

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

Development & Stewardship Director: Robert Bacic
Director Liturgy & Music: Rick Worms
Parish Manager: Mark Engen
Administrative Assistant: Carol Morris
Receptionists: Barb Williams & Lina Byrum

Religious Education Staff: 381-2757

Director - Pre.-Gr. 6: Julie Dresser
Session Coordinator: Karla Melgar
Assistant: Michelle Rieger
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 6.

Holy Cross Catholic School

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

Early Education Center: 381-7151

7917 W 95th St. 66212
E-Mail: preschool@holycrosscatholicsschool.com
Director: Penny Miller
Assistant Director: Stefanie Bridges

Advocate for Annulments:

Rebeca Richmond, 671-8722

Parish Center Manager

Allison Carney, 244-5970

MASSES:

Weekend Sat. Vigil 5:00 p.m., Sun. 7:30, 9:00, 11:00 a.m., and 2:00 p.m. (Spanish)

Nursery - 11:00 a.m., and 2:00 p.m. Masses

Weekdays Mon., Wed., Fri. 9:00 a.m. | Tues. & Thurs. 6:30 a.m. | First Sat. 7:30 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 in the Fall & Spring, and by appointment.

BAPTISMS: Usually the 4th weekend of the month during 5:00 p.m. and 11:00 a.m. Masses. (Parent classes normally the 3rd Tuesday each month.)
Contact the office to confirm times and to register.

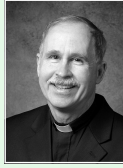
MARRIAGES: Six months notice required. Call the office for information.

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,

Twenty-nine parishioners have been nominated to serve on the parish pastoral council. This week an orientation will take place to explain to the nominees what is involved. Obviously, that is a greater number than is needed for the council. Some will decide that this is not the ministry for them on their own. Others may arrive at that conclusion through the selection process. In any case, we pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit in all this.



Fr. Mike

Mass Intentions For The Week



Monday	9:00 a.m.	Frank Diskin
Tuesday	6:30 a.m.	Antonio del Carmen
	8:15 a.m.	Spec. Int. -Mina & Bill Alexander (at School)
	6:00 p.m.	Dionisio Lucas Castillo (Spanish)
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Kevin Haeusser
Thursday	6:30 a.m.	Bob Schmitt
	8:15 a.m.	Ted Freed (at School)
Friday	9:00 a.m.	Jim Miller
	5:30 p.m.	Mary Fields
	7:00 p.m.	Margaret Marr (Spanish)
Saturday	7:30 a.m.	No Mass
	9:00 a.m.	Ken VanBooven
	5:00 p.m.	Luella Goodnow
Sunday	7:30 a.m.	Mike Peterson
	9:00 a.m.	Larry Nolan
	11:00 a.m.	Jorge Bulla
	2:00 p.m.	People of the Parish (Spanish)

Welcome to Church of the Holy Cross! We invite you to join the parish! Fill out the form below and we will deliver a welcome and registration packet to you.

Name: _____
 Address: _____

 City/State/Zip Code
 Phone: _____
 Email: _____

Drop in collection basket, bring or mail to:
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 8311 W 93rd St.
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 913-381-2755



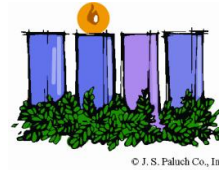
READINGS & FAITH SHARING QUESTIONS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:
Second Sunday Advent: Baruch 5:1-9, Philippians 1:4-6,8-11, Luke 3:1-6

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE:

	Nov. 25, 2012	Fiscal YTD
Needed for Nov.	\$29,551	549,021
Collected	27,657	583,602
Over/(Under)	(1,894)	34,581
Special Donations	248	



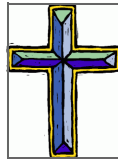
ADORATION CHAPEL: *An Advent hour of adoration in the chapel would be a good way to welcome the Christ Child at Christmas!* **Open Hours:** Sun. 2-3 am, 9-10 am; Fri 9-10 am, 1-2 pm; Sat noon-1pm. **Partners Needed:** Sun. 10-11am and Fri: 8-9 am. Also temporary help: Sat 12 Midnight-1a.m. for two months beginning Jan 1, 2013. Please call Anne, 649-2049 to sign up.



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Please Pray for Those Asking for Prayers: Jean Ann Beatty, Mary Grace Boreen, Harold Cagle, Ron Eisenberg, Tami, J. C. Frederes, Tom Hill, Marie Kennedy, Rickey Payne, Jolynn Schartz, and Darlene Stevens.



