

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: Karla Melgar
Assistant: Michelle Rieger
Session Coordinator- Denise Suarez
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@holycrosscatholicschool.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
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

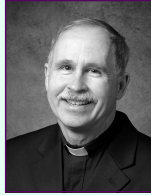
Weekdays Mon., Wed., Fri. 9:00 a.m. | Tues. & Thurs. 6:30 a.m. | First Sat. 7:30 a.m.
Tues. 6:00 p.m. (Spanish)
Tues. & Thurs. (School days only): 8:15 a.m. in the school

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,

God blessed us with a beautiful day for our parish festival. The weather was perfect, the events were wonderful. All those who participated enjoyed themselves. We held the festival on Saturday because of the Chiefs' game Sunday. With the rain Sunday afternoon, that only confirmed the wisdom of that decision. What we will do next year remains to be seen.



Fr. Mike

Important Notice Fr. Mike Scully will be hearing confessions **Wed, Sept 25** from **10:00am-12:00noon** and **1:00-5:00pm**.

There will be **NO Reconciliation** on **Wed, Sept. 25** at **5:30pm**.

Mass Intentions For The Week

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Monday	9:00 a.m.	Ginny Shepard
Tuesday	6:30 a.m.	Spec Int - Ismert Family
	5:30 p.m.	Don Heider (Spanish)
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Marlene Golub
Thursday	6:30 a.m.	Peter Nguyen
Friday	9:00 a.m.	Herminia Villegas (All School)
Saturday	7:30 a.m.	No Mass
	5:00 p.m.	Kevin Haeusser
Sunday	7:30 a.m.	Paul Hittner
	9:00 a.m.	Ken VanBooven
	11:00 a.m.	Josephine Golub
	2:00 p.m.	People of the Parish (Spanish)

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:
Twenty-Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time:
 Amos 6:1A, 4-7; 1 Timothy 6:11-16;
 Luke 16:19-31.

REST IN PEACE: Prayers are requested for **Winie Beisser**, mother of Chris Beisser.

Please Pray for Those Asking for Prayers:
 Miriam Gurney, Patricia Honas, Becky Mend,
 Tami, Joan Monley, Margaret & Bernie Ruckh,
 Lyette Schuchardt, Jim Schumm, and Michelle
 White.

Stewardship Reflection September 22, 2013

“You cannot serve both God and mammon.”
Luke 16:13

In the statement above, Jesus is telling us that we cannot serve both God and money. In today's society, it can be so easy for us to be driven by the money and possessions that we have or hope to have. But, as stewards, it is our responsibility to use our blessings – our money and material goods – in ways that further the kingdom of God.

Volunteer Opportunity

Do you enjoy counting things? Do you find a particular satisfaction in using your arithmetic skills? Do your numbers always add up ... at least most of the time? Counting the Sunday collection is an essential part of parish administration and we can always use help. If you would like to know more, contact Mark Engen in the Church Office.

Financial Update

	Sept 8	Fiscal YTD
Weekly Offering Needed	\$27,521	\$275,622
Weekly Offering Received	26,264	280,015
Over/(Under)	(1,257)	4,393
 Special Donations	 611	 11,581
 Restricted Assets as of Aug 31	 Calculated Monthly	
Parish Endowment-Restricted	\$71,771	
School Endowment-Restricted	\$32,037	
Capital Campaign-Restricted	\$241,974	
 Liabilities as of Aug 31	 Calculated Monthly	
Current—Archdiocese of KCKS	\$498,272	
Long term—St. James Academy	\$481,588	

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."

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



Six Dates for Catholic Couples:

helps couples strengthen their marriage by encouraging them to make time to enjoy each other's company. Dating is a ritual that comes naturally to all couples. Unfortunately, as years go by in a marriage, this practice is often neglected. This program provides thought-provoking materials for six dates. Spouses start their date by coming to the church where they view a brief (12-15 minute) video and then continue on their date. The videos blend candid interviews with couples, real situations, questions, scriptural stories and references to Church teachings. A **brief** organizational and informational meeting will take place **Friday Sept. 27 at 7 p.m in Lickteig Hall**. The meeting will probably last only 30 minutes, enough time to explain the details and set up the six dates.



Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Weekend will be **Sat. Oct 5 through Sun. Oct.6**. We will be collecting after the 5:00pm, 7:30am, 9:00am and 11:00am Masses. All proceeds go to support Kansas Special Olympics and two Johnson County charities for the intellectually challenged.

