

Church of The Holy Cross

8311 W. 93rd St.
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.

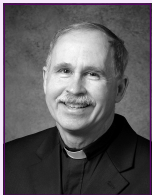
MARRIAGES: Six months notice required. Call the office for information.

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,

Both the men's and the women's Christ Renews His Parish weekends unfortunately had to be cancelled. I had been hoping that timing them during the season of Lent would encourage parishioners to attend them. Obviously, something is not working. I still believe that providing parishioners with a retreat is important. We just need to try a different tack.



Fr. Mike



READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: Fourth Sunday of Lent: Joshua 5:9a, 10-12, 2 Corinthians 5:17-21, Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE:

	Feb. 24, 2013	Fiscal YTD
Needed for Feb.	\$25,046	924,602
Collected	23,786	967,601
Over/(Under)	(1,260)	42,999
Special Donations	44	



ADORATION CHAPEL: *Best Lenten resolution ever! Spend one hour each week in the chapel!* **Open Hours:** Sun. 2-3 am, 9-10 am; Tues 1-2pm; Wed 2-3 a.m. Fri 1-2 pm. Please call Anne, 649-2049 to sign up.

Mass Intentions For The Week

Monday	9:00 a.m.	Jim Miller
Tuesday	6:30 a.m.	Ginny Shepard
	8:15 a.m.	Genevieve & James Blake (at school)
Wednesday	6:00 p.m.	Ignacio Baldor (Span)
	9:00 a.m.	Marlene Golub
Thursday	6:30 a.m.	Albert L. Sustrick
	8:15 a.m.	Thomas McCord (at school)
Friday	9:00 a.m.	Jim Brennan
	5:30 p.m.	Stations of the Cross
	7:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross (Spanish)
Saturday	7:30 a.m.	No Mass
	5:00 p.m.	Monte Goodnow
Sunday	7:30 a.m.	Tom Halfmann
	9:00 a.m.	Mike Peterson
	11:00 a.m.	Cecilia Bertrand
	2:00 p.m.	People of the Parish (Spanish)



Please Pray for Those Asking for Prayers:

Paul Bastasch, Bob Bray, Lawrence Drummond, Tom Gates, Mary Faith Holzer, Keith Kwapiszeski, Tami, Nenita Labayen, Dolores McClain, Betty McMahon, Jerry Meert, Fernando Ostrowiack, Emily Rainey, Xander Rainey, Chris Shepard, and Rolande Wells.



Project Life and Liberty
To Preserve our Most Basic Rights

Sign "Protect Life and Liberty" Postcards! Pick up your postcards in the narthex, take them home, sign them and mail them to your two Senators and one Representative. Let your voice be heard! Urge our Congress to respect life and religious freedom.

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

LENT AT HOLY CROSS

Stations of the Cross: Every Friday in Lent at 5:30pm.

Lenten Dinners: in Lickteig Hall

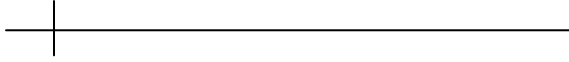
March 8	Project Gabriel	after stations
March 15	Knights of Columbus	after stations
March 22	Knights of Columbus	after stations

Reconciliation: every Wed in Lent from 6-7pm

Communal Reconciliation Service: Mon, March 18 at 7:00 pm



The Book Discussion Group will meet on **Tues., March 5, 9:30 am**, in Room 1. The book will be *Led By Faith* by Immaculee Ilibagiza.



**Would you be willing to
make a phone call for us?
You just might double your money!**

Many employers (or their charitable foundations) match donations made by their employees to charitable organizations dollar for dollar, sometimes even more. These are called *Matching Gifts* or *Matching Funds*.

Do you know if your employer has such a program? If you work for Colgate Palmolive, Sprint, Bank of America, General Electric, Deluxe Corp, DST Systems, Takeda Pharmaceuticals, Hallmark Cards, Wachovia, or RH Donnelly Corp, the answer is yes!

