

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

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
Assistant: Michelle Rieger
Session Coordinator- Denise Suarez
Confirmation Coordinator: Sandy Schluter

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Director: Penny Miller
Assistant Director: Stefanie Bridges

Youth Ministries: 205-0825

Director: Sandy Schluter

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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.

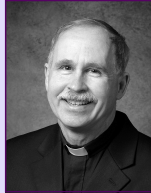
MARRIAGES: Six months notice required. Call the office for information.

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,

This year we are asking you to increase your contributions to the parish by 2%. We have been doing our best to keep our expenses down, but some cannot be avoided. For example, the Archdiocese levies taxes on us. This year, our assessment is going up 1.3% of our income. Just as you must pay individual income tax to the federal government, so also the parish must pay income tax to the Archdiocese.



Fr. Mike

Mass Intentions For The Week



Monday	9:00 a.m.	Jim Hadel (All School)
Tuesday	6:30 a.m.	Jorge Bulla
	6:00 p.m.	Peter Nguyen (Spanish)
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	John Sondy
	11:00 p.m.	World Peace (Spanish)
Thursday	6:30 a.m.	Spec Int -Thuy Yong
	9:00 a.m.	People of the Parish (All School)
Friday	9:00 a.m.	Edward Pelot
Saturday	7:30 a.m.	No Mass
	5:00 p.m.	Bob Havens
Sunday	7:30 a.m.	People of the Parish
	9:00 a.m.	Spec Int- Dennis & Kara Mataia
	11:00 a.m.	Ken VanBooven
	1:00 p.m.	In Thansksgiving (Spanish)



READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: Third Sunday of Advent: Isaiah 35:1-6A,10; James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11.



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



Stewardship Reflection December 8, 2013

“Welcome one another, then as Christ welcomed you, for the glory of God.” Romans 15:7

At the heart of our stewardship is Jesus’ command to love one another. This passage from Romans reminds us of our responsibility as Christians to welcome others. As we get caught up in the hustle and bustle of the coming weeks, we should make every attempt to stay as hospitable and welcoming as we can, always treating others with kindness and love.

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

	Dec 1	Fiscal YTD
Weekly Offering Needed	\$25,497	\$620,634
Weekly Offering Received	25,628	577,539
Over/(Under)	3,664	(43,095)
Special Donations	877	30,598
Restricted Assets as of Nov 30	Calculated Monthly	
Parish Endowment-Restricted	\$73,940	
School Endowment-Restricted	\$32,933	
Capital Campaign-Restricted	\$241,974	
Liabilities as of Nov 30	Calculated Monthly	
Current—Archdiocese of KCKS	\$485,773	
Long term—St. James Academy	\$473,845	

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.



Anointing the sick

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



ADORATION CHAPEL: Yes, there are just three OPEN HOURS in the chapel: Sun 2-3 pm; Mon 2-3am, 1-2 pm.; Wed 11pm-12am. All hours could use an additional commitment! Two or three could be gathered in His name! If you can help call Anne, 649-2049.



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.



St. Helen's Circle Meeting, Tues, Dec. 10 at 6:30 pm at Thais Fahy's home, 8514 W 88th St. Bring an appetizer and \$10 gift for gift exchange. New members welcome! For more info call 341-1184



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That's how many families were able to enjoy a turkey for Thanksgiving dinner thanks to you!

Retirement Fund for Religious: Show your appreciation for the senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who made a positive difference in so many lives. Please give generously to next week's collection.



Six Dates for Catholic Couples

meets this **Friday, Dec 13 at 7:00pm** for the "3rd Date". Please join us in the church hall in rooms 5AB to see the video and share a short prayer. Any couple not previously registered can do so by calling John and Kay Spaniol at 913-383-1157 and join the group.



Communal Reconciliation Services

Monday, Dec 16 at

7:00 pm will be our parish communal reconciliation service. There will be 8 priests available to hear confessions. If you are not able to attend on Monday, the schedule for the area is as follows:

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| Sun, Dec. 15, 7:30pm | Cure of Ars, St. Paul,
Good Shepherd |
| Mon, Dec.16, 7:00pm | Holy Cross |
| Tues, Dec. 17, 7:00pm | St. Agnes, St. Joseph,
Queen of the Holy Rosary,
Prince of Peace |
| Thurs, Dec 19, 7:00pm | Ascension, St. Pius X,
Sacred Heart- Shawnee |
| Sun, Dec 22, 3:00 pm | St. Ann |
| 7:30 pm | Nativity |

