

Church of The Holy Cross

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Holy Cross is a diverse community, welcoming and accepting, united in Catholic faith, and committed to forming people in the image of Christ to better serve the Lord and our neighbor.

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

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Director - Pre.-Gr. 6: 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
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Principal: Allison Carney
Secretaries: Anita Lemmon & Martha Beisser

Early Education Center: 381-7151
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Advocate for Annulments:
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Parish Center Manager
Michael Long, 219-3382

MASSES:

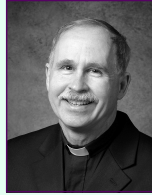
Weekend Sat. Vigil 5:00 p.m., Sun. 7:30, 9:00, 11:00 a.m., and 2:00 p.m. (Spanish)
Nursery - 11:00 a.m., and 2:00 p.m. Masses

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,



The school year has started with a bang. The building looks great. The students are excited. We are expecting great things. That is true for Holy Cross School. But that holds true for the other schools that our parishioners attend, through high school and on through college. And as a parish as a whole, we are also looking forward to great things. The Parish Festival will take place soon, on Saturday September 14. The Parish Mission with Fr. Mike Scully will follow afterwards. All this will kick off a great year.

Fr. Mike

Stewardship Reflection September 1, 2013

“...invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you.”
Luke 14:13

In today’s Gospel, Jesus is reminding us that we should give openly without expecting repayment. As stewards, we should share our gifts freely with others and without expecting anything in return. In doing so, we will be blessed.

Volunteer Opportunity

Join other Holy Cross parishioners in partnering with area churches to provide meals and visits with homeless families as they regain their independence. This ministry involves a time commitment of a few hours, every three months. Training is required. Contact Shirley Maxwell at 897-2127.

Mass Intentions For The Week



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Monday	9:00 a.m.	Spec Int- Ken & Jeannine Arens
Tuesday	6:30 a.m.	Spec Int- Bob Gilner
	6:00 p.m.	Dionisio Lucas Castillo (Spanish)
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Bob Schmitt
Thursday	6:30 a.m.	James Tripod
Friday	9:00 a.m.	Maria Nguyen (All School)
Saturday	7:30 a.m.	Dorothy & Sal Viviano
	5:00 p.m.	Francis Bertrand
Sunday	7:30 a.m.	People of the Parish
	9:00 a.m.	Florence Lickteig
	11:00 a.m.	Spec Int-Thuy Young
	2:00 p.m.	Betty Gilkison (Spanish)

Financial Update

	Aug 25	Fiscal YTD
Weekly Offering Needed	\$30,891	\$220,580
Weekly Offering Received	21,407	234,108
Over/(Under)	<9,484>	13,528

Special Donations	3,112	10,160
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Restricted Assets as of July 31	Calculated Monthly
Parish Endowment-Restricted	\$71,771
School Endowment-Restricted	\$32,037
Capital Campaign-Restricted	\$241,974

Liabilities as of July 31	Calculated Monthly
Current—Archdiocese of KCKS	\$498, 272
Long term—St. James Academy	\$483, 786

Please note that our weekly offering represents only about half of our parish income. Other sources include parish fees, school fees and school tuition. The amount of the weekly offering needed is based on budgeted expenses. For a complete financial picture, you can download our most recent annual and/or quarterly financial report on the parish website under “Stewardship Documents.”

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
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 Overland Park, KS 66212

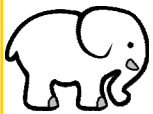
*You make our parish life possible.
 Thank You!*



The Parish Festival
Saturday, September 14

Fun Run at 8:00 am

Join us for Food, Games and Fun from **2-5 pm**.
The Festival Mass will be at 5:00 pm. (Bilingual)
 Then stay from **6:00-9:00 pm** for Food and Live Music featuring a **free concert by JJ's All Star Band** playing hits from the 60's, 70's and 80's!



Look for the **St. Helen's Circle White Elephant** sale at the Church Festival on Sept 14. "It's all kinds of treasures you can't live without!" Bring a non-perishable food item for Catholic Charities and trade it for one (1) ticket treasure. See you there!

Come and See!

Do you know someone who is not Catholic and interested in learning more about the Catholic faith? Invite your friend or family member to attend the next...