If you don't work for one of these companies, would you be willing to contact your human resources department to find out if your company has a matching gift program? Some employers match gifts to religious organizations, but many do not; however, educational agencies like Holy Cross School are usually eligible to receive matching gifts. So be sure to ask and let us know what you find out. This simple inquiry could double your contribution without it costing you one penny more.

If you have any questions, contact Mark Engen or Robert Bacic in the Church Office.



The Gabriel Project provides spiritual, emotional, & material help for any woman facing difficulty in her pregnancy. Please call **913/602-0306**. If you would like more information on how to get involved with The Gabriel Project please contact Nancy Bunker at nbunker@kc.rr.com. **Hurting from abortion??** If you have had an abortion & are still grieving, Project Rachael can help, call 913/621-2199. *All calls are confidential.*

Stewardship Reflection March 3, 2013

"...and I shall cultivate the ground around it and fertilize it; it may bear fruit in the future." Luke 13:8-9

Like the fig tree in this parable, we must take care of the gifts we have been given in order for them to bloom. For example, we need to cultivate and fertilize the relationships we have with our family, our friends and our co-workers so that they remain strong. This Lent, make an attempt to strengthen your relationships. Make an effort to get in touch with a friend with whom you've lost contact or make amends with someone with whom you were once close. Spend more quality time with your spouse or children. Perhaps you could even begin a new friendship by inviting an acquaintance for coffee or to lunch.



Catholic Charities: We donated **71 bags** of groceries to Catholic Charities in February! The **Monthly Food Collection** for Catholic Charities is held the **last Sunday** of each month. The next collection will be **Sun, March 31**. Your donations are greatly appreciated!



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.



Serving the Homeless- IHN (Interfaith Hospitality Network) has a training session on **Sat. March 9, 9:30-12** at **Southminster Presbyterian Church** 6306 Roe Ave. Holy Cross is a support church for OPCC approx. every 13 weeks. For more info call Shirley Maxwell 913-897-2127 or samaxwell@sbcglobal.net



Study, Prayer and Reflection During Lent

Come join Fr. Mike Stubbs at **7:30 p.m.** in the Church for the following sessions on **St. Luke's Gospel:**
Wed. March 6: The Risen Christ In St. Luke's Gospel

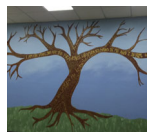
Religious Education



Afternoon Classes meet from 4:30-5:45 p.m. Children in Grades 3-6 who have celebrated their First Reconciliation will have the opportunity to go to confession. Your child was given a booklet to review the steps and include an examination of conscience. Parents are welcome to join us in prayer during this time. Please arrive promptly at 4:30 p.m. Lessons 1-3 for children in Year II classes preparing for First Holy Communion are due this week.

Youth Ministry

For questions regarding Middle and High School Religion 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 meets in the youth room on Wed nights at 7:00pm. With all of life's hectic schedules, let Youth Group be a place for respite and encouragement to get you through the busy days ahead.



Middle School meets on **Monday** nights from 7-8:15 pm in the youth room and parish hall.



Mission Trip 2013 is set! Oklahoma City, here we come! We will be traveling to OK City **June 22nd to 29th**, working again with Catholic Heart Workcamp. Please pray for another successful journey for our young people. Contact Sandy to see if there are any spots still available. The second payment of \$85 is due in February.



The next **Youth-led mass** is **Sun., March 10 at 11 am**. If you are interested in helping with the **music ministry** contact Sandy. If you would like to **lector, be a Eucharistic Minister, usher, greeter or gift bearer,** contact Deb Williams at 642-3708 for more info.

Repent,
the
kingdom
of
heaven
is
at hand



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HELP BUILD A PATHWAY HOME FOR HOMELESS FAMILIES IN JOHNSON COUNTY

Holy Cross and other Johnson County faith groups are joining forces to support the Interfaith Hospitality Network's Pathway Home special collection. The goal of the collection is to purchase a new or used van, based on revenues collected.

