

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
Rectory: 341-5618

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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

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

Religious Education Staff: 381-2757

Director - Pre.-Gr. 6: Karla Melgar
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Session Coordinator- Denise Suarez
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7917 W 95th St. 66212
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Assistant Director: Stefanie Bridges

Youth Ministries: 205-0825

Director: Sandy Schluter

Advocate for Annulments:

Rebeca Richmond, 671-8722

Catechist for Hispanic Adult Formation:

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.

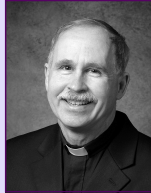
MARRIAGES: Six months notice required. Call the office for information.

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,

Advent is a time of looking forward. We look forward to Christmas, with all its festivities. Especially at the beginning of Advent, we look forward to the Second Coming of Christ, at the end of time. But perhaps we can also consider some ways for Christ to come more profoundly into our lives. That is something which can take place at any time of the year, not only now. Our parish will be providing an opportunity for that, just right before Lent begins. There will be a half-day retreat Saturday March 1 in English, and one in Spanish Saturday February 22. Mark your calendars.



Fr. Mike



Monday	9:00 a.m.	Frank Diskin
Tuesday	6:30 a.m.	Beatrice Rich
	8:15 a.m.	Spc Int-Fr. Robert Pflumm (at school)
	6:00 p.m.	Dionisio Lucas Castillo (Spanish)
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Antonio del Carmen
Thursday	6:30 a.m.	Dorothy & Sal Viviano
	8:15 a.m.	Spc Int-Thuy Yong
Friday	9:00 a.m.	Spc Int-Bereavement Group
Saturday	7:30 a.m.	Mary Suoi Tran
	5:00 p.m.	Tony Rinella
	1:00 p.m.	People of the Parish (Spanish)
Sunday	7:30 a.m.	Gregory & Albert Sustrick
	9:00 a.m.	Rose Dewey
	11:00 a.m.	Luella Goodnow



READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: Second Sunday of Advent: Is 11:1-10; Rom 15:4-9; Matt 3:1-12



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



Stewardship Reflection December 1, 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

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.

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

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.”

You make our parish life possible.
Thank You!



St. Benedict's Circle Christmas Angel Tree

St. Benedict's 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 11*. If you have any questions, please call either Nora at 451-5749 or Pete at 451-3374.



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.

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Anointing the sick

Mark your Calendar: We will have Anointing of the Sick at all Masses on **Dec 14 and 15.**



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.

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception will be moved from Dec 8 to Dec 9. (Dec 8 will be celebrated as the Second Sunday of Advent.) Because it has moved from its original date, it will **not** be a Holy Day of Obligation.



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.



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.



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.

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.

First Saturday Devotions will be on **Dec 7.** The rosary will be prayed at **7:05 am** before the 7:30 am mass. A presentation will be held in the church hall after mass. The speaker will be Fr. Anthony Williams.

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.

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

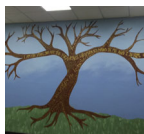
The Coming of Christ
According to St. Matthew
Reflections upon Gospel
Readings During the Advent
and Christmas seasons.

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

Presented by: Fr. Mike Stubbs



Middle School Youth Group: We meet Monday nights from 7-8:30pm in the youth room. Remaining dates for 2013 are 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, Dec 3 from 4:30-5:45pm. We will be learning about the Advent Season. We will celebrate the Rite of Welcome for children preparing for baptism. Remember, if your child will be absent for any reason, please call and let us know.



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



St. Mary's Food Kitchen: We served 391 dinners to those less fortunate on Nov 15. Thank you to everyone who provided food, helped serve and gave monetary donations.



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.**



Make a Miracle

Give thanks. Give life.

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.



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.

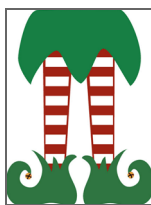


Lighthouse Catholic Media CDs ...

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



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!



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.



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.**



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!



Cinnamon Roll Order – Boy Scout Troop 251



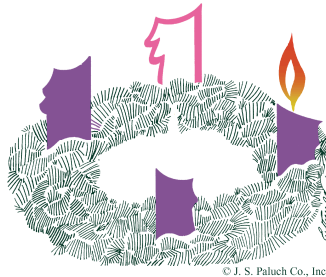
Delivery Dates: December 14-15, 2012

Rolls ordered circle: **Small Pack (4+ rolls) - ___ Qty \$10 a box**
 Large Pack (12 rolls) - ___ Qty \$20 a box
 Total:\$ _____ Paid or COD (Circle One)

Name on Order: _____

Phone Number: _____

Orders will be ready for pickup on the 14th after the 5:00 Mass and on the 15th after the 7:30, 9:00, 11:00 and 1:00 Spanish mass. Please return orders to Boy Scout Troop 251, located and chartered at



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:

Adviento es el tiempo para mirar hacia adelante. Miramos adelante por las Navidades, con todas las fiestas. Especialmente al principio del Adviento, miramos hacia adelante por la Segunda Venida de Cristo, al final del mundo. Pero quizás podemos también considerar algunas formas en que Cristo venga a nuestras vidas más profundamente. Esto es algo que puede llevarse acabo en cualquier tiempo del año, no solamente ahora. Nuestra parroquia estará dándoles una oportunidad para ésto, antes que empiece la Cuaresma. Tendremos un Retiro en español de medio día solamente, el sábado, Febrero 22, 2014. Planeen y marquen sus calendarios ahora.

Fr. Mike

INTENCIONES PARA LAS MISAS: Martes 11/26, 6:00 p.m.: Dionisio Lucas Castillo
 Domingo 12/1, 1:00 p.m.: Personas de la Parroquia

LECTURAS PARA COMPARTIR LA FE: 2º Domingo de Adviento
 Isaías 11:1-10; Romanos 15:4-9; Mateo 3:1-12

EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA:

Clases de la Tarde, 4:30-5:45pm.: Nos reuniremos el martes, 3 de Dic., en el salón de la iglesia. El 1er año aprenderá sobre *La Temporada de Adviento*. También realizaremos el *Rito de Bienvenida*. Esto es para los niños dentro del Programa que están siendo preparados para ser bautizados. Recuerden 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.

FAMILIAS CRECIENDO JUNTAS EN LA FE:

Clases de la Noche, 6:45pm.-8:15pm.: Seguiremos reuniéndonos en el salón de la iglesia, el martes, 3 de Dic. Aprenderemos sobre *La Temporada de Adviento*. También vamos a compartir acerca de la experiencia que tuvieron con el Sacramento de la Reconciliación. 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 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**. 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.

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.

Retiro de Adviento para CINE: Los integrantes de CINE celebrarán este Retiro de Adviento el sábado, 14 de Dic., de 9am.-3:30pm., en el Centro Pastoral del Salvador del Mundo. Los esperamos a todos.

Retiro de Adviento para Cursillos de Cristiandad: Los Cursillistas invitan a sus miembros a participar de este Retiro de Adviento el sábado, 21 de Dic., de 9am.-4pm., en el Centro Pastoral del Salvador des Mundo. Pasen este anuncio a todos los "De Colores".

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