

# 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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**Holy Cross Catholic School**  
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## MASSES:

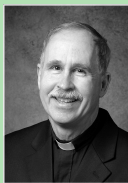
**Saturday** 7:30 a.m., 5:00 p.m. (Sunday Mass)  
**Sunday** 7:30, 9:00, 11:00 a.m., and 2:00 p.m. (Spanish)  
**Nursery** - 9:00, 11:00 a.m., and 2:00 p.m. Masses  
**Weekdays** Mon., Wed., Fri. 9:00 a.m. | Tues. & Thurs. 6:30 a.m.  
Tues. 6:00 p.m. (Spanish)  
Tues. & Thurs. (School days only): 8:15 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*

Dear Parishioners,

This weekend, the Archbishop speaks to us concerning the appeal for the Archdiocese, Call To Share. This annual event reminds us that we belong to a larger church, that our responsibilities are not limited to just Holy Cross parish. The funds raised through Call To Share help to support ministries that we depend on. In that way, we indirectly benefit from this appeal. At the same time, Call To Share also extends beyond our own needs to reach out to other segments of the Archdiocese. It enables us to help our brothers and sisters in need. It reminds us that God has claimed us as sons and daughters, that we are brothers and sisters in Christ.



Fr. Mike

**Save the Date! Parish Town Hall** meeting on Sunday, January 29th, 3:30pm in Lickteig Hall. Watch for more information.

**Administrative Assistant** – The Church of the Holy Cross is looking to fill a part-time staff position in the church office. The position is 25 hours per week. Applicants should possess effective interpersonal skills, be able to organize daily office activities and special projects, be familiar with Microsoft Office software, and have data entry experience. Fluency in English and Spanish is desirable. Contact Mark at (913) 381-2755 or [mengen@holycrossopks.org](mailto:mengen@holycrossopks.org) for an application and role description. You can also download them at [www.holycrossopks.org](http://www.holycrossopks.org). Applications accepted through Jan. 31, 2012.

**NEEDS A HOME.** There are several items that have been left in the church kitchen from funerals and other events. They are placed on the stainless steel table for you to pick up. They will be in the kitchen until Jan. 15. Items that are not claimed will go to charity. Thank you.

**ST. MARY’S FOOD KITCHEN** We will be serving pasta casserole, salad and dessert to those who are less fortunate on Friday, Jan. 20th. If you can make a casserole, please pick up a baking pan and recipe which is provided in the narthex. We are missing a few baking pans - Please return them as soon as possible. Thank you.

**READINGS & FAITH SHARING QUESTIONS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time:** Jonah 3:1-5,10; 1 Corinthians 7:29-31. **Questions for Adults:** Where are you in your journey as a disciple of Jesus? As you look back over your life, what turning points do you see? **For Children:** The people of Nineveh fasted and put on sackcloth to show God that they were sorry for their sins. How do you show God that you are sorry for the things you’ve done wrong?

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE:**

	January 8, 2012	Fiscal YTD
Needed	\$21,585	\$735,810
Collected	29,846	749,887
Over/(Under)	8,261	14,077
Special Donations	526	

**ADORATION CHAPEL:** The best New Year’s resolution ever!! There are now seven open hours in the chapel. Can you help? Open Hours: Sunday, 2-3am, 9-10am, and 1-2pm; Thursday, 1-2pm; Friday, 10-11am; Saturday, 12noon-1pm and 8-9pm. Call Anne, 649-2049.

8th grade makeup Placement Test at **St. Thomas Aquinas High School, Sat. Jan. 21, at 8:00am.** No pre-registration. Arrive in Commons by 7:45am with two #2 pencils, calculator, and \$15 test fee. Questions, Diane Pyle, 319-2423 or [dpyle@stasaints.net](mailto:dpyle@stasaints.net).

**Please Pray for Those Asking for Prayers:** Tim Eccles, Ray Gabel, Bob Hoffman, Ellen Jiskra, Carol Reardon, and John Rhoades.

