

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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Sr. Maria Orozco, S.C.L., 381-2755

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 1:00 p.m. (Spanish)
Nursery - 11:00 a.m., and 1:00 p.m. Masses

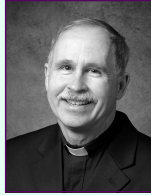
Weekdays Mon., Wed., Fri. 9:00 a.m. | Tues. & Thurs. 6:30 a.m. | First Sat. 7:30 a.m.
Tues. 6:00 p.m. (Spanish)
Tues. & Thurs. (School days only): 8:15 a.m. in the school

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,

Sometimes the evening before a funeral, a vigil service will take place as part of the wake. At other times, a rosary will be said. Why is that? Centuries ago, it was traditional to pray Vespers, or Evening Prayer, during the wake. That still is usually done for priests, monks and nuns. However, on those occasions when there was no one available to lead Vespers, the rosary was frequently substituted, since it is less complicated. The revised Rite of Christian Burial now provides a vigil service. It is especially appropriate when those present are not familiar with the rosary. The Rite also provides Vespers, or Evening Prayer. It is still more complicated, and so is less commonly used.



Fr. Mike

Stewardship Reflection November 24, 2013

“He is the head of the body, the church.”

Colossians 1:18

This statement from today’s 2nd reading identifies Jesus as the head of the church. As members of the church, we are disciples of Jesus and are called to live our lives by following His teachings. Part of our call as a member of the church and a disciple of Jesus is to live as a steward, sharing our gifts of time, talent and treasure with our church. As we prepare to begin a new church year next weekend, let’s spend some time thinking this week about how we can best share our gifts with Jesus and our church.

Stewardship Opportunity

With the holidays coming up, are you the person who always shows up with a camera or has your smart phone out taking pictures? Events are regularly going on at the parish and we would like to develop a list of photographers and videographers whom we could call on to help us document our parish life. If you are willing to help, let us know. Simply call or email the Church Office.



Monday	9:00 a.m.	All Souls in Tran Family
Tuesday	6:30 a.m.	Rita M. Yoksh
	6:00 p.m.	Spec Int-Thuy Yong (Spanish)
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Spec Int-John Highland
Thursday	9:00 a.m.	Bill Bronson
Friday	9:00 a.m.	Cecilia Ferwalt
Saturday	7:30 a.m.	No Mass
	5:00 p.m.	Peter R. Werp
Sunday	7:30 a.m.	Thomas Halfmann
	9:00 a.m.	Larry Nolan
	11:00 a.m.	Kassy DeGaetano
	1:00 p.m.	People of the Parish (Spanish)

Financial Update

	Nov 17	Fiscal YTD
Weekly Offering Needed	\$25,497	\$569,640
Weekly Offering Received	29,161	528,927
Over/(Under)	3,664	(40,713)

Special Donations	2,773	25,361
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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 website under “Stewardship Documents.”



READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: First Sunday of Advent: Isaiah 2:1-5; Roman 13:11-14; Matthew 24:37-44



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



REST IN PEACE: Prayers are requested for **Cecilia Ferwalt**, aunt of John Ferwalt



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



St. Benedict's Circle Christmas Angel Tree

St. Benedicts Circle will once again sponsor the Christmas Angel Tree.

This year the Angel Tree will benefit Holy Cross families in need. Tags will be requesting gift cards from Walmart, Target, HyVee and Price Chopper or personal checks made out to Holy Cross (please indicate "Angel Tree" in the memo section). Deadline is December 11th. If you have any questions, please call either Nora at 451-5749 or Pete at 451-3374.



Bunko Party: All women of Holy Cross are invited to join us in a fun evening, **Mon, Dec 2 at 7:00pm** in the church hall for Bunko, refreshments and prizes. Please RSVP to Kathleen Dickinson 642-1171 or Joann 642-5966 so that we know how many tables to set up. There will be a \$3.00 charge at the door.



Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion training will be **Wed., Dec. 11 from 7-8pm** in the Church. This will be a general training session for novices and a refresher for those who would like to be retrained. Call Terry Dressman 913-599-4725. with questions.

