

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.

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Rectory: 341-5618

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Pastoral Associate: Robert Bacic
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Confirmation Coordinator: Sandy Schluter

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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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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, 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.)

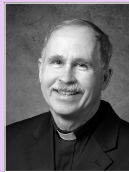
MARRIAGES: Six months notice required. Call the office for information.

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 would like to give you an overview of the liturgies for the Easter Triduum. It will begin with the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday evening. That will be a bilingual celebration. On Good Friday, there will be an afternoon liturgy in English, and one in Spanish in the evening. Because the Good Friday liturgy focuses so much upon the Scripture readings, it is difficult to do in a bilingual fashion. In addition, there will be a prayer service Good Friday evening in English, centering upon the Passion reading performed by parish youth.



Because the Easter Vigil is the most important liturgy of the year, official church documents stress that only one should take place in a parish. We will celebrate the first part of the Vigil, the Service of Light, bilingually. The next part of the Vigil, the Liturgy of the Word, will be celebrated both in English and in Spanish. The Spanish service will take place downstairs in Lickteig hall. The English service will take place upstairs in the church, since too many English speakers attend the Vigil for the downstairs to accommodate them. Then, the English speakers and Spanish speakers will join together again for the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

This is the first time that we will celebrate the Easter Triduum in this fashion. We can consider it an experiment. Hopefully, all will go well.

Fr. Mike



READINGS & FAITH SHARING QUESTIONS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord: Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Colossians 3:1-4; John 20:1-9.

Faith Sharing Question for Adults: In the face of the empty tomb, which reaction do you most identify with: Mary's panic and suspicion of foul play, Peter's bewilderment, or John's belief? **For children:** If you could quiz St. Peter about all that Jesus said and did, what would you want to ask him?

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE:

	March 18, 2012	Fiscal YTD
Needed	\$28,805	1,002,520
Collected	25,154	988,818
Over/(Under)	(3,651)	(13,702)
Special Donations	338	

Mass Intentions For The Week



Monday	9:00 a.m.	Matthew Anderson
Tuesday	6:30 a.m.	Virginia Kerkvliet
	6:00 p.m.	Dioniso Lucas Castillo (Spanish)
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Evelyn Schmitz
Holy Thursday	9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	7:00 p.m.	Tom Kelsay
Good Friday	9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	3:00 p.m.	Liturgy of Lord's Passion (English)
	6:00 p.m.	Prayer Service-Veneration of Cross
	7:30 p.m.	Liturgy of Lord's Passion (Spanish)
Holy Saturday	9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	8:00 p.m.	People of the Parish
Easter Sunday	7:30 a.m.	Ida VanBooven
	9:00 a.m.	Ralph Allen
	11:00 a.m.	Rita Heider
	2:00 p.m.	Thuy Pham (Spanish)

Holy Week Schedule



Holy Week

Morning Prayer:

Thurs., Fri., & Sat. of Holy Week at 9 AM.

Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper:

7:00 PM (Bilingual)

Good Friday:

3:00 PM (Traditional service in English) & 6:00 PM (A prayer service with the Passion presented by the youth group & Veneration of the Cross in English).

Stations of the Cross in Spanish will begin at 7:30 PM followed by the Good Friday service, also in Spanish.

Easter Vigil:

8:00 PM. (Bilingual, but with a separate Liturgies of the Word in English & Spanish).

Easter Sunday:

Regular Sunday schedule: 7:30, 9:00, 11:00 AM (English), 2:00 PM (Spanish).



First Communion Retreat is Sat., April 14th from 8:55 – 11:25 p.m. All children preparing to celebrate their First Communion at our Masses on April 21 and 28 must attend. We are in need of several more parents to help with activities. Call Carol Morris at 381-2757, ext. 120.

First Communion Families: A letter with the details of the First Holy Communion Masses was mailed this past week to the home of each child preparing to celebrate this sacrament on April 21 & 28. If you did not receive this letter, please contact Julie Dresser at 381-2757, ext. 119.

Religious Education

Afternoon Classes...will meet this week. Please make every effort to take your child to the once-a-year services on Holy Thursday and Good Friday as well as the Easter Vigil or an Easter Day Mass.

FAMILIES GROWING in FAITH Together does not meet this week. Please make every effort to take your child to the once-a-year services on Holy Thursday and Good Friday as well as the Easter Vigil or an Easter Day Mass.

Confirmation

Confirmation Ceremony date set. Mark your calendars for **Wed, April 18th, 7pm** at 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.



Adopt a Tank . . . It's that time of year. We are planning our 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, 37 students, 10 chaperones, 46 sleeping bags and duffel bags to Nashville and back, and we need your help. Consider donating a tank of gas. The future of Holy Cross appreciates it!