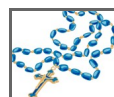
IHN is a partnership of religious congregations in Johnson County, helping families who are facing homelessness.

Host congregations provide lodging, three meals and hospitality on a rotating basis.

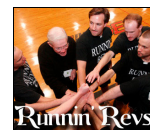
Holy Cross participates in this ministry by providing volunteers who cook and serve meals, play with children and help them with their homework, drive family members to and from the day center and help create a caring community.

If you would like to make a contribution, please send it to Vicki Dercher, Executive Director, Interfaith Hospitality Network, 11503 Strang Line Rd, Suite C, Olathe, KS 66062. Make your check payable to the *Interfaith Hospitality Network* and indicate that you are a Holy Cross parishioner.

If you would like more information about volunteering, call Shirley Maxwell at (913) 897-2127.



You are invited to consider **praying the rosary** with residents at **Bickford of Overland Park** at 106th and Barkley on **Mondays at 10:00 am** once a month or weekly. For more info call Pat Little at 913-341-3474.



On **Mon, March 4 at 7:00pm** come watch the **Runnin' Revs** made up of priests and seminarians from the Archdiocese take on 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 Miega High School**. There will be a live auction during the game which includes a spot at Camp Tekawitha this summer.



2013 CYO TRACK: If you are interested in coming out for CYO Track and are in 3rd through 8th grade, please come to sign ups on **Mon, March 4th** between **6pm-8pm at Holy Cross School**. Sign-ups will be in the 8th grade classrooms (Next to Pflumm Hall). Please visit www.holycrosscatholicschool.com/sports.html to find out more information. If you have any questions, please contact Mike Miranda at mamirandam2004@yahoo.com or call 913-341-6577.



Women Writers Group meets on the **1st Thursday** of each month (**March 7**) from **1:00-2:15pm**. Women who enjoy writing and sharing with other women meet to improve their writing skills and share stories, poems and journal entries. Call 913-906-8990 to register.

Holy Woman, Mary Magdalene will be presented **Thur, March 14 1:00-3:00pm**. Time for presentation, prayer, reflection and sharing. **Dr. Evelyn Hudson** is presenter. Call 913-906-8990 to register



The Cathedral of St. Peter Altar Society will host a **Women's Lenten Day of Reflection, Sat, March 9**. Sr. Therese Steiner, a member of the Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth, will present "**A Woman's Journey of Faith through Scripture - St. Therese and the Little Way**". The day will begin at **8:15am** with Mass and will conclude at noon. The cost is **\$10** and includes Continental Breakfast. For registration info contact Patty McKiernan 913-281-2918



Singles of Nativity (SON) invite you to a **St. Paddy's Dance** on **Sat, March 16** from **7-11pm** at **Nativity Church** 3800 W 119th St., Leawood. The music will be 13th Hour Band. Admission is \$20 and includes light appetizers, beer, wine and non alcoholic drinks. For more info contact Susana Marcos at susa_marcos@yahoo.com. Make sure to wear green!

Catholicism Series Episode 8

We meet on **Wed** at **3:00pm** in **room 5A**. **All are welcome!**

This week's episode is "**A Vast Company of Witnesses: The Communion of Saints**" Fr. Barron celebrates some of Church's most extraordinary saints-Edith Stein, Mother Teresa, Therese of Lisieux and Katherine Drexel.



Volunteers Needed

Several **volunteer opportunities** exist at the **Catholic Charities Central Office** at 2200 Central Ave, Kansas City, KS:

Receptionist is needed at the front desk on Thurs from 12:30-4:30pm. Responsibilities include greeting clients, answering the phones and making appointments.

Emergency Assistance Center Food Pantry is looking for volunteers to help distribute food on Wed from 12-3:00pm.

