

# 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  
Director Liturgy & Music: Rick Worms  
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Administrative Assistant: Pam Seger  
Receptionists: Barb Williams & Lina Byrum

**Religious Education Staff: 381-2757**  
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Session Coordinator: Carol Morris  
Assistants: Michelle Rieger & Karla Melgar  
Confirmation Coordinator: Sandy Schluter

**Youth Ministries: 205-0825**  
Director: Sandy Schluter

**Catechist for Hispanic Adult Formation:**  
Sr. Maria Orozco, S.C.L., 381-2755

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**Holy Cross Catholic School**  
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Principal: Bobbie Beverlin  
Secretaries: Anita Lemmon & Martha Beisser

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Rebeca Richmond, 671-8722

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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 begin our second week of using the new translation of the Mass prayers. We experienced a bit of confusion during our first week. At times, some reverted back to the old translation, out of habit. That is to be expected. This time of transition calls for patience on our part, it is appropriate then, that we make these changes now, during Advent, the season of waiting, the waiting which reminds us of our need for patience.

I have tried to make the transition as easy as possible by making it a gradual transition. During Advent, we will be using the Apostles' creed, which is shorter and less complicated than the Nicene creed, which we will start at Christmas. We will wait until Lent to use the confiteo. We have already been using the sung Mass part since September. Bit by bit, we have been making changes. That should make it easier. Fr. Mike



Holy Land Catholics are known worldwide for their Olivewood carvings. They will be selling these unique carvings after all of the Masses this weekend. Your purchase provides income for local Catholics living in the Holy Land.

**HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION:** The Feast of the Immaculate Conception will be celebrated with Mass on Wednesday, December 7th at 7:00pm, and on Thursday, December 8th at 6:30am and 9:00am. The Mass in Spanish will be at 7:00pm on December 8th.

**SUNSHINE CLUB** Breakfast Meeting will follow the 7:30am Mass on December 4th.

We collected \$453.11 at our **Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service** on November 20th for the Heartland Habitat for Humanity. Thanks to all who donated to this worthy cause.

**Please Pray for Those Asking for Prayers:** Tim Eccles, Kevin Haeusser, Florence Happer, Bob Hoffman, Ellen Jiskra, Samantha Marcellus, Melanie Pelchat, Carol Reardon, and John Rhoades.

**REST IN PEACE:** **Roman Madrigal** of Holy Cross; **Franklin Morris**, father of John Morris; and **Barbara Richardson**, formerly of Holy Cross.

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

Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24; John 1:6-8, 19-28. **Questions for Adults:** What do you most need to do or let go of in order to prepare for Christ's coming?

**For Children:** Why do you think God wants us to be thankful people?

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE:**

	November 27, 2011	Fiscal YTD
Needed	\$25,905	\$549,020
Collected	31,406	563,398
Over/(Under)	5,501	14,378
Special Donations	293	

**ADORATION CHAPEL:** Advent is a time of waiting! Are you the one for whom the Lord waits during these hours? Open Hours: Sunday, 1-2pm and 9-10pm; Thursday, 1-2pm; Saturday, Noon-1pm and 8-9pm. Call Anne, 649-2049.

**Children spending time in Adoration Chapel should remain with their parents at all times.** Children should not be off by themselves or playing on the furniture. Please help create a prayerful environment for others.

**Plan to celebrate God's mercy and forgiveness at our Holy Cross COMMUNAL RECONCILIATION SERVICE on Monday, December 12, at 7:00 p.m. There will be 9 priests in attendance to hear your confessions.**

**Do you know someone who is Catholic, but no longer joins us in worship and service?** Maybe that person just needs a welcoming invitation from you to take a second look at the Catholic faith. If interested, invite your friend or family member to contact Robert Bacic for a confidential appointment. He can be reached at [rba-cic@holycrossopks.org](mailto:rba-cic@holycrossopks.org) or 913-381-2755. Making an appointment does not obligate the person in any way. Holy Cross is committed to helping those who are interested return to a more active life of faith.

**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.

**A CHRISTMAS TRADITION:** Each year the altar is beautifully decorated with flowers donated by parishioners in memory of their deceased loved ones. We invite you to donate \$15 for flowers for the Christmas environment. Please call the church office, 381-2755, or stop by during office hours.