Mission Trip 2012! We have filled all 37 of our student spaces! This will be our largest group to date. Please offer prayers for our safe travels and our renewed faith. Though we are full, student names can be added to a waiting list if there are any changes.

Holy Cross School News

BUILDING FAITH + INSPIRING MINDS

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.

Did you know.....

Open Enrollment started March 1st for the 2012-2013 school year?

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.

Please continue purchasing trash bags in school office.



Boy Scout Troop 251...

At the Easter Vigil, on April 7, we will provide a fire on the lawn across the parking lot from HCCC entrance, just south of the meditation garden for **retiring flags**. Please leave the flags in the Narthex mailbox marked "Boy Scouts".

Meetings are held every Monday at 7:00 pm in Room 5 of Lickteig Hall. All boys ages 11 and older are invited to attend!



Rice Bowls should be brought back to church by Holy Thursday (April 5) if possible. They will be brought up with the offerings at that Mass.

Please write a check for the amount collected.

ADORATION CHAPEL: "Could you not watch one hour with me?" Open hours: Sunday, 2-3am, 4-5am, 8-9am, 9-10am; Thursday, 2-3am, 7-8am; Saturday, Noon-1pm, 5-6pm, 8-9pm. Partner Needed: Tues, 9-10pm, Friday, 8-9am. Call Anne, 649-2049.

Please Pray for Those Asking for Prayers: Evelyn Costello, Tim Eccles, Lynn Ferguson, and Bob Hoffman.

REST IN PEACE: Prayers are requested for **Joan Mroz** of Holy Cross; and **Marian Sheeran**, daughter of Francis and Janet Sheeran.

Bereavement Support Group ... The monthly meeting will be held on Friday, April 6 after the 9:00am service in Lickteig hall. There will be a special presentation by Burton Huerter. For more info., call Kay Spaniol at 226-8745 or Pete Obert 451-3374.



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.



We are going to soar at Vacation Bible School this Summer. You will take off with Sky "For God All Things Are Possible." Your departure date for this first class flight is June 11-15, from 9:00 am – 12:00 noon. Open to all 4 year olds through 4th grade (completed). Registration will begin soon, stay tuned for details!



We are in need of Adult Station Leaders for Sky VBS! Come soar this summer with children of the parish as you help them see that "For God All Things Are Possible". Like to work with preschoolers, make snacks, have a little acting/dramatic talent, or just like to have fun, then we need you!!! All the stations have scripts to follow, so come join us for a week of fun, faith filled mornings! Contact Carol Morris at cmorris@holycrossopks.org or 428-3120.



THE BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP will meet on Tues, April 3, 9:30am, Room 1 in Lickteig Hall. The book will be *Heaven is for Real* by Todd Burpo.



Easter Flowers. Each year our church is beautifully decorated through the generous memorials, given by our parishioners. To remember loved ones by giving a donation of \$15 per plant for the Easter environment, call 381-2755 or stop by the church office by Tuesday.

Gospel of Life Update

"Holiness is not the luxury of a few people, but a simple duty for you and me" - Mother Teresa of Calcutta

Please pray to end abortion. Pray for a culture of life.

Thank you for all the generous gifts of time and material / financial donations to our Parish Gabriel Project. Please continue to keep in your prayers our Gabriel Project moms, their families and the prudent growth of this ministry.

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.



“Encuentro”

La Iglesia 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:
domingos, 2:00 p.m. y
martes, 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 partici-
par en cualquiera de estas
liturgias.

RECONCILIACIÓN:
sábados, 3:30 - 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 sa-
cerdote.

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, miérco-
les y jueves 2-5 pm.;
martes 2-7pm. También
pueden llamar a los Sa-
cerdotes y dejarles un
mensaje: 341-5618.

ANUNCIOS

Queridos feligreses:

A continuación les incluyo el **Programa de Semana Santa:**

Oraciones de la mañana: Jueves, Viernes y Sábado Santos- 9:00 a.m.

Misa de la Última Cena del Señor, Jueves Santo: 7:00 p.m. (bilingüe)

Viernes Santo: 3:00 p.m., Servicio Tradicional (inglés)

6:00 p.m., Servicio de Oración con la Pasión y Veneración de la Cruz (inglés)

7:30 p.m., Estaciones de la Cruz (español) seguidas del servicio de Viernes
Santo en español.

Vigilia Pascual, Sábado Santo: 8:00 p.m., (bilingüe).

Liturgias de la Palabra separadas, en inglés y español.

Domingo de Pascua: Horario regular de misas: 7:30 a.m, 9a.m. y 11a.m. (inglés)
2:00 p.m. (español)

Ya que la Vigilia Pascual es la liturgia más importante del año, solamente se debe celebrar en una parroquia. Celebraremos la primera parte, el Servicio de la Luz, bilingüe. La siguiente parte de la Vigilia, la Liturgia de la Palabra, se celebrará en inglés y en español. El servicio en español abajo, en el salón Lickteig. El servicio en inglés, en la iglesia, ya que son más las personas de habla inglés que asisten a ésta. Después, nos uniremos de nuevo para escuchar la Liturgia de la Eucaristía.

