

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
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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.

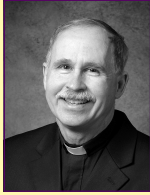
CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: Mon.—Thurs. 8:30 to 5:00 p.m. & Fri., 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon

PREGNANT? NEED HELP? All calls confidential. Gabriel Project, 913-602-0306

Dear Parishioners,

Spring has finally arrived. It makes a great start to the Easter season. But even more important to our getting a good start to the Easter season were the beautiful services of Holy Week. They require a great deal of attention and work. Many hands pitched in to make them a success; ranging from choir members to the art and environment committee, from the Knights of Columbus to the Boy Scouts. We owe them our gratitude and appreciation.

Fr. Mike



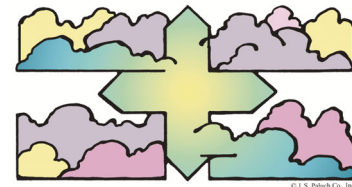
READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: Third Sunday of Easter: Acts 5:27b-32,40b-41, Revelation 5:11-14; John 21:1-19

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE:

	March 31, 2013	Fiscal YTD
Needed for March	\$24,545	1,047,327
Collected	29,411	1,086,180
Over/(Under)	4,866	38,853
Special Donations	1,067	



ADORATION CHAPEL: HE IS RISEN!
Let us rejoice and be glad! **Open Hours:** Sun. 2-3 am, 9-10 am; Tues 1-2pm; 2-3pm.
 Partner needed: Fri 3-4 pm. Please call Anne, 649-2049 if you can commit to one of these times, temporarily or permanently.

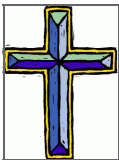


Mass Intentions For The Week


Monday	9:00 a.m.	Ken VanBooven (All School)
Tuesday	6:30 a.m.	Alice Gill
	6:00 p.m.	In Thanksgiving (Span)
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Kevin Haeusser
Thursday	6:30 a.m.	Spec Int- Angela Glean
Friday	9:00 a.m.	Bunny Goetz Ingalls
Saturday	7:30 a.m.	No Mass
	5:00 p.m.	Spec Int - The Brandel Family
Sunday	7:30 a.m.	Margaret Marr
	9:00 a.m.	Mary & Margie Blake
	11:00 a.m.	Jim Miller
	2:00 p.m.	People of the Parish (Spanish)



Please Pray for Those Asking for Prayers:
 Tom Gates, Halle Henderson Ellen Jiskra, Nenita Labayen, Dolores McClain, and Rolande Wells.



REST IN PEACE: Prayers are requested for **Donna Hart**, formerly of Holy Cross.



Bulletin Announcement Deadline:
 The deadline for bulletin announcements is **Tuesday at 9:00 am.**

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



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION! On the next two Saturday mornings, **April 13th and 20th**, eighty-three children of our parish will receive Jesus in Holy Communion for the first time! We pray that they will always recognize the presence of the Risen Christ in the Eucharist and that this sharing of His Body and Blood will strengthen them to be Jesus' hands and feet on earth and to live in unity with one another. Congratulations! Our thanks to the parents and teachers of our First Communicants, as well as to our parish community, who have nurtured them to this special day in their faith journey. You are a living example of Eucharist!



Bunko Party Rescheduled: Because of the Basketball tournament on April 8, we are **rescheduling Bunko for Mon, April 22 at 7pm.** Please RSVP to Kathleen Dickinson, 642-1171, so we know how many tables to set up. There will be a \$3.00 charge at the door.



Like to garden? Come join us on **Sat, April 20 at 9 am** to help get the Meditation Garden cleaned up! If it rains, we will do it Sat, April 27 9:00am. For questions or more info, call Patti Taylor at 913-575-0901



Save the Date: The **Knights of Columbus and Serra Club** members are sponsoring a **“Holy Hour of Prayer for Vocations”**. It will be **Monday, April 22 at 7:00 pm** in the church. Refreshments will be served in the parish hall after the Holy Hour. Please join us! All are welcome!



Community Music Festival: Come join us on **Sunday, April 21 at 4:30pm** at **Holy Cross** for a multi ethnic, ecumenical event! Singers and musicians from Holy Cross, First Baptist Church of Overland Park,

Kansas New Vision Korean Church, St. Dionysios Greek Orthodox Church and Valley View United Methodist Church will come together for a music festival. Admission is FREE! Reception to follow in the church hall. All are welcome!