Knights Omelet Breakfast will be the 3rd Sunday, **Oct. 20** this month due to the Women of Holy Cross Casino Night on Sat. Oct 12. We will return to the 2nd Sunday Omelet Breakfast Nov 10.

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



Young Adults: You are invited to a potluck **Sat, Oct 5 at 6:30pm** in Lickteig Hall. This is an opportunity to meet other **Young Adults (ages 18-40 yrs)**, to learn about the Young Adult's Bible study and to discuss other opportunities for involvement. We ask that those whose last names begin with the letter A-H bring a meat dish, letter I-O bring a side dish and P-Z bring a dessert. Kids are welcome too. Please contact Becky Dixon 961-5538 if you have any questions. An RSVP is appreciated, but not required.



Pet Blessing: We will ask God's blessing on our pets on **Sat., Oct. 5 at 10:00 am**. Valley View Methodist and Overland Park Baptist churches will join us. It will take place in the field between Valley View and our parking lot. Please join us with your furry/feathered friends.



Casino Night: Join us on **Oct. 12** beginning at 6:30 pm in the Church Hall. Tickets will be on sale Oct 28/29 after masses. 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.



ADORATION CHAPEL: "Could you not watch one hour with me?" **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.

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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Catechetical Sunday will be celebrated **Sun, Sept 29** during the **9:00 am, 11:00 am and 2:00pm Masses**. We celebrate and bless all those people who teach the children, youth and adults in the parish. During mass Fr. Mike will call these people forth for a blessing. Please continue to keep these people in prayer throughout the coming year.

Religious Education

Reminder: There will be **NO classes on Sept. 24**. We encourage your family to attend the Parish Mission happening that night.

Needed: We are in need of **catechists and classroom aides** to be subs for classes in our **afternoon** Religious Education program. For questions or to volunteer, contact Karla Melgar at 381-2757 ext 140

Confirmation



Confirmation classes begin on Sunday, Sept. 29. If you are beginning your second year in the program, you must reregister. If this is your first year, contact Sandy to see if space is available at 381-2757 ext.118. The High School class is closed! Registration fee is \$75 per year in the program.

Class Times: 7th & 8th grade classes meet from 6:00-7:30pm
High School classes will be from 2:30-4:00pm (**Please note time change!**)



Middle School Youth Group: We haven't forgotten you! Middle School Youth Group is scheduled to begin first Monday in **October**. Look for more details to come!



High School Youth Group: We will meet Wed. Sept 25, Oct 2, 9 and 16. We meet downstairs in the youth room. All high schoolers are welcome! Come check us out!



SNACKS NEEDED: We need snacks for our youth ministry food pantry. We are out of **EVERYTHING!** We welcome any donation of chips, cookies, chocolate and 2 liters of pop. Just drop them off at the church.

School News

Visit Holy Cross EEC's (Early Education Center) Book Fair this week. Start your holiday shopping early!

Trash bags can be picked up on Fri. Sept. 27 from 3-6:00pm, or Sat, Sept. 28 from 9am-12pm in the church parking lot.



Thanks for collecting Box Tops for Holy Cross School! There are more than 240 Box Tops for Education brands, including Cheerios, Betty Crocker, Pillsbury, Kleenex, and Ziploc. For every one you clip and collect we get 10 cents! Drop them off in the basket on the bulletin board in the narthex or the mailbox cubby by the office.



Life Chain is **Sunday, October 6th from 1:30 - 2:30 PM** along 95th Street. Life Chain is an annual one hour

nationwide peaceful, prayerful hour of prayer on public sidewalks supporting the dignity of and right to life. Locally over 100 churches are participating and nearly 1,000 statewide. A choice of pre-printed signs will be available on-site. All are encouraged to attend. It is required that babies and young children be secured in strollers, backpacks or held and that no one sits on or gets close to the curbs. For more information contact Becky Dixon at 913-961-5538 or simply show up as the group from our church assembles at 1:30 that day in front of Holy Cross Catholic School.

There will be a diaper drive in conjunction with the Life Chain. Donated items support area Crisis Pregnancy Centers. Drop off tables will be located at the SW Corner of 95th and Antioch. Diapers from newborn to size 5 are needed.



