

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
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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

Early Education Center: 381-7151

7917 W 95th St. 66212
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Director: Penny Miller
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.

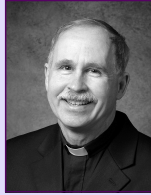
MARRIAGES: Six months notice required. Call the office for information.

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,

The "One Faith, One Future" campaign has gotten off to a great start. As of Tuesday, Dec. 9, pledges amounted to approximately \$936,000 for the capital campaign. We are well on our way to our goal of \$1.5 million. For our annual operating budget, the pledges amount to approximately \$174,000. This figure is much less than last year, which was \$800,000 something. Perhaps some parishioners have not yet got around to making a pledge for the operating budget. If you have not yet done so, please consider doing that. It helps the Finance Council in putting together a budget for next year. While I realize that some people are uncomfortable with the idea of making a pledge, it is very useful in planning.



Fr. Mike



Monday	9:00 a.m.	Bob Schmitt
Tuesday	6:30 a.m.	Spec Int- Kara Mataia
	8:15 a.m.	Spec Int- Thuy Yong (at school)
	6:00 p.m.	Peter Nguyen (Spanish)
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Mona Vogel
Thursday	6:30 a.m.	Dick Obert
	8:15 a.m.	Ed Bortko (at school)
Friday	9:00 a.m.	John Baldor
Saturday	7:30 a.m.	No Mass
	5:00 p.m.	John Benson
Sunday	7:30 a.m.	Spec Int-Mother Teresa Circle
	9:00 a.m.	Douglas Roth
	11:00 a.m.	Grace Bisone
	1:00 p.m.	People of the Parish (Spanish)



READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: Fourth Sunday of Advent: Isaiah 7:10-14; Roman 1:1-7; Matthew 1:18-24



Please Pray for Those Asking for Prayers: Joey DeCelles, Rich Hauber, Larry Meyers, and Tami.



Stewardship Reflection December 15, 2013

"You too must be patient. Make your hearts firm, because the coming of the Lord is at hand."
James 5:8

As we continue our waiting and preparing for the birth of Jesus, we must remember that sometimes our stewardship calls us to be patient. Sometimes our journey becomes a struggle and the road before us is difficult, but we should be patient and continue moving forward with whatever strength we can muster. As stewards, we could be ever vigilant and faithful.

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 8	Fiscal YTD
Weekly Offering Needed	\$25,497	\$646,131
Weekly Offering Received	24,877	602,416
Over/(Under)	(620)	(43,715)
Special Donations	880	31,478
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!*



Last day to order flowers will be Wed. Dec. 18. 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.



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:

- 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



- Dec 24, Christmas Eve:**
- 4:30 pm (church & basement)
- 8:00 pm
- 9:30 pm

- Dec 25, Christmas Day**
- 10:00 am



Join the Hispanic Community on Sat., Dec. 21 at 6:00 pm in the **church hall for Los Posada.** This symbolizes the Biblical journey of Mary and Joseph as they searched for shelter in Bethlehem before the birth of Jesus. There will be tamales, sweet bread, hot chocolate, and more to enjoy afterwards. **All are invited!**



St. Mary's Food Kitchen: We will be serving pasta casserole, salad and dessert to those who are less fortunate on **Friday, Dec 20.** If you can make a casserole, please pick up a baking pan and the recipe which is provided in the narthex. Bags of green salad are needed too! Thanks to all those who help!



St. Catherine Circle will meet **Tuesday, Dec. 17** at church at **1:00 pm.** Bring your nursing home gift. We will prepare and deliver these gifts. We will be going to McCormick and Schmick's on the Plaza for our holiday gathering, with or without the husbands! For questions, call Kathy 913-638-8369



Can you imagine being hungry? Can you imagine your baby being hungry? Most of Catholic Charities' Emergency Assistance Centers requests are for food. Your help is needed now more than ever. Please donate to the Catholic Charities Christmas collection.

Open House Holy Cross Catholic School Open House



Join us for our Open House on **Sunday, February 2, 2014** from **8:30 am - 1:00 pm!** The Knights of Columbus will be serving breakfast. Holy Cross Catholic

School & Early Education Center serves children age 3 through 8th grade and is accredited by the State of Kansas and AdvancEd. With Christ as our foundation, we provide a high quality academic experience while integrating the Catholic faith in everything we do. For more info call 381-7408 or visit us at www.holycrosscatholicsschool.com

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:
 Church of the Holy Cross
 8311 W 93rd St.
 Overland Park, KS 66212

Youth Ministry

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



Middle School Youth Group: We meet Monday nights from 7-8:30pm in the youth room. Remaining day for 2013 is Dec 16. No meetings on Dec 23 or 30.



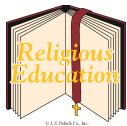
High School Youth Group: We meet Wed. nights from 7-8:30pm. We meet downstairs in the youth room. Our remaining day for 2013 is Dec 18. We will NOT meet Dec 25 or Jan 1. Check the Holy Cross website or Facebook events under Sandra K Schluter for any last-minute activities over the break. All high schoolers 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 17 from 4:30-5:45pm. Children will have a Prayer Service in Church. Parents are invited to come! They will then celebrate the Christmas season in their classrooms. If you would like to send a holiday treat, please send enough for the whole class. **No classes Dec 24 or 31.** Classes begin again on Jan. 7. Remember, if your child will be absent for any reason, please call and let us know. If you have any questions, please call Karla Melgar at 381-2755 ext 140.



