

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
Hispanic Ministry: Rev. David Garavito
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PARISH STAFF

Pastoral Associate: Robert Bacic
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Assistants: Michelle Rieger & Karla Melgar
Confirmation Coordinator: Sandy Schluter

Youth Ministries: 205-0825
Director: Sandy Schluter

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Holy Cross Catholic School
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MASSES:

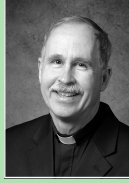
Saturday 7:30 a.m., 5:00 p.m. (Sunday Mass)
Sunday 7:30, 9:00, 11:00 a.m., and 2:00 p.m. (Spanish)
Nursery - 9:00, 11:00 a.m., and 2:00 p.m. Masses
Weekdays Mon., Wed., Fri. 9:00 a.m. | Tues. & Thurs. 6:30 a.m.
Tues. 6:00 p.m. (Spanish)
Tues. & Thurs. (School days only): 8:15 a.m. in the school

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,

Even though Christmas has passed by, a lot is still going on. For example, we look forward to the annual parish fund-raiser, Celebration, this coming Saturday. Monday evening, the Knights of Columbus are holding the annual Pro-Life Rosary. And the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity continues through Wednesday. Ecumenism has lost some of its sparkle since the Second Vatican Council, when it appeared as something new and trendy on the Catholic scene. At the same time, it continues strong on the grassroots level. For example, about half of American Catholics are involved in inter-faith marriages. That means that a lot of American Catholics remain in close contact with non-Catholic Christians. That in itself provides opportunities for ecumenism on the most basic level.



Fr. Mike

Plan to attend next week's **Parish Town Hall** meeting on **Sun., Jan. 29th, 3:30 p.m.**, in Lickteig Hall. Come and learn about two important projects being considered. The first is a self-study process called *Best Practices for Parishes*. Updating the interior of the church is the second topic. Learn about the changes being discussed and share your thoughts on what you think might be done.

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 for an application and role description. You can also download them at www.holycrossopks.org. Applications accepted through Jan. 31, 2012.



READINGS & FAITH SHARING QUESTIONS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: 4th Sunday in Ordinary

Time: Deuteronomy 18:15-20; 1 Corinthians 7:32-35.
Questions for Adults: What are some of the anxieties in your life that distract you from the Lord? What spiritual practices help to relieve these anxieties? **For Children:** In today's Psalm we are told to sing to the Lord a new song. If you were to sing a new song to the Lord, what would you sing about.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE:

	January 15, 2012	Fiscal YTD
Needed	\$21,585	\$757,395
Collected	24,999	774,886
Over/(Under)	3,414	17,491
Special Donations	293	

ADORATION CHAPEL: Several choice hours are open, both permanent and temporary. If you can help, please call Anne, 649-2049. Open Hours: Sunday, 2-3am, 9-10am, and 1-2pm; Thursday, 1-2pm; Saturday, 12noon-1pm and 8-9pm. Temporary help is needed for Sunday, 10pm - Midnight, January 29 thru March 11.

Start your New Year with a resolution to deepen your understanding of your **Catholic Faith**. It will enrich your life. Choose one of the many **CD** options from the kiosk in the back of the church. You'll be glad you did. Questions? Call Brenda Scruggs, 913-649-6442.

SUNSHINE CLUB MEMBERS: We will be having our regular meeting Sunday, Feb. 5th after the 7:30 mass. Watch for special insert for details on our upcoming annual **Sunshine Club Valentine Party** which will be held Friday, February 17, 2012.

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

Mass Intentions For The Week



Monday	9:00 a.m. Dan Cheesman
Tuesday	6:30 a.m. Betty Hauber 8:15 a.m. Frank P. Diskin (at school) 6:00 p.m. Giuse Chien (Spanish)
Wednesday	9:00 a.m. Maria Martinez
Thursday	6:30 a.m. Rita M. Heider 8:15 a.m. Spec Int - Sweetman Family (at school)
Friday	9:00 a.m. Wanda Piecuch
Saturday	7:30 a.m. Fr. Santan Pinto 5:00 p.m. Billie Hauber
Sunday	7:30 a.m. Ferd Kerkvliet 9:00 a.m. Trenton Paul Schroeder 11:00 a.m. Carolina Vucic 2:00 p.m. People of the Parish (Spanish)

First Communion Parent Meeting is Wed., Feb. 8th, at 7:00pm in the church hall. One or both parents of children preparing to celebrate the sacrament this April need to attend. Childcare is available by calling 913-381-2757, ext. 119. Visit the website under Faith Formation, Elementary and watch your school and Rel. Ed. email for more information.

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 or 381-2757, ext. 119.

FAMILIES GROWING in FAITH Together will meet on Tues., Jan. 31st to explore the Bible. Be sure to complete your Mass Journal sheets each week and turn in at least two for this month at our Jan. 31st gathering.

Confirmation

Confirmation Ceremony date is set. Mark calendars for Wed, April 18th at 7pm for Holy Cross. Abbott Barnabas Senecal will preside.

Confirmation Classes meet Jan. 22, Feb. 5 and 12. We do not meet on Feb. 19 due to Presidents' Day holiday. Class resumes on Feb. 26.

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 or call/text 205-0825.

Holy Cross Highschoolers ... Our next meeting dates are Jan. 25 and Feb. 1. We will meet at Homers on Feb. 8. This is the time of year where attendance could start to slow down, as we get caught up in the gray days and early nights. Let the light of Christ continue to shine in you and through you during the colder days of the year by sharing your faith with peers and identifying God's presence in your life.