REST IN PEACE: Prayers are requested for **Dick Hittner**, brother of Anne Girard.



Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary
December 8
Mass Schedule

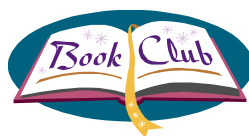
Fri, Dec. 7: 5:30 pm (English) & 7:00 pm (Spanish)
 Sat., Dec. 8: 9:00 am (English)



All Women of Holy Cross are invited to join us in a fun evening **Mon, Dec 3rd** at **7:00 pm** in the church hall to play Bunko, refreshments and prizes. Please RSVP to Kathleen at 642-1171 so that we may know how many tables to set up. There will be a \$3.00 charge at the door.



Christmas Angel Tree: All gifts must be turned in this week, no later than Thurs, Dec 6. Please leave gifts unwrapped and with the request tag attached to the gift. If you have a problem with the tag you took, please call Mary Ann Meert 642-3954. If you didn't get a tag from the tree, you can still help out with a gift card to Price Chopper or Wal-Mart. Thank you for all the gifts that have come in already. As you begin to feel the winter cold, remember that you have just helped the "least of His people".



The Book Discussion Group will meet on **Tues., Dec. 4, 9:30 am**, in Room 1. The book will be *Old School* by Tobias Wolff.

Scrip: Don't forget to buy scrip for all your gift card giving as well as gift purchasing. There are gift cards for restaurants, grocery stores, department stores, specialty stores, and clothing stores. Sold after masses on Sunday and the school office during school hours.



Christmas Cards for Everyone is a parish effort to provide for families in need this holiday season. **Please prayerfully consider making a donation toward this effort.** Cash, checks or gift cards to Kohls, Target, Wal-Mart, HyVee or Price Chopper would be appreciated. Checks should be made out to *Holy Cross*. Also consider purchasing your gift cards through *Scrip*. Our goal is to make it possible for every Holy Cross family member to have a gift to open and a meal to enjoy this Christmas. If you or someone else in our parish needs assistance, please call the Church Office right away and let us know. All information will be held in confidence. Families or individuals who are not Holy Cross parishioners will be referred to Catholic Charities. We will provide assistance based on the information relayed back to us and available resources.



This month's **Knights of Columbus Breakfast**, on **Sun, Dec. 9**, will feature omelets and special assistance from **Holy Cross Youth**

Ministry. These 2 groups have joined forces to provide a **tasty breakfast for the holiday season.** The Knights will provide their famous omelets and other breakfast items. The youth will help serve, clear tables, **AND our high school musicians will come downstairs for some holiday carols and Christmas songs after the 11am mass!** This is a fun family event for us to share in the Advent season as we excitedly await the celebration of the birth of Jesus. **Proceeds benefit Mission Trip 2013.**



Each year the altar is beautifully decorated with **flowers** donated by parishioners in memory of their deceased loved ones. We invite you to **donate \$15 for flowers** for the Christmas environment. Please call the church office, 381-2755 or stop by during office hours to make a donation.



Due to the holidays, the **deadline** for **announcements** for the bulletin will be **Mondays at 9:00am**. Effective the week of **Jan 6, 2013** the **new deadline** will be **Tuesday 9:00 a.m.** If you have any questions, please contact Carol Morris 381-2755 ext. 122.



Congratulations to our Newly Married Couples!

Virginia Rostro Zamarripa and Atilano Arguello Plata



We Welcome Our Newly Baptized Children!

Kelly Anahi Abonza Gomez,
Jaykel Aurelio Bermudez Velazquez,
Zoe Cataleya Guardado,
Luciano Esteban Rodriguez Mota,
Alexis Vanessa Houser, Roberto Carlos Silverio Pinon,
Claire Elise Steiner, Lucy Elizabeth Steiner, Connor Joseph Tobler,
Logan James Vassmer, Kurt Isaiah Colvon, Mariah Rose Colvon

Religious Education



Classes will meet **week** on Tuesday afternoon for Gr.1-6 from 4:30 – 5:45 p.m. Please be extra careful when picking up your children in the parking lot. You are always welcome to come to the sidewalk and walk them to your parked car.

Youth Ministry

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



High School Youth Group... We will meet **Dec 5** and **Dec 19** in the **youth room**. We will meet at **Homer's** on **Dec 12**. All meetings are from 7:00-8:30 pm. There will be **NO** meeting **Dec. 26**.



Middle School Youth Group: We meet Monday evenings from 7-8:15pm. We will meet on **Dec 3** and **Dec 10**. There will be **NO** meeting on **Dec 24** and **Dec 31**.