Inquiry Series

Sunday Mornings beginning September 29 at 9:45am.

To register and for more information contact Fr. Mike mstubbs@holycrossopks.org | (913) 381-2755

Ministry Training- This fall there will be trainings to become an **usher, lector or Extraordinary Minister**. All adults and children over 15 are welcome to train to be a lector or usher. Extraordinary Ministers must be at least 16 years old. If you have any questions or would like to sign up for a training call Debbie Williams 913-642-3708



READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:
Twenty-Third Sunday of Ordinary Time:
 Wisdom 9:13-18b; Philemon 9-10,12-17;
 Luke 14:25-33.



Please Pray for Those Asking for Prayers:
 Mary Diskin, Bob Gilner, Miriam Gurney, Becky Mend, Joan Monley, Margaret & Bernie Ruckh, Chris Shepard, Rita Yoksh and Thuy Young.



Cantor Workshop: Cantors and those who would like to become cantors are asked to attend a Cantor Workshop on **Wed., Sept 11 at 7:00pm** in the church. John Rudzinski, the music director at Good Shepherd in Shawnee, will be the presenter. He has over 30 years experience in Church music and is one of the leaders of Kansas City chapter of the National Pastoral Musicians Assoc. Contact Rick Worms to register at rworms@holycrossopks.org.



Music Ministry: We are looking for high school age **musicians and singers** to join the **Youth Mass Music Group**. You need to be able to commit to several practices before each mass. If interested contact John Morris at 642-8038 or johnmorris8038@msn.com



The Book Discussion Group will meet on **Tues., Sept 3, 9:30 am**, in Room 1. The book will be *Still Alice* by Lisa Genova.



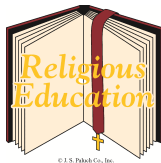
St. Benedict's Circle Meeting will be Saturday, **Sept 7 at 9:30 am** in **Room 8**. For questions please call Nora at 451-5749.

First Saturday Devotions will be on **Sept. 7th**. The rosary will be prayed at **7:05 am** before the 7:30 am mass followed by refreshments and a presentation by **Mary Burns** - "Understanding the Mystery of Suffering". All are invited!!!!



ADORATION CHAPEL: There are several choice hours available; don't leave the Lord alone! **OPEN HOURS:** Sun 9-10am, 11pm-12am; Mon 2-3pm; Tues 10-11am, 9-10pm; Wed 11pm-12am. **PARTNERS NEEDED:** Sun 4-5am; Thurs 2-3pm; Fri 8-9am, 3-4pm. If you can help, even temporarily, call Anne, 649-2049.

Religious Education



Parent Orientation Meeting for Year I and Year II in English will be **September 10 at 5:00pm**. Call Karla Melgar at 913-381-2757, ext. 140 if you need childcare.

Confirmation



Enrollment for 2013-14 Confirmation classes is currently taking place. If you were with us in your first year of Confirmation classes this past year, you need to re-enroll for the second year. New students need to turn in a copy of your baptismal certificate. For more information, contact Sandy Schluter at 381-2757 ext 118.

Altar Servers Needed: Is your son or daughter interested in being an altar server? We need more servers for all Masses. Servers are also welcome at daily Mass. New servers are paired with experienced servers until they get comfortable. Interested boys and girls, 5th grade and above, please contact Eva Gavin 706-7286 or gavin_eva@yahoo.com



Casino Night: Mother Teresa's Circle will be **selling Casino Night tickets** after all Masses on **Sept 7 & 8**. Join us on Oct. 12 beginning at 6:30 pm in the Church Hall. Tickets are \$25 per person and that includes game chips-food-drinks. (Cash bar for beer and wine.) Number of tickets will be limited to 200. Join us for an evening of fun. Call Pat Voorhes for further info at 829-8066.



St. Mary's Food Kitchen: We served **390** dinners to those who are less fortunate on August 16. Thank you to everyone who provided food, helped serve and gave monetary donations.

VIRTUS TRAINING: To volunteer at Holy Cross in any ministry, organization or coaching where children are involved, you must be in full compliance with the Archdiocesan Virtus policy: training class completed, completed paperwork and cleared background check. If you need to be trained, please visit the Virtus website, www.virtus.org to register for an upcoming session. If you have any questions, call Carol Morris in the parish office 381-2755.



