

# 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.*

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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,

We often associate the holiday of Thanksgiving with the Pilgrims who settled in New England in the 17th century. They had outlawed the celebration of Christmas in the New World because they considered it too Catholic. In its place, they elevated Thanksgiving into the most important holiday of the year. That made the day what largely it is now in American life, except for the football games which were added later.

At its heart, Thanksgiving is a religious holiday. We give thanks to Almighty God for the blessings we have received during the year. Because of its connection with the Pilgrims, we might also consider it originally as a Protestant holiday, which we Catholics and people of other faiths have appropriated. But this holiday also has a Catholic background. The Pilgrims did not formulate it in a vacuum. They were inspired by other autumn harvest celebrations which were an annual occurrence in Europe. For example, Nov. 11, the feast of St. Martin of Tours, was, and still is in some places, a time to celebrate earth's bounty. On that date, they newly made wine was available. Livestock were butchered for the winter. The crops were all gathered in. It was a celebration much like our current Thanksgiving.

Many of us may feel distant from Thanksgiving's agricultural roots, its Pilgrim past, its Catholic background. But still, we can return to its most important message, the need that we have to give thanks to God. We can all relate to that.

Fr. Mike

Please join Father Mike and the Knights of Columbus after Sunday's 11:00am Mass at the flagpole outside the church for dedication of the parish's new national flag. This flag flew over the U.S. Capitol building on our parish feast day (September 18, 2011) and has been presented by Congressman Kevin Yoder.

**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: First Sunday of Advent:** Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b, 64:2-7; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Matthew 13:33-37. **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 13, 2011	Fiscal YTD
Needed	\$25,905	\$497,210
Collected	22,763	504,806
Over/(Under)	(3,142)	7,596
Special Donations	297	

**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, Tim Eccles, Kevin Haeusser, Florence Happer, Bob Hoffman, Samantha Marcellus, Melanie Pelchat, Jennifer Presser, John Rhoades, Al Rilinger, Ginny Shepard, and Eleanore Zibinski.

**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.

**FIRST RECONCILIATION** will be celebrated this Monday evening with about 44 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.

**FIRST RECONCILIATION** will be celebrated at 7:00 p.m. in the church this Mon, Nov. 21st with children from the Religious Education afternoon classes. Please remember to bring your decorated scarf with you.

**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.

**Quilters & Crafters will sell their crafts after 9:00 & 11:00 Masses Today.** All handmade items - great gifts!!

**SUNSHINE CLUB** Breakfast meeting will follow the 7:30am Mass on December 3rd.

### Religious Education

**NO CLASSES** this Tuesday for children in the Grades 1-6 afternoon sessions due to the Thanksgiving holiday. Classes will meet again on Nov. 29<sup>th</sup>.

**FAMILIES GROWING in FAITH Together** will meet next Tues., Nov. 29<sup>th</sup>. Our topic will be Advent.

### Confirmation

**Confirmation Classes** meet tonight. ALL classes meet at 6:30pm as we will be attending the Ecumenical Prayer Service upstairs. We will not meet on the 27<sup>th</sup> due to Thanksgiving break. Have a blessed holiday!

**Confirmation Ceremony** date set. Mark calendars for Wed, April 18<sup>th</sup> at 7pm for Holy Cross. Abbott Barnabas Senecal will preside.

**Candidate Sponsor** session for students to be confirmed in the Spring... Please note we will hold our C/S sessions on Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> (in English) and Dec 10<sup>th</sup> (in Spanish) in the church hall from 3:30 to 4:45. Candidates should plan to attend with their sponsor. If the sponsor is unavailable, candidates should still attend with another adult.

### 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, redecorated Youth Room! Join us from 7-8:30pm for some faith-filled fun and friends. We will NOT meet on Nov 23<sup>rd</sup> due to Thanksgiving break. See you on Nov 30<sup>th</sup>!

**Middle Schoolers, W'SUP?** Worship, Socializing, and Prayer around U! We meet Nov 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Christmas Cards from Printery House...** support Holy Cross Youth and Conception Seminary College at the same time! We have extended our sales for one more week! For those of us in denial that Christmas is around the corner, we have extended our sales for one more week. Any orders placed today will be available for pick up on Sunday, Nov 27<sup>th</sup>. We also have a great calendar with inspirational scripture verses that would make a GREAT present for anyone. Come visit us downstairs during Donut Sunday.

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

### SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES...

**UPLIFT...** Adults or Teens interested in serving others should reserve their space for PROJECT UPLIFT...an outreach to the homeless of Kansas City. Holy Cross Volunteers are needed the **1<sup>st</sup> MONDAY of every month. We are taking volunteers Dec 5<sup>th</sup>. Call or email Sandy to sign up.** We depart from Holy Cross at 4:30 pm and return around 9:00 pm. Eat dinner before you meet at HC, bring bottled water to drink, and dress appropriately for the weather! **Remember, people in need are counting on us, so if you sign up, be sure to keep your commitment! Thanks!**

**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 Camp 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.

### *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. Dick Sandlin
<b>Tuesday</b>	6:30 a.m. Dorothy Foote 6:00 p.m. Jim Cheesman (Spanish)
<b>Wednesday</b>	9:00 a.m. Betty Hauber
<b>Thursday</b>	9:00 a.m. Marjorie Seibolt
<b>Friday</b>	9:00 a.m. Gary Mayer
<b>Saturday</b>	7:30 a.m. Michael D. Gordon 5:00 p.m. Wanda Piecuch
<b>Sunday</b>	7:30 a.m. Frank Diskin 9:00 a.m. Ralph Allen 11:00 a.m. Dominic Nguyen 2:00 p.m. People of the Parish (Spanish)

**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.

**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.**

## 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 help the parish as well. For further info, please call Mary Ann Meert 642-3954 or Yvonne Matousek 642-7911.



