

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
Rectory: 341-5618

PARISH STAFF

Pastoral Associate: Robert Bacic
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Parish Manager: Mark Engen
Receptionists: Barb Williams & Lina Byrum

Religious Education Staff: 381-2757

Director - Pre.-Gr. 6: Julie Dresser
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

El boletín *Encuentro* en español
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Holy Cross Catholic School

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School Office: 381-7408
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Principal: Bobbie Beverlin
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Director: Penny Miller
Assistant Director: Stefanie Bridges

Advocate for Annulments:

Rebeca Richmond, 671-8722

Parish Center Manager

Allison Carney, 244-5970

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 weekend each month during Sunday Mass
(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

Plan to attend the **Parish Town Hall** meeting this weekend 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.

FALSE PROPHETS, TRUE PROPHETS

In Deuteronomy today we hear that God’s very words will fill the mouth of a true prophet, but a false prophet will, in a manner of speaking, put mere mortal words into God’s mouth. In Mark’s Gospel, we see Jesus teaching and healing as a true prophet, one filled with the authority of God’s own voice, the Holy One of God.

The whole history of our church is filled with both true and false prophets. But in today’s Gospel we learn that Jesus’ fame spread because he taught with authority; he wasn’t an authority because he was popular or famous. We also learn from him, in his desert temptation confrontations with Satan, that anyone can quote scripture, even against God’s purposes. And today we hear that his authority was not like that of the scribes, who held the official positions of religious authority in his day. Our work is to do our best to discern the true prophets in our midst, and to be true prophets as well. The psalmist tells us how to do this: by not hardening our hearts when God speaks. If we truly listen to God, it will be God’s very words filling our mouths.

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READINGS & FAITH SHARING QUESTIONS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: 5th Sunday in Ordinary

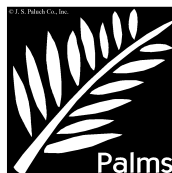
Time: Job 7: 1-4, 6-7; 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23; Mark 1:29-39. *Faith Sharing Question for Adults:* How do you respond to family and friends who share with you the despair we hear from Job in the First Reading? *For Children:* Jesus heals Peter’s mother-in-law and others in today’s gospel. What can you do to help someone feel better after they have been sick or have been hurt by someone’s words or actions?

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE:

	January 22, 2012	Fiscal YTD
Needed	\$21,585	\$778,980
Collected	23,666	798,552
Over/(Under)	2,081	19,572
Special Donations	178	

ADORATION CHAPEL: There are several choice hours available and also requests for partners. The Lord needs you! Open hours: Sunday, 2-3 am, 9-10 am, 1-2 pm; Tuesday, 9-10 pm. Partners needed: Thursday, 2-3 am, 1-2 pm; Saturday, Noon-1 pm, 8-9 pm. Temporary help: Sunday, 10 pm until midnight. Call Anne, 649-2049.

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



Please bring in last year’s palms and place them in the marked basket.

Mass Intentions For The Week 

- Monday** 9:00 a.m. Joseph Edmonds
- Tuesday** 6:30 a.m. Dorothy Foote
6:00 p.m. Peter Pham (Spanish)
- Wednesday** 9:00 a.m. Ida VanBooven
- Thursday** 6:30 a.m. Virginia Kerkvliet
- Friday** 9:00 a.m. Matthew Anderson (All School)
- Saturday** 7:30 a.m. Frank Diskin
5:00 p.m. Marcia L. Werp
- Sunday** 7:30 a.m. Dan Cheesman
9:00 a.m. Eugene Nador
11:00 a.m. People of the Parish
2:00 p.m. Roman Madrigal (Spanish)

First Communion Parent Meeting is Wed., Feb. 8th at 7:00 p.m. 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 our children spend time in church for a Eucharistic Adoration prayer service. Parents are invited to join us at 5:00 p.m. in the church. We conclude our prayer time at 5:30 p.m.

FAMILIES GROWING in FAITH Together meets this Tues., Jan. 31st to explore the Bible. Bring your family bible(s). Be sure to complete your Mass Journal sheets each week and turn in at least two for January this week.

Confirmation

Confirmation Classes meet Jan 29, Feb 5, and 12. We do not meet on Feb 19 due to Presidents' Day holiday. Class resumes on Feb 26.

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

Youth Ministry

For questions regarding Middle and High School Rel. Ed or Youth Ministry, Sandy can be reached quickly & easily by email at sschluter@holycrossopks.org or call/text 205-0825.

Holy Cross Highschoolers ... Our next meeting date is Feb 1. We will meet at Homers on Feb 8. This is the time of year when 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. 30th, and Feb 6th. Lets 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!

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 after January 1, 2012. Our travel dates are June 23rd to 30th. 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!

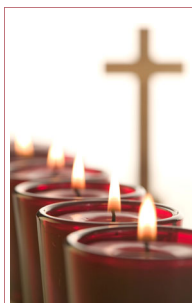
Holy Cross School News

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.holycrosscatholicschool.com where you can link to Principal's Weblog, our Facebook page & Twitter. Click "Family Login" button to see our newsletter and calendar.

Looking for a delicious way to support Holy Cross? If you dine at Johnny's Tavern at 95th & Antioch, 11:00 a.m. until closing, on Monday, Feb. 6th, 20% of your food purchases will be donated to the parish.



Thursday, February 2nd, is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, also known as the "Feast of the Meeting" or Candlemas Day. Those attending Mass at 6:30 a.m. are invited to bring with them candles from home for a special blessing.

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.