**REST IN PEACE:** **Mary Ellen Alfino**, daughter of Arlene Alfino-Minnis; **Kevin Haeusser** of Holy Cross; and **Marge Sickley**, sister of Robert Schmitt.

**Mass Intentions For The Week** 

<b>Monday</b>	9:00 a.m. Frank P. Diskin
<b>Tuesday</b>	6:30 a.m. Spec. Int. - Arnold & Mary Meier 8:15 a.m. Giuse Hai (at school) 6:00 p.m. Thuy Pham (Spanish)
<b>Wednesday</b>	9:00 a.m. Dick Sandlin
<b>Thursday</b>	6:30 a.m. James Cheesman 8:15 a.m. James Ahern (at school)
<b>Friday</b>	9:00 a.m. Betty Hauber
<b>Saturday</b>	7:30 a.m. Matthew Anderson 5:00 p.m. Rick Walter
<b>Sunday</b>	7:30 a.m. People of the Parish 9:00 a.m. Joe Edmonds 11:00 a.m. Ralph Allen 2:00 p.m. John Robert Stubbs (Spanish)

**Children's Liturgy of the Word** will resume on January 8th, unless a leader is unavailable for a particular Mass.

### Religious Education

**Afternoon Classes** This week and next, classes will be rotating through the church for our "Church Tour" activity. Also, Touch Safety lessons will be presented as part of our Arch. Child Protection program. Parents are welcome to join us for these sessions. The letter sent home with your child on Jan. 3 & 10 includes an option for your child not to participate in the Touch Safety lesson. Questions? Contact Julie Dresser at [jdresser@holycrossopks.org](mailto:jdresser@holycrossopks.org) or 381-2757, ext. 119.

**FAMILIES GROWING in FAITH Together** will meet this Tuesday, January 17th. We will take a tour of our church and identify the spaces and things we use for sacraments and prayer. Please be prompt!

### Confirmation

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

**Confirmation Retreat**....scheduled for **Saturday, January 14th** in the church hall. We will begin at 11:45 and conclude AFTER the 5pm mass. All 8<sup>th</sup> graders to be confirmed this Spring are required to attend the retreat in its entirety. Detailed information was sent home by mail over break. Please look out for this important mailing. A separate retreat for high school students will take place this semester.

### 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** ... Check facebook for any last minute events. Add Sandra K Schluter as a friend on Facebook for event info. Bring a snack item to add to our pantry.

**Middle Schoolers, W'SUP?** Worship, Socializing, and Prayer around U! Looking forward to another wild and fun semester learning about our faith.

**Holy Cross Parish**... thanks for all of your continued support of our youth. Donations of snack items for our food pantry are still being accepted for the second semester. They do not go unnoticed by the youth and are very much appreciated!



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**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 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 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.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL Survey:** We would like to hear from you as we plan this year's VSB! Please fill out a survey which can be found on the church website or outside the front office. Return the survey to the church office to the attention of Carol Morris. If you have any questions, please call Carol at 381-2757, ext. 120. Thanks for your help!!

Training for working with the homeless in Johnson County will be offered by **IHN (Interfaith Hospitality Network)** on Wednesday, February 1st, from 6:30-9:00pm at OP Church of Christ (13400 W 119th St). For more info, call Shirley Maxwell, 913-897-2127.

**SIXTY-ONE (61)** people needed to fill all the time slots (van drivers, dinner preparers, evening hosts, overnight hosts, food item donators) when Holy Cross assists OPCC in housing the homeless in their church. Our week, January 29 - February 5, 14 people (8 children) will be housed at OPCC. If you can give a few hours of your time every 11 weeks, call Shirley Maxwell, 897-2127. Monetary donations are always appreciated, but 210 man hours are needed each week we assist OPCC.



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.**

There will be a **Living Rosary** in the church sanctuary on Monday, January 23rd at 7:00pm. If you can't attend the March for Life in Washington DC and Topeka come pray in union with all that travel. While this is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and the parish Respect Life group, all are welcome to attend. In addition to the Rosary, we offer other prayers and conclude with Benediction.