**Christmas Cards for Everyone** is a parish effort to provide gift cards for families in need this holiday season. If you or someone else in our parish needs assistance, please call the Church Office right away and let us know. All information will be held in confidence. Our goal is to make it possible for every Holy Cross family member to have a gift to open and a meal to enjoy this Christmas. Families or individuals who are not Holy Cross parishioners will be referred to Catholic Charities. We will provide assistance based on the information relayed back to us and available resources.

## 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:**

A menudo asociamos la fiesta de Acción de Gracias (Thanksgiving) con los Peregrinos que vinieron de Inglaterra en el siglo 17. Ellos hicieron ilegal la celebración de la Navidad porque estaba considerada “muy Católica”. En su lugar elevaron Thanksgiving a ser la fiesta más importante del año. Así se formó la fiesta que todavía celebramos hoy, excepto por los juegos de fútbol que fueron añadidos más tarde.

En realidad, Thanksgiving es una fiesta religiosa. Nosotros le damos gracias a nuestro Dios Omnipotente, por las bendiciones que hemos recibido durante el año. Por su conexión con los Peregrinos, podríamos considerarla como una fiesta protestante, la cuál nosotros los Católicos y de otras religiones, hemos apropiado. Pero esta fiesta también tiene un fondo Católico. Su inspiración fue otra celebración, la de la cosecha en otoño, celebrada todos los años en Europa.

Muchos de nosotros nos sentimos alejados de las raíces agrícolas de Thanksgiving, el pasado con los Peregrinos y el fondo Católico. Pero así todo, podemos regresar a su mensaje más importante, la necesidad que todos tenemos de darle gracias a Dios. Padre Mike.

**INTENCIONES PARA LAS MISAS:** Martes, 11/22, 6:00 p.m.: Jim Cheesman

Domingo, 11/27 2:00 p.m.: Personas de la Parroquia

**LECTURAS Y PREGUNTAS PARA COMPARTIR LA FE: 1er Domingo de Adviento**  
 Isaías 63:16-17, 19; 64:2-7; 1 Corintios 1:3-9; Marcos 13:33-37.

**Preguntas para Adultos para Compartir la Fe:** La visión de Isaías incluye convirtiendo las espadas a gancho de podaderas. ¿Qué armas tienen ustedes que se puedan transformar en herramientas de paz?

**Preguntas para los Niños:** ¿ Han tenido ustedes que mantenerse despiertos mientras esperaban que suceda algo especial? ¿Qué pueden hacer para “mantenerse despiertos” para la presencia de Jesús esta semana?

**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 lunes, Nov. 21, 7:00pm., con niños de las clases de por las tardes. **Recuerden traer sus bufandas adornadas.**

**NO CLASES** este martes, para los niños de Grados 1-6, sesión de por la tarde, debido a la fiesta de Acción de Gracias (Thanksgiving.) Las clases resumirán el martes, Nov.29.

Para más información vea el revés de esta página.

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**FAMILIAS CRECIENDO JUNTAS EN LA FE:** Nos reuniremos este martes, Nov. 29, para hablar sobre el Adviento.

**CONFIRMACIÓN:**

**Clases de Confirmación:** Todas las clases se reunirán esta noche a las 6:30pm. Atenderemos al Servicio Ecuménico de Oración en la Iglesia. **NO habrán clases** el domingo 27 de Nov., para celebrar la fiesta de Acción de Gracias (Thanksgiving.)

**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.

**CELEBRATION 2012** The Celebration Committee is looking for gifts to be auctioned off in the silent or LIVE auction at Celebration on January 28, 2012. If you have an item or service you can donate, please drop it off at the school office or contact Kathy Steichen, 913-648-2146.

Sponsorship opportunities are also available. See the Celebration website for more details. [www.holycrosscatholicschool.com](http://www.holycrosscatholicschool.com) Look for the Celebration tab on the left side of the page.

**Coming Soon!** Watch the kiosk in the back of the church for a new selection of CDs sure to make this one of your best Advent Seasons! Know your Faith - Love your Faith - Share your Faith. For only a suggested donation of \$3 each, these CDs are a great idea for Christmas gifts or to nurture you own faith! Collect them all while supplies last. Questions? Call Brenda Scruggs, 913-649-6442.

**Parishioners are invited to attend the following events at Santa Marta:** 1) Christmas Cookie Recipe Exchange in the Villa Model on Tues., Nov.29th, beginning at 1:00 p.m. 2) 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).

**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.

**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)

**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

**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>.

**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).

### 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.

**Place Your Cinnamon Roll Order Today!** Cinnamon Roll orders are being taken by Boy Scout Troop 251. Please complete the order form below. Boys will be in the back of the church to collect orders the first two weekends of Advent. If you have any questions call Terry Dressman at (913) 599-4725.

## Cinnamon Roll Order Receipt

### HCCC Troop 251

*Delivery Dates: December 10—11, 2011*

Rolls ordered:	Box of 4	_____ Qty	\$7 a box
	Dozen	_____ Qty	\$20 a box
	Total	\$ _____	Paid or COD (Circle One)

*Make checks payable to Troop 251.*

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Circle One: We will pick up after Mass on ....

5:00 pm. (Dec. 10)    7:30 am. (Dec. 11)    9:00 am. (Dec. 11)    11:00 am. (Dec. 11)

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