## Religious Education

**CLASSES** will meet this Tuesday and next for children in the Grades 1-6 afternoon sessions.

**FAMILIES GROWING in FAITH Together** will meet this Tues., Dec. 6th. We will join in the novena for Our Lady of Guadalupe in church for part of our session time.

## Confirmation

**Confirmation Classes** meet tonight. High school students meet 6-7:30pm & middle school students meet 6:30-8pm. Our meeting dates for December are the 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, & 18<sup>th</sup>.

**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 this Spring... Please note, we will hold one more session for Candidates and their sponsors on Dec 10<sup>th</sup>. This session will be in Spanish, but we will have accommodations in English. We meet 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 Youth Room! Join us from 7-8:30pm for some faith-filled fun and friends. We meet Dec 7 and 21<sup>st</sup> in the youth room. We meet Dec 14<sup>th</sup> off site. Location to be determined. Add Sandra K Schluter as a friend on Facebook for event information. Bring a snack item to add to our pantry.

**Middle Schoolers**, W'SUP? Worship, Socializing, and Prayer around U! We meet on Dec 5<sup>th</sup> but WILL NOT meet on Dec 12<sup>th</sup>. We will meet again on Dec 19<sup>th</sup>. Hope to see you there. 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 and events are underway for our youth groups at Holy Cross and we could use your donations of snack items and pop. Cookies, chips, and caffeine free beverages are great donations. Oh, and did I mention chocolate? Thanks to our wonderful parishioners for all the continued support of the youth of Holy Cross. Your donations do not go unnoticed by the youth and are very much appreciated!

**Christmas Cards from Printery House**... are available for pickup after all masses. If you are not available after one of the masses, please contact Sandy Schluter at 205-0825 or [sschluter@holycrossopks.org](mailto:sschluter@holycrossopks.org) to arrange pickup.

## 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 for Jan 2 and Feb 5. 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! All I Want for Christmas is to get to know God and His people!** What a wonderful holiday gift for the young highschooler in your life... to receive this opportunity for a life-changing, faith-strengthening, friendship-lasting experience. For only \$75 deposit, you can hold a spot for Mission trip 2012. We will collect \$75 payments every two months until the \$400 trip is paid. We will also continue our fundraising efforts in 2012 to defray the costs. Submit your deposit now. The total cost of the trip increases to \$420 if deposits are paid after January 1, 2012. Our travel dates are June 23<sup>rd</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup>. We will be working with Catholic Heart Workcamp. 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.

## 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](http://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

<b>Monday</b>	9:00 a.m. Joseph Edmonds
<b>Tuesday</b>	6:30 a.m. Betty Hauber 6:00 p.m. Dominic Huy (Spanish)
<b>Wednesday</b>	9:00 a.m. Special Intentions 7:00 p.m. Trenton Paul Schroeder
<b>Thursday</b>	6:30 a.m. Rose Dewey 9:00 a.m. Ralph Allen (All School) 7:00 p.m. Khien Tran (Spanish)
<b>Friday</b>	9:00 a.m. Jorge Bulla
<b>Saturday</b>	7:30 a.m. Frank Diskin 5:00 p.m. Carmella Boreen
<b>Sunday</b>	7:30 a.m. Stephen Kramerich 9:00 a.m. Susan Wohlford 11:00 a.m. People of the Parish 2:00 p.m. Giuse Vu (Spanish) 11:00 p.m. All Souls (Spanish)

**The Book Discussion Group** will meet on Tuesday, **Dec. 6**, at 9:30am in Room 1 in Lickteig Hall. The book will be *The Road from Coorain* by Jill Ker Conway.

**Parishioners are invited to attend the following upcoming event at Santa Marta:** Holiday Wine Gift Ideas and Presentation in the Villa Model on Thurs., Dec.8, 4:00-7:00 p.m. RSVP by calling (913) 323-7110.

**HOLIDAY BUNKO PARTY:** All Women of Holy Cross are invited to join us in a fun evening Monday, **December 12th**, at 7:00pm in the church hall to play BUNKO, refreshments and prizes. Please RSVP to Kathleen 642-1171 or Linda 648-4268, so that we may know how many tables to set up. There will be a \$3.00 charge at the door.

**The True Meaning of Christmas** is just one of the many wonderful \$3 CDs available in the kiosk at the back of church that will help you make this Advent truly special. Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen's books, tapes, homilies, retreats, and television series have inspired countless souls all over the world. This digitally-mastered presentation combines classic recordings of his timeless reflections on the meaning of the Incarnation of Jesus, mixed with seasonal music. It is sure to become a family favorite! Be sure to enjoy the special addition last track by Scott Hahn. Questions? Call Brenda Scruggs, 913-649-6442.

