

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: Allison Carney
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 are every other month.)

Contact the office to confirm times and to register.

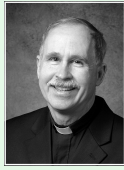
MARRIAGES: Six months notice required. Call the office for information.

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,

In this busy time of the year, I hope that you are able to find a moment of peace. I find that one of the best ways for me to do that is through prayer. When we pray, we often ask God for things: for health, for a solution to our problems. That is all well and good. But the best thing that God can give us is peace. And that happens when we spend time with God in prayer.



Fr. Mike

READINGS & FAITH SHARING

QUESTIONS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph: Sirach 3:2-6,12-14, Colossians 3:12-21, Luke 2:41-52.



STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE:

	Dec. 9, 2012	Fiscal YTD
Needed for Dec.	\$27,295	621,987
Collected	27,627	639,593
Over/(Under)	332	17,606
Special Donations	627	

Mass Intentions For The Week



Monday	4:30 p.m.	Edward Pelot (upstairs)
	4:30 p.m.	Tony Smigin (downstairs)
	6:30 p.m.	Spec Int-Mike Ismert Family (Spanish)
Tuesday	8:00 p.m.	John & Mary McCraner
	9:30 p.m.	Robert Klewitz
	10:00 a.m.	Bunny Goetz Ingalls
Wednesday	2:00 p.m.	All Souls (Spanish)
	9:00 a.m.	David & Gladys Watson
Thursday	6:30 a.m.	Maria VeTran
Friday	9:00 a.m.	Rosemary Olsen
Saturday	7:30 a.m.	No Mass
	5:00 p.m.	Inez Byrum
Sunday	7:30 a.m.	Mike Peterson
	9:00 a.m.	People of the Parish
	11:00 a.m.	Kevin Haeusser
	2:00 p.m.	Dung Pham (Spanish)



ADORATION CHAPEL: *A Christmas hour of adoration in the chapel would be a good way to welcome the Christ Child at His birth!* **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.



Please Pray for Those Asking for Prayers: Harold Cagle, Tami, J. C. Frederes, Tom Hill, Marie Kennedy, Nenita Labayen, Samantha Marcellus, Joanie Pitts, and Jolynn Schartz.



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:
 Church of the Holy Cross
 8311 W 93rd St.
 Overland Park, KS 66212
 913-381-2755



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.

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.

Confirmation



We will NOT have classes on Dec 23rd or 30th due to winter break. Classes resume on Sunday, Jan 6th. Have a blessed holiday season with family and loved ones!

Religious Education



Classes for children in Gr.1-6 will meet on Tues., Jan. 8th from 4:30 – 5:45 p.m. See the website Faith Formation Elementary page for our weather policy

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@holycrossopks.org.



High School Youth Group... High School Youth Group will resume on **Jan 9, 2013!** We had a busy and active first semester and are looking forward to the new year and all that God has in store. Not feeling too close to God lately? Make a New Year's Resolution to check out youth group and see if there are any new friendships and relationships waiting for you.



Middle School Youth Group has concluded for this semester. But never fear, we will resume our Monday night mayhem on **Monday, Jan 7th**. Have a wonderful restful break and enjoy time with family and loved ones. MSYG is for any 7th or 8th grader in Holy Cross Parish. There's no better way to begin your school week than to join your peers to see how the Gospel can help you deal with the stressors of your week and your interactions with others. Feeling a little shy? Grab a friend and join us for an evening of fun, food, friends, and FAITH! See you **January 7th**!

One Thing Remains: Loving, Learning, Living. What's your one thing? All High school and College age students, come join us for an evening of performance painting, adoration, prayer, reconciliation and worship as we prepare to bring in the New Year, **Sun, December 30**, at **St. Patrick Church in Kansas City, Kansas** from **7-10 pm**. Featuring Mike Debus, former Notre Dame offensive lineman Michael McGlenn and praise and worship led by Mikey Needleman. **Social afterwards all at no cost you. We want you there!**

Youth Service Opportunity



Mission 2013 is set! We are traveling to Oklahoma City the week of **June 22nd to 29th**. We had a great first experience with CHWC at this location and look forward to serving there again. We have room for 40 teens. We have received payment for 18 spots, and another 12 are accounted for. Don't wait too long to turn in your deposit. Deposits received before the end of December will be held until the first of January. But this will guarantee the registration fee of \$420. After Jan 1st, the fee goes up to \$430. Non-refundable deposit of \$85 holds your spot. See www.holycrossopks.org, Faith Formation for details.