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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Many thanks to all who provided pies for the special Thanksgiving dinner at St. Mary Food Kitchen. A special thank you to Louis Lloyd and other teachers and students at S.M. North High School who provided 56 of the 86 pies! **Thanks to all!**



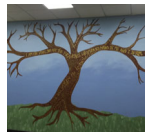
A sincere **thanks** to all fellow parishioners who supported the **Viviano Variety Show** on Nov 23. The show netted \$51,000 for Catholic Charities in our Archdiocese. God Bless You!
Jerry Viviano- Chairman

Youth Ministry

For questions contact at 205-0825 (text or call) or by email at sschluter@holycrosspks.org.



Middle School Youth Group: We meet Monday nights from 7-8:30pm in the youth room. Remaining dates for 2013 are Dec 9 & 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 11 and Dec 18. We will NOT meet 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!



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.

Religious Education



We will meet Tues, Dec 10 from 4:30-5:45pm. We will be learning about Mary, Mother of Jesus. We will be praying the Rosary in Church. 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

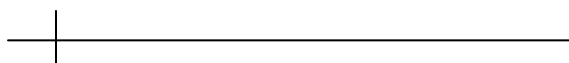
Silent Auction is part of the event with various rooms setup with different themes (Ladies, Men, Kids, Sporting Goods, Home & Garden, etc.) To support the Silent Auction we have the **Giving Tree** that will be at the church narthex and school office. Please take a leaf from the Giving Tree and bring 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 amylbriscoe@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 amylbriscoe@hotmail.com





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.**



*We Welcome Our
Newly Baptized Children!*

Christian Chavez Aquino, Dulce Aquino, Eduardo Canela Diaz, Humberto Ramos Estrada, Inez Ramos Estrada, Ernesto Sanchez de la Rose, Mauricio Sanchez Gallegos, Alisson Santos, Adrian Valladares Mendoza, Victoria Arevalo Alvarez, Susan Chavez Tapia, Madison Ornelas Patino, Edgar Ramirez Rosa, Guillermo Talamantes Mijares, Mia Torres, Jesus Vargas Diaz, Leonardo Vargas Diaz, Adeline Grace Lowell, Harriet Kay O'Connor, Giancarlo Molina Rodriguez, Leonardo Montejo Reyes, Ivanna Peraza Flores, Danya Vazquez, Cole Arthur Heiman, Joseph DeCelles, Easton Virginia Cross, Rachell Conejo Revuelta

The **Cure' of Ars Breavement Ministry** will have their monthly **support meeting Sat., Dec 14** in the Fr. Burak room, 9401 Mission Rd., Leawood. The meeting will begin at **8:30am** after the 8:00am Mass. Monsignor Charles McGlenn will speak on "Spirituality and Grief" Call 913-649-2026 for info.

Breakfast with Santall! Come support a small schoolhouse, "The School of Peace and Hope", in Horacio Zeballos Gamez, Peru while enjoying breakfast at Applebee's Restaurant, 11000 Metcalf, on Sat, Dec 14 from 8:00-10:00 am. Cost is children-\$5 and adults-\$12. Visit www.kindnessconnectionperu.org for more info.



Lighthouse Catholic Media CDs ...

CD of the Week: **"Prepare the Way of the King"** This illuminating presentation is sure to help you grow in appreciation of the greatest gift ever given to mankind-Jesus Christ. Dr. Scott Hahn talk includes the shepherds, the mysterious Magi and King Herod. Your Advent journey will take on a new meaning as you prepare your heart for the birth of the Lord.

"Journey Through Advent" Get the most out of Advent and Christmas by following along with Fr. Robert Barron's homilies as he unpacks the profound Scripture readings. CDs are available for both last year (Cycle A) and this year (Cycle C). You will want to listen to them over and over. You'll be amazed at how much more you get out of mass when you have studied the scripture reading before coming each Sunday. Great for the whole family!

Look for this and other great CDs on the kiosk in the back of church. Questions? Call Brenda Scruggs 649-6442



Come and join in this special pro-life Mass on **Sat, Dec 21 at 8:00 am** at Sts. Cyril & Methodius, 44 N. Mill, Kansas City, KS. Archbishop

Naumann will be the celebrant and he will be joined by our archdiocesan seminarians. Following mass is a rosary procession to the abortion clinic approximately 4 blocks away. Benediction concludes services by 9:45 am.



