

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

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.

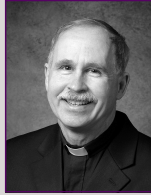
CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: Mon.—Thurs. 8:30 to 5:00 p.m. & Fri., 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon

PREGNANT? NEED HELP? All calls confidential. Gabriel Project, 913-602-0306

Dear Parishioners,

I would like to bring you up to date concerning faith formation for adults in our parish. Currently, there are about 20 participating in the Sunday morning Bible study.

There are 12 married couples involved in the "Six Dates for Catholic Couples" program. In January, there will be a retreat for married couples in Spanish here at Holy Cross. We have many opportunities for people to grow deeper in their faith, and I am pleased that some are taking advantage of those.



Fr. Mike

Mass Intentions For The Week



Monday	9:00 a.m.	James Berghoff
Tuesday	6:30 a.m.	Kevin Haeusser
	8:15 a.m.	Barbara Marshall
	6:00 p.m.	World Hunger (Spanish)
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Robert Seth Walter
Thursday	6:30 a.m.	Thomas A. Gates
	8:15 a.m.	Linda Tinsley
Friday	9:00 a.m.	Spec Int - Fr. Tim Haberkorn
Saturday	7:30 a.m.	No Mass
	5:00 p.m.	Spc Int-Anthony & Janice Weigel
Sunday	7:30 a.m.	People of the Parish
	9:00 a.m.	Linda Stuecheli
	11:00 a.m.	Lorraine Finerty
	1:00 p.m.	Spec Int of the Pope (Spanish)

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord; Isaiah 42:1-4,6-7; Acts 10:34-38; Matthew 3:13-17



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

Stewardship Reflection January 5, 2014

"Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We have observed his star at its rising and have come to pay him homage." *Matthew 2:2*

God fills our days with clues to His whereabouts and invites us to draw near. For the magi it was a star. For us it might be a call from a friend, a new opportunity or challenge, a personal or professional interest that we have. All we need do is keep looking and not become discouraged if we don't recognize these clues right away. It wasn't easy for the magi either, but they persisted and found Jesus. Together with the magi, let us seek the Lord and pay Him homage.

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

As 2014 gets underway, we are mindful that the parish is behind its needed income. One contributing factor is that more than 25% of our parish households, who made a pledge in 2013, have not kept current with their pledges. If you are able to complete your 2013 pledge, please do. It will go a long way toward improving our financial situation.

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



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!



Blood Drive: Holy Cross will be holding a Blood Drive on **Monday, January 20** from **1:30-7:30 pm** in the church hall. To make an appointment

go to savealifenow.org and use sponsor code "holycrosscatholic". For questions on medical eligibility call 800-245-7035.



Help Needed: The Religious Education programs for children in Gr 1-6 on Tuesdays from 4:30-5:45p.m and from 6:45-8:15 pm are in need of adults and/or high school youth to be **catechists**. Training and resources provided. Contact Karla Melgar at 913-381-2757, ext. 140 or email kmelgar@holycrossopks.org for more info.

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.



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.

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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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.



High School Youth Group: We meet Wed. nights from 7-8:30pm. We meet downstairs in the youth room. 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



Welcome Back! Classes start again on Tues, Jan 7 from 4:30-5:45 pm. We will be learning about the Mass. What is the Mass and how are we called to worship. Remember, if your child will be absent for any reason, please call Karla Melgar at 381-2757 ext 140 and let us know!



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!



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



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.



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



Advice and Aid Pregnancy Centers, Inc. is in need of volunteers and will be offering a **Volunteer Informational Meeting** on **Monday, January 20** from 7:00-9:00pm. The meeting will be at 11644 West 75th St., Shawnee, KS. For more information on volunteering or to RSVP, please contact Mary Newcomer at 913-962-0200 or email volunteer@adviceandaid.com



Natural Family Planning (NFP) classes: A three part series of classes in the Sympto-Thermal Method (STM) of NFP begins at Holy Spirit Parish, 11300 W 103rd St. on Saturday, January 11 at 9:00 am. STM utilizes all of the observable signs of fertility.