We are **looking for a VIRTUS trained adult** so that we can meet on Dec 17. Contact Sandy ASAP if you can help out!



Christmas Shopping/ Date Night: On **Sat, Dec 15th**, Holy Cross Mission 2013 will host an evening for your little ones so that you may have a night out for a date or

time to shop without little eyes peering into the cart for presents. We will be available to watch children **ages 0-12** from **6:00—9:30 pm**. We will serve dinner and have fun activities planned appropriate to each age group.

There will be adult supervision and teen babysitters with CPR certification assigned to each age group to be sure there is a set of eyes on your child at all times. There is no cost for this event. **Donations accepted.** Holy Cross Youth would like to offer something to help serve the families that may have future mission trippers in their midst. Contact

aeatinger@yahoo.com for questions or to **RSVP (not required but appreciated).**



Confirmation



Classes meet on **Dec 2, 9 and 16**. We will **NOT** have classes on **Dec 23 and 30**.

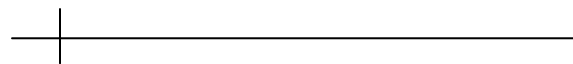


Youth-led Masses: High School students will assist with ministries again **Dec 9, Jan 13, Feb 10 and March 10** at the **11 am Mass**. Mark the dates on your calendars and we hope to see you there!

Service Opportunities



Mission 2013 is set! We are traveling to **Oklahoma City** the week of **June 22nd to 29th**. We had an awesome first experience with CHWC at this location and look forward to serving there again. Information for registration coming soon. Non-refundable deposit of \$85 holds your spot. The deposit increases Jan 1 by \$25. See www.holycrosspks.org, Faith Formation for details.



Catholic Charities: We donated **71 bags** of groceries to Catholic Charities in November! The **Monthly Food Collection** for Catholic Charities is held the **last Sunday** of each month. The next collection will be **Sun, December 30**. Your donations are greatly appreciated!



Many thanks to all who supported the **28th Annual Viviano Variety Benefit Show** on Nov 17. It was a wonderful evening of great food, camaraderie and wholesome entertainment. \$58,000 was raised for Cristo Rey of Kansas City. God bless you, Jerry Viviano, Chairman



Thanks! To all who so generously supplied pies and whipped cream for the Thanksgiving dinner at **St. Mary's Food Kitchen**. A special thanks to Louis Lloyd, teachers and students at S.M. North High School who made 50 of the 70 pies which were delivered to St. Mary's. Your generosity and kind spirit is greatly appreciated.

Holy Cross School News

Upcoming Dates

12/3 (Mon) - Advent Wreath Blessing 8:15 am

12/4 (Tues) - Mass lower 2SP

12/5 (Wed) - Yearbook Pictures 8:15 am

12/6 (Thurs) - Mass upper 6CA

12/7 (Fri) - Recon. Gr. 3-5 @ school

Did you know....



We collect
Box tops
y e a r
round? Drop off at
school or church.

Please continue purchasing trash bags in the school office.

FOLLOW HOLY CROSS ONLINE!

HC website		holycrosscatholicschool.com
HC blog		holycrosscatholicschool.wordpress.com
Facebook		facebook.com/holycrossop
Twitter		@holycrossOP
Photo gallery		holycrossop.shutterfly.com

BUILDING FAITH INSPIRING MINDS



The Cathedral of St. Peter, 409 N. 15th St., Kansas City, KS invites you to our **Second Annual Nativity Display** on **Sun. Dec 9th**. Over 50 unique nativities will be on display from 10 am-

2:30 pm. Come and enjoy a magical experience that reflects the true meaning of Christmas. Admission is **Free!** There will be a bake sale and raffle. For more info call Patty McKiernan (913) 281-2918



There will be a **Blood Drive** at **Church of the Ascension** on **Sunday, Dec. 16** from **9:00 am—2:00 pm** in the Parish Hall. To preregister go to savealifenow.org-churchascension

Come and “Support Our Seminarians” Would you like to support vocations and celebrate the priesthood? Please join us for the **20th “Support our Seminarians”** evening at a new location - the Marriott Muehlebach in downtown Kansas City, MO on **Friday, January 25, 2013**. Relax and visit with seminarians, priests, and friends. Two short inspiring testimonies will be given by priests. Guests’ favorites include delicious dinner, Marketplace shop, and Conception-made cookies and breads will be available. Join us for this enjoyable evening and support our seminarians. To reserve your place or donate a cash gift or Marketplace item, contact Martha Hodes at 913-207-9893 or email mmmh66@sbcglobal.net.