Stewardship Reflection April 14, 2013

“...he said to him, ‘Follow me.’” *John 21:19*

“Follow me.” These are some of the simplest words Jesus says but is it really that easy to do. In our modern world, there are so many distractions that can call us away from our lives as Christians. We must learn to avoid those distractions and do what is necessary to live our lives as disciples of Jesus. In doing so, we become true stewards.



Sunshine Club Social Hour/Dinner
We will meet **Wed, April 24** at **4:00pm** at **Bravo’s**, 5005 W 117st on the north side of Town Center Plaza. Please sign up or call Mary to RSVP at 648-1482.



Catholic Charities: We donated **10 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, April 28**. Your donations are greatly appreciated!



Couples celebrating their **50th Wedding Anniversary in 2013** are invited to the Archdiocesan 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration on **June 23, 2013 at 2:30pm** at **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!



“When I was sick, you visited me” Matt 25:36...Volunteers are needed to bring **Communion** to the Catholic sick at **Shawnee Mission Hospital** on the **2nd and 4th Wednesday** each month at 12:45pm. You would have the privilege to bring Jesus’ Presence and prayer to His sick. There is training and mentoring , as well as a booklet to guide you with prayers. If you are interested in helping serve in this ministry, please call Mary Ann Meert 913 -642-3954

Boy Scout Troop 251 Flower Sale

The annual flower sale is coming **April 13-14**. You can find an order form on the Church’s website under Community then Boy Scouts. Scouts will be collecting completed forms after all masses on **April 6 and 7**. Flowers will be ready for pick up on **April 13 & 14**. Thanks for supporting the scouts of Troop 251!

Religious Education



Afternoon Classes meet this Tues., April 9 and every week until our last class on April 30th. In case of absence, please call 913-381-2757, ext. 119.

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 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. Call Sandy for schedule, 205-0825.



Middle School meets on **Monday** nights from 7-8:15 pm in the youth room and parish hall. Call Sandy for schedule 205-0825.



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.

Open Enrollment
has begun at
Holy Cross School
for the **2013-14** school year.

Applications are available
for download on the school website at
holycrosscatholicschool.com

Follow us on Facebook at
www.facebook.com/holycrossop

Sign up for school news on our blog at
holycrosscatholicschool.wordpress.com



Catholic Community Hospice is offering an 8-week **Grief Support Group** for adults grieving the death of a loved one. **Finding Your Way Through Grief** will begin **April 10 through May 29th**, meeting eight consecutive Wednesdays, from **1:30-3:30pm** at **Catholic Charities in Overland Park**. The Support Group Grief is facilitated by Becky Lindsay, RN BSN, Bereavement Support Coordinator. There is **no charge** and the sessions are open to the public. Registration is required by April 8. Please call Becky at 913-433-2058 for more info or to register.



Archdiocesan Pro-Life

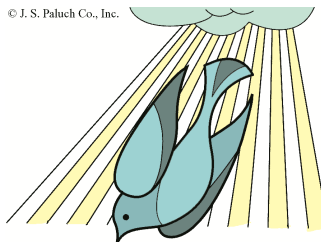
Mass: Join Archbishop Naumann on **Saturday, April 20** for mass at **8:00 am** at **Sts. Cyril & Methodius**,

44 N. Mill, Kansas City, KS. Immediately following the Mass is a rosary procession to the abortion clinic approximately 4 blocks away. Eucharistic adoration is available for those not processing. Benediction concludes services by 9:45 am.



Training for new Respite Volunteers will be Saturday, **April 27, 9-3:30** at **St. Joseph Health Center (education center)** located at I-435 and State Line Road. Respite is a rewarding ministry giving companionship and care to a homebound person, while allowing their caregiver some much needed time away. Men and women are needed to become volunteers. Respite is sponsored by the Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women and trained volunteers are insured against liability. Volunteers serve in their own parish. For more information or to make a reservation phone Pat Scheibel 913 897-6589

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Confirmation

Congratulations to the 84 young people of our parish who were confirmed Wednesday, April 3 by Archbishop Naumann. May they continue to grow in their faith. Come Holy Spirit and fill our hearts!

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.



