

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
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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

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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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Advocate for Annulments:
Rebeca Richmond, 671-8722

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Allison Carney, 244-5970

MASSES:

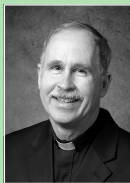
Saturday 7:30 a.m., 5:00 p.m. (Sunday Mass)
Sunday 7:30, 9:00, 11:00 a.m., and 2:00 p.m. (Spanish)
Nursery - 9:00, 11:00 a.m., and 2:00 p.m. Masses
Weekdays Mon., Wed., Fri. 9:00 a.m. | Tues. & Thurs. 6:30 a.m.
Tues. 6:00 p.m. (Spanish)
Tues. & Thurs. (School days only): 8:15 a.m. in the school

RECONCILIATION: Saturday, 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. and Wednesday, 6:00-7:00 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,

I am pleased to announce that our parish has found someone to fill the position of administrative assistant. Previously, Pam Seger served in this capacity. The new person is **Nancy Borisov**. She appears to be well-qualified for the job. She is very well organized and can speak some Spanish. This was a difficult decision to make, since we received 21 applications. We welcome Nancy to the parish staff and wish her all the best.



Fr. Mike

This week on **Ash Wednesday**, there will be a mass at 5:30pm, so there will **no reconciliation** on that day. During the Lenten season, reconciliation will be 6-7pm on Wednesdays.

On Fridays during Lent, there will be **Stations of the Cross** at 5:30pm (English), and at 7:00pm (Spanish).

READINGS & FAITH SHARING QUESTIONS

FOR NEXT SUNDAY: First Sunday of Lent: Genesis 9:8-15; 1 Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:12-15. **Faith Sharing Question for Adults:** What is testing your spirit this Lent? **For Children:** What do you think happened to Jesus in the desert?

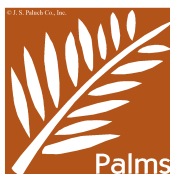
STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE:

	February 12, 2012	Fiscal YTD
Needed	\$28,885	\$858,335
Collected	23,861	863,784
Over/(Under)	(5,024)	5,449
Special Donations	123	

ADORATION CHAPEL: Spending an hour with the Lord is a sacred commitment! Can you help by taking an hour? Open hours: Sunday, 2-3am, 8-9am, 9-10am, 1-2pm; Tuesday, 12-1am; Thursday, 2-3am, 7-8am; Saturday, Noon-1pm, 5-6pm, 8-9pm. **PARTNER NEEDED:** Friday 8-9am; **TEMPORAY HELP:** Sunday, 10pm until 12 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.

REST IN PEACE: Prayers are requested for **Ruth Ruhl**, mother of Martha Vyhanek.



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.

Mass Intentions For The Week



- Monday** 9:00 a.m. Dan Cheesman
- Tuesday** 6:30 a.m. Bob Schmitt
6:00 p.m. Spec Int - Melgar Family (Spanish)
- Wednesday** 6:30 a.m. Theresa Vu
9:00 a.m. Matthew Anderson (All School)
12:10 p.m. Liturgy of the Word with Ashes
5:30 p.m. David & Gladys Watson
7:00 p.m. John Stubbs (Spanish)
- Thursday** 6:30 a.m. Anna Hue Bui
- Friday** 9:00 a.m. Ida VanBooven
5:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross
7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross (Spanish)
- Saturday** 7:30 a.m. Rita Heider
5:00 p.m. Juan Vidovic
- Sunday** 7:30 a.m. People of the Parish
9:00 a.m. Joseph Edmonds
11:00 a.m. Ralph Allen
2:00 p.m. Juana Vazquez (Spanish)

Religious Education

AFTERNOON CLASSES Gr. 1-6 meet to explore the Season of Lent. Your child will bring home something to remind them of our Lenten practices. First Communion folder lessons 1-3 are due this week.

FAMILIES GROWING in FAITH Together meets again on Tues., Feb. 28th, to learn about the season of Lent. A reminder to return your activity page on the Ten Commandments and any completed Mass Journal sheets. First Communion folder lessons 1-3 are due also.

