

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

Religious Education Staff: 381-2757

Director - Pre.-Gr. 6: Karla Melgar
Assistant: Michelle Rieger
Session Coordinator- Denise Suarez
Confirmation Coordinator: Sandy Schluter

Youth Ministries: 205-0825

Director: Sandy Schluter

Catechist for Hispanic Adult Formation:

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

Holy Cross Catholic School

8101 W. 95th St. 66212
School Office: 381-7408
E-Mail: gradeschool@holycrosscatholicschool.com
Principal: Allison Carney
Secretaries: Anita Lemmon & Martha Beisser

Early Education Center: 381-7151

7917 W 95th St. 66212
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Director: Penny Miller
Assistant Director: Stefanie Bridges

Advocate for Annulments:

Rebeca Richmond, 671-8722

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.

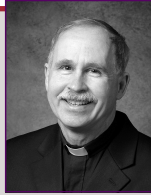
CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

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,

As we approach the end of the year 2013 and the beginning of the New Year 2014, consider using this prayer in your homes: *Our lives are made up of days and nights, of seasons and years, for we are part of a universe of suns and moons and planets. We mark ends and we mark beginnings, and, throughout all, we praise God for the grace and mercy that fills our days. Let us pray for God's blessing in the New Year: Remember us, O God; from age to age be our comforter. You have given us the wonder of time, blessings in days and nights, seasons and years. Bless us, your children at the turning of the year and fill the months ahead with the bright hope that is our in the coming of Christ. We as this in his name, for he is Lord, forever and ever, Amen*



**Mass Intentions
For The Week**



Monday	9:00 a.m.	Ken VanBooven
Tuesday	6:30 a.m.	Robert Weber
	5:30 p.m.	Bill Bronson
Wednesday	10:00 a.m.	People of the Parish
	1:00 p.m.	Spec Int - Thuy Yong (Spanish)
Thursday	6:30 a.m.	Mary Ellen Alfino
Friday	9:00 a.m.	Fr. Harold Wickey
Saturday	7:30 a.m.	Thomas A. Gates
	5:00 p.m.	People of the Parish
Sunday	7:30 a.m.	Theola Schroer
	9:00 a.m.	Spec Int- Dennis Mataia
	11:00 a.m.	Ken VanBooven
	1:00 p.m.	All Souls in Purgatory (Spanish)

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord;
Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:2-3A,5-6
Matthew 2:1-12



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

Stewardship Reflection December 29, 2013

“And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, as in all wisdom you teach and admonish one another, singing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God.”
Colossians 3:15-16

When the U.S. Bishops’ wrote their pastoral letter on stewardship over 20 years ago, the first line in the definition of a steward reads that a Christian steward “receives God’s gifts gratefully.” Gratitude is at the core of our lives as stewards. To share our gifts with others, we must first be grateful for the gifts which God has given to us. We should pray in thanksgiving to God and joyously sing our praises to God, always showing how truly grateful we are for all the blessings we have received.

Financial Update

	Dec 15	Fiscal YTD
Weekly Offering Needed	\$32,119	\$678,250
Weekly Offering Received	35,984	638,400
Over/(Under)	3,865	(39,850)
Special Donations	716	32,194
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.”

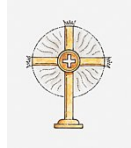
*You make our parish life possible.
Thank You!*

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



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.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

Knights of Columbus Breakfasts

Mark your calendars for the upcoming Omelet Breakfasts in 2014:

- Sun., January 12
- Sun., February 9
- Sun., March 9
- Sun., April 13

Breakfast is served after the 7:30, 9:00 and 11:00 am Masses. Come enjoy a delicious breakfast and support a worthy cause!



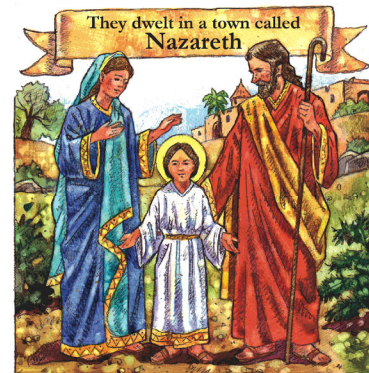
First Saturday Devotions will be on **Jan 4**. The rosary will be prayed at **7:05 am** before the 7:30 am mass. A presentation will be held in the church hall after mass. The speaker is Sebastian D'Amico, Holy Cross parishioner, theology teacher at St. James Academy and adjunct staff member at the School of Faith. All are welcome!