Holy Cross Fun Run: The **2nd Annual Fun Run** will be on **Sat, Sept. 14 at 8:00 am** at the church (rain or shine!) New this year is the Grass Dash for Toddlers-Preschool. For more information or to sign up, contact the school at 381-7408. **Cost:** toddler-preschool: free. Kinders-8th grade: \$5; High School: \$7; Adults: \$10.

School News

There's a lot going on at Holy Cross School this week!

Mon, Sept 4- NO SCHOOL/Labor Day
 Tues, Sept 3 - First Day of School for EEC
 Fri, Sept 6 - Grandparents Day. Join us for All School Mass at 9am.



Thanks to all the Box Tops clippers & collectors at Holy Cross! We raised more than \$2,800 for the school this past year. That's nearly double the year before! Our goal for the 2013-14 school year is \$3,300! Drop off your Box Tops in the basket on the bulletin board in the church narthex or the mail cubby by the church office.



Parish Festival Corporate Sponsors

In conjunction with our celebration of **Holy Cross Parish's 45th Year Parish Festival**, we are holding an outdoor concert in the church parking lot on **Saturday, September 14th**. If you would like to underwrite some of the costs of the concert while promoting your business, please contact Patrick Komlofske at 707-4601. Corporate sponsor banners will be hung from the stage during the concert.



Praying the Psalms with Jeff Cavins: Internationally known Catholic Bible teacher and radio-television personality, Jeff Cavins will present **"Psalms: The School of Prayer Seminar"** which focuses upon praying the Psalms and teaching how best to do that. It will be at **Our Lady of the Presentation Parish**, 130 NW Murray, Lee Summit, MO on **Sat, Sept 21 from 9am-3pm**. Early registration by **Sept 16 is \$35**, includes book by Dr. Tim Gray, lunch and snack. After Sept 16, \$42. Call Jerri Dowdy to register 816-714-2326

Holy Cross Parish Retreat September 22—25

With Fr. Mike Scully, OFM.Cap.

Father Mike Scully, OFM. Cap. will be



our retreat director. Through his preaching at the weekend Masses and presentations throughout the week, he will explore with us the power of the Presence of God in our lives. Father Mike Scully is a pastor, author, radio personality and youth minister. The schedule for the Parish Mission will be:

Special Presentation for Parents and Grandparents: Sunday, Sept 22, 4:00-5:30pm

“Ten Things Every Parent Should Know About Their Teenager”

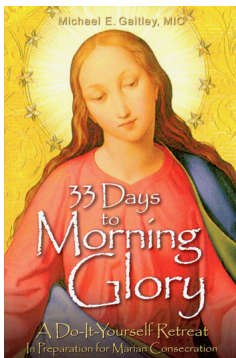
Sunday, Sept 22 7:00pm, “Your Life Should Include the Presence of God”

Monday, Sept 23 7:00pm, “The Challenge of Our Modern Day to the Presence of God”

Tuesday, Sept 24 7:00pm, “The Future of the Presence of God in our Lives”

Wednesday, Sept 25 7:00pm, “Rock Music and Leadership” (this is especially for high school youth)

Wednesday, Sept 25 10:00-12:00 noon, 1-5:00pm
An Opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation



33 Days to Morning Glory

is the title of the book Archbishop Naumann encouraged everyone to read this past Year of Faith. If you have been meaning to read it, but have not found the time, please mark your calendar for **Sept. 2, 9, 16, 26, 30, and Oct 7 at 7:00pm** to join a small group retreat that will see DVDs from the author,

have small group discussions and complete the book for a Consecration on Oct. 7 - the Feast Day of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary. Call Brenda Scruggs to register or for any question 649-6442.



Holy Cross Parish Open/ Jack Weitkamp Memorial Golf Tournament

Friday, September 6th, 2013 – 12:30 PM

Join us at Deer Creek Golf Course in Overland Park for a spectacular round of golf and to celebrate our fantastic parish. \$135.00 per player includes dinner, goodie bag, and prizes.

A special thank you to last year's generous scorecard tournament sponsors:

Weitkamp/Beisser Families	Avery Weigh-Tronix
C & C Group	Applebee's
Comp Results	Broski Fence
Marks Nelson, Ohland, Campbell, Radetic CPA's	

Contact Allison Carney at 244-5970 or email acarney@holycrosscatholicschool.com to be a sponsor, register a team or make a donation.



