

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
Rectory: 341-5618

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PARISH STAFF

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Director Liturgy & Music: Rick Worms
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MASSES:

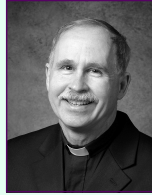
Weekend Sat. Vigil 5:00 p.m., Sun. 7:30, 9:00, 11:00 a.m., and 1:00 p.m. (Spanish)
Nursery - 11:00 a.m., and 1:00 p.m. Masses

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,



Once in a while, someone will ask me about the Church’s position on cremation. At one time, it was forbidden, since those who chose it appeared to deny the resurrection. Since that is no longer the case, the Church now permits it. There is even a prayer specifically geared towards the burial of the ashes. At the same time, the Church asks that the ashes be buried, and not scattered in a lake or otherwise disposed of. While the Church permits cremation, it still encourages burial of the body, rather than cremation, because of the long tradition of burial of the body in Christian history.

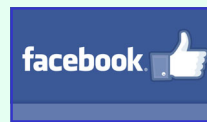
Fr. Mike

Stewardship Reflection November 17, 2013

“By your perseverance you will secure your lives.” Luke 19:9-10

Today’s Gospel is a story of persecution and most of us today are fortunate enough to not be persecuted to any great extent because of our faith. This closing statement, however, can also provide some motivation for our stewardship. If we are persistent in being a steward, we are showing our commitment to live the life of a disciple and thus secure our own place in God’s kingdom.

Stewardship Opportunity



We are looking for people to help us create and maintain a Facebook page for Holy Cross. If you have the time, talent and interest in this stewardship opportunity, please contact the Church Office.



Monday	9:00 a.m.	Sister Agnes
Tuesday	6:30 a.m.	Cheri Burchett
	8:15 a.m.	James Blake (at school)
	6:00 p.m.	World Peace (Spanish)
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Paul Nguyen Van Che
Thursday	6:30 a.m.	Spec Int-John Highland
Friday	9:00 a.m.	Bill Bronson (All School)
Saturday	7:30 a.m.	No Mass
	5:00 p.m.	Marcia Werp
	Sunday	7:30 a.m.
	9:00 a.m.	Herminia Villegas
	11:00 a.m.	Kevin Haeusser
	1:00 p.m.	People of the Parish (Spanish)

Financial Update

	Nov 10	Fiscal
YTD		
Weekly Offering Needed	\$25,497	\$544,143
Weekly Offering Received	25,753	499,766
Over/(Under)	256	(44,377)

Special Donations	490	22,588
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Restricted Assets as of Oct 30	Calculated Monthly
Parish Endowment-Restricted	\$71,771
School Endowment-Restricted	\$32,037
Capital Campaign-Restricted	\$241,974

Liabilities as of Oct 30	Calculated Monthly
Current—Archdiocese of KCKS	\$485, 773
Long term—St. James Academy	\$476, 906

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

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



READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe :
2 Sam 5:1-3; Col 1:12-20; Luke 23:35-43



Please Pray for Those Asking for Prayers:
Lyette Schuchardt, Sean Trompeter, Thuy Yong and Tami.



REST IN PEACE: Prayers are requested for **Rita Yoksh**, mother of Robert Yoksh



Mass on Thanksgiving Day will be at **9:00 am**. There will be **no 6:30am Mass**.



Due to the holidays, the **deadline** for **announcements** for the **11/24 and 12/1** bulletin will be this **Tues, 11/19** at **9:00 am**. If you have any questions, please contact Carol Morris 381-2755 ext. 122.

HELP US GET READY FOR CHRISTMAS!

Once again this year, we want to make sure that every Holy Cross family member has a gift to open and a meal to enjoy this Christmas. Do you know someone in our parish, who will need assistance this Christmas? Please call the Church Office right away and let us know even if that someone is you. All information will be held in confidence. Families or individuals who are not Holy Cross parishioners will be referred to Catholic Charities. We will provide assistance based on the information relayed back to us and available resources. Watch for more information about St. Benedict Circle's *Angel Tree*.

Community Thanksgiving Service



Join us for a multicultural, ecumenical service to give thanks to God for our many blessings!