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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.*



"It was life changing! It reminded us of the true beauty of our marriage." These words of Barry and Bobbie Padgett of Most Pure Heart of Mary Parish in Topeka echo the reaction of the couples who have experienced the "Living in Love" retreat. A **"Living in Love" retreat**, which includes a romantic dinner, will be held on **April 20-21, at Prince of Peace (Olathe), April 27-28 at Church of the Ascension (Overland Park) and Sept 28-29 at Holy Trinity (Lenexa)**. Special Faith Initiative cost is only \$30 per couple (regularly \$125 a couple). Register online now at www.archkck.org/faith/livinginlove or contact Mary Anne Kierl at 913-647-0345.



Spring Family Day at Prairie Star Ranch! Come join us Sunday, **April 21 starting at 10am** for a fun day at Prairie Star Ranch! There will be a variety of activities for your family to participate in including climbing wall, horseback riding (extra fee) and canoeing.

There will opportunities to pray together through Taize Adoration, Stations of the Cross trail, Rosary garden and we will close with **Mass at 4pm**. The cost is only **\$5/person**. Everyone is invited: families, friends, prayer groups, parish groups. To register and more info call Jasmine at 785-746-5693 or go to www.archkck.org under Prairie Star Ranch.

Save the Date: Family Camp at Prairie Star Ranch will be **June 28-30**. For more info go to www.archkck.org under Prairie Star Ranch.

Are you in your 20's or 30's and looking for great ways to meet young adult Catholics in the Kansas City area? **City on a Hill, Mission KC and Catholic Challenge Sports** are vibrant Catholic organizations that provide fun ways to get connected. Whether through sports leagues, faith groups or social events, there is something for everyone - no more nights at home looking for something to do! Check out our websites/Facebook pages to find upcoming events and sign up for emails/newsletters. You don't want to miss out on all the fun planned for this Spring and Summer! www.kansascityonahill.org; missionkc@archkck.org; kccatholicchallenge.com or call Luke Yager at 573-822-3324 (cell)



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: Llaman
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:

¡La primavera ha llegado finalmente! Esto hace un comienzo muy bonito y bueno para el tiempo de Pascua. Pero todavía más importante que esto fueron los bellos servicios de Semana Santa. Ellos necesitaron una gran atención y trabajo.

Muchas manos trabajaron para hacerlos un éxito. Desde los miembros de los coros, hasta el comité de arte y ambiente. Desde los Caballeros de Colón hasta los Niños Exploradores. Les debemos a todos nuestra gratitud y apreciación. *Fr. Mike*

INTENCIONES PARA LAS MISAS: Martes 4/9, 6:00 p.m.: In Thanksgiving
Domingo 4/14, 2:00 p.m.: People of the Parish

LECTURAS PARA COMPARTIR LA FE: 3er Domingo de Pascua
Hechos 5:27-32, 40-41; Apocalipsis 5:11-14; Juan 21:1-19

EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA:

Clases de la Tarde, 4:30-5:45pm.: Nos reunimos este martes, Abril 9 y todos próximos martes *hasta la última reunión, Abril 30.* Para preguntas o ausencias, llamen a Karla Melgar, 381-2757, x140.

Clases de la Noche para Familias Creciendo Juntas en la Fe, 6:45-8:15pm.: Nos reunimos el martes, Abril 9. Iremos a la iglesia para escuchar al Padre David guiarnos en Adoración y Bendición, durante parte de nuestra sesión. También nos reuniremos Abril 16. *Nuestra última reunión será Abril 30.* Para preguntas o ausencias llamen a Karla Melgar, 381-2757.

La Primera Comunión se celebrará los sábados, Abril 13 y 20. ¡83 niños de nuestra parroquia recibirán a Jesús por primera vez! Rezamos para que siempre reconozcan la presencia del Cristo Resucitado en la Eucaristía. También para que el compartir de Su Cuerpo y Su Sangre, les dé fuerza para ser las manos y los pies de Jesús en la Tierra, viviendo en unidad los unos con los otros. Nuestro agradecimiento a los padres y catequistas de estos niños. También a nuestra comunidad parroquial, que ha participado en su desarrollo para prepararse este día especial en su jornada de fe. ¡Ustedes son un ejemplo viviente de la Eucaristía!
¡Muchas felicidades a 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.