Parishioners are invited to the following events at **Santa Marta:** Island Getaway, Tues, Jan 17, beginning at 4pm; Life Care Seminar & Lunch, Wed, Jan 18 at 10:30am.

If you are a Catholic Man of Irish ancestry (father, mother, grandparents, great-grandparents, etc.) we want and need you to join the **Ancient Order of Hibernian, Kansas**. Join our Hibernian Brothers in the archdiocese in true Irish Tradition (175 years) of Friendship - Unity - Christian Charity. Check our website [www.ksaoh.org](http://www.ksaoh.org) and find out about our participation in several St. Patrick Day parades, the Irish Feast, collections of money, food, clothing for Catholic Charities. Visit the website, call Larry Shepard 913-599-0775, or email [mickeydowd@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mickeydowd@sbcglobal.net) to get an application or an invite to our next meeting January 19.



**BABY SHOWER COLLECTION:** The Knights of Columbus are again collecting items for babies with our annual "Baby Shower for Life." We will have a baby bed set up in the narthex to collect new and slightly used baby clothing as well as other baby items. Money (checks made out to the Knights of Columbus) may also be deposited in the collection box. The collection will be during the second and third week of January. Items & money will be donated to local pro-life organizations.

## Gospel of Life Update

"The first and most fundamental step towards...cultural transformation consists in forming consciences with regard to the incomparable and inviolable worth of every human life. It is of the greatest importance to re-establish the essential connection between life and freedom. There is no true freedom where life is not welcomed and loved; and there is no fullness of life except in freedom...Love, as a sincere gift of self, is what gives the life and freedom of the person their truest meaning. (#96)

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.



## “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

### ANUNCIOS

#### **DEL PADRE MIKE**

##### **Queridos Feligreses,**

El Arzobispo nos hablará a todos este fin de semana, sobre la campaña anual *Call to Share* (Llamado a Compartir). Esta campaña nos hace recordar que pertenecemos a una iglesia más grande, que nuestras responsabilidades no están limitadas a Holy Cross. Los fondos recogidos en esta campaña ayudan a mantener los ministerios que dependemos de ellos, o sea, de esta manera nos beneficiamos directamente. *Call to Share* también se extiende más allá de nuestras necesidades, hacia otros segmentos del Arzobispado. Nos permite ayudar a nuestros hermanos con necesidad. Nos recuerda que Dios nos ha llamado hijos e Hijas y que somos hermanos y hermanas de Cristo. *Fr. Mike*

**INTENCIONES PARA LAS MISAS:** Martes, 1/17 6:00 p.m.: Thuy Pham  
Domingo, 1/22, 2:00 p.m.: John Robert Stubbs

**LECTURAS Y PREGUNTAS PARA COMPARTIR LA FE: 3er Domingo Ordinario**  
Jonás 3:1-5, 10; 1 Corintios 7:29-31; Marcos 1:14-20.

**Preguntas para Adultos para Compartir la Fe:** ¿Dónde se encuentran ustedes en su trayecto como discípulos de Jesús? Al mirar atrás en sus vidas, cuáles puntos decisivos ven?

**Preguntas para los Niños:** El pueblo de Nineveh ayunó y guardó en harpilleras para enseñarle a Dios que se arrepentían de sus pecados. ¿Cómo le enseñan ustedes a Dios que se arrepienten de las cosas que han hecho mal?

#### **EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA:**

**Clases de por la Tarde - clases de 4:30-5:45pm.:** Esta semana y la próxima, estaremos rotando por la iglesia en nuestra actividad “Excursión en la Iglesia”. También, lecciones en como Tocar con Seguridad, serán presentadas como parte del programa de nuestra Arquidiócesis para Protección de los Niños. Todos los padres serán bienvenidos a participar en estas lecciones. La carta que mandamos a sus hogares con sus niños, en Enero 3 y 10, incluye una opción para que su niño **NO** participe en las lecciones de Tocar con Seguridad. ¿Preguntas? Llamen a Julie Dresser, 381-2757, ext.119, ó [jdresser@holycrossopks.org](mailto:jdresser@holycrossopks.org).