Reasonable course fee and no future costs involved! Questions? Email Molly or Thomas Hubbell at mollyhubbell@yahoo.com or thomashubbell@yahoo.com or call the Couple to Couple League (CCL) of Kansas City at 913-894-3558. Online pre-registration required at: www.ccli.org. Click the “search/register for classes” tab.

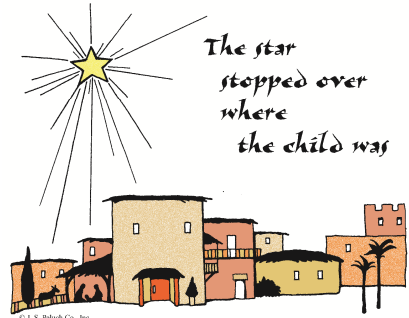
High School Placement Test



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



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 beverber@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.**



St. Luke's Hospice is currently looking for new **volunteers** to serve in homes in the communities we serve and in our Saint Luke's Hospice House! The volunteers in homes of patients provide social support and respite to hospice patients and their families. Hospice House volunteers help at the reception desk, provide hospitality to the families who join us and to visitors. Many volunteers put unique skills to use through special projects such as arts-n-crafts, photography, etc. To volunteer contact Melissa Tinklepaugh at mtinklepaugh@saint-lukes.org or 816-502-8901 or Bruce Leisy at bleisy@saint-lukes.org or 816-360-8009. **There will be training on Jan 7, 9 and 14 from 5:30-9:00pm. Dinner provided.**



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 davemcclainjobs@everestkc.net.

CCR ~ People finding People Jobs!

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:

Me gustaría ponerlos al día sobre el programa de formación en la fe para adultos en nuestra parroquia. Actualmente los domingos en la mañana hay unos 20 participantes en el estudio de la biblia. En enero hay 12 matrimonios que participaran en el programa “Seis Compromisos Sociales Para Parejas” en Holy Cross habra un retiro en español para parejas casadas. Tenemos muchas oportunidades para desarrollar y profundizar nuestra fe. Me alegra ver que algunas personas han tomado ventaja de estos servicios.

Fr. Mike

INTENCIONES PARA LAS MISAS: Martes 1/7, 6:00 p.m.: Hambre en el Mundo
Domingo 1/12, 1:00 p.m.: Intenciones Especiales por el Papa.

LECTURAS PARA COMPARTIR LA FE: Bautismo del Señor

Isaías 42:1-4, 6-7; Hechos 10:34-38; Mateo 3:13-17

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. Estaremos aprendiendo acerca de *la Misa y cómo estamos llamados a profesar nuestra fe.* 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. Estaremos aprendiendo acerca de la Misa, junto con el Padre Jesús. Si no pueden asistir, favor de llamar a Karla Melgar, 381-2787, 140.

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!

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 Hispano, representantes de las Parroquias del Arzobispado, tendrán la reunión trimestral el próximo Enero 11, 2014, 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), un sábado (8:30am-3:30pm.), en el que 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 de pareja. Costo \$20, incluyendo almuerzo. Cupo limitado. **NO** habrá cuidado de niños. Llamen a Julia, 281-6644, en el Ministerio Hispano. Fechas: Enero 18, 2014: Holy Cross, OPKS
Febrero 14: Sagrado Corazón / Nuestra Sra. de Guadalupe, KCMO
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 este Retiro. Se celebrará en el Ministerio Hispano, 2215 Parallel Ave, KCK, al lado de la iglesia Blessed Sacrament, Enero 25-26, de 8:30am.– 5pm. Costo \$20, incluyendo desayunos y comidas. Es necesario inscribirse con anticipación, llamando a Lety, 281-6644, en el Ministerio Hispano.

Retiro de Convalidación para Parejas: Las parejas que llevan viviendo juntos más de 5 años, o que estén casados solamente por lo civil y desean solemnizar su matrimonio con el Sacramento de la Iglesia, son invitadas a participar de este Retiro. Se llevará a cabo en el Ministerio Hispano (2215 Parallel Ave, KCK), Marzo 1-2, 2014. Necesitan inscribirse llamando al Ministerio Hispano, 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