Esta será la primera vez que celebraremos el Triduum Pascual de esta manera.

Podremos considerarlo como un experimento. Esperemos que todo vaya bien. **Fr. Mike**

INTENCIONES PARA LAS MISAS: Martes 4/03 6:00 p.m.: Dionisio Lucas
Domingo 4/08, 2:00 p.m.: Thuy Pham

LECTURAS Y PREGUNTAS PARA COMPARTIR LA FE:

Domingo de Pascuas: Hechos 10:34, 37-43, Colosenses 3:1-4; Juan 20:1-9

Preguntas para Adultos para Compartir la Fe: Mirando a la tumba vacía, ¿Con cuál reacción se identifican mejor, el pánico y sospecha de algo malo de María, la confusión de Pedro, o la fe de Juan?

Preguntas para los Niños: Si pudieran preguntarle a San Pedro sobre todas las cosas que Jesús hizo y dijo, ¿qué le quisieran preguntar?

EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA:

Clases de por la Tarde: Nos reuniremos este martes. Favor de hacer el esfuerzo de traer a sus niños a los servicios anuales del Jueves Santo, Viernes Santo y la Vigilia Pascual o la Misa del Domingo de Pascua.

Familias Creciendo Juntas en la Fe: No nos reuniremos este martes. Favor de hacer el esfuerzo de traer a sus niños a los servicios anuales del Jueves Santo, Viernes Santo y la Vigilia Pascual o la Misa del Domingo de Pascua.

Retiro de Primera Comunión: Sábado, 14 de Abril, 8:55am.– 11:25am. **Todos los niños que harán su Primera Comunión en Abril 21 y 28, deberán asistir.** Necesitamos más padres para ayudarnos. Llamen a Karla Melgar, 381-2757, ext.140.

Familias de niños que harán la Primera Comunión: La semana pasada mandamos a las casas una carta con sus instrucciones. Si usted no la recibió, favor de llamar a Karla Melgar, 381-2757, ext.140.

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 Superior: Nos reuniremos en la Iglesia. 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.



CATHOLIC CAREER ROUNDTABLE (CCR) The mission of CCR is to introduce business owners to qualified job seekers. CCR meets each Saturday at Good Shepherd Parish (12800 W. 75th, Shawnee)

and welcomes business owners and hiring managers to attend and share career opportunities. To post or search job openings go to www.catholiccareerroundtable.com.



Volunteers Needed ... The week of April 15 for IHN (**Interfaith Hospitality Network**) Holy Cross supports OPCC Church in housing the homeless for one week every eleven weeks. Training: Thurs. March 29

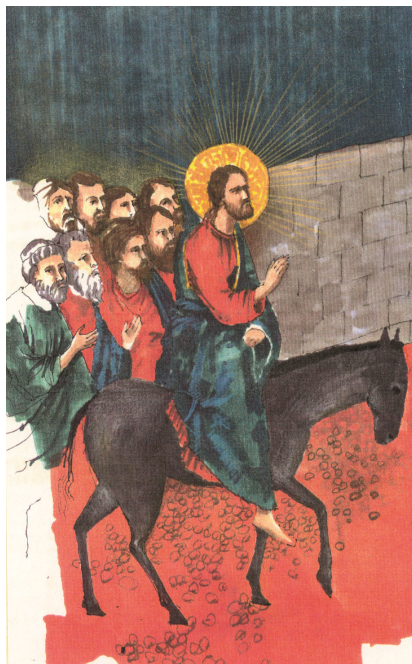
6:30-9p.m. at Old Mission United Methodist Church at 5519 State Park Rd in Fairway. Call Shirley Maxwell for more info at **913-897-2127** or samaxwell@sbcglobal.net

SOMEONE PULLING YOU OUT OF THE CHURCH? If you're experiencing doubt or confusion and you don't have time to talk to Father, please take one of the Lighthouse Catholic Media CDs. They feature some of the most inspiring, popular Catholic speakers on relevant, important topics. Can you answer this question, "*Are you saved?*", "*Are you born again?*" "*Why do you 'worship' Mary?*" "*Why do you call priests, Father?*" Don't miss these CDs for the answers! We ask for a donation of \$3 per CD to continue this program. Call Brenda Scruggs at 913-649-6442 for more information.



Legacy Evening! On Saturday, April 21, 2012, be part of an inaugural event tour of historic KCK Catholic churches to benefit Resurrection School at the Cathedral.