Emergency Assistance/Refugee Clothes Closet is looking for volunteers in assisting clients in selecting clothing. Shifts are Tue and Thurs from 9-12:00 or 1:00-4:00pm.

Training is provided. If interested in volunteering contact Mary Long 913-433-2081 or mlong@catholiccharitiesks.org



Lighthouse Catholic Media CDs ...

Lenten Resolution: I will listen to one CD each week to make this Year of Faith Lent a more prayerful period of my life. I will share one CD a week with others to help them draw closer to God. See the kiosk in the back of church for wonderful Lenten CDs or call Brenda Scruggs, 913-649-6442, to order specific titles.



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
desean casarse para tener 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:

¿Cuál es la idea detrás de las cenizas el Miércoles de Cenizas? ¿Son una bendición para el que las recibe? ¿Pueden ser dadas a través de su ventana del coche?

En la religión Católica se distribuyen durante la Misa, o en contexto con la Liturgia de la Palabra. Por esto es que entendemos las cenizas como un reto al arrepentimiento y como recordatorio de nuestra mortalidad.

Las palabras que acompañan dar las cenizas hacen claro este conocimiento: “Arrepiéntanse y crean en el Evangelio”, ó “Recuerden que son polvo y que regresarán al polvo.” Las cenizas visualmente refuerzan el mensaje para nosotros en las Escrituras. Por eso es que las lecturas de la Biblia son tan importantes al distribuir las cenizas.

Fr. Mike

INTENCIONES PARA LAS MISAS: Martes 3/5, 6:00 p.m.: Ignacio Baldor
Domingo 3/, 2:00 p.m.: Personas de la Parroquia

LECTURAS PARA COMPARTIR LA FE: 4º Domingo de Cuaresma
Josué 5:9, 10-12; 2 Corintios 5:17-21; Lucas 15:1-3, 11-32

EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA:

Clases de la Tarde, 4:30-5:45pm.: Para preguntas o ausencias, llamen a Karla Melgar, 381-2757, ext.140.

Clases de la Noche para Familias Creciendo Juntas en la Fe, 6:45-8:15pm.: Nos reuniremos de nuevo este martes, Feb.26, para explorar el Sacramento de la Reconciliación ó Penitencia. Para preguntas o ausencias llamen a Karla Melgar, 381-2757, ext.140.

CONFIRMACIÓN:

Clases de Confirmación: Hoy domingo, 24 de Feb., tendremos clases regulares para estudiantes del 1er año. Estudiantes del 2º año vendrán hoy día también, para tomar parte en nuestra *Feria Anual de Servicio para la Confirmación*, después de las misas de las 9am., 11am. y 2pm.

Fecha para la Confirmación: Celebraremos este Sacramento el **miércoles, 3 de Abril, 2013, a las 7pm.** El Arzobispo Naumann presidirá. *Ensayo para padres y padrinos será el martes, 2 de Abril, 2013.*

Oportunidad de Servicio: Nuestro próximo Viaje de Misión-2013, será Junio 22 al 29. El costo es \$535, con un depósito de \$85/por estudiante. No se olviden de mandar su depósito lo antes posible hasta el mes de Febrero, para asegurar su lugar. Empezaremos a tener reuniones prontamente para planear. No se pierda esta importante información. Empezaremos a levantar fondos para aquéllos que ya firmaron y pagaron su depósito. Vean: www.holycrossopks.org, Faith Formation, para más información.

Misionarios de Holy Cross: Nuestros misionarios están muy contentos de compartir su esfuerzo con tan buena causa. Cuando vean a cualquier estudiante que vaya al *Viaje de Misión-2013*, recojan su ticket de \$5, como una donación. Llamen a Sandy o a la oficina.