Capital Campaign News



Come join us for a **Prayer Service in church on Mon, Dec 2 at 7:00pm** dedicated to the growth of Holy Cross spirituality, the unity of our parish and the stewardship campaign. This will be a bilingual service. It will last about 40 minutes. If you cannot make it to the prayer service please consider praying for Holy Cross parish at the same time from your home.

Check It Out! Check out the video of Burton's Confession about the Capital Campaign on the parish website under the Stewardship tab. You can find the Virtual Tour video here too.



Each year the altar is beautifully decorated with **flowers** donated by parishioners in memory of their deceased loved ones. We invite you to **donate \$15 for flowers** for the Christmas environment. Please call the church office, 381-2755 or stop by during office hours to make a donation. Last day to order flowers will be **Wed. Dec. 18**.



The Book Discussion Group will meet on **Tues., Dec 3, 9:30 am**, in Room 1. The book will be *Defending Jacob* by William Landay.



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: Thank you for visiting the Adoration Chapel booth at the Ministry Fair. We acquired three additional adores in the chapel! **OPEN HOURS:** Sun 9-10am, 2-3pm; Mon 2-3am; Wed 11pm-12am. If you can help 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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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

Photo Booth Sponsorship

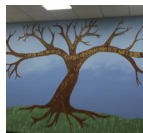
Be part of Celebration! Place your bid to have
your company name printed on EVERY photo
booth picture taken the night of Celebration.
Bids start at \$300 and are due by November 30.
Please direct any questions regarding
sponsorship or photo booth to Amy Briscoe at
322-8117 or amybriscoe@hotmail.com

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



Middle School Youth Group: We meet
Monday nights from 7-8:30pm in the
youth room. Remaining dates for 2013
are Nov 25, Dec 2, Dec 9, and Dec 16. No meetings on
Dec 23 or 30.



High School Youth Group: We meet Wed.
nights from 7-8:30pm. We meet downstairs
in the youth room. Our remaining dates for
2013 are Dec 4, Dec 11 and Dec 18. We
will NOT meet Nov 27, Dec 25 or Jan 1. Check the Holy
Cross website or Facebook events under Sandra K
Schluter for any last-minute activities over the break. All
high schoolers are welcome! Come check us out!

Confirmation

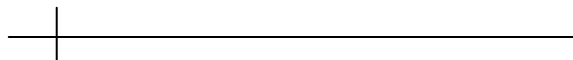


Confirmation classes will **not** meet
Sunday, Dec 1 due to the Thanksgiving
holiday. Classes resume Sunday, Dec 8.

Religious Education



We will meet Tues, Nov 26 from 4:30-
5:45pm. We will go over the Archdiocese
Child Protection Touch Safety. If you do not
want your child to participate, fill out the opt
out form sent home 2 weeks ago and return before Nov
26.

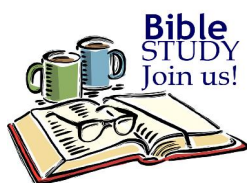




Next Youth Mass: The next youth led mass will be **Sun, Dec 15 at 11:00 am.** Come join us! We are looking for high school students and up to be ministers of the Eucharist, lectors, singers, musicians, ushers and gift bearers. If you are interested, contact Sandy Schluter at sschluter@holycrossopks.org or 205-0825. **You do not have to participate in youth group to help with mass.**

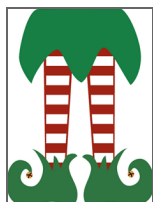


Mission 2013 is set! Omaha, here we come! We travel to Omaha, NE July 5-12th, 2014. Though it may not seem we are going far, we will still be serving God's people even though we are a little closer to home. Our free day activity this year will be the Omaha zoo. We will be taking 34 teens and 6 chaperones. 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 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



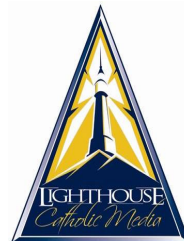
Christmas Fun For Your Little Ones! Elfina, the little elf, will be back again this year! Come enjoy a morning of crafts and cookies on **Sat, Dec 7 from 9-10:30 am** at **Holy Cross School.** All are welcome to come!



Give thanks. Give life.