It is official, Omaha, NE is where we are going for **Mission Trip 2014!** It will take place **July 5 through July 12**. We have 40 spots available. The mission trip is open to incoming freshman to freshman in college (1st year post high school). The total cost of the trip will be **\$455**. This includes tool supplies and free day event (minus meals on travel days and free day). The **deposit** to hold your spot for the trip is **\$85**. This is non-refundable unless there is someone to fill your spot. For more info contact Sandy at sschluter@holycrossopks.org



You can volunteer to provide direct service to the homeless of Kansas City through Project Uplift! Holy Cross volunteers are needed to support Project Uplift by distributing food and supplies to the homeless at various stops in downtown Kansas City on the **first Monday** of the month. Meet at Holy Cross at 4:25pm to ride to Project Uplift and return to Holy Cross at about 9:30pm. Eat dinner prior and dress appropriate for the weather. Contact Mary Lambrechts at 469-1339 or marylamb@kc.surewest.net to volunteer.

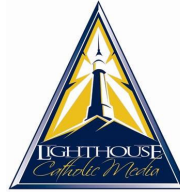


WOMEN OF HOLY CROSS

Women of Holy Cross Membership: Every woman in our parish is a member of the Women of Holy Cross organization. We understand that not all women are able to be "active" members so we hope that you will support the things that we do by returning the envelope in your packet with your **\$10 dues**. Some of the services we provide the Church Community include serving funeral dinners, coffee and donut Sundays and helping at the Festival. Become active with the Women of Holy Cross by joining one of the seven different **Women Circles**. Contact Margi Foley at 381-8145 to find out more about the Women Circles or for any questions you may have.



HELP NEEDED to expand the **Holy Cross Stewardship Garden!** On Saturday, **October 19th** starting at **12:30**, we'll build **11 new garden beds** and fill them with rich soil for next year's growing season. This year's impressive harvest was donated to the Catholic Charities Food Pantry. Next year's can be truly bountiful! Bring a shovel and work gloves, a wheelbarrow if you have one. Drop in or stay the whole time. Service hour opportunity. For more info, contact Christy L'Esperance: dclesperance@hotmail.com or 913-642-8456. (Check us out on Facebook at "Holy Cross Stewardship Garden.")



Lighthouse Catholic Media CDs ...

CD of the Week - According to Scripture, every one of us is called to "pray without ceasing." We've been saying prayers all our lives. But are we really praying? Pick up this CD in the kiosk at the back of church and hear internationally known speaker Matthew Leonard lay out the practical steps to achieve union with God through deep prayer, even in the midst of this busy world. Questions? Call Brenda Scruggs 913-649-6442.



From **September 25 - November 3**, our community will take part in **40 Days for Life** ... a groundbreaking, coordinated international pro-life mobilization to end abortion in our city – and beyond. You're invited to peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil outside of Planned Parenthood at 4401 W. 109th Street in Overland Park, Kansas, and also to help spread the word about this important community outreach. For more information, please go to the 40 Days for Life website: www.40daysforlife.com/overlandpark and click on the Planned Parenthood link.

Project Rachel Healing Sessions: Support group for those hurting from an abortion experience is offered the end of September in Overland Park. Registration is required. **Free & Confidential.** Call Patricia at 621-2199 or email projectrachelkc@archkck.org for details.



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.**

PARISH MISSION

FR. MIKE SCULLY, OFM CAP.



- ◆ RADIO PERSONALITY
- ◆ AUTHOR
- ◆ YOUTH MINISTER

HOLY CROSS PARISH
6311 WEST 93RD STREET
SEPTEMBER 21 - 25, 2013

Father Mike Scully, O.F.M.Cap. has spent many of his years of ministry working with youth as a religion teacher, high school administrator, youth pastor, and parish pastor. In talks and retreats for high school and college youth, his presentation, "Rock Music and Leadership," has been presented to over 30,000 young people. He has written several books, has given many parish retreats and recollection days, and conducted many Adult Faith Formation classes. Father Mike Scully, O.F.M. Cap. is currently serving as Pastor of St. John's the Evangelist Church in Lawrence, Kansas.

Fr. Mike Scully will be speaking at all Masses on September 21 & 22

Parish Mission Schedule

Sunday, September 22, 2013, 4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Special Presentation for Parents and Grandparents
"Ten Things Every Parents Should Know About Their Teenager"

Location: Lickteig Parish Hall (Basement of Church)

Sunday, September 22, 2013, 7:00 p.m.