Date: **Sun. November 24**
 Time: **7:00 pm**
 Location: First Baptist Church of Overland Park
 8200 W 96th St
 (Behind Holy Cross School)

Service includes:
 Holy Cross Catholic Church
 Valley View United Methodist Church
 First Baptist Church of Overland Park
 Kansas New Vision Church

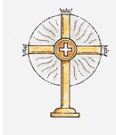


Thanksgiving Turkey Drive
Can You Help?

In place of our regular food collection for the Catholic Charities Emergency Assistance Center, Holy Cross will be collecting **FROZEN TURKEYS** for the Food Pantry on the weekend of Nov. 23/24. Rather than shop for groceries, please purchase one frozen turkey. Simply place it in the designated container, located in the narthex, when you come to Mass. We can only accept frozen turkeys after the Masses that weekend. In gratitude, let us share our abundance with others.



Thanksgiving Pies Needed: Holy Cross brings pies for the Thanksgiving meal served at St. Mary's Food Kitchen. If you can provide a pie please call Nadine at 888-6025.



ADORATION CHAPEL: OPEN HOURS: Sun 9-10am, 2-3pm; Mon 2-3am; Tues 9:00-10pm; 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.



Boy Scout Troop 251 Annual Cinnamon Roll Sale will be Dec 14 & 15.

Pre-orders will be taken after all masses Dec 7 & 8 or you can call Terry Dressman 599-4725 to place your order. Cost: \$20 a dozen or \$10 for a small pan (4+ rolls).

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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ADVENT REFLECTION

The Coming of Christ
According to St. Matthew
Reflections upon Gospel
Readings During the Advent
and Christmas seasons.

Date: Wed., Dec 4
Time: 7:00 pm
Location: Church

Presented by: Fr. Mike Stubbs



Celebration: Our Parish's Largest Fundraiser

Celebration 2013 raised over \$100,000! Help us make Celebration 2014 even more successful! Here are some ways to be part of Celebration 2014!

Silent Auction

Silent Auction is part of the event with various rooms setup with different themes (Ladies, Men, Kids, Sporting Goods, Home & Garden, etc.) To support the Silent Auction we have the **Giving Tree** that will be at the church narthex and school office. Please take a leaf from the Giving Tree and bring your unwrapped donation to the church or school. The Giving Tree is meant to give ideas, but feel free to solicit a service from a business that isn't on the tree. Tax deductible donation forms are available at the church and school. Questions? John & Melissa Schultz 515-2043 melissatvschultz@gmail.com

Confirmation



Confirmation classes meet this Sunday... 2:30 pm for high school students, 6pm for middle school. Please note class time change for next week: **On Sunday, Nov 24th, all Confirmation students should**

plan to attend the Ecumenical Prayer Service at First Baptist Church, located at 8200 W 96th Street (behind Holy Cross school). Parents should drop students off AT FIRST BAPTIST at **6:45pm**. Parents are welcome to attend service with us, or plan for pick up at 8:15 pm from First Baptist Church.

Photo Booth Sponsorship

Be part of Celebration! Place your bid to have your company name printed on EVERY photo booth picture taken the night of Celebration. Bids start at \$300 and are due by November 30. Please direct any questions regarding sponsorship or photo booth to Amy Briscoe at 322-8117 or amybriscoe@hotmail.com

Religious Education



NO Classes: We will NOT have classes **Tues, Nov 19** due to the Reconciliation Services. We will meet again on Tues, Nov 26.

Table Sponsorship

This is a great way to not only support the Holy Cross community but a fantastic opportunity to advertise your business to the families and friends of Holy Cross Parish and School. There are multiple sponsorship levels. We hope you will be able to join Celebration by purchasing a table and being a sponsor. For questions or to be a sponsor, call Amy Briscoe at 322-8117 or amybriscoe@hotmail.com



First Reconciliation will be celebrated **Mon., Nov. 18** and **Wed Nov 20** at **7:00 p.m.** with about 85 children and their families. Please arrive before 7:00pm. Childcare will be available. Please remember these children and their families in your prayers.