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.**



**Christmas Cards for Everyone** is a parish effort to provide for families in need this holiday season. **Please prayerfully consider making a donation toward this effort.** Cash, checks or gift cards to Kohls, Target, Walmart, HyVee or Price Chopper would be appreciated. Checks

should be made out to *Holy Cross*. Also consider purchasing your gift cards through *Scrip*. 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.

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. 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.

**Sanctuary of Hope** will present a mini retreat entitled **Respite, Renewal & Reflection for Caregivers** on Wed., Dec.7, 2-4pm & 7-9pm (repeat session) in the Chapel. Learn how to ease stress, cope with emotions, make decisions. Enjoy quiet time to reflect. Cost: Free-will offering. Light refreshments will be served. Facilitators: Sr. Antonella Bayer, CSJ, Martha Maher, R.N., Rev. Roberta Wilkes, J.D. Register now by emailing by phone 913-321-HOPE(4673) or by [julie@sanctuaryofhope.org](mailto:julie@sanctuaryofhope.org)

**Advice and Aid Pregnancy Centers, Inc.** is currently seeking a Registered Nurse (RN), licensed in the State of Kansas to assume the position of Nurse Manager. A resume with cover letter should be emailed to Brenda Estell—[office@adviceandaid.com](mailto:office@adviceandaid.com).

## Gospel of Life Update

“You formed my inmost being; you knit me in my mother’s womb.” (Psalm 137:13) 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.

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,**

Empezaos nuestra segunda semana de Adviento usando la nueva traducción de las oraciones de la Misa. Experimentamos un poco de confusión en la primera semana. A veces, algunas personas regresaron a la traducción antigua, por costumbre. Esto se esperaba. Este tiempo de transición llama por paciencia en nuestra parte. Entonces es apropiado que hagamos estos cambios durante el Adviento, el tiempo de espera, la espera que nos recuerda que debemos ser pacientes.

He tratado de hacer la transición lo más fácil posible, haciéndola gradual. Durante el Adviento, estaremos usando el Credo de los Apóstoles, el cual es más corto y menos complicado que el Credo Nicene, el cuál empezaremos en la Navidad. En la Cuaresma empezaremos a usar el confiteor. Hemos estado usando la parte de la Misa cantada desde Septiembre. Poco a poco, hemos estado haciendo cambios. Esto lo hace más fácil. Fr. Mike

**ADVIENTO-PROYECTO ARBOL DEL ÁNGEL:** Continúe tomando las etiquetas del Árbol hasta que esté vacío, así todos recibirán un regalo. Por favor devuelva su regalo sin envolverlo y con las etiquetas anexas, para las familias del Centro de Niños Especiales de San Benedicto. Necesitamos que todos **los regalos sean devueltos antes del 6 de Diciembre**, para entregarlos a tiempo al Centro. Si usted tiene una tarjeta de regalo de Wal-Mart o Price Chopper, favor de entregarlas en la oficina de la iglesia durante días de semana, o alguien de nuestros ayudantes ubicados cerca del Árbol. **¡Gracias por su generosidad!** Si usted tiene preguntas o problemas, favor de llamar a Mary Ann Meert, 642-3954.

**Los niños que pasan tiempo en la Capilla de Adoración deberán quedarse junto a sus padres todo el tiempo.** Los niños no deberán estar solos o jugando en los muebles. Por favor, ayude a crear un ambiente devoto para los demás.

**Tenemos 6 nuevos CD's en español en el kiosco del vestíbulo. \$3/ea. ¡Gran regalo de Adviento!**

**INTENCIONES PARA LAS MISAS:** Martes, 12/6, 6:00 p.m.: Dominic Huy  
 Domingo, 12/11, 2:00 p.m.: Giuse Vu, 11:00 p.m.: Todas las Almas

**LECTURAS Y PREGUNTAS PARA COMPARTIR LA FE: 3er Domingo de Adviento**  
 Génesis 3:9-15, 20; Efesios 1:3-6, 11-12; Lucas 1:26-38.

**Preguntas para Adultos para Compartir la Fe:** En el Evangelio de hoy, Jesús le pregunta a la muchedumbre, ¿Qué fueron a ver en el desierto? ¿Dónde buscan por la presencia de Dios en sus vidas?