**Familias Creciendo Juntas en la Fe - clases de 6:45-8:15pm.:** Nos reuniremos este martes, Enero 17. Visitaremos la iglesia y daremos un recorrido en ella, identificando espacios y cosas que usamos para los sacramentos y oraciones. **¡Favor de llegar puntuales!**

#### **CONFIRMACIÓN:**

**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 próxima reunión será 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.

**Estudiantes de Escuela Superior:** La próxima reunión será Verifiquen los eventos en nuestro Facebook, añadiendo a Sandra K Schluter. Traigan alguna merienda.

**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.

Para más información vea la próxima página.

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

**Taller para los Líderes Parroquiales “Relaciones Humanas en mi Parroquia”:** Taller de dos días, Enero 21, 8:30am.-6pm., y Enero 22, 8:30am.-1pm. Sólo 15 líderes por parroquia. Costo \$15. Inscríbanse al 281-6644.

**Retiro de Quinceañera:** El próximo Retiro se llevará a cabo **en las Oficinas del Ministerio Hispano, el 28 y 29 de Enero, 2012. Costo \$20.** La jovencita tiene que asistir los dos días para recibir el Certificado. Para inscribirse, llamen al 913/281-6644.

**Retiro de Convalidación:** Se llevará a cabo en la Oficinas del Ministerio, para parejas que están interesadas en casarse por la Iglesia. **Es necesario asistir a este Retiro de dos días:** sábado, 25 de Feb. 2012, 8:30am.-5pm., y domingo, 26 de Feb. 2012, 8am.-5pm. **Costo \$50 por pareja. NO HABRÁ CUIDADO DE NIÑOS.** Inscríbanse en 913/281-6644.

**CELEBRATION 2012** Volunteers are still needed in the following areas: **Collecting auction items** -



Help contact local business for gift donations to the silent and live auction. Contact Laura Haeusser 341-9057. **Silent Auction Rooms** - Work in a silent auction room for the evening. Watch all the bidding action and stay until the items are picked up. Volunteers are needed from 4:30pm until midnight or until gifts are picked up.

Contact Theresa DeBrevi 648-6865. **Kitchen/Servers** - Assist in food preparation or service. Contact Margaret Sweetman 341-0092. **Admissions** - Greet guests as they arrive at the admission table. Contact DeeDee Eccles 897-1504. **Parking** - Direct Celebration guests to available parking. Contact Melissa Nielsen 962-5852. **Set-up** - Help bring the event to life! Set-up will begin Thursday 1/26 from 4-10pm and continue Friday 1/27 9am until finished. Contact Suzanne Estrella 652-9859. **Clean-up** - What goes up, must come down. Clean-up will be Sunday, 1/29 beginning at 11am. Contact Jenny Kropf 498-9556.

**VOLUNTEERS OPPORTUNITIES:** Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas is in need of volunteers to help in its **Olathe Emergency Assistance Center**, 333 E Poplar, distributing food to their clients. Times needed are 9am-1pm and 1pm-4pm on either Tues or Fridays; and 1-4pm on either Wednesday or Thursday. Volunteers must be able to stand for short periods of time and to lift boxes or bags of food. Contact Mary Kay Drees, 433-2080 or [mdrees@catholiccharitiesks.org](mailto:mdrees@catholiccharitiesks.org).

Join **Fr. Mark Thibodeaux, S.J.**, for a discussion of the discernment of spirits, the **“Motions of the Soul,”** on Saturday, Feb. 11th, 9:00-11:30am at Rockhurst University. Fr. Thibodeaux is the featured speaker for the **Ignatian Spirituality Center of Kansas City Winter Prayer Workshop, Discernment**, says Fr. Thibodeaux, is a process of “praydreaming.” By learning how to “let God dream in us,” we can begin to touch those deep desires and be more attuned to the movements within our deepest beings. The program fee of \$20 per person covers all materials and scholarships are available. Please email [info@ignatiancenterkc.org](mailto:info@ignatiancenterkc.org) or call 816-523-5115, ext 212. Please include the names and contact info of those wishing to attend.

