scripts en sus compras, esto beneficia a la parroquia también. Más información llamando a Mary Ann Meert: 642-3954, ó Yvonne Matousek: 642-7911.

#### **EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA:**

**PRIMERA RECONCILIACIÓN:** Será celebrada el miércoles, Nov. 16, 7:00pm., con niños del 2º Grado de la Escuela Holy Cross y de nuestras clases de por la noche 6:45pm., Familias Creciendo Juntas en la Fe. **Recuerden traer sus bufandas adornadas.**

**FAMILIAS CRECIENDO JUNTAS EN LA FE:** Nos reuniremos este martes, Nov. 15, para estudiar la comunión de los santos.

Para más información vea el revés de esta página.

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**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.

**ALL SAINTS PARISH:** Los invita a todos a la Solemne Vigilia del 3er Aniversario de la Adoración Nocturna, el 3 de Dic., empezando con las inscripciones a las 8 am., terminando a las 12:30pm., con una Recepción y Clausura de la Celebración. Para más información llamen: 913/371-1837.

**Parishioners are invited to attend the following events at Santa Marta:**

1) Attack the House Seminar and Lunch on Tues., Nov.15th beginning at 10:30 a.m. 2) Christmas Cookie Recipe Exchange in the Villa Model on Tues., Nov.29th, beginning at 1:00 p.m. 3) 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.

**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.

**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)).

**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.

**Donations Pick-Up Driver Needed:** Interested in giving back during the holidays? The Olathe Emergency Assistance Center for Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas has an immediate need from now until Christmas for a volunteer to assist on an as-needed basis with donations pickups. The truck is available through Catholic Charities. Commercial Drivers License (CDL) not required. For more info contact Mary Kay Drees at 913-433-2080, or [mdrees@catholiccharitiesks.org](mailto:mdrees@catholiccharitiesks.org).

The **19th annual "Support our Seminarians" Benefit Dinner** is scheduled for Fri., Jan.27, 2012. This event benefits seminarians from the Archdiocese of Kansas City, Kansas, the Diocese of Kansas City-St.Joseph and Conception Seminary College. It promises to be an evening filled with fun and laughter, celebrating our Catholic faith, dining on wonderful food, and socializing with our priests and seminarians! SOS will be held at the Marriott Allis Plaza, 12th and Wyandotte, KC, MO. The ticket price is \$150.00 per person at tables of ten people. To reserve your place, or an entire table, or donate an item to the market place, please contact: Martha Hodes (913) 207-9893 or [mmmh66@bcglobal.net](mailto:mmmh66@bcglobal.net).

**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.holycrosscatholicschool.com/sports.html>.

The following **FREE** programs are offered at **KEELER WOMEN'S CENTER**, at 2220 Central, KC,KS (in the Catholic Charities building.), a ministry of the Benedictine Sisters, whose mission is to empower women in the urban core through education, advocacy, personal and spiritual development. Call 906-8990 or register on-line at [www.mountosb.org/kwc/](http://www.mountosb.org/kwc/)

**Career Exploration: What Should I Be?** Is designed as a first step in looking at personal strengths and preferences in order to make satisfying career decisions. Federal student aid and various scholarships can help make education a reality. The program is presented by Caryl Neinas of Educational Opportunity Centers, a grant-funded program based out of the University of Kansas with the mission of encouraging and assisting Wyandotte County area residents to continue their education. Mon., Nov.32, 10:30-11:30am. Call 913-906-8990 to register

Keeler's Center 2220 Central Ave., KCK, offers a **monthly scripture series based on the illuminations of the St.John's Bible on the 3rd Thurs., of each month, 1:30-2:30pm.** The topic for **Nov.17 is Messianic Prediction.** (Isaiah 7:13-18 & 9:6-7) Free study guides will be provided for those who pre-register for the series. Call 913-906-8990 or register on-line at [www.mountosb.org/kwc](http://www.mountosb.org/kwc).

Shop for the holidays and **support Keeler Women's Center on Sun., Nov.27, 1:00-5:00pm,** at **Ten Thousand Villages, 7949 Santa Fe, OP, KS.** 15% of all sales will help the Benedictine Sisters of Mount St.Scholastica fulfill their mission of empowering women in the urban core of KC through education, advocacy, personal and spiritual development.

**What to Do Instead of Spanking,** will be offered on **Wed., Nov.30, 9:30-11:00am,** at Keeler Women's Center, 2220 Central Ave., KCK. Call 913-908-8990 or register on-line at [www.mountosb.org/kws](http://www.mountosb.org/kws). Presented by Nona Boyd and offered in partnership with Wyandotte Center. Free. Men & women are welcome.

**Coping with Grief During the Holidays, a three-part series, will be held Wednesdays, Nov.30-Dec.14, 10:00-11:30pm,** at Keeler Women's Center. Facilitator is Mary Fran Zeller, BCC.

**"Couples Talk"** on **Wed., Nov.30, 1:00-2:30pm.** This program is recommended for women who want to communicate better with those who matter most in their lives. Presenter is Chiquita Miller of K-State Extension.

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### **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).

**Advent Wisdom, Saturday, December 3, 10:00am-3:00pm:** Come and join the author of Liguori Press's *Advent and Christmas Wisdom from St.Benedict* and take some time to prepare to welcome the coming of Christ every day this Advent. The day is led by Sister Judith Sutera, OSB, writer, speaker and retreat director. The fee is \$50. If you wish to arrive on Friday and spend the night, the fee is \$100. 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).

The **Curé of Ars Bereavement Ministry** will have their **monthly grief support meeting,** Sat., Nov.19, in the Fr.Burak room, 9401 Mission Rd., Leawood. The meeting will begin at 8:30am, after the 8 o'clock Mass. The topic will be, "Looking at Grief with Verse." For more info call 913-649-2026.