Retiro de Convalidación para Parejas: Se celebrará el sábado 16 de Marzo y el domingo 17 de Marzo, 2013, de 8am. a 5pm., los dos días, en las Oficinas del Ministerio Hispano, 2215 Parallel Ave., KCKS. El costo es de \$60/por pareja. Para inscribirse, llamen al 281-6644. **NO** habrá cuidado de niños.

VELADORAS / VELAS: Es muy importante que **NO** traigan sus propias veladoras/velas a la iglesia. Por razones de seguridad del Departamento de Bomberos de la ciudad, **solamente** se pueden usar las veladoras/velas disponibles afuera de la oficina de la iglesia, **ya aprobadas por ellos**. Otro tipo de veladoras/velas son y serán removidos de la iglesia inmediatamente. **Gracias por su atención a este importante aviso por la seguridad de todos.**

RETIRO PARA QUINCEAÑERAS: Esta preparación para una celebración tan especial se llevará a cabo **en Holy Cross, Abril 13 y 14, 2013, de 8:30am. - 4:30pm., cada día.** Para inscribir a su Quinceañera llame al Ministerio Hispano, 913/ 281-6644, **antes de Marzo 31.** El costo es \$20/por persona.

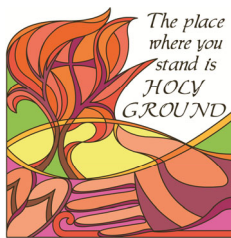
Proyecto Vida y Libertad: ¡Firmen las tarjetas! Hoy nuestra parroquia se unirá a Católicos en otras parroquias de toda la nación, firmará tarjetas para instar al Congreso a respete la vida y la libertad religiosa. **¡Haga escuchar su voz!** Usted tendrá la oportunidad de firmar tarjetas para enviar a su Representante y dos Senadores de E.E.U.U. ¡Gracias por participar!

Fiesta de despedida para el Padre Pat Murphy: Están todos invitados a esta celebración a llevarse a cabo Marzo 10, sábado, de 4-6:30pm., en la Escuela Holy Cross, 8101 W. 95th St., OPKS 66212. Para más información o para confirmar su presencia, favor de llamar a Adriana Ordaz, 999-7065, ó 816/651-7515.



BEGINNING EXPERIENCE®

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE ~ A Weekend Away for a Lifetime of Change. Serving the **Widowed, Separated and Divorced** who are suffering the loss of a love relationship and may feel left out by their church, uneasy around married friends, unsure of themselves and uncertain about their futures. Helps grieving persons focus on their experience, deal with the natural grief process, and offers an opportunity to turn the pain of loss into an experience of positive growth emerging from the darkness of grief into the light of a new beginning. The **next Beginning Experience Weekend is March 8-10, 2013 at Precious Blood Retreat Center** in Liberty, MO. Registration is required by March 4. For more information visit: www.beginningexperience.org, email BEWeekendKC@hotmail.com, or contact Kim 816-739- 4733, or John 913-219-3465.



“This is the Triuum” is a reflective walk through the three most important days of salvation history and the liturgical year. This morning of recollection is presented by **Michael Podrebarac** from the Archdiocesan Office for Liturgy and Sacramental Life, **Sat, March 16 from 9:15-11:45am** at St. Ann 7231 Mission Rd. More info call 913-647-0330



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](tel:9136455294) or email Dave at davemccclainjobs@everestkc.net.

CCR ~ People finding People Jobs!

Bishop Hogan High School - Class of '68- We are planning a reunion for this summer the weekend of **June 28 and 29.** If you have not received an email regarding this, please email the reunion committee at bolit@aol.com and send an email or home address so that you can receive information regarding the reunion. If you know or are related to anyone from that class, please pass this information onto them.



Johnson County Serra Club:

Couples, single men and women! You are invited to join the club that prays and works for priestly and religious vocations. We invite you to join us at our next monthly meeting at **Cure of Ars Church, Thurs., March 7 at 7:00 pm.** For more info call Janice Arth 913-515-3975