Mass is at 4:00 pm and bus tours start after mass. Dinner and socializing at 7:00pm. For information call (913)371-8101 or kosbern@resurrectionkck.org.



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Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord



Lectio Divina Retreat, Tues., April 17, 9:30 am to 12:30 pm, Sophia Center, Atchison, KS. Come away to a monastic setting and experience the voice of God in the quiet through the ancient art of prayerful reading.

Listen to the texts of Scripture in conversation with Christ: read, reflect, respond and rest. The retreat will be conducted by Sister Joanne Yankauskis, OSB. The fee is \$35. For more information or to register, call 913.360.6151 or visit www.mountsob.org/sophia.html.



Attention!
Couples Celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary in 2012

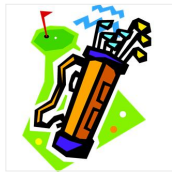
Archdiocesan 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration will be June 3, 2012 at 2:00 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. Peter. To receive your invitation from Archbishop Naumann, please call the parish office and give us your name, address, phone number and date of your wedding.
Please do this as soon as possible!

FertilityCare Center of Kansas City: The FertilityCare System (Creighton Model) Introductory Session is offered monthly at a variety of area locations. Fulfills marriage policy requirement. Helpful for achieving and avoiding pregnancy plus medical applications. Better than IVF for infertility. Register online at www.fertilitycarekc.com or call the FertilityCare Center of KC at (816)858-0198.



Saints "Wigs Out" Assembly....

Students at St. Thomas Aquinas High School are getting serious about helping cancer patients on Tuesday, April 10 at 10:15 a.m. at an all-school assembly in gym. There will be 117 Saints' females cutting 8 inches or more of their hair to be donated to wig banks for cancer patients. Join us at the assembly or donate and deliver to the school at 11411 Pflumm Rd in Overland Park. Wristbands and headbands will be sold in conjunction with this event, and proceeds benefit the **Kelly Lynn Lutz Scholarship Foundation**. Contact Kim Harrison at 913-339-2433.



31st Annual Golf Classic

You're invited! Golfers are "chipping" in to support homeless men and others in need at the 31st annual Ben and Betty Zarda Family Golf Classic benefiting Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas. Please join us on **Monday, May 14, 2012** and enjoy a lunch, golf tournament, dinner reception and awards ceremony at Lake Quivira Country Club. Proceeds will support Catholic Charities programs and services that benefit more than 85,000 people in need annually. Golfers will also raise funds to support renovations at Shalom House, Catholic Charities' homeless shelter in Wyandotte County, which welcomes 25 men daily. Register or learn more at www.catholiccharitiesgolfclassic.org or call 913-433-2046.

Divine Mercy Sunday, April 15th

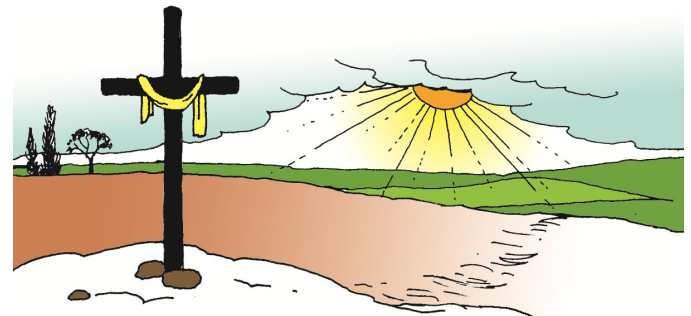
Archbishop Joseph Naumann will lead an hour of prayer at Queen of the Holy Rosary, 71st and Metcalf, on April 15th at 3pm. All children are invited to join a procession to take flowers to Jesus, the Divine Mercy. To participate, please be at the back of the church at 2:50pm. Children will sit with their parents after the procession. Flowers will be provided.

Good Friday Collection



Christians around the world are united in a special way during Lent, Holy Week and Easter. Our hearts, minds and prayers are also especially aware of the Holy Land.

Our parish, once a year on Good Friday, is called on to support Christians in the Holy Land. As a pontifical collection requested by Pope Benedict XVI, the annual Good Friday collection offers a direct link for parishioners to be witnesses of peace and to help protect the Holy Places. Franciscans and others are housing and feeding the poor, providing formation and education, maintaining shrines and parishes, and conducting pastoral ministry. When you donate on Good Friday, you are supporting Christians in the Holy Land. Please be generous. For more information, visit www.myfranciscan.org.



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Easter Collection A Blessing for Priests



The Archdiocese is blessed with 28 seminarians now in formation for the priesthood, along with four more already accepted for next Fall. All rely on your generous donations to the Easter collection to cover their tuition and expenses. The Easter collection also funds the continuing education of priests and our beloved retired priests, who after many years of faithful service still remain pastorally active throughout their golden years. Please, give generously to this collection and continue to pray for our priests! Thank you!