Sanctuary of Hope Prayer and Retreat Center, 2601 Ridge Avenue, Kansas City, Kansas will present a **retreat for the unemployed**. We understand there is a great need for many who are out of work. They are facing challenges financially, emotionally, and spiritually in these difficult times. We would like to be a beacon of encouragement, lifting of their spirits and fanning those embers that lie within, to give them strength and courage to go forward with Christ before them. The retreats will be held **December 13, 2012** and **January 10th, 2013** from **9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.** Retreat to be given by Anita Martinez, in job development for over ten years. RSVP: call 913-321-4673 or email: Julie@sanctuaryofhope.org.



Project Uplift Service Opportunity: Project Uplift is an outreach to those who are homeless in Kansas City.

Volunteers Needed: 2-3 volunteers are needed the **first Monday** of every month to assist with distributing food, clothing and the necessities to the homeless. We depart from Holy Cross at 4:30pm and return around 9:30pm. To volunteer, call Mary Lambrechts at 469-1339 or email at marylamb@kc.surewest.net



Rockhurst University’s Musica Sacra Chorus and Orchestra will present

Marc-Antoine Charpentier’s *Midnight Mass for Christmas*. The orchestra will play Francesco Manfredini’s *Christmas Concerto, Op. 3 No. 12*. Traditional carols conclude the Musica Sacra’s “Baroque Christmas.” The concert will be **Fri, Dec 7** in **St. Francis Xavier Church**, 52nd & Troost. For tickets call Central Ticket Office (816) 235-6222 or www.rockhurst.edu/mstickets

CELEBRATION 2013 NEWS



CELEBRATION is now accepting **donations** for the **silent auction**. Theme rooms include: Religious & Holiday, On the Town, Kid’s Room, Men’s Room, Home &

Garden, A Beautiful You, and Precious & Priceless. **Visit the “Giving Tree” in the Narthex for ideas.** Donations may be dropped off in the church or school office. Please call Kathleen DeKraai (913)599-6395 with questions or to arrange pick up of larger items.



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 participar
en cualquiera de estas
liturgias.

RECONCILIACIÓN:
martes: 5pm.-6pm.,
y domingos: 1pm.-2pm.

MATRIMONIO: Llamen
a la parroquia 6 meses
antes de la fecha en que
desea casarse para tener
una la primera 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.
**Deben 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: 2-6 pm.
También pueden llamar
a los Sacerdotes deján-
doles un mensaje:
341-5618

*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.*

“Encuentro”

Queridos feligreses:

Hemos nominado a 29 personas de la parroquia para servir en el Consejo Pastoral de la Parroquia. Llevaremos a cabo una orientación para explicar a estas personas nominadas lo que envuelve esta nominación.

Obviamente, este número es mayor que los puestos a llenar en el Consejo. Algunas personas decidirán que éste no es el ministerio indicado para ellos. De todas formas, oramos por la intervención del Espíritu Santo durante este proceso. *Fr. Mike*

INTENCIONES PARA LAS MISAS: Martes 12/4, 6:00 p.m.: Dionisio Lucas Castillo
Viernes 12/7, 7:00 p. m.: Margaret Marr
Domingo 12/9, 2:00 p.m.: Personas de la Parroquia

LECTURAS PARA COMPARTIR LA FE: 2º Domingo de Adviento

Baruc 5:1-9; Filipenses 1:4-6, 8-11; Lucas 3:1-6

EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA:

Clases de la Tarde, 4:30-5:45pm.: Nos reuniremos de nuevo el martes, Dic. 4. Lecciones en “Touch Safety” serán dadas. Los padres serán bienvenidos. Detalles y formas fueron enviados a sus hogares el martes Nov. 13. Más info., llamen a Julie Dresser, 381-2755,xt.119.

Clases de la Noche para Familias Creciendo Juntas en la Fe, 6:45-8:15pm.: Nos reuniremos de nuevo el martes, Dic. 4. Preguntas, llamen a Karla Melgar, 381-2757, ext.140.

CONFIRMACIÓN:

Ministerio Juvenil: Para preguntas sobre Educación Religiosa para estudiantes de Escuela Intermedia o Superior, se pueden comunicar con Sandy Schluter por email: sschluter@holycrossopks.org, o pueden llamarla o text al: 205-0825

Servicio Comunal de Reconciliación: Lunes, Diciembre 10º, 7:00 p.m.

HORARIO DE MISAS NAVIDEÑAS EN ESPAÑOL:

Fiesta de la Inmaculada Concepción: Viernes, Dic. 7, 7:00 pm.

Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe: Novena desde Dic. 3 al 10, 7pm-9pm.

El martes, Dic.11, la Novena será 10:15pm., y la Misa a las 11pm. Mañanitas después de la Misa.

Nochebuena, lunes, Dic.24: Novena 6pm., Misa 6:30pm.

Día de Navidad, martes, Dic.25: Misa, 2pm.

Víspera de Año Nuevo - María Madre de Dios : Lunes, Dic. 31, 5:30pm.

Año Nuevo: Martes, Enero 1º, 2pm.

RECONCILIACIÓN EN ESPAÑOL: Martes, 5-6pm. y Domingos, 1-2pm.

Tarjetas de Regalos de Navidad: Este esfuerzo de nuestra parroquia proveerá con tarjetas de regalos a las familias con necesidad. Si usted o alguien de nuestra parroquia necesita asistencia, favor de llamar a la oficina de la iglesia, **381-2755, durante el horario en español.** Nuestra meta es hacer posible que todos los miembros de estas familias tengan un regalo y una cena para disfrutar esta Navidad. Proveeremos la asistencia basándonos en la información que ustedes nos den y los recursos que tengamos disponibles. Las familias o personas que no sean feligreses de Holy Cross, serán referidos a las Caridades Católicas. *Último día para apuntarse: Diciembre 6.*

El Árbol de los Ángeles: Todos los regalos deberán ser entregados para Dic.6, sin envolver, pero con la tarjeta amarrada. Si no quedaran tarjetas escritas en el árbol, compren una tarjeta para Price Chopper o Walmart, entregándola en la oficina de la iglesia. Cuando usan *Scripts* para hacer sus compras, están ayudando a la iglesia también. **Gracias por su generosidad.** Habrán muchas personas agradecidas en el área de St.Margaret's Headstart.



Front Desk Volunteers

Needed: Do you enjoy meeting and greeting people? We are looking for **volunteer receptionists** for the front desk at our **South Johnson County Office**, 333 East Poplar in Olathe on Monday afternoons, 1 pm– 5pm and on Friday mornings from 9 am– 1 pm. Duties include answering the phone, scheduling appointments, assisting clients with forms and working closely with the office staff. Training will be provided. If interested please contact Mary Kay Drees at 913-433-2080 or email at mdrees@catholiccharitiesks.org



Perform with the St. James Cheerleaders! Come to the Performance Clinic on **Sat, Jan 5** from **1:00pm–5:00pm**. Then perform with the cheerleaders on **Mon, Jan 7** at the JV and Varsity Girl's Basketball games. To sign up or for more information call 913-254-4200 or go to www.sjakeepingfaith.org



Breakfast with Santa!! Come to **Applebees's Restaurant** at **11000 Metcalf Ave** on **Sat, Dec 15** from **8:00 am to 10:00 am** for Breakfast with Santa. Costs is **\$5 for children** and **\$12 for adults**. All proceeds go to support the **"School of Peace and Hope"** in Horacio Zeballos Gamez, Peru. This is sponsored by Kindness Connection, Inc. www.kindnessconnectionperu.org



The Auxiliary of St. Joseph Medical Center is hosting a **Masquerade Jewelry Sale**

Thur, Dec 6 from **7 am—7pm** and **Fri, Dec 7**, from **7 am—4pm** in the lower level atrium of the hospital. **Everything is \$5!** There will be purses, collegiate jewelry, sunglasses, necklaces, bracelets, earrings, scarves, watches and more! There will also be watch battery replacement for \$6 both days (8am-4pm). All proceeds benefit the patients and community outreach projects.

Place Your Cinnamon Roll Order Today! Cinnamon Roll orders are being taken by **Boy Scout Troop 251**. Please complete the order form below. Scouts will be in the narthex next weekend, **Dec 8 & 9** to take your orders. If you have any questions call Terry Dressman at (913) 599-4725.



Cinnamon Roll Order – Boy Scout Troop 251

Delivery Dates: December 15 – 16, 2012



Rolls ordered (circle): **Small Pack (4+ rolls) - ___ Qty** **\$10 a box**

Large Pack (12 rolls) - ___ Qty **\$20 a box**

Total:\$_____ **Paid or COD (Circle One)**

Name on Order: _____

Phone Number: _____

Orders will be ready for pickup on the 15th after the 5:00 pm Mass and on the 16th after the 7:30, 9:00, 11:00 am and 2:00 pm Spanish Mass. Please return orders to Boy Scout Troop 251, located and chartered at Church of the Holy Cross, 8311 W. 93rd St., Overland Park, KS 66212