ORACIÓN POR EL PAPA FRANCISCO

Oh, Dios piadoso, nuestro pastor y guía,
mira con amor a Francis, tu servidor,
a quién Tú has nombrado como sucesor de San Pedro.
Concédele coraje y sabiduría,
y llénalo con amor para tu pueblo.
Permite que sirva con fidelidad a todos
los que les has encargado,
para traer a Tu Iglesia unión de corazón y propósito
al buscar cómo cumplir con la misión de tu Hijo,
Jesucristo, Nuestro Señor,
quién vive y reina contigo y el Espíritu Santo,
por los siglos de los siglos. Amén

Birthright Would you like to help pregnant women in crisis? Birthright, an international emergency service offering positive alternatives to abortion, is staffed by **volunteers**. If you are willing to commit some of your time, there are a number of ways to help. We need women and men to answer the hotline calls, run pregnancy tests and befriend mothers in crisis. **Training will be held Saturday, April 20** at the Birthright Center 6309 Walnut, Kansas City, MO. To reserve your spot for the training call Birthright at 816-444-7090 or Janet Cozad at 816-741-2696 **by April 18**.



Lighthouse Catholic Media CDs ...

The Saving Power of Divine Mercy:

In this CD, Fr. Brooks focuses on what we know of God's Mercy, our response to His love. Bonus: At the end of the presentation, the Divine Mercy chaplet is led by Fr. Francis Peffley, Mark Forrest and Muriel Forrest. Please pick up a copy of this CD or one of the other great titles from the kiosk. Watch the bulletin next week for information to access an online discussion group. Your donations are appreciated. For questions, please call Brenda Scruggs at 913-649-

Did you know that veterans and spouses can qualify for a tax-free pension to help defray the cost of long-term health care? Please join us to learn more about the eligibility requirements and other VA benefits. A representative from Kansas Veteran's Association will give a presentation on **Wed, April 10 at 9:30 am** at **St. Ann's Church in the parish hall**.

The Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas

Wants to Protect God's Children... Anyone who believes that a child is being abused or neglected can make a confidential report to the Kansas Department for Children and Families Protection Report Center: (800) 922-5330. If a child is in immediate danger, first call 911. Additionally, please call the Archdiocesan confidential report line: (913) 647-3051. You may also call: Fr. John Riley, Safe Environment Coordinator (913) 647-0324; Fr. Gary Pennings, Vicar General (913) 647-0340; Fr. Brian Schieber, Vicar for Clergy (913) 488-2792; Kathy O'Hara, superintendent of Catholic schools (913) 647-0321; or Dr. Dennis Schemmel, victim assistance coordinator (913) 909-2740.



TurnStyles Wedding Gown Gala: We have been blessed with a large donation of **NEW wedding gowns** in a variety of styles, colors and sizes for any bride to be. The sale will take place on **Sat, April 13 from 10 am-2 pm** at the Catholic Charities administrative offices at **9720 W 87th St**. A professional bridal consultant will be on hand to help with sizing and selection. Call 433-2067 to make an appointment to try on these beautiful dresses (recommended but not required.)

Summer Camps



St. James Boys' & Girls' Summer Basketball Leagues- This summer St. James Academy will be hosting basketball leagues for all boys & girls entering 5th-8th grades next Fall. The leagues will be run by Stan Dohm & Rich Weitz, Varsity basketball coaches at St. James. The leagues will take place on **Mon & Wed night (boys)** and **Tues & Thurs nights (girls)**. The leagues will **start on June 3** and run through June 27. The cost is **\$50/player**. For more info contact Rich Weitz 913-302-8564 or rweitz@sjakeepingfaith.org

Summer Camps at St. James Academy: We offer several youth sports camps, high school summer workouts, high school sports and enrichment classes! **Visit our website** at www.sjakeepingfaith.org - click on the "Summer Camp 2013 Registration" link under Activities News Tab on left side of the page for camp dates, descriptions and enrollment instructions for each camp. For questions, call Mark Huppe 93-254-4284.



Saint Thomas Aquinas High School: We offer many sports and non-athletic camps for boys and girls in grades K-8. **Sport camps** include baseball, football, basketball, soccer, cross country, cheer, speed & agility, volleyball and wrestling. **Non-athletic camps** include acting, chess, and cooking. Costs range from **\$30-\$85** and go from **May 28-July 27**. Call Michelle 913-319-2416 for times/dates, fees and registration info or go to www.stasaints.net/summercamps to register online.



Bishop Mieke Basketball Clinic: Girls- June 17-20; Boys- June 24-27. For K-3rd graders there is a clinic June 10-13. For more info call Dolly Foley 913-495-9559 or go to website www.bishopmiege.com