Church of The Holy Cross

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Overland Park, Kansas 66212
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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
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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
se encuentra en la página 5.

Holy Cross Catholic School
8101 W. 95th St. 66212
School Office: 381-7408
E-Mail: gradeschool@holycrosscatholicschool.com
Principal: Bobbie Beverlin
Secretaries: Anita Lemmon & Martha Beisser

Early Education Center: 381-7151
7917 W 95th St. 66212
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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

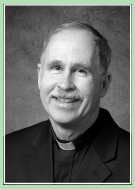
MASSES:

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*

Dear Parishioners,



The Town Hall meeting a couple of Sundays ago, besides examining the Best Practices for Parishes program, looked at renovating the interior of our church. A total of 77 attended the meeting. The item that was favored most highly was putting in new flooring. The item that came in a close second was new cushions for the pews. Better lighting came in third. There are a number of other items that may also be addressed, but those three stood out most strongly. The next step will involve contacting the Archdiocese and selecting an architect. We are beginning a process that will take a lot of time. I ask for your patience in this. Rushing can lead to unnecessary mistakes. We want to do the best job possible.

Fr. Mike

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.)

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.

READINGS & FAITH SHARING QUESTIONS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Isaiah 43:18-19, 21-22,24b-25; 2 Corinthians 1:18-22; Mark 2:1-12. ***Faith Sharing Question for Adults:*** How is sin as paralyzing as physical paralysis? ***For Children:*** What have you seen God do lately?

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE:

	February 5, 2012	Fiscal YTD
Needed	$28,885	$829,450
Collected	26,061	839,923
Over/(Under)	2,824	10,473
Special Donations	224	

ADORATION CHAPEL: "Without prayer, there is no experience of God." (Pope Benedict XVI) Open hours: Sunday, 2-3am, 9-10am, 1-2pm; Tuesday, 9-10pm; Saturday, Noon-1pm, 5-6pm, 8-9pm. PARTNER NEEDED: Thursday, 1-2pm; TEMPORAY HELP: Sunday, 10pm until midnight. Call Anne, 649-2049.

St. Mary's Food Kitchen: We will be serving pasta casserole, salad and dessert to the hungry on Friday, Feb. 17th. If you can make a casserole, please pick up a baking pan and recipe which is provided in the narthex. Thank you.

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.	Juan Martin, Sr.
Tuesday	6:30 a.m.	Bob Schmitt
	8:15 a.m.	Spec Int-Roberts Family (at school)
	6:00 p.m.	Dionisio Lucas Castillo (Spanish)
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Robert & Pearl Fulton
Thursday	6:30 a.m.	Virginia Kerkvliet
	8:15 a.m.	Spec Int-Cordova Family (at school)
Friday	9:00 a.m.	Peter Woodmall
Saturday	7:30 a.m.	Spec Int - Pat Wekmeister
	5:00 p.m.	Spec Int - Bob & Marilyn Paul
Sunday	7:30 a.m.	Joseph Edmonds
	9:00 a.m.	Spec Int - Luis & Isabel Martin
	11:00 a.m.	Spec Int - Laura Haeusser
	2:00 p.m.	People of the Parish (Spanish)

Religious Education

FAMILIES GROWING in FAITH Together meets this Tuesday, February 14th to explore God's laws for us. A reminder to return your activity page on the Bible and any completed Mass Journal sheets.

Confirmation

Confirmation Classes meet this Sunday, Feb. 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 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 … We meet at the church on Feb. 15 and 22nd. 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 Feb 13 and 27th. Lets stir up the Holy Spirit this Spring semester!

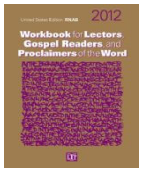
Mission Trip 2012! 3 spaces left for Nashville! What a wonderful gift for the young highschooler in your life - to receive this opportunity for a life-changing, faith-strengthening, friendship-lasting experience. For only $75 deposit, you can hold a spot for Mission Trip 2012. We will collect $75 payments 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 where you can link to Principal's Weblog, our Facebook page & Twitter. Click "Family Login" button to see our newsletter and calendar.



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.**

Ignorance of the Scriptures is ignorance of Christ!
~ St. Jerome

Your pledge is appreciated! As we look at our lives and the many ways God has blessed us, let us give back a proportionate gift to the Archbishop's Call to Share as a way of saying "Here I am, Lord". Our archdiocesan family is truly an extension of our parish life, and funds from the Archbishop's Call to Share. We are grateful to those who have elected to take part in this effort!

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.

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.

Next Week we will take up the **Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe.** This collection supports Catholic organizations that provide food, shelter, medical care, cathechesis, and companionship for the lonely in a region still struggling in the aftermath of atheistic Soviet rule. Your donations help to restore the strength of the Church in the region. Please give generously to the Collection next week. Visit *www.usccb.org/nationalcollections* to learn more.

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 ESPÑOL: 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. También pueden llamar a los Sacerdotes, al 341-5618 y dejarles un mensaje.

ANUNCIOS

Del Padre Mike,
Queridos Feligreses:

En la Reunión de Ayuntamiento que tuvimos hace dos domingos, miramos también hacia la renovación del interior de la iglesia. Un total de 77 personas asistieron. El ítem de más interés resultó ser el poner un piso nuevo. En segundo lugar están cojines nuevos para los bancos de la iglesia. Y en tercer lugar, mejor iluminación en la iglesia. Hay otras cosas que requieren atención también, pero los más urgentes fueron esos tres.