Confirmation

Confirmation Classes: 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. 22nd and 29th. Plan to attend Ash Wednesday mass at 5:30 on the 22nd and we will meet following the mass. 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 do not meet on the 20th due to Presidents' Day holiday. Be sure to check out the info on the Jr High Youth Rally on the 26th. Let's 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!

Adopt a Tank . . . It's that time of year. We are planning your 10th summer mission trip, and while our fundraisers help students cover the registration fee for our trip, our parish has been the driving force behind our transportation. We need to get 7 vehicles, 36 students, 10 chaperones, 46 sleeping bags and duffel bags to Nashville and back, and we need your help. Consider donating a tank of gas to Mission Trip 2012.

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.

PTO Lenten Fish Dinner - Please join us on March 2nd from 5:30-7:30pm in the Parish Activity Center for a delicious meal including our special recipe hand breaded Alaskan Pollock and new this year Smoked Salmon. Dinner also includes coleslaw, roll, French fries, salad or green beans, dessert and drink. Macaroni and Cheese is available for children. **FREE WILL DONATION.** Volunteers are needed to make desserts. Please email Jeanine Schneider at jschneider@holycrosscatholicschool.com if you can make a dessert or volunteer.



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.



St. Helen's Circle Annual 1st Friday in Lent SHRIMP BOIL is this Friday, **Feb. 24th, 5-7pm**. With Reservations: Adult \$13, Child \$8 (\$2 more at the door).

Fish: Adult \$7, Child \$4 (\$1 more at the door). 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, catechesis, 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

“God give us the courage to protect every unborn life. For the child is God’s greatest gift for the family, for a nation, and for the world.” *Bl. Mother Teresa of Calcutta* upon receiving the Nobel Peace Prize in 1979.

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. All calls are confidential. (913) 621-2199. Call Project Rachel, (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:
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, 6-7 pm.

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:

Me complace anunciar que nuestra parroquia ha encontrado a alguien para ocupar el puesto de auxiliar administrativo. Anteriormente, Pam Seger sirvió en esta capacidad. La nueva persona es Nancy Borisov. Ella parece estar bien calificado para el trabajo. Ella está muy bien organizado y se puede hablar algo de español. Esta fue una decisión difícil de tomar, ya hemos recibido 21 solicitudes. Damos la bienvenida a Nancy en el personal de la parroquia y le deseamos todo lo mejor.

Fr. Mike

INTENCIONES PARA LAS MISAS: Martes, 2/21 6:00 p.m.: Familia Melgar

Miércoles, 2/22, 7:00pm: John Stubbs; Domingo, 2/26, 2:00 p.m.: Juana Vázquez

MIÉRCOLES DE CENIZAS: Misa este miércoles a las 5:30pm., por esta razón, **NO habrá Reconciliación.** Durante la cuaresma, habrá Reconciliación los miércoles, 6-7pm.

LECTURAS Y PREGUNTAS PARA COMPARTIR LA FE:

1er Domingo de Cuaresma: Génesis 9: 8-15; 1 Pedro 3:18-22; Marcos 1:12-15

Preguntas para Adultos para Compartir la Fe: ¿Qué está poniendo en prueba su espíritu en esta Cuaresma?

Preguntas para los Niños: ¿Qué creen que le pasó a Jesús en el desierto?

EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA:

Clases de la Tarde - 4:30-5:45pm.: Exploraremos las Estaciones de Cuaresma. Sus niños traerán algo a la casa para recordarles las prácticas de Cuaresma. Las lecciones del 1-3 de Primera Comunión serán traídas esta semana.

Familias Creciendo Juntas en la Fe - clases de 6:45-8:15pm.: Nos reunimos el martes, Feb. 28, y aprenderemos sobre las Estaciones de Cuaresma. Traigan sus Biblias.

Acuérdense de terminar las hojas de su Diario de la Misa todas las semanas, y la página de actividad sobre los Diez Mandamientos. También las lecciones 1-3 de Primera Comm.