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.**



Volunteer Opportunity at TurnStyles: Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas is looking for volunteers interested in working as Cashiers at TurnStyles, our thrift store in Overland Park. Shifts available 10am - 2pm and 2pm - 6pm Monday through Saturday. Interested in volunteering or have questions? Please contact Michelle Carlstedt 913-433-2080 or mcarlstedt@catholiccharitiesks.org

Call Center Volunteers: Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas is seeking individuals interested in being part of our new call center. Volunteers will be responsible for answering phone calls from clients and scheduling appointments at all three area Emergency Assistance Centers. Fluency in Spanish a plus. If interested contact Michelle Carlstedt 913-433-2080 or mcarlstedt@catholiccharitiesks.org

Marriage for Keeps

Marriage for Keeps offers education, support and resources for couples seeking to improve their marriage and strengthen their family. Our workshops teach couples to communicate more effectively, reduce conflict, connect emotionally and learn to better meet each other's need. Classes begin Jan 7 from 6:00-8:30 pm at St. Paul in Olathe. Registration required. Call 621-5775 ext 1105 or email Donna at dmills@catholiccharitiesks.org

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:

Este año les pedimos que aumenten sus contribuciones a la parroquia en un 2%. Hemos estado haciendo lo mejor posible para mantener nuestros gastos bajos, pero algunos gastos no se pueden evitar. Por ejemplo, la Arquidiócesis nos cobra taxes en nuestra deuda.

Este año nuestra tasación creció 1.3% de nuestro ingreso. Igualmente que ustedes pagan taxes al Gobierno Federal sobre su ingreso, nosotros tenemos que pagar tax a la Arquidiócesis sobre nuestro ingreso. **Fr. Mike**

INTENCIONES PARA LAS MISAS: Martes 12/10, 6:00 p.m.: Peter Nguyen
Domingo 12/15, 1:00 p.m.: Acción de Gracias

LECTURAS PARA COMPARTIR LA FE: 3er Domingo de Adviento

Isaías 35:1-6a, 10; Santiago 5:7-10; Mateo 11:2-11

RECONCILIACIÓN DE ADVIENTO: *Holy Cross celebrará este Sacramento en español, el lunes, Dic.16, 7pm.* Otras Iglesias celebrarán también este Sacramento en español: San Pablo, domingo, Dic.15, 7:30pm.; y Santa Inés, martes, Dic.17, 7pm.

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

Novena a 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 y Mañanitas.

EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA:

Clases de la Tarde, 4:30-5:45pm.: Nos reuniremos el martes, 10 de Dic., en el salón de la iglesia. El 1er año aprenderá acerca de *María, Madre de Jesús*. Los niños rezarán el Rosario en honor a nuestra madre María. 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, 10 de Dic. Vamos a rezar en la iglesia la **Novena a la Virgen de Guadalupe**. Estaremos uniéndonos a los demás grupos de la parroquia para acompañarlos en la Novena. Si no pueden asistir, favor de llamar a Karla Melgar, 381-2787, ext.140, ó Denise Suárez, ext.119.

MINISTERIO DE JÓVENES:

Para preguntas, llamen o text a Sandy, 205-0825, sschluter@holycrossopks.org. No se olviden de chequear el website de Holy Cross bajo Sandra K Schluter, para más actividades durante el descanso.

CONFIRMACIÓN:

Estudiantes de Escuela Intermedia: Nos reunimos los lunes, 7-8:30pm., en el salón de los jóvenes. **NO** nos reuniremos Dic. 23 ó 30.

Estudiantes de Escuela Superior: Nos reunimos los miércoles, 7-8:30pm., en el salón de los jóvenes. ¡Todos los estudiantes serán bienvenidos! **NO** nos reuniremos Dic. 25 ó Enero 1.

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 devuélvanla con una tarjeta de regalo de Walmart, Target, HyVee o Price Chopper. Traigan todas 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.

Flores de Navidad para el Altar: Todos los años decoramos nuestro Altar con bellas flores navideñas, donadas por nuestros feligreses, en memoria de sus queridos fieles difuntos. Los invitamos a donar \$15, por cada flor que deseen comprar. Llamen a la oficina de la iglesia, 281-2755, durante las horas de español: martes 2-6pm., miércoles y jueves 2-5pm.

Unción de los Enfermos: Estaremos unciendo a los enfermos durante todas las Misas de Dic. 14-15.

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 del 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 des-
pués 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:
los martes, 2-6pm.,
miércoles y jueves, 2-5pm