"Your Life Should Include the Presence of God"

Location: Holy Cross Church

The goal of the spiritual life is to make God a true force in our lives. We are required to make a real effort in order to accomplish it. In particular, we have to choose to follow God by re-writing our maps of reality to include God more in our lives. Christians choose Jesus Christ to be their guide as they bring about God's presence.

Monday, September 23, 2013, 7:00 p.m.

"The Challenge of Our Modern Day to the Presence of God"

Location: Holy Cross Church

As we speak of the presence of God, the major problem we encounter is selfishness. We must discover that the Holy Spirit is at work in our lives and that even though we are "wounded people," the grace of God will never let us down. Our discussion will include both the reality of our selfish desires and how to overcome them.

Tuesday, September 24, 2013, 7:00 p.m.

"The Future of the Presence of God in our Lives"

Location: Holy Cross Church

Christians always have a basic hope in the future because they can do things in order to ensure the presence of God. Our discussion will include the top ten helps to lead a spiritual life, addressing specifically the way your spiritual life can be right now.

Wednesday, September 25, 2013, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon, 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

An Opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation

Location: Holy Cross Church

Wednesday, September 25, 2013, 7:00 p.m.

Rock Music and Leadership (especially for high school youth)

Location: Lickteig Parish Hall (Basement of Church)



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, 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:

El Señor nos bendijo el pasado sábado, con un día extraordinario para celebrar nuestro Festival. El tiempo estuvo perfecto y los eventos maravillosos. Todos los que participaron pasaron un buen rato.

Tuvimos el Festival el sábado, porque los *Chiefs* jugaban el domingo, pero con la lluvia que cayó ese día, confirmamos la buena decisión que hicimos. Lo que haremos el próximo año, se decidirá entonces.

Fr. Mike

INTENCIONES PARA LAS MISAS: Martes 9/24, 6:00 p.m.: Don Heider
Domingo 9/29, 2:00 p.m.: Personas de la Parroquia

LECTURAS PARA COMPARTIR LA FE: 26° Domingo Ordinario
Amós 6:1, 4-7; 1 Timoteo 6:11-16; Lucas 16:19-31

NOTA: La Misa de las 6pm., del martes 24 de Sept. solamente, empezará a las 5:30pm.

ATENCIÓN: A partir del domingo, 6 de Octubre, la Misa del domingo en español será a la **1 pm.** Además, la Reconciliación de los domingos será de **12:15pm.-1pm.**

EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA

Recordatorio: NO habrán clases para ningún Programa, el martes, 24 de Sept. Todavía necesitamos catequistas voluntarios y ayudantes para el Programa de la Tarde. Llamen a Karla Melgar, 381-2757, ext.140, kmelgar@holycrossopks.org., ó Denise Suárez, 381-2757, ext.119.

CONFIRMACIÓN:

Las clases de Confirmación empezarán el domingo, 29 de Sept. Horario de las clases: *Grados 7 y 8, 6pm.-7:30pm. Escuela Superior, 2:30pm-4pm.* (Noten el **cambio de horario**). Si este es su segundo año, **tiene que matricularse.** Si es su primer año, llamen a Sandy, 381-2757, ext.118, para ver si hay espacio. Costo \$75, al matricularse.

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

Semillas del Reino: Ya vuelve a empezar el 26 de Sept., este curso de preparación de sacramentos para adultod de 18 años y más, que no han recibido algunos de los sacramentos (Bautismo, Primera Comunión y Confirmación). Hay cupo limitado. Para inscribirse llamen a la Oficina del Ministerio Hispano, 281-6644.

Ministerios Litúrgicos: Curso de capacitación de Ministerios Litúrgicos organizados por la Parroquia de Todos los Santos, KCK. Los sábados, 6:30pm.-9pm., empezando el 5 de Oct. 2013. El Padre Franco avisa que deben inscribirse con anterioridad, 371-1837.

Proyecto Raquel y José: Grupo de apoyo para personas que hayan perdido un ser querido por accidente, enfermedad, parto prematuro o aborto. En el sótano de la Rectoría de Holy Cross, lunes 7-9pm., empezando Sept.8. Llamen a Ludys Velázquez, 748-1836. También en el Ministerio Hispano, KCK, martes, 7-9pm., empezando Agosto 27. Llamen a Ismelda Marroquín, 244-1745.