Advocates for Immigrant Rights and Reconciliation



AIRR invites you to a round table conversation on racial unity based on the critically acclaimed documentary *Not In Our Town*. First there will be a showing of the film and then a chance to process together the implications for our own community. Come join us!

**Sunday, February 19, 2012
3:30—5:30 p.m.**

**Church of the Holy Cross
Lickteig Hall**

The film will be presented in English with Spanish subtitles.



The Archbishop's *Call to Share* funds over 40 ministries of the Archdiocese, serving parishes and individuals all over Northeast Kansas. Please give prayerful consideration to how you can respond as Jesus' disciple by filling out your pledge card and returning it to the collection next weekend.

*Come, let us bow down in worship;
let us kneel before the LORD who
made us. — Psalm 95:6*

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, call 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

ANUNCIOS

INTENCIONES PARA LAS MISAS: Martes, 1/31 6:00 p.m.: Peter Pham
Domingo, 2/5, 2:00 p.m.: Román Madrigal

LECTURAS Y PREGUNTAS PARA COMPARTIR LA FE: 5° Domingo Ordinario
Job 7:1-4, 6-7; 1 Corintios 9:16-19, 22-23; Marcos 1:29-39.

Preguntas para Adultos para Compartir la Fe: ¿Cómo le responden a familiares y amistades quiénes comparten con ustedes la desesperación que oímos de Job en la Primera Lectura?

Preguntas para los Niños: Jesús sana a la suegra de Pedro y a otros en el Evangelio de hoy. ¿Qué pueden hacer para ayudar a alguien a sentirse mejor después que han estado enfermos o han sido herido por las palabras o acciones de otro?

EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA:

Clases de por la Tarde - clases de 4:30-5:45pm.: Esta semana los niños pasarán tiempo en la iglesia en un servicio de oración de Adoración Eucarística. Los padres están invitados a participar en la iglesia, a las 5pm. Terminaremos nuestras oraciones a las 5:30pm.

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

Reunión en Español para padres de Niños de Primera Comunión: Se celebrará esta reunión, el martes Feb. 7, 6:45pm., en el salón de la iglesia. Si sus niños harán su Primera Comunión este próximo Abril, **uno o ambos padres deberán de asistir.** Habrá cuidado de niños, llamando para inscribirse al 913/381-2757, ext.119.

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.

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 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.** Inscribáanse en 913/281-6644.

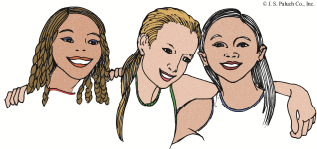
No En Nuestro Pueblo: AIRR los invita a una conversación en “mesa redonda” sobre la unidad racial, basada en este aclamado documental. Tendremos la oportunidad de reflexionar juntos las consecuencias para nuestra comunidad. Habrán comidas y refrescos. Este evento es realizado en conjunto con la Oficina de la Justicia Social. Vengan a Holy Cross el domingo, 19 de Feb., de 3:30-5:30pm.

Jump for Joy! The 2012 Junior High Youth Rally is almost here!



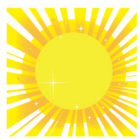
February 26, 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Prairie Star Ranch

Join us for a day of fun including Mass, music and inspiring talks, featuring the music group POPPLE!
Go to www.archkck.org/JHRally2012 to register.



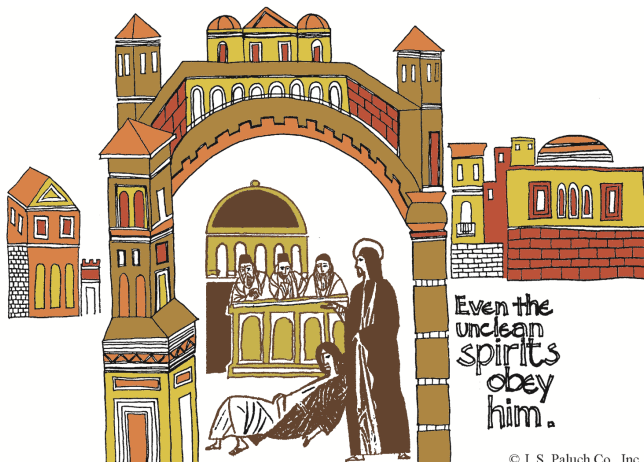
WOMEN'S MORNING OF REFLECTION. Please join us for a Women's Morning of Reflection on Sat., Feb. 18th, from 8:00-

11:30 a.m. A continental breakfast will be served. All women of the parish are welcome! Sponsored by CRHP. Please call Pat Sheldon to RSVP at 642-2997. (Past participants of CRHP, please RSVP with team coordinator.)



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.



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



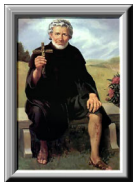
Donations Pick-Up Drivers Needed: Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas has an immediate need for volunteers to assist with the pick-up of food donations for its Emergency Assistance Centers. Duties involve some heavy lifting in addition to operating a truck that is available through Catholic Charities. 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.

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.



Worldwide Marriage Encounter

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.



Holy Spirit parish will be celebrating a **Mass of Healing and Hope** in honor of St. Peregrine on February 11th at 9:00 a.m. Holy Spirit is located at 11300 W. 103rd St., Overland Park.

Goodbye!

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: sacredheartokc@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.



Don't forget to check out the Catholic CDs available for purchase in the narthex. For just \$3 you can enrich your faith and share it with a friend.



Q: *A whole weekend is a lot to give up.*

A: *In one sense perhaps, but it's really not compared to what you get out of it.*

Psalm 84: 10: *For a day in your courts is better than a thousand outside.*

**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.