Holy Cross Bereavement Group meets the **first Friday** of every month at Holy Cross after 9:00am mass in **Room 8**. For more information call Pete Obert at 451-3374 or Kay Spaniol 383-1157.



Parishioners of Holy Cross, Thank you for your generous donations to this year's Angel Tree. Your gifts enabled us to help 23 of our families this Christmas.

St. Benedict's Circle



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Boy Scout Troop 251 thanks you for your generous support of our annual cinnamon roll sale! This was the best year in sales by 25% over last year!

Congratulations to Mike Swearingen for 12 years as Scoutmaster. He has now retired and we welcome and congratulate Sean Wilde as the new Troop 251 Scoutmaster.

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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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. **No meetings on Dec 30.**



High School Youth Group: We meet Wed. nights from 7-8:30pm. We meet downstairs in the youth room. **We will NOT meet 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



NO Classes on Tuesday, Dec 31. Have a Blessed New Year! Classes resume on Tuesday, Jan 7, 2014.

Thanks for collecting
**Box Tops, Labels for Education
and Best Choice UPCs**
for Holy Cross.



Box Tops, Labels for Education and Best Choice UPCs: Please continue to save and drop off at the school or at church in the basket on the bulletin board outside the office. Thanks for your continued support!



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!



Buy Your Tickets Now!

Celebration tickets are now on sale! Come join us for an evening of bidding, winning and fun! Cost is \$50/person. To purchase tickets call Amy Morfeld at 897-6892.

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

Photo Booth Sponsorship

We are still taking bids to have your company name printed on EVERY photo booth picture taken the night of Celebration. Bids start at \$300. Please direct any questions regarding sponsorship or photo booth to Amy Briscoe at 322-8117 or amylbriscoe@hotmail.com

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 (**starting January**) 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

Have You Ever Wanted to Bring Up The Gifts During Sunday Mass?

Well here is what to do. Sign in before Mass begins using the form posted on the sacristy door and then let the ushers know that you have volunteered to bring up the gifts during Mass. Normally there are three Gift Bearers at each Mass for the bread, the wine and the offering. If there are more than three people in your family, they are welcome to be part of the offertory procession, too. The two people carrying the bread and wine walk side by side down the aisle. The person carrying the offering is behind them. In turn, they hand the gifts to the priest, bow together toward the altar and return to their seats. In this simple yet special ministry you represent the entire parish as we return to God a small part of the blessings that the Lord has given to us.



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Lighthouse Catholic Media CDs ...

CD of the Week: **“Who Do You Say That I Am?”** Fr. Barron illuminates with conviction that Jesus of Nazareth is the promised Messiah and revelation of God become man. He shows how Jesus fulfills the four tasks of the Messiah according to the Old and New Testaments and how the living legacy of Christ is proclaimed by the Church. Find this and other great CDs on the kiosk at the back of church. Questions? Call Brenda Scruggs 649-6442



Grow In Your Ability To Hand On The Faith To Others

The Archdiocese, through the Maryvale Catechesis Course, offers you the unique opportunity to deepen your understanding of the Faith and to equip you with skills to hand it on to others. This collaborative distance-learning program **starts February 1, 2014**. Great for catechists, religion teachers, parents or anyone interested in handing on the faith! To find out more, contact Kimberly Rode at 913-310-0014 ext 12, maryvale@archkck.org or visit www.archkck.org/maryvale

High School Placement Test



Placement Test at St. James Academy will be **Sat., Jan 11** (alternate date Jan 25). This is not an admission test but provides info for determining Freshman level courses. Top scorers may be eligible for scholarship awards, for those testing on Jan 11 only. **Check in at 8:00 a.m.** Bring two #2 pencils, a calculator and \$15 registration fee (cash or check). Pre-register electronically at www.sjakeepingfaith.org/admissions and receive a special edition Thunder t-shirt. Walk-ins are welcome also. No cell phones or electronics except calculator. Lunch is provided. 12 noon dismissal.



Placement Test at St. Thomas Aquinas High School will be **Sat, Jan 11 at 8:00 a.m.** Bring two #2 pencils, a calculator and \$15 exam fee. Pre-register online at www.stssaints.net/placementtest and learn about scholarship opportunities. You will also be entered in drawings for spirit wear. Pizza lunch will be served following test. Tours will be available at 10:15 a.m. with Q&A session at 10:45 in Library. Questions, contact Diane Pyle, Admission Director 319-2423 or dpyle@stasaints.net



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!