Pa rumpa pum pum... We are looking to enhance our music liturgy during youth mass with some **percussion** (not big drum set with clashing cymbals) but something a little softer. If you are talented in percussion and willing to commit to a couple practices a month and are available for the **11am mass the second Sunday of the month**, please let us know. Also, if you have access to a drum such as a kutirinding, fulla, tama, or dun ba, please let us know. (fyi...I really know what they are. I googled it. But I am sure a percussion expert would know.) You can **contact Sandy** at sschluter@holycrossopks.org and I will put you in touch with the appropriate people.



Youth-led Masses: We made it through our first semester of youth-led masses. This would not be possible without the support of our adult leaders, and **Deb Williams** and **John Morris**, who coordinate our ministries and music liturgy respectively. Thanks for their commitment and patience to working with our young people. Thanks to our young people who help out. Thanks to our parish that come and show their support. We will continue to help at the 11am mass the second Sunday of the month in 2013. Our next scheduled dates are **Jan 13th, Feb 10th, and Mar 10th**. Mark your calendars and we hope to see you there!

Holy Cross School News

Upcoming Dates

12/18 (Tues) - Mass Lower 1AN 8:15
7:00pm Christmas Prog K-4th. Sunshine luncheon 12-2:00pm

12/20 (Thurs) - Mass upper 6LE 8:15

12/21 (Fri) - Noon Dismissal
Posada 9:30am End of Qtr

12/24-1/2—NO SCHOOL

1/3/13— Classes Resume

Did you know....

that you can sting a friend with the spirit of Holy Cross Hornets yard ornament? Ask Mrs. O'Brien 3rd grade class and help support the Celebration fundraiser!



Please continue purchasing trash bags in the school office.

FOLLOW HOLY CROSS ONLINE!

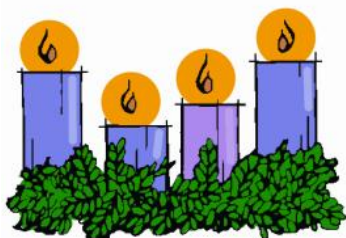
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HC blog		holycrosscatholicschool.wordpress.com
Facebook		facebook.com/holycrossop
Twitter		@holycrossOP
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BUILDING FAITH INSPIRING MINDS

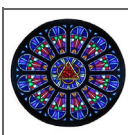


Perform with the St. James Cheerleaders! Come to the Performance Clinic on **Sat, Jan 5** from **1:00pm-5:00pm**. Then perform with the cheerleaders on **Mon, Jan 7** at the JV and Varsity Girl's Basketball games. To sign up or for more information call 913-254-4200 or go to www.sjakeepingfaith.org

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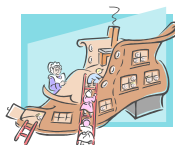
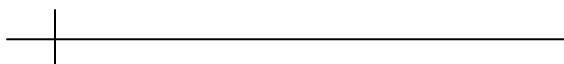


Did you attend Holy Trinity Catholic School in Lenexa? Holy Trinity Catholic School wants to reach all HTCS alumni for their **100th year Centennial Celebration**. They are asking HTCS

alumni of ALL ages to visit <http://htslenexa.eduk12.net> and click "alumni info" link to update their contact information. HTCS alumni can also stay connected through the "Holy Trinity School Alumni" Facebook page.



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 **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.
R S V P : c a l l 9 1 3 - 3 2 1 - 4 6 7 3 o r
email: Julie@sanctuaryofhope.org.



There was a not-that-old lady who owned several old shoes. She had so many hungry teens for youth group, she didn't know what to do! Holy Cross

Youth Ministries is very active this year with lots of participants on a weekly basis, and many extra activities throughout the month. Trying to feed 15-20 middle schoolers and 15-20 high schoolers each week is not cheap. We appreciate all **donations of chips, cookies and pop to feed our hungry stomachs and spirits**, and we really feel the support and love of our parish with every bag of chips, package of cookies, or 2 liter of pop we open. If you find a good sale this holiday season, consider picking up extra for a group of faith-filled teens. Donations can be left in front of the youth room door (Rm 4) or in the kitchen, marked for Youth Group. **Thanks for supporting the youth of Holy Cross.**

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.



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”

¡Feliz Navidad y Próspero Año Nuevo!

Queridos feligreses:

Es estos días del año tan ocupados, espero que encuentren un momento de paz. Yo encuentro mi paz a través de la oración. Cuando oramos, pedimos cosas a Dios: salud o una solución a nuestros problemas.

Todo esto está bien, pero la mejor cosa que Dios nos puede dar es la paz. Y esto sucede cuando pasamos tiempo con Dios en oración. **Fr. Mike**

INTENCIONES PARA LAS MISAS: Lunes 12/24, 6:30 p.m.: Mike Ismert Fam.
Martes 12/25, 2 p.m.: Todas las Almas
Domingo 12/30, 2:00 p.m.: Dung Pham
Lunes 12/31, 5:30 p.m.: Esther Demster
Martes 1/1/13, 2 p.m.: Grant Gottschalk

LECTURAS PARA COMPARTIR LA FE: *La Sagrada Familia*
Eclesiástico 3:3-7, 14-17; Colosenses 3:12-21; Lucas 2:41-52

HORARIO DE MISAS NAVIDEÑAS EN ESPAÑOL:

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 1°, 2pm.

