

# 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  
Director Liturgy & Music: Rick Worms  
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

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## Holy Cross Catholic School

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Principal: Bobbie Beverlin  
Secretaries: Anita Lemmon & Martha Beisser

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## MASSES:

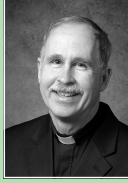
**Saturday** 7:30 a.m., 5:00 p.m. (Sunday Mass)  
**Sunday** 7:30, 9:00, 11:00 a.m., and 2:00 p.m. (Spanish)  
**Nursery** - 9:00, 11:00 a.m., and 2:00 p.m. Masses  
**Weekdays** Mon., Wed., Fri. 9:00 a.m. | Tues. & Thurs. 6:30 a.m.  
Tues. 6:00 p.m. (Spanish)  
Tues. & Thurs. (School days only): 8:15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

Dear Parishioners,

Initial reports concerning "Celebration: Bettin' on the Future" inform us that it was a great success. From all accounts, those attending enjoyed themselves thoroughly. Much thanks to all those who worked on it and those who participated in it. Because of "Celebration," we have raised a considerable amount of money for Holy Cross Parish and School. We also built up our community.



Another significant event for the life of our community took place this last weekend: the Town Hall meeting. A good number of parishioners attended. As announced, two projects currently under consideration were presented: the Best Practices for Parishes program and the renovation of the church interior. The Best Practices for Parishes program would involve a large number of parishioners, in order to study and evaluate various aspects of parish life. If you are asked to serve in a study group, I would encourage your participation. It could be personally rewarding for you, as well as beneficial for the parish. The renovation of the church interior similarly will call for involvement by parishioners. Both may appear to be mammoth projects. But we should approach them in the same way as a mouse when eating an elephant: one bite at a time.

Fr. Mike

**READINGS & FAITH SHARING QUESTIONS**

**FOR NEXT SUNDAY: 5th Sunday in Ordinary**

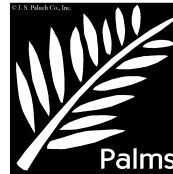
**Time:** Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46; 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1; Mark 1:40-45. **Faith Sharing Question for Adults:** St. Paul says to the Corinthians, "Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ." What would you like others to imitate about you? In what ways are you trying especially hard to imitate Christ? **For Children:** Who do you know that others stay away from, because they think the person doesn't fit in? How do you think Jesus wants you to treat that person?

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE:**

|                   | January 29, 2012 | Fiscal YTD |
|-------------------|------------------|------------|
| Needed            | \$21,585         | \$800,565  |
| Collected         | 15,310           | 813,862    |
| Over/(Under)      | (6,275)          | 13,297     |
| Special Donations | 81               |            |

**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.*



**A New Lenten Bible Study is forming!** Fr. Mike Stubbs is leading a 4-week study titled, *Exodus, A Journey of Faith and Freedom*, on Wednesdays,

Feb. 29 to Mar. 21st, 7:00-8:30 p.m., in Room 5A.

Israel's escape from Egypt and journey to the Promised Land is ancient, yet always new.

Learn how God acted in the lives of our forebears in faith and come to better understand how God is acting in our lives today. There is no fee to enroll, but you are asked to register in advance by contacting the church office at (913) 381-2755 or sending an email to [churchoffice@holycrossopks.org](mailto:churchoffice@holycrossopks.org).

**Mass Intentions For The Week**



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| <b>Monday</b>    | 9:00 a.m. Elena Bulla  |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | 6:30 a.m. Virginia Kerkvliet<br>8:15 a.m. Dan Cheesman (at school)<br>6:00 p.m. Cecile Driscoll (Spanish)      |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | 9:00 a.m. Mary Ellen Alfino  |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | 6:30 a.m. Ida VanBooven<br>8:15 a.m. Cecilia Keane Brull (at school)   |
| <b>Friday</b>    | 9:00 a.m. Roy Murry  |
| <b>Saturday</b>  | 7:30 a.m. Bau Tran<br>5:00 p.m. People of the Parish   |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | 7:30 a.m. Ferd Kerkvliet<br>9:00 a.m. Eugene Nadar<br>11:00 a.m. Laura Bulla<br>2:00 p.m. Peter Pham (Spanish) |

**First Communion Parent Meeting** is Wed., Feb. 8<sup>th</sup> 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

**FAMILIES GROWING in FAITH Together** meets on Tuesday, February 14th to explore God's laws for us. Be sure to complete your Mass Journal sheets after you attend Mass each week and bring those to our next class.

### Confirmation

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

Confirmation Service Fair. . .Sunday, Feb. 19th after the 9am and 11am masses. . .Holy Cross Parish, join us after mass during Donut Sunday to check out the Confirmation Service Fair. Our current candidates will have posters on display showing the Justice and Service piece of their Confirmation preparation. We are so proud of our students as they put their faith into action and strive to serve God's people in need.