Make a Miracle

Make a miracle. Be an organ, tissue and eye donor. The Church supports organ, tissue and eye donation as a gift of life and the expression of the highest stewardship ideals. We ask all members of the parish to consider this gift of life in the name of Christ, who gave His life, so that we might have life to the fullest. For more information, call the Midwest Transplant Network at 913-262-1668 or 888-744-4531, or email info@mwtn.org.



Lighthouse Catholic Media CDs ...

CD of the Week: "The Four Signs of a Dynamic Catholic" If you walk into any Catholic church next Sunday and look around, you will discover that some people are highly engaged, others are massively disengaged, and

the majority are somewhere in between. Why? What is the difference between highly engaged Catholics and disengaged Catholics? In this CD, Matthew Kelly believes if we truly want to engage Catholics and reinvigorate parish life, we must achieve the four components of the dynamic Catholic. 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.**



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.



St. James Academy Christmas Boutique-Ladies Night Out will

be **Thurs, Dec 5 6:00-9:00 pm** at St. James Academy 24505 Prairie Star Parkway, Lenexa KS. Please join us for a wonderful night of fun and fellowship and shopping! SJA Mom's Club will be hosting a Christmas Boutique with local artisans and boutiques for your "one stop shopping for your entire Christmas List"! Gift wrapping will be offered so you can place your purchases right under your Christmas tree! Shopping bags to the first 100 guests. Light snacks and drinks will be served.



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



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:

Algunas veces, la noche antes de un funeral, se celebra un servicio de vigilia como parte del velorio. Otras veces, se dice un Rosario. ¿Por qué es ésto?

Hace algunos siglos, el rezar las Vísperas o la Oración de la Noche durante el velorio era la costumbre. Esto todavía es la costumbre, dichas por los sacerdotes, monjes o monjas. Sin embargo, en ocasiones cuando no ha habido nadie para dirigir las Vísperas, el Rosario las sustituye frecuentemente, ya que es menos complicado. El revisado Rito del Entierro Cristiano, provee ahora un servicio de vigilia. Ésto es especialmente apropiado cuando aquéllos presente no están familiarizados con el Rosario. El Rito también provee las Vísperas, o la Oración de la Noche. Pero ésto es más complicado todavía y por eso no se usa comúnmente.

Fr. Mike

INTENCIONES PARA LAS MISAS: Martes 11/26, 6:00 p.m.: Intenciones Especiales - Thuy Yong
Domingo 12/1, 1:00 p.m.: Personas de la Parroquia

LECTURAS PARA COMPARTIR LA FE: 1er Domingo de Adviento

Isaías 2:1-5; Romanos 13:11-14; Mateo 24:37-44

EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA:

Clases de la Tarde, 4:30-5:45pm.: Nos reuniremos el martes, 26 de Nov., en el salón de la iglesia. El 1er año aprenderá sobre **El Programa de Protección para los Niños de Dios**. Hace dos semanas enviamos a las casas una hoja de exclusión para llenar, en caso que ustedes no deseen que su hijo(a) participe. Deben llenar esta hoja y entregarla firmada antes de Nov.26. Recuerden de comunicarse con nosotros si sus niños van a estar ausentes, favor de llamar a Karla Melgar, 381-2757, ext.140, kmelgar@holycrossopks.org., ó Denise Suárez, ext.119.

Clases de la Noche, 6:45pm.-8:15pm.: Seguiremos reuniéndonos en el salón de la iglesia, el martes, 26 de Nov. Aprenderemos sobre el **Programa de Protección para los Niños de Dios**. Habrán clases para los niños y para los padres. Si no pueden asistir, favor de llamar a Karla Melgar, 381-2787, ext.140, ó Denise Suárez, ext.119.

CONFIRMACIÓN:

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

No se olviden de visitar la sección de nuestro website para la Comunidad Hispánica, donde podrán observar un video que explica los propuestos los cambios y mejoras planeados para la iglesia.

Círculo San Benedicto: Los invita a todos a tomar una etiqueta de su *Árbol de Navidad del Ángel*, para ayudar a familias en necesidad estas Navidades. Éste *Árbol* estará en el vestíbulo de la iglesia el próximo fin de semana. Tomen una etiqueta y devuelvan una tarjeta de regalo de Walmart, Target, HyVee o Price Chopper. Devuelvan las tarjeta para el 11 de Diciembre.

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**. Proveremos 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.

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