CONFIRMACIÓN:

NO habrán clases hoy, por celebrarse en Día de los Presidentes.

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.

Concentración de Estudiantes de Escuela Inter-Media: ¡Brinquen de **ALEGRÍA!**

¡Prepárense para un día de locura y alegría, incluyendo Misa, música y charlas inspiradoras! Domingo, Febrero 26, 9:30am.-4pm. (**llegando a la iglesia a las 7:45am.**) Presentándoles a

¡**POPPLER!** Más información sobre **POPPLER**, vayan a www.popples.us

Estudiantes de Escuela Superior: La próxima reunión será Feb.29. Planeen venir a la misa del Miércoles de Cenizas on Feb.22, 5:30pm., y nos reuniremos después de la misa.

Dejen la luz de Cristo iluminar a través de ustedes compartiendo su fe con otros, identificando la presencia de Dios en sus vidas. 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.

Escuela de Biblia de Verano (VBS): Marquen sus calendarios - Junio 11 al 15, de 9am.-12 mediodía. Estamos buscando *voluntarios adultos* para ayudar en varias áreas. Detalles en la matrícula. Oportunidades para jóvenes vendrán prontamente. Llamen a Carol Morris, 381-2757, ext.120.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL is coming this summer! Mark your calendar: June 11-15 from 9am-12noon. Right now we are looking for adult volunteers to help in various areas. Details on registration and youth volunteer opportunities will be coming soon. Call Carol Morris, 381-2757, ext. 120, for more information or to volunteer!

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.

The **Bishop Miege Basketball Clinic** for girls begins Monday, June 18 - June 21. The boys clinic will start Monday, June 25 - June 28. Both clinics are for children going into the Fourth through Eighth grades. They will run from 9am to 3pm, Mon through Thurs. For children going into **Kindergarten, First, Second and Third** grades the **Little Stags Clinic** begins Monday, June 11th thru Thurs, June 14th, from 9-10:30am. For more info about the clinics, please call Dolly Foley 913-495-9559, or www.bishopmiege.com.

Bishop Miege Baseball Clinic will be June 20-23, Grades 4 to 6 - 8:30am-11:00am
Grades 7 to 9 - 11:30am - 2:00pm.
Cost of the clinic is \$60.00. The clinic will be held at Bishop Miege High School baseball field located directly behind the school at 5041 Reinhardt Dr. Call Coach Kennedy, 913-262-2700, x524, or www.bishopmiege.com.

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 able 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 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.



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 Irish St. Patrick's Day Mass at Redemptorist Church (33rd & Broadway, KCMO) will be on Saturday, March 3rd, at 5pm. Please join us for this annual celebration. Call 913-515-6672 for questions.

The Ladies of Charity members of the Rockhurst Library Guild invite you to attend a **Day of Prayer**, Thursday, March 8, at Rockhurst University, Massman Hall. Registration and continental breakfast begins at 9:00am. The program starts at 9:45am with a presentation and reflection given by Rev. Jerry Waris. Mass is at 11:00am, lunch at noon, followed by a question and answer session. A donation of \$35 is gratefully appreciated. For tickets or more info, please contact Virginia Schmeltz, 913-851-8892.

"Prayer in All Seasons of a Woman's Life" Sister Loredana Mazzei, Apostle of the Interior Life, presents "A Call to Prayer," a Lenten reflection on prayer in every stage of our "Faith Journey" as Catholic Women, **Saturday, March 10th**, Cathedral of St. Peter, 8:15am-Noon. Mass with Fr. Harold Schneider at 8:15am. Cost for the day--\$10, continental breakfast in Spurlock Hall following Mass. Please send check and register by March 3rd to: Cathedral of St. Peter Altar Society, 409 N. 15th Street, Kansas City, KS 66102 For more info, please contact Patty McKiernan, 913-281-2918.

"Eye has not seen, ear has not heard, what God has ready for those who love him." —1 Cor. 2:9 (paraphrased)



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>



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