Confirmation Ceremony date set. Mark calendars for Wed, April 18<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:sschluter@holycrossopks.org) or call/text 205-0825.*

**Holy Cross Highschoolers** ... We 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. And don't underestimate how a nice cup of hot chocolate or piece of toasted croissant can help out too! Bring \$\$ for a drink or snack.

**Middle Schoolers**, W'SUP? Worship, Socializing, and Prayer around U! We meet on Feb 6<sup>th</sup>. 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! 3 spaces left for Nashville!** 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 - 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 **3 SPOTS LEFT!** Don't wait any longer 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.

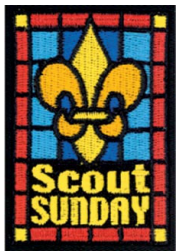
**Please continue purchasing trash bags in school office.**

**Stay up-to-date with info about the school.** Go to [www.holycrosscatholicschool.com](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.

**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.

**Trivia Night is coming on February 11th, 7-11 pm,** sign in beginning at 6:30 pm. Snacks and drinks provided. Beer and wine will also be available. Organize a team of 8-10 players or register individually and be placed on a team. \$12.50 per person. Contact Kathleen DeKraai at 913.599.6395 or [kdekraai@yahoo.com](mailto:kdekraai@yahoo.com) to register. Proceeds benefit 8th Grade Graduation fund.

**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!!



**Scout Sunday** will be celebrated next Sunday, Feb. 12, during the 9 am Mass. Please wear your Class A uniform to celebrate this Mass with your family. Girl Scouts, Campfire, Cubs, Blue Birds and Bonnie are all invited no matter where they meet.



**Mark Your Calendar! Shrimp Boats are coming!** St. Helen Circle's annual First Friday in Lent Shrimp Boil is taking place Feb. 24. With reservations: Adults

\$13, Child \$8 (\$2 more at the door). Fish is also available. Call by Tues., Feb. 21 for reservations: Thais 913.341.1184 or Karen 913.381.4014.

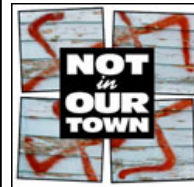


Please join us in praying the **ROSARY before daily Mass** every Mon.-Sat. We will **begin 20 minutes before each Mass**. On Mondays only, we will begin at 8:30am with Mother of Perpetual

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**

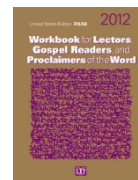


AIRR invites you to a round table conversation on racial unity based on the critically acclaimed documentary *Not In Our Town*. First there will be a showing of the film and then a chance to process together the implications for our own community. Come join us!

**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 Lenten Readings.** A presentation on the Gospels of Mark and John proclaimed during Lent, and their relationship to the other readings, will be given on Wed., Feb. 15, 7 pm, in Room 5AB. This session is especially for lectors as it gives the connections of the readings of the season, but all parishioners are welcome to attend. **Lectors scheduled during Lent, make plans to attend.**



**Wyandotte Pregnancy Clinic is having a Volunteer Information Meeting** on Sat., Feb. 25, from 10-11 am. For more information or to RSVP call 913.287.8287 and ask for Tammy or Nora. Email them at [volunteer@wpcnetwork.org](mailto:volunteer@wpcnetwork.org).

**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

#### Del Padre Mike,

#### **Queridos Feligreses:**

Los reportes iniciales concernientes a “Celebration”: Apostando en el Futuro”, nos informan que esto fue un gran éxito. Desde todos los ángulos, aquéllos que asistieron se divirtieron grandemente. Muchas gracias a todos los que trabajaron en ella y a los que asistieron. Gracias a “Celebration”, hemos recaudado una cantidad considerable de dinero para la Parroquia y la Escuela de Holy Cross, además de ayudar a la comunidad.

Otro evento significativo en nuestra comunidad se llevó a cabo este fin de semana pasado: la Reunión del Ayuntamiento. Un gran número de feligreses asistieron. Presentamos dos futuros proyectos bajo consideración: el Programa de Mejores Prácticas para Parroquias y la renovación del interior de la Iglesia. El primer proyecto envolvería un gran número de feligreses, para estudiar y evaluar varios aspectos de la vida en la parroquia. Si ustedes son llamador a servir en estos grupos, les recomiendo que participen. Esto pudiera ser beneficiario para ustedes y para la parroquia. La renovación del interior de la Iglesia llama también por la participación de los feligreses. Ambos proyectos parecen gigantes, pero debemos enfocarlos igual que un ratoncito se comería a un elefante: mordiéndolo de una en una mordidita.

**INTENCIONES PARA LAS MISAS:** Martes, 2/7 6:00 p.m.: Cecile Driscoll  
Domingo, 2/12, 2:00 p.m.: Peter Pham

**LECTURAS Y PREGUNTAS PARA COMPARTIR LA FE: 6° Domingo Ordinario**  
Levítico 13:1-2, 44-46; 1 Corintios 10:31; 11:1; Marcos 1:40-45.

**Preguntas para Adultos para Compartir la Fe:** San Pablo le dice a los Corintios, “Sean imitadores míos, como yo lo soy de Cristo”. ¿De qué forma están tratando especialmente de imitar a Cristo?