Capital Campaign News

Come join us! Come join us for an informational event to acquaint the Holy Cross community with the details of the Capital Campaign. The presentations will include a virtual tour of the proposed renovation of the worship area as well as the specifics of the church roof repair and the debt retirement. Most importantly you will learn how you can be an integral part of the success of this historic event. This is a great opportunity to get answers to your questions. Food and drink will be provided for both adults and children. **So bring the entire family!**

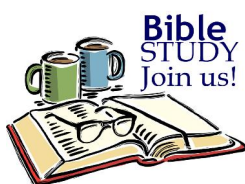
All events are in Lickteig Hall after Mass:

Sunday, Nov. 24, 9:00 AM Mass

Sunday, Nov. 24, 11:00 AM Mass



Mission 2013 is set! Omaha, here we come! We travel to Omaha, NE July 5-12th, 2014. Though it may not seem we are going far, we will still be serving God's people even though we are a little closer to home. Our free day activity this year will be the Omaha zoo. We will be taking 34 teens and 6 chaperones. Be sure to turn in your registration and deposit ASAP so that you can take part in our planned fundraisers. Forms are located on the bulletin board in the narthex. We will be working again with Catholic Heart Workcamp, and this is a Next-Level camp for those who were wondering.

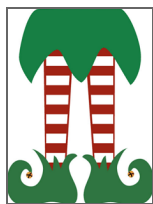


Bible STUDY
Join us!

Sunday Morning Bible

Study on the Mass Readings is being held **every Sunday at 10:00 am-10:50am** in **room 1** in the church basement. Why come?

Because we want to get to know Jesus more intimately, increase our participation at mass and build up the Body of Christ. All invited! Childcare is a possibility. To learn more about childcare, contact Maria Lui 816-392-6370



Christmas Fun For Your Little Ones!

Elfina, the little elf, will be back again this year! Come enjoy a morning of crafts and cookies on **Sat, Dec 7** from **9-10:30 am** at **Holy Cross School**. All are welcome to come!



Viviano Variety Benefit Show
Please join us for the **29th annual Viviano Variety Benefit Show**, benefiting Catholic Charities Foundation of Northeast Kansas, on **Saturday, November 23**, at Rockhurst High School's Rose Theatre. The variety show will feature music, dance, singing and more by renowned performers. Tickets are \$35 for reserved seats and \$25 for open seating. Dinner begins at 4:30 p.m. with the show following at 7 p.m. To purchase tickets or learn more, please call Meighan on 913.433.2033 or mwang@catholiccharitiesks.org. **You can also purchase tickets at Holy Cross Church Office.**



Lighthouse Catholic Media CDs ...

CD of the Week: **"Discerning God's Will"** "How do I know what God wants?" can be a tough topic for people of all ages. In his talk, Fr. Larry Richards shares personal stories, practical steps and sound advice for

the process of discernment. Fr. Larry encourages all of us to dedicate ourselves to living the life that God has planned for us. Look for this and other great CDs on the kiosk in the back of church. Questions? Call Brenda Scruggs 649-6442

Want to join a CD discussion group for your faith formation? It's like a book club--only you can listen to a CD instead of reading a book--listen as you drive, do dishes or any time. Then log in and share your thoughts and read what others have learned. Go to www.flocknote.com/holycrossopks, subscribe to "Lighthouse CDs" and join the fun. Questions? Call Brenda Scruggs 649-6442



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.**



Ascension Marketplace: Come join us on **Fri, Nov 22 7:00-10:00pm** and **Sat, Nov 23 9:00am-3:00pm** at **Church of the Ascension, 9510 W 127st.** Community vendors will share their wares in the Parish Hall. Jewelry, children's gifts, religious items, bath and beauty products, home décor, scrapbooking supplies, food items, health services and unique Christmas gifts and baskets will be available for purchase. More in contact Francie at 681-3348 or francie@kcasension.org



Training for working with the IHN (Interfaith Hospitality Network) homeless program will be **Saturday, Nov 23** from 9:30-12 noon at St. Thomas the Apostle Episcopal Church, 12251 Antioch. For more info call Shirley Maxwell 897-2127 or samaxwell@sbcglobal.net



A Ministry of the Benedictine Sisters

Holiday Grief Group for men and women will meet 3 Wednesday - **Nov 20, Dec 4, and 11** from 1:30-2:45 pm at **Keeler Women's Center, 2220 Central Ave, KCK.** The loss of a loved one is always painful. Holiday time brings lots of memories and we may be especially aware of our losses. The group will help men and women address losses recent and in the past. Call 913-906-8990 to register.