Volunteers needed: A Volunteer Informational Meeting will be held Mon, Sept 9

from 7:00-9:00pm. This meeting will be held at 11644 W 75th St, Shawnee, KS. For more information on volunteering in this ministry or to RSVP, contact Mary Newcomer 962-0200 or volunteer@adviceandaid.com

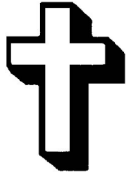


Are you a young Catholic in your 20's or 30's that loves to play sports?

Catholic Challenge Sports is an organization in the Kansas City Metro area that operates on a volunteer basis to reach young adults through sports. Our goal is to bring people into a deeper relationship with God through sports and fellowship. **Flag Football sign-ups** are currently open and will **close Sept 9**. If you are new to the area or just looking to make new friends and have some fun playing sports, we are the league for you! For more info and to sign up go to www.kccatholicchallenge.com

3rd Annual Our Lady of Unity Festival will be Sept 7 from 11am-10:00pm.

It will be held at Sacred Heart Field, 34 & Shawnee, Kansas City, KS. Come enjoy the live music and dancing, carnival games, talent contest, great food and silent auction. Family Fun all day long! For more info call Festival committee at 913-236-6271



La Iglesia Holy Cross es una comunidad diversa y acogedora, unida en la fe Católica, comprometida en formar a la gente en la imagen de Cristo, para servir mejor al Señor y al prójimo.

MISAS EN ESPAÑOL:
domingos, 2:00 p.m. y
martes, 6:00 p.m.

MISAS EN INGLÉS:
sábados 5:00 p.m.
y domingos 7:30 a.m.,
9:00 a.m. y 11:00 a.m.
Los invitamos a participar
de 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, miércol-
es y jueves: 2-5 pm.;
martes: 2-6 pm.
También pueden llamar
a los Sacerdotes deján-
doles un mensaje:
341-5618

“Encuentro”

Queridos feligreses:

¡El año escolar ha empezado con mucho entusiasmo! Los estudiantes están exaltados. Todos estamos esperando grandes cosas. Esta es la situación aquí en Holy Cross. Esto también es verdad en otras escuelas donde van niños de nuestra parroquia de todos los grados y hasta College.

Como una parroquia completa, también esperamos grandes cosas. El Festival de la Parroquia se llevará a cabo el sábado, 14 de Sept. La Misión de la Parroquia, con el Padre Mike Skully, seguirá después de estas actividades. Todo esto será el principio de un gran año para Holy Cross.

Fr. Mike

INTENCIONES PARA LAS MISAS: Martes 9/3, 6:00 p.m.: Dionisio Lucas Castillo
Domingo 9/8, 2:00 p.m.: Betty Gilkison

LECTURAS PARA COMPARTIR LA FE: 23° Domingo Ordinario
Sabiduría 9:13-19; Filemón:9-10, 12-17; Lucas 14:25-33

EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA

Primera Comunión y Confirmación: Las matrículas están cerradas ya. Estamos formando las clases empezando en Septiembre, para los niños de los Grados K-12. Si no han matriculado a sus niños todavía, llámenos para saber si quedan sitios disponibles y hacer cita para matricularlos. Karla Mergar, 381-2757 ext.140, ó kmelgar@holycrossopks.org.

Confirmación: Solamente quedan espacio para estudiantes que YA estuvieron en nuestro programa el año pasado. Para más información, llamen a Sandy Schluter, 381-2757, ext.118.

Sesión de Orientación para Padres de Niños de Grados K-6, Sesión de la Noche, 6:45-8:15pm.: El martes, 3 de Sept., a las 6:30 p.m. *Es muy importante que por lo menos uno de los padres venga.* Llamen a Karla Melgar si necesitan cuidado de niños: 381-2757, ext.140, ó kmelgar@holycrossopks.org

Sesión de Orientación para Padres de Niños de Grados K-6, Sesión de la Tarde, 4:30-5:45pm.: El martes, 10 de Sept., a las 6:30 p.m. *Es muy importante que por lo menos uno de los padres venga.* Llamen a Karla Melgar si necesitan cuidado de niños: 381-2757, ext.140, ó kmelgar@holycrossopks.org.