**Preguntas para los Niños:** ¿A quién conocen que los demás se mantienen alejados de él, porque piensan que esta persona no se ajusta bien? ¿Cómo creen que Jesús quiere que traten a esta persona?

#### **EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA:**

**Familias Creciendo Juntas en la Fe - clases de 6:45-8:15pm.:** Nos reuniremos el martes, Feb. 14, a explorar las leyes de Dios para nosotros. Traigan sus Biblias. **Acuérdense de terminar las hojas de su Diario de la Misa todas las semanas** y traerlas a la próxima clase.

**Reunión en Español para padres de Niños de Primera Comunión:** Se celebrará 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](mailto:sschluter@holycrossopks.org). Para preguntas sobre Escuelas Intermedia y Superior, comuníquense con Sandy Schluter. Verifiquen los eventos en nuestro Facebook, añadiendo a Sandra K Schluter.

Para más información vea el revés de esta página.

**Estudiantes de Escuela Intermedia: W'SUP** (Worship, Socializing and Prayer around U!) La próxima reunión será Feb.6. Nunca es tarde para participar. Las reuniones se llevan a cabo en el sótano de la iglesia, de 7-8:30pm. Traigan meriendas para compartir.

**Estudiantes de Escuela Superior:** La próxima reunión será en Homers, Feb. 8. **Traigan \$\$ para una merienda.**

**Ceremonia de 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 Hispano, 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.

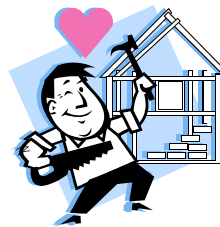
**No En Nuestro Pueblo:** AIRR los invita a una conversación en "mesa redonda" sobre la unidad racial, basada en este aclamado documental. Tendremos la oportunidad de reflexionar juntos las consecuencias para nuestra comunidad. Habrán comidas y refrescos. Este evento es realizado en conjunto con la Oficina de la Justicia Social.

**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](http://www.archkck.org/JHRally2012) to register.



**ATTENTION ALL MEN OF HOLY CROSS,** young, old and everyone in between! If you have plans for Sat., Feb. 11—cancel them! This isn't just another activity; it is a challenge. Join us for a **MORNING OF SERVICE** as we give up one

Saturday morning and work together volunteering in our community. The challenge is to put in at least a combined 400 service hours that morning. We will start with Mass at 7:30 am, followed by a light breakfast and then we will be off to work. Catholic Charities and Habitat for Humanity are anxiously awaiting your help. Don't let them down. Once your schedule is clear, contact Travis Schroeder at [travisschroeder@hotmail.com](mailto:travisschroeder@hotmail.com) or 913.515.8483 and we will get you signed up. We will fill preferred service projects on a first come first serve basis. Don't miss out on this great opportunity to get out and help those who are in need. Write or call today. This Morning of Service is sponsored by the men of CRHP.



The **Book Discussion Group** will meet on Tues., Feb. 7, 9:30 am in Room 1. The book will be *Room* by Emma Donoghue.



**Bunko Party!** All Women of Holy Cross are invited to join us in a fun evening on Mon., Feb. 13, 7 pm, in Lickteig Hall to play Bunko, enjoy refreshments, and win prizes. Please RSVP to Kathleen, so that we may know how many tables to set up. There is a \$3 charge at the door.



The Holy Cross **Knights of Columbus** thank you for all the contributions to this year's Baby Shower. We collected \$2,387 in fair value of new and used items and \$922 in cash and gift cards.

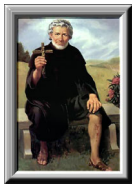


**Thanks to everyone for your support of Celebration.** It was held this past Saturday at Holy Cross School, which was transformed to a Vegas style venue. The red carpet was rolled out for those who attended and a wonderful time was had by all.

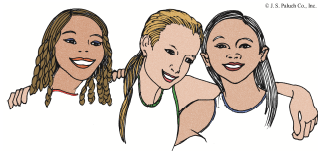
***He healed many!***



**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.



**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 today after the 7:30 mass.

**The Sunshine Club Social Hour and Dinner** will be Wed., Feb. 29, 4 pm, at Cascone's. Soup or salad, entrée and dessert \$9.99. Please sign up or call Mary at 648.1482.



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.*

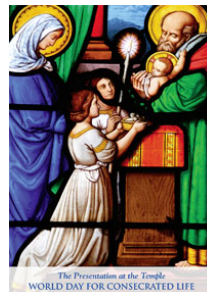
Psalm 84: 10: *For a day in your courts is better than a thousand outside.*

**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>



**World Day of Prayer  
for Consecrated Life**

This Sunday we celebrate World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life. We recognize and give thanks to those who have consecrated their lives to God and Church through vows of poverty, chastity and obedience.

Some join religious orders or secular institutes. Others remain single and make professions to God through the local bishop and are known as consecrated virgins. The consecrated life is one way men and women live out their baptismal commitment as followers of Jesus. May we all remember them in our hearts and



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