Middle Schoolers, W'SUP? Worship, Socializing, and Prayer around U! We meet on Jan. 23rd, 30th, and Feb. 6th. Let's stir up the Holy Spirit this Spring semester!

Holy Cross Parish. . . Thanks for all of your continued support of our youth. We lost our vacuum cleaner during renovations several months back. If anyone has a small sturdy vacuum that can be stored in the youth room, we would be interested. Thanks!



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 **1st MONDAY of every month.** We are **taking volunteers for April 2.** 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! Nashville, here we come! What a wonderful 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 Jan. 1, 2012. Our travel dates are June 23 to 30. We will be working with Catholic Heart Workcamp. Holy Cross is celebrating 10 years of summer mission trips for our high schoolers. We can take up to 36 teens and as of now, we have 8 spots left! Don't wait too long to turn in your deposit!

Holy Cross School News

Entertainment Books for 2011/12 are here. Anyone interested in buying Entertainment Book for \$25 please call school office at 381-7408. Limited quantity on hand.

Please continue purchasing trash bags in school office.

Stay up-to-date with info about the school. Go to www.holycrosscatholicsschool.com 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.

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 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 to get an application or an invite to our next meeting January 19.



**KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS**
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

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,

Aunque ya han pasado las Navidades, todavía hay muchas cosas pendientes. Por ejemplo, el próximo sábado tendremos nuestra fiesta anual de la parroquia para recaudar fondos, **Celebration!** ¡Vengan todos a celebrar y divertirse! Los Caballeros de Colón tendrán su **Pro-Life Rosary**, este próximo domingo por la noche. Y la Semana de Oración por la Unidad Cristiana, continuará hasta el miércoles. La unidad y armonía en el mundo Cristiano ha perdido algo de su chipa desde el Segundo Concilio Vaticano. Sin embargo, entre los ciudadanos corrientes, parece que la mitad de los americanos Católicos se encuentran en matrimonios de diferente fe. Esto quiere decir que muchos de los americanos Católicos se mantienen en contacto cercano con los Cristianos no-Católicos. Esto en sí, provee oportunidades para unión y armonía a los niveles más básicos. **Fr. Mike**

INTENCIONES PARA LAS MISAS: Martes, 1/24 6:00 p.m.: Giuse Chien
Domingo, 1/29, 2:00 p.m.: Personas de la Parroquia

LECTURAS Y PREGUNTAS PARA COMPARTIR LA FE: 4º Domingo Ordinario
Deuteronomio 18:15-20; 1 Corintios 7:32-35; Marcos 1:21-28.

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.

Familias Creciendo Juntas en la Fe - clases de 6:45-8:15pm.: Nos reuniremos este martes, Enero 31. la Biblia. **Acuérdense de terminar las hojas para su Diario de la Misa todas las semanas** y entregarnos por lo menos dos hojas este mes, en la próxima reunión.

CONFIRMACIÓN:

Ministerio de Jóvenes: Sandy Schluter, 205-0825, 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 la iglesia, de 7-8:30pm. Traigan una bolsa de chips o cookies para compartir.

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

Para más información vea la próxima página

¡Adiós Padre Brendan! El Padre Brendan Helbing, OSB, nos ha dejado saber que ha recibido una nueva asignación que lo mudará a Oklahoma City, a finales de Enero. Servirá como Pastor Asociado (retirado) en la Iglesia del Sagrado Corazón, 2706 S. Shartel Ave., Oklahoma City, OK 73109-2234, (405)634-2458, email: sacredheartokc@yahoo.com. En su carta de despedida a nuestra parroquia, el Padre Brendan nos dice: “De más está que me siento agobiado por dejarlos. Yo los quiero y he disfrutado mi trabajo (aunque poco) en su iglesia. Les agradezco su paciencia con este sacerdote viejito y les pido perdón por mis defectos. Los voy a extrañar mucho y siempre los recordaré en mis oraciones”. Holy Cross extrañará al Padre Brenan, agradeciéndole sus años de servicio a nuestra parroquia.

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.

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.** Inscribanse en 913/281-6644.

CELEBRATION 2012 is next week, Saturday,



January 28! Tickets for **Celebration 2012** are still on sale. Price is \$60/person. 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 ac-

tion 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 needs volunteers to help in its **Olathe Emergency Assistance Center** distributing food to their clients. 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.

Join **Fr. Mark Thibodeauz, 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 or call 816-523-5115, ext 212. Please include the names and contact info of those wishing to attend.

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.

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.

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.



Farewell Fr. Brendan!

Fr. Brendan Helbing, OSB, has informed us that he has received a new assignment and will be moving to Oklahoma City at the end of January. He will serve as the associate pastor (retired) at Sacred Heart Church, 2706

South Shartel Ave., Oklahoma City, OK 73109-2231, 405-634-2458, email: sacredheartok@yahoo.com. In a letter to the parish, Fr Brendan writes, “Needless to say, I feel bad about leaving you. I love you, and have enjoyed doing the little amount of work that I’ve been able to do here. I appreciate your patience with this old priest and hope you will forgive my shortcomings. I will miss you greatly and will keep you always in my prayers.” Holy Cross will miss Fr. Brendan greatly. We are deeply grateful for his years of dedicated ministry to our parish.



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>

College Students—SAVE THE DATE! Benedictine College will sponsor the 2012 Kansas Catholic College Student Convention (KCCSC). It will take place in Lawrence, Kansas, over the weekend of **February 10-12, 2012**. It was a great success last year as over 270 Catholic college students from 18 colleges and universities attended. It will be even bigger and better this year! Scholarships (partial and full) are available! For more details, please contact Annie Nickels at AnnieNickels@gmail.com or 719-482-4793.

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.