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”

¡Feliz Navidad y Próspero Año Nuevo!

Queridos feligreses:

Al acercarnos al final del año 2013 y el principio del nuevo año 2014, consideren decir esta oración en sus hogares: *Nuestras vidas están compuestas de días y noches, de estaciones y años, porque somos parte de un universo de soles, lunas y planetas. Marcamos finales y marcamos comienzos, pero, a pesar de todo, alabamos a Dios por la gracia y misericordia que llenan nuestroa días. Oremos por la bendición de Dios para el Año Nuevo: Recuérdanos, Oh Señor; consuélanos de generación en generación. Nos has dado la maravilla que es el tiempo; bendiciones en los días y las noches, estaciones y años. Bendícenos a Nosotros, tus hijos, al voltear el año y llena los meses adelante con la brillante esperanza que es nuestra, con la venida de Cristo. Te pedimos ésto en Su nombre, porque Él es el Señor por los siglos de los siglos, Amén.*

Fr. Mike

INTENCIONES PARA LAS MISAS: Domingo 1/5, 1:00 p.m.: Todas las Almas del Purgatorio

LECTURAS PARA COMPARTIR LA FE: Epifanía del Señor

Isaías 60:1-6; Efesios 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mateo 2:1-12

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.: Clases empezarán de nuevo Enero 7. Recuerden comunicarse con nosotros si sus niños van a estar ausentes, favor de llamar a Karla Melgar, 381-2757, ext.140, kmelgar@holycrossopks.org.

FAMILIAS CRECIENDO JUNTAS EN LA FE:

Clases de la Noche, 6:45pm.-8:15pm.: Clases empezarán de nuevo Enero 7. Si no pueden asistir, favor de llamar a Karla Melgar, 381-2787, ext.140.

Tengan todos una Feliz Navidad y un Próspero Año Nuevo.

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.

Estudiantes de Escuela Superior: Nos reunimos los miércoles, 7-8:30pm., en el salón de los jóvenes. ¡Todos los estudiantes serán bienvenidos!

Estudio Básico de la Biblia: Para personas que desean iniciar el conocimiento de la Biblia. Aprenderán a manejarla, a conocer sus libros, a reconocer su contexto y vivirla en todo momento. Empezará el miércoles, Enero 8, 2014, de 7 a 9pm., y seguirá cada otro miércoles, en el Ministerio Hispano. Costo es \$30. Hay un folleto que explica el curso. Pídelo en nuestra oficina (281-6644), o lo puedes descargar por la internet la página del Ministerio Hispano de Kansas City, Kansas, o en facebook.

Consejo Hispano: Los integrantes del Consejo, representantes de las Parroquias de la Arquidiócesis, tendrán la reunión trimestral el próximo Enero 11, 2014, de 9am.-12pm., en las oficinas del Ministerio Hispano. (2215 Parallel Ave., KCK)

Hogares Renovados por el Amor y la Fe: Esto es un Encuentro de Matrimonios (casados y no casados), celebrado un sábado (8:30am.-3:30pm.), donde las parejas desean renovar su amor, su entrega, su compromiso y su fe. Los testimonios de los facilitadores (que son parejas), les ayudarán a reflexionar, evaluar y darle “chispa” de amor y vida a su relación con su pareja. Costo \$20, incluyendo almuerzo. Cupo limitado. **NO** Hay cuidado de niños. Para detalles de inscripción llamen a Julia, en las oficinas del Ministerio Hispano, 281-6644. Fechas y lugares: Enero 18, 2014-Holy Cross, OP KS.

Febrero 14 - Sagrado Corazón / Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, KCK

Marzo 22 - San Patricio, KCK

Abril 5 - Santa Catarina, Emporia, KS

Junio 21 - San Pablo, Olathe, KS

Retiro de Quinceañeras: Las jovencitas que planean celebrar sus 15 años próximamente, están invitadas a participar de este Retiro, que será en el Ministerio Hispano, 2215 Parallel Ave., KCK, al lado de la Iglesia Blessed Sacrament. Se celebrará en Enero 25-26, 2014, de 8:30am.-5pm. Costo \$20, incluyendo desayunos y comidas. Es necesario inscribirse con anticipación, llamando al Ministerio Hispano, Lety, 281-6644.

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:** los martes, 2-6pm., miércoles y jueves, 2-5pm