Retiro Pre-Matrimonial y de Convalidación: El Próximo Retiro será en el Ministerio Hispano, 2215 Parallel Ave., KCKS, **sábado, Sept. 8 y domingo, Sept. 9, de 8am-5pm. No habrá cuidado de niños.** Costo: \$60/por pareja (incluyendo desayunos y comidas). Para inscribirse o para más información, llamen: 913/281-6644. Cupo es limitado a 12 parejas.

Cursillos de Cristiandad: MCC anuncia este Retiro para hombres, Sept. 12/15, en El Salvador del Mundo. Para inscribirse llamen a Oscar, 660-6244, ó Agustín, 722-6410. El Retiro de mujeres será en Octubre 17/20.

Impactos: Anunciamos un Retiro Familiar en Topeka, KS, Sept. 28/29. Para más información llamen a Mario o Rosalía, 913/831-6499.

Concierto y Taller de Música Litúrgica: Se llevará a cabo el viernes, 11 de Octubre, de 7-9:30pm., en el Auditorio de Bishop Ward High School (708 N. 18th St., KCKS). El intérprete/músico del concierto es **Santiago Fernández**, conocido compositor de música litúrgica en este país. Costo: \$10/persona antes del evento ó \$15/persona en la puerta. El siguiente día, 12 de Octubre, el mismo cantautor ofrecerá un taller de música sacra a los integrantes de coros parroquiales de la Arquidiócesis. Los grupos que deseen participar deberán inscribirse de antemano, llamando a la oficina del Ministerio Hispano, 281-6644. Cupo limitado.

Festival de la Parroquia: Todos están invitados a participar del 45 Festival de la Parroquia, 2-5pm. La Misa del Festival será Bilingüe, a las 5pm. Disfruten del resto del Festival, comidas, juegos, música, etc., de 6-9 pm.



What are you doing for this Year of Faith?

Register for "Catechism: A Pilgrimage of Faith" presented by the Holy Family School of Faith.

Sign up for Sessions 11-16 now!

The Lessons begin with Baptism and Confirmation. **New participants are always welcome!** Returning participants **DO NOT** need to register. The registration fee is only \$10 for new registrants.

Visit www.archkck.org/schooloffaith to find a time and location that works for you.



September Blue Army Holy Rosary Rally:

Please join us at The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, 416 W12th St. Kansas City, MO on **Sunday, Sept. 15 from 3-4 pm.** We will pray 15 decades of the Holy Rosary to our Blessed Mother followed by Benediction and the opportunity to enroll in the Brown Scapular. All are welcome to attend. For more info go to www.rosaryrallieskc.org

"Medical Care and the Person" presented by **Dr. Gerard Brungardt** on **September 5, 7:00PM** in the St. Matthew Rm. at **Ascension Church**, 9510 W 127th. The session will be about: "How do we sustain our desire of giving ourselves to others in a way that changes our gaze on the one who suffers?" For registration on either event, please contact: Jean Hinman, Director of Ministry of Care, at jhinman@kcascension.org or call 913-681-3348.

"Prescription for a Long and Happy Life,"

an evening with Dr. Laurie Heap. This introduction to NFP takes an intellectually honest look at the medical benefits of natural fertility management systems and how they enhance the married relationship. **Friday, Sept 13th from 6:30 – 9:30 at Holy Trinity** in Lenexa (Upper level of Quigley Center, 9201 Summit Rd.). Wine, appetizers, dessert, and coffee will be served. This makes for a great date night! If you are engaged, this fulfills your Archdiocesan requirement for NFP introduction in Marriage Preparation. For more information, contact Brad DuPont in the Archdiocesan Office of Marriage and Family Life at bdupont@archkck.org or 913.647.0301. To register or to see future dates, go to www.archkck.org/prescription (\$25/couple).

Divorced and Catholic? Learn about the *Catholic Divorce Survival Program*—an empowering, healing series that is coming September 10 at Prince of Peace Catholic Church from 6-8pm. It meets for 10 weeks and costs \$50. Visit www.mollywitker.com and click on "Contact" or call (913) 486-6655 to enroll.



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 Bev Eberhardy at beveber@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.**