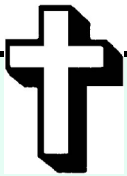


Rockhurst University's choruses celebrate the holiday season with a performance of *Ceremony of Lessons and Carols* on **Saturday, Dec 7 at 7:00 pm** in **St. Francis Xavier Church, 52nd and Troost, Kansas City, MO.** Based on the 1918 King's College, Cambridge University original, the concert includes traditional and non-traditional seasonal music, scriptural readings representing the Christmas story, a candlelit rendition of "Silent Night" and the signature finale, "O Holy Night". The concert is **FREE**. Please bring a nonperishable food, child's toy or grooming product for families in need. Register your attendance call 816-501-4828 or Cynthia.cartwright@rockhurst.edu



Flocknote A new communication tool Holy Cross is using to keep you update with events, activities and news within our community. Check it out at www.flocknote/holycrossopks or text "**hcop**" to **84576** and subscribe today!

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:

De vez en cuando, alguien me pregunta por la posición de la Iglesia sobre la cremación. En tiempos pasados, ésto era prohibido, ya que aquéllos que la escogieran parecía que estaban negando la resurrección. Porque aquéllo no es válido, la iglesia permite las cremaciones. Existe hasta una oración guiada especialmente hacia el entierro de las cenizas.

Al mismo tiempo, la iglesia pide que las cenizas sean enterradas, que no sean esparcidas en un lago u otro lugar. Mientras la iglesia permite las cremaciones, todavía nos anima a enterrar los cuerpos, en vez de las cenizas, por la tradicional forma de enterrar los cuerpos en la historia Cristiana. **Fr. Mike**

INTENCIONES PARA LAS MISAS: Martes 11/19, 6:00 p.m.: Paz Mundial
Domingo 11/24, 1:00 p.m.: Personas de la Parroquia

LECTURAS PARA COMPARTIR LA FE: *Nuestro Señor Jesucristo, Rey del Universo* - 2 Samuel 5:1-3; Colosenses 1:12-20; Lucas 23:35-43

EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA:

Clases de la Tarde, 4:30-5:45pm.: **NO CLASES**, debido a los servicios de Reconciliación. Volveremos a reunirnos el martes, Nov. 26.

Clases de la Noche, 6:45pm.-8:15pm.: **NO CLASES**, debido a los servicios de Reconciliación. Volveremos a reunirnos el martes, Nov.26.

Familias Creciendo Juntas en la Fe: Celebraremos la Primera Reconciliación este lunes, Nov.18, a las 7pm., para niños en el programa de la Tarde y niños en RE clases de la Escuela HC. El miércoles, Nov. 20, a las 7pm., celebraremos la Reconciliación para los niños del Programa Familiar. Planeen llegar antes de las 7pm. Tendremos sacerdotes adicionales para que los familiares puedan participar también. Tendremos cuidado de niños en el Nursery. Favor de conservar en sus oraciones a estos 85 niños y sus familiares.

CONFIRMACIÓN:

Horario de las clases: Escuela Superior, 2:30pm-4pm. Grados 7 y 8, 6pm.-7:30pm. (Noten el cambio de horario).

Tarjetas de Regalos de Navidad: Este esfuerzo de nuestra parroquia proveerá con tarjetas de regalos a familias con necesidad. Si usted o alguien de nuestra parroquia necesita asistencia, favor de llamar a nuestra oficina, **durante el horario en español, 381-2755**. Proveeremos la asistencia basándonos en la información que ustedes nos den y los recursos que tengamos disponibles. Las personas o familias que no sean miembros de Holy Cross serán puestos en lista de espera y se les recomendará que llamen al Johnson County Christmas Bureau: 341-4348 y se apunten con ellos también.

CINE - Convivencia: Los miembros de las Comunidades de CINE, organizan una Tardeada de Thanksgiving, el domingo, 24 de Nov., 3-6pm., en el Ministerio Hispano. Entrada libre. Habrán juegos para adultos y niños. Comida de "traje" compartida, música, etc.

Novena de la Virgen de Guadalupe: Empezará el próximo 3 de Dic. hasta el día 10 de Dic., 7 pm., en la iglesia. Con la excepción del miércoles, 4 de Dic., cuándo nos reuniremos en los salones 5A-B, en el basement de la iglesia. El día 11 de Dic., la Novena será a las 10:30pm., seguida por la Misa.

MISAS EN ESPAÑOL:
domingos, 1:00 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: 5:15pm.-6pm.,
y domingos: 12:15-1pm.

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 la 1:00 p.m. Padres y padrinos deben asistir a una clase de preparación, el primer sábado de cada mes. **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:**
martes: 2-6pm
miércoles y jueves:2-5pm