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

EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA:

Clases de la Tarde, 4:30-5:45pm.: *La próxima clase será Enero 8, 2013.*

Clases de la Noche para Familias Creciendo Juntas en la Fe, 6:45-8:15pm.:
Nos reuniremos el martes, Enero 8. Para preguntas o ausencias llamen a Karla Melgar, 381-2757, ext.140.

CONFIRMACIÓN:

Ministerio Juvenil: 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

Escuela de Evangelización San Andrés: Los invitamos a experimentar un encuentro **PERSONAL** con **JESÚS** resucitado. Curso “Nueva Vida”, Enero 18,19 y 20, 2013. Salón Antiguo de la Catedral del Sagrado Corazón, 118 North 9th St., Salina, KS 67401. Más información llamando a María (Chapis) Martínez, 785/342-7027, y Griselda Jiménez, 785/342-2860. Tendremos hospedaje. ¡Llámanos! Donación \$25. *¡Ven y atrévete a abrir el regalo que Dios tiene reservado para ti!*

CELEBRATION 2013: Ya se acerca la fecha de nuestra fiesta anual para recaudar fondos con *subasta en silencio*, beneficiando a nuestra parroquia. Ya estamos aceptando donaciones en la oficina de la iglesia o en la Escuela Holy Cross. Si no saben que donar, tenemos un árbol en el vestíbulo con tarjetas escritas con artículos necesitados. También sugerimos donaciones de servicios, como pintar casas, limpiar casas, oficinas, etc. Para más información, llamen a *Karla Melgar, 381-2757, ext.140.*

Tickets para Celebration 2013: Ya están a la venta los tickets a \$50 por persona. Marquen sus calendarios para asistir a esta gran fiesta, *el 26 de Enero, 2013, de 5 p.m.-1 a.m., en la Escuela Holy Cross.* Habrá deliciosos platos, subasta en silencio y subasta en vivo. Pueden comprar sus tickets en la oficina de la iglesia, o llamando a *Gladys Maldonado, 400-3961.* *¡Vengan todos a divertirse y disfrutar de una buena cena, rodeados de alegría y buenos amigos!*

¿Estuvo su casa en Proceso de Ejecución Hipotecaria durante el 2009 y 2010? No pague por recibir ayuda para solicitar una revisión. Si necesita asistencia gratis para completar el Formulario de Solicitud de Información, comuníquese con una organización sin fines de lucro aprobada por HUD. Lea el volante en el vestíbulo. Para más información, llamen 1-855-778-0855, marcando #2 para español.



Please join us in praying the **ROSARY** before daily Mass every Mon.-Fri. 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 Bereavement Group meets the **first** Friday of every month at Holy Cross after 9:00am mass in **Room 8.** For more information call Pete Obert at 451-3374 or Kay Spaniol 383-1157.



Grow In Your Ability To Hand On The Faith To Others: The Archdiocese, in partnership with **Maryvale Institute**, offers you the unique opportunity to deepen your understanding of the Faith and to equip you with skills to hand it on to others. Two-year, distance-learning program begins in **January 2013.** Three study days and one retreat day a year. To find out more, contact Kimberly Rode 913-647-037 or email maryvale@archkck.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 9:00pm. Eat dinner before you come, bring bottled water to drink, and dress modestly and appropriately for the weather. **To volunteer, call Mary Lambrechts** at 469-1339 or email at marylamb@kc.surewest.net
Remember, people are counting on us, so if you sign up, be sure to keep your commitment!



New Year's Eve Singles' Dance Party! Come join other singles on **Mon, Dec. 31 from 9:00 pm 'til late** at **Holy Trinity Church-Quigley Center**, 92nd & Pflumm and ring in the New Year! Cost is **\$35 in advance** or **\$40 at the door.** Mail check to Beginning Experience, PO Box 2615, Shawnee Mission, KS 66201 by Dec 20th. Music by DJ Zepster. Beer, wine, soda and appetizers provided. For more info call John at 913-219-3465 or jpstuartcpa@yahoo.com



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CATHOLIC CAREER ROUNDTABLE (CCR)

The mission/ministry 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, or for meeting information, go to www.catholiccareerroundtable.com. For questions or additional information call Dave McClain at (913) 645-5294 or email Dave at davemccclainjobs@everestkc.net.

CCR ~ People finding People Jobs!