El próximo paso envuelve ponernos en contacto con el Arzobispado y seleccionar un arquitecto. Estamos empezando un proceso que llevará mucho tiempo. Les pido tengan paciencia. Apurarse puede llevarnos a cometer errores innecesarios. Queremos hacer nuestro mejor trabajo posible. ***Fr. Mike***

INTENCIONES PARA LAS MISAS: Martes, 2/14 6:00 p.m.: Dionisio Lucas Castillo
Domingo, 2/19, 2:00 p.m.: Personas de la Parroquia

LECTURAS Y PREGUNTAS PARA COMPARTIR LA FE: ***7° Domingo Ordinario***
Isaías 43:18-19, 21-22, 24-25; 2 Corintios 1:18-22; Marcos 2:1-12.
Preguntas para Adultos para Compartir la Fe: ¿Cómo es el pecado tan paralizante como la verdadera parálisis física? ¿Cómo les ha dado vida el perdón?
Preguntas para los Niños: ¿Qué han visto hacer a Dios recientemente?

EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA:

Familias Creciendo Juntas en la Fe - clases de 6:45-8:15pm.: Nos reunimos este martes, Feb. 14, y exploraremos 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.

CONFIRMACIÓN:

Ministerio de Jóvenes: Sandy Schluter, 205-0825, 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.

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 meriendas para compartir.

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

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 las 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.*** Inscríbanse en 913/281-6644.

Para más información vea el revés de esta página.

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.

Mardi Gras, sponsored by Our Lady & St. Rose parish, will be held on Sat., Feb. 18th, at Blessed Sacrament Family Center Cafeteria and Gym, 2215 Parallel Ave., Kansas City, KS. Dinners served from 4:00-9:00 pm, $10.00. Gumbo or Red Beans & Rice or Jambalaya will be served, along with greens, cornbread and dessert. Adults only dance from 8:00 to midnight—$10.00.

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

J-HIGH RALLY 2012
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CHRIST LIVES IN ME!

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.

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, 642-1171, or Linda, 648-4268, so that we may know how many tables to set up. There is a $3 charge at the door.

The Cure' of Ars Bereavement Ministry will have their monthly grief support meeting, **Saturday, Feb. 18**, in the Father Burak room, 9401 Mission Rd. The meeting will begin at 8:30am, after the 8 o'clock Mass. Grief speaker, Mark Fenton, will speak on, "Redefining Normal." For more information, call 913-649-2026.

Secretary/Bookkeeper. Small Overland Park office needs a bright, friendly person to work our busy reception desk from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm, Mon. thru Fri. Must have experience in customer service and be ale to accurately and efficiently process and record financial transactions. Efficiency in Microsoft Office required. Attention to detail a must. Resumes accepted through Feb. 29th at spjobpost@gmail.com.

Monday, March 5th, 7:00pm, come watch the **RUNNIN' REVS** made up of priests and seminarians from the Archdiocese take on the students from the local high schools and each of the Catholic grade schools in Johnson and Wyandotte Counties. Bring the family and friends to enjoy an exciting night in support of our seminarians. The game will be played at Bishop Miege High School. There will be a live auction during the game which includes a spot at Camp Tekawitha this summer.

MEN UNDER CONSTRUCTION

MEN UNDER CONSTRUCTION Come spend a day with other men from our archdiocese learning how to better live our faith. Featured speakers include Fr. Larry Richards, who calls it like it is, and Steve Ray, an enthusiastic convert helping men learn how God wants them to live. **Saturday, February 25th** at Church of the Ascension. Register at *www.ksmuc.org* and receive the early bird discount, or call 913-302-7530. No kum ba ya here! Just real men looking for some truth and happiness.

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.

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.

Denim & Diamonds Spring Fashion Show presented by St. Thomas Aquinas High School's Mother's club, Sunday, March 4, at 11:00am. Cost is $15/ person, includes brunch. Come eat, shop and enjoy the show. For more info, please call Lisa Hoisington 913-558-8627.

The Catholic Lawyers Guild of Kansas City welcomes all attorneys, legal professionals, law students, and professors to join us at Noon on Friday, February 17, 2012, for our Lunch Lecture at the Kansas City Club at 918 Baltimore in downtown Kansas City. Eddie Greim will present an update on Missouri legislation and the activities of the Missouri Catholic Conference. (A Kansas legislative update will follow soon.) Cost is $15, payable to the Kansas City Club, which includes a plated salad, fish entrée, and drink, and parking across the street. Please RSVP and direct questions or topic or speaker suggestions to the Guild by emailing Eddie Greim at edgreim@gbmglaw.com.

Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God. —1 Cor. 10:31

CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH

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.*

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS

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

Pilgrimage to Poland

Visit Holy Sites of Poland
including Prague and the Czech Republic
August 31 – September 11, 2012

On this very special pilgrimage, School of Faith Director and Theologian, Mike Scherschligt, will present a unique learning experience each day with Mass in holy places revered by Catholics for its significance to the life and ministry of Blessed John Paul II, Saint Maximillian Kolbe, Saint Faustina Kowalska and others.

Join Us for Informational Presentation
Saturday, February 18th - 5pm

Holy Spirit Church
11300 W. 103rd St
Overland Park, KS

No Registration. No Obligation.
All Are Welcome