**KCPT “Catholicism”** with Fr. Robert Barron, professor at Mundelein Seminary near Chicago, will air today, January 8th, 3-4:30pm, Part 1 and Part 2; and **January 15th, 3-5pm, Part 3 and Part 4.** “Breathtaking & high-definition cinematography, multimedia experience.”

**Donations Pick-Up Drivers Needed:** Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas has an immediate need for volunteers to assist with the pick-up of food donations for its Emergency Assistance Centers. Duties involve some heavy lifting in addition to operating a truck that is available through Catholic Charities. A Commercial Drivers License (CDL) is not required. This involves shuttling the truck to parishes for weekend food drives, pick-up of donations from schools or businesses, pick-up orders from Harvesters, and the transfer of food products between Catholic Charities pantries and storage areas. In addition to being comfortable with the operation of the truck, the volunteers need to be physically capable of frequently lifting and carrying cases of food items. For more information please contact Mary Kay Drees, 913-433-2080 or [mdrees@catholiccharitiesks.org](mailto:mdrees@catholiccharitiesks.org).

**THE RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE** is sponsoring the *Roses for Life Campaign* to raise our congressmen's awareness of our pro-life beliefs and desire to end abortion. Anyone 18 years of age and older can pick up a rose on their way into or out of Mass on January 14th and 15th. We're asking you to sign the roses as a symbol of your support of life. All the roses collected at Holy Cross and neighboring parishes will then be collected and hand-delivered to Topeka on Monday, January 23rd, the anniversary of Roe vs. Wade. Thank you for supporting life. Please continue to pray for our leaders and the upcoming election.

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).

**WORLD MARRIAGE DAY *Marriage As Sacrament: The Healing Power of Love.*** All married couples are invited by Archbishop Joseph Naumann, Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas, and Bishop Robert Finn, Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph, to celebrate their Sacrament at a special Mass for Marriage, **Sunday, February 12, 2012, 3:00pm**, St. Therese Parish, 7207 NW Highway 9, Kansas City, MO. Reception will follow in the Wooldridge Center with a short presentation by guest speakers, Brad & Libby DuPont, Office of Marriage & Family Life, Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas. For more info, call 913-721-1570 or 816-756-1850.

If you have a computer and are familiar with working with documents, **Catholic Charities** has an opportunity for you to use your skills to help with publicizing their ministries and services. The volunteer work involves maintaining a master list of the bulletin editors at Archdiocesan parishes in Johnson, Wyandotte, Leavenworth, Miami and Shawnee counties. When the various departments at Catholic Charities have info to be included in parish bulletins, the announcements would be sent to you to forward to the editors in selected counties. More info, Mary Kay Drees, 913-433-2080 or [mdrees@catholiccharitiesks.org](mailto:mdrees@catholiccharitiesks.org).



Q: *I am not comfortable sharing my faith in front of others, will I have to?*

A: *The Weekend is really more about **listening** and being open to allowing God to speak to your heart.*

Proverbs 8:34 *Blessed is the man who listens to me.*



**Men's Retreat**  
**March 10th & 11th**



**Women's Retreat**  
**March 24th & 25th**

Registration forms are available in the narthex.

For more information or to register please visit:

<http://www.mycrhp.com/US/KS/ARCH/holycross/index-HC.html>

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**Notre Dame de Sion** high school invites girls 1st through 8th grade to attend a Cheer Camp on Sunday, Jan. 22, from 11am until 2:30pm. Participants will perform at halftime at the Sion Varsity Basketball game on Monday, January 23. Game time is 6:30pm. The camp costs are \$40 and include a Sion Cheerleader T-Shirt, lunch and admission to the game. For more info, contact Michelle Schlitzer at 816-942-3282 or [mschlitzer@ndsion.edu](mailto:mschlitzer@ndsion.edu). Go to [www.ndsion.edu/cheer.pdf](http://www.ndsion.edu/cheer.pdf) to download the registration form. Registration deadline is January 13th.