**Preguntas para los Niños:** San Jaime nos dice que seamos pacientes. ¿Cómo es para ustedes el tener que esperar por algo que verdaderamente quieren tener?

#### **EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA:**

**Clases de por la Tarde:** Niños de los Grados 1-6, nos reuniremos este martes y el próximo también.

**Familias Creciendo Juntas en la Fe:** Nos reuniremos este martes, Dic.6, y parte del tiempo nos uniremos a la Novena de la Virgen de Guadalupe, en la iglesia.

#### **CONFIRMACIÓN:**

**Clases de Confirmación:** Nos reuniremos esta noche. Escuela Superior 6-7:30pm., y Escuela Intermedia 6:30-8pm. Nuestras próximas fechas son: Dic. 4, 11 y 18.

**Para más información vea el revés de esta página.**

**Ceremonia de la Confirmación:** Se llevará a cabo el miércoles, Abril 18, 7:00pm., en Holy Cross. El Abad Barnabás Senecal, presidirá. Marquen sus calendario ahora.

**Sesión para Padrinos y Candidatos que serán Confirmados en la Primavera:** Favor de anotar esta última sesión del sábado, 10 de Dic. Esta sesión será en español. Nos reuniremos en la iglesia 3:30-4:45pm. Los Candidatos deberán asistir con sus Padrinos. Si su Padrino no puede venir, los Candidatos vendrán con otro adulto.

**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.

**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. Traigan una bolsa de chips o cookies para repartir.

**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.holycrosscatholicsschool.com](http://www.holycrosscatholicsschool.com) Look for the Celebration tab on the left side of the page.

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**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).

**TurnStyles Needs Store Donations:** TurnStyles in Overland Park & TurnStyles in Olathe need clothing! Please bring your gently used clothing to either store. All proceeds from TurnStyles go to support your neighbors in need through Catholic Charities' programs, including Emergency Assistance and its food pantries and the Refugee and Migrant Services program. By bringing your donations to us instead of having TurnStyles pick them up, you can help us save precious expense dollars. Our stores accept donations Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Overland Park: 9750 W.87th St. (South side of the building). For more information, visit [www.catholiccharitiesks.org/turnstyles](http://www.catholiccharitiesks.org/turnstyles) or contact 913-648-6795 (Overland Park) or 913-909-2485 (Olathe).

**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 1:00 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)

**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>.

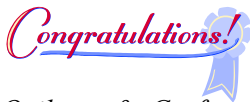
**St.Mary's Food Kitchen:** 405 dinners were served to those who are less fortunate on Nov.17. Thank you, to everyone who provided food, helped serve and gave monetary donations.



**ADVENT ANGEL TREE PROJECT:** Please **return your unwrapped gift** for the families and the Center **with the tag attached**, designed for our **St. Benedict's Special Children Center**. We need all the gifts to

be turned in by December 6th in order to deliver them on time to the Center. If you are offering some of the slightly used items or paper goods, they can also be placed under the tree. Thank you so much for your generosity. May God bless you for your participation in this inner city project. If you have a problem with this timing, please call Mary Ann Meert at 642-3954.


One of our Holy Cross Parishioners, **Erin O'Brien**, needs your prayers and financial support. Erin is a junior studying nursing and playing soccer at Benedictine College. She has an opportunity to go on a mission trip over Spring Break to Belize with **Varsity Catholic**. This is a branch of **FOCUS** (Fellowship of Catholic University Students) that works specifically with the varsity athletes leading Bible Studies and other forms of outreach to underprivileged youth. Each student is asked to raise \$1200 by Dec.10th. So far, Erin has acquired \$700. If you would like to join her mission support team, simply prepare a check, made payable to Benedictine College Campus Ministry and submit to the Church Office by Dec.7th. These checks will then be forwarded to Erin. Thank you for your prayerful consideration and please keep her, her teammates, and the kids in Belize in your prayers.



The winner of *Quilters & Crafters* Quilt is Maggie Rogers.

**THANKS** to all who provided pies for Thanksgiving Dinner at **ST.MARY'S FOOD KITCHEN**, and a special "Thank You" to Louise Lloyd, teachers and students at Shawnee Mission North H.S. who provided us with 40 of the 90 pies. *-Nadine Swanson.*


**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)

HCCC Troop 251 located at 8311 W. 93rd St., Overland Park, KS 66212