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

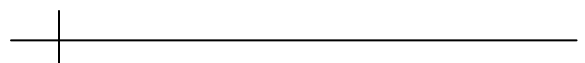
Silent Auction is part of the event with various rooms setup with different themes (Ladies, Men, Kids, Sporting Goods, Home & Garden, etc.) To support the Silent Auction we have the **Giving Tree** that will be at the church narthex and school office. Please take a leaf from the Giving Tree and bring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





ADORATION CHAPEL: Yes, there are just four 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.



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 **Archdiocesan Charismatic prayer groups** are sponsoring a **mass for healing** Thurs, **December 19, 7:30 pm** at Cure of Ars, 9401 Mission Rd, Leawood, KS. Fellowship follows.

More info call 913-649-2026.



CATHOLIC CAREER ROUNDTABLE (CCR)

The mission/ministry of CCR is to introduce business owners to qualified job seekers. CCR meets each Saturday at Good Shepherd Parish (12800 W. 75th, Shawnee) and welcomes business owners and hiring managers to attend and share career opportunities.

To post or search job openings, or for meeting information, go to www.catholiccareerroundtable.com. For questions or additional information call Dave McClain at (913) 645-5294 or email Dave at davemccclainjobs@everestkc.net.

CCR ~ People finding People Jobs!



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!



Lighthouse Catholic Media CDs ...

CD of the Week: **"The Christmas and Easter Story"** To know Christ, you must know the bible. This CD is a dramatized audio reading of the Christmas and Easter stories. The dramatized recording is enhanced with sound effects and music that make the Christmas and Easter narratives come alive. What a great family tradition to start this year! Find this and other great CDs on the kiosk at the back of church.

"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



Box Tops, Labels for Education and Best Choice UPCs:

Please continue to save. Drop off at the school or at church in the basket on the bulletin board outside the office. Thanks for your continued support!



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:

¡Las campañas de “Una Fe-Un Futuro”, han empezado muy bien! Ya tenemos comprometidos \$936,000 para la Campaña Capital. Vamos felizmente en camino a los \$1.5 millones que necesitamos. Para la Campaña Anual, cubriendo nuestro presupuesto de operaciones anuales, tenemos comprometidos \$174,000. Esta cantidad es significadamente más baja que la cantidad comprometida el año pasado, \$800,000.

Quizás hay feligreses que no han hecho su compromiso todavía. Favor de considerar hacerlo. Ésto ayudará al Consejo Financiero para establecer el presupuesto del próximo año. Aunque me doy cuenta que algunas personas se sienten incómodos con la idea de establecer un compromiso, ésto es muy conveniente para planear nuestro presupuesto.

Fr. Mike

INTENCIONES PARA LAS MISAS: Martes 12/17, 6:00 p.m.: Peter Nguyen
Domingo 12/22, 1:00 p.m.: Personas de la Parroquia

LECTURAS PARA COMPARTIR LA FE: 4º Domingo de Adviento

Isaías 7:10-14; Romanos 1:1-7; Mateo 1:18-24

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.

EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA:

Clases de la Tarde, 4:30-5:45pm.: Nos reuniremos el martes, 17 de Dic., en el salón de la iglesia.

El 1er año, los niños tendrán un Servicio de Oración en la iglesia, celebrando el Adviento y la Navidad, luego celebrarán con sus clases, la temporada Navideña. Los padres están invitados a venir al Servicio de Oración. Si quieren mandar algo pequeño para compartir, acuérdense que sea suficiente para toda la clase.

No habrá clases Dic. 24 y 31. Las clases empezarán de nuevo el martes, Enero 7, 2014. 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, 17 de Dic. Vamos a celebrar las **Posadas** para celebrar el Adviento y la Navidad. **No habrá clases Dic. 24 y 31. Las clases empezarán de nuevo el martes, Enero 7, 2014.** 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.

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.

La oficina del Ministerio Hispano estará cerrada a partir del 21 de Dic. hasta el 2 de Enero, 2014.

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".

Retiro de Jóvenes - "Una Cosa Permanece": ¿Estás buscando una manera dievertida de pasar tus vacaciones de Navidad con música, comida gratis y su fe? "Una Cosa Permanece" es un evento patrocinado por la Arquidiócesis para jóvenes de edad de High School. El 30 de Dic., en la iglesia Blessed Sacrament, de 7-9pm., Steve Agrisano, músico de nivel nacional, nos guiará en la oración musical y nuestro Arzobispo Naumann nos llevará a la adoración del Santísimo Sacramento. De 9-10:30pm., se abrirá para los jóvenes el nuevo espacio "ReachKCK", con una session musical de improvisación, café, comida y zumba. Traigan sus instrumentos y sus amigos. Sus padres son bienvenidos también. Para más información, llamen a Liz Halfmann: urbanyouth@archkck.org

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 p.m.
Padres y padrinos deben
asistir a una clase de prepa-
ración, el primer sábado de
cada mes, 10am-12pm.
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