

# 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  
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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:

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## Holy Cross Catholic School

8101 W. 95th St. 66212  
School Office: 381-7408  
E-Mail: [gradeschool@holycrosscatholicsschool.com](mailto:gradeschool@holycrosscatholicsschool.com)  
Principal: Allison Carney  
Secretaries: Anita Lemmon & Martha Beisser

## Early Education Center: 381-7151

7917 W 95th St. 66212  
E-Mail: [preschool@holycrosscatholicsschool.com](mailto:preschool@holycrosscatholicsschool.com)  
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.

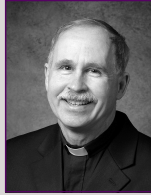
**MARRIAGES:** Six months notice required. Call the office for information.

**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,

We welcome Fr. Oscar Garavito to Holy Cross parish. He has arrived at a particularly cold time of the year, but we assure him that he will find a warm welcome here. Since he is unfamiliar with our country, please extend to him your assistance in adjusting to his new home.



Fr. Mike



<b>Monday</b>	9:00 a.m.	Teodoro Braceros
<b>Tuesday</b>	6:30 a.m.	Evelyn M. Rothenberger
	6:00 p.m.	Sp Int- Gloria Lopez Revoredo(Span)
<b>Wednesday</b>	9:00 a.m.	Rosemary Walsh
<b>Thursday</b>	6:30 a.m.	Thomas A. Gates
<b>Friday</b>	9:00 a.m.	Ridgley B. Fitzsimmons (All School)
<b>Saturday</b>	7:30 a.m.	No Mass
	5:00 p.m.	Bill Bronson
<b>Sunday</b>	7:30 a.m.	Spec Int-Gerry & Jim Wendling
	9:00 a.m.	Robert Klewitz
	11:00 a.m.	Spec Int-Joan Horn & family
	1:00 p.m.	People of the Parish (Spanish)



**Campaign Update**

Our current total is **\$1,416,704** which is within 94% of our goal. Please consider a pledge or one-time gift to help us make it the rest of the way!



**READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:**

Second Sunday of Ordinary Time; Isaiah 49:3,5-6; 1 Corinthians 1:1-3; John 1:29-34



**Please Pray for Those Asking for Prayers:**

Ernie Cerkey, Joey DeCelles, Larry Meyers, Frankie Pummill and Tami.

*Stewardship Reflection January 12, 2014*

*“He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.”*

*Acts 10:38*

Peter knew Jesus well and speaks of Him in today’s second reading as someone who was devoted to doing good and doing the will of God. As stewards and disciples of Jesus, this should be our calling, too. We should dedicate our lives to doing good deeds and spreading the Good News of the Gospel to those who do not see God.

**Financial Update**

	Jan 5	Fiscal YTD
Weekly Offering Needed	\$31,646	\$774,134
Weekly Offering Received	28,592	755,847
Over/(Under)	(3,054)	(18,287)

Special Donations	253	39,120
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Restricted Assets as of Dec 30	Calculated Monthly
Parish Endowment-Restricted	\$73,940
School Endowment-Restricted	\$32,933
Capital Campaign-Restricted	\$243,193

Liabilities as of Dec 30	Calculated Monthly
Current—Archdiocese of KCKS	\$485,773
Long term—St. James Academy	\$471,567

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.”

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!*



**St. Mary's Food Kitchen:** We will be serving pasta casserole, salad and dessert to those who are less fortunate on **Friday, Jan 17**. If you can make a casserole, please pick up a baking pan and the recipe which is provided in the narthex. **Tomatoes and bags of green garden salad are needed too!** Thanks to all those who help!



There were some cars broken into on Dec 29 during the 1:00 pm Mass. This is a reminder to please do not leave valuables in your car.



**Missing Kitchen Towels:** We use to have about 50 kitchen towels in the church kitchen and most are now gone! If you took some towels home to clean, please return as soon as possible. Thank you!



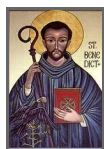
**Women of Holy Cross** will be serving **coffee and donuts** next **Sunday, Jan 19** after the 9:00 and 11:00 Mass. Please join us downstairs in Lickteig Hall!

**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.holycrosscatholicschool.com](http://www.holycrosscatholicschool.com)



**St. Benedict's Circle** will have their meeting at Bob Evans at 91st & Metcalf on **Sat., Jan 18 at 9:30 am**. For questions call LuAnn at 888-5534



**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](http://savealifenow.org) and use sponsor code "holycrosscatholic". **Sign ups also will be after all Masses Jan 11/12 and Jan 18/19.**

**Coordinator-Religious Education:**

Holy Cross is seeking a Coordinator to work with the Director of Religious Education in planning and organizing the faith formation activities for children and their parents and to provide support to catechists and other volunteers. This is a part time position during the school year with some summer hours. Must be bilingual in Spanish and English in verbal and written communication with experience in catechetical ministry in a diverse community. Contact Karla Melgar 913-381-2757 ext 140 or send resume to [kmelgar@holycrossopks.org](mailto:kmelgar@holycrossopks.org). Deadline is Feb 3, 2014.



**Baby Shower:** The **Knights of Columbus** will be conducting the annual Baby Shower on **January 18-26**. A baby crib will be in the

**narthex** to accept **baby care items** such as diapers, bottles, formula and wipes. **New and slightly used** baby clothing, blankets or toys can be donated too. Cash donations will also be accepted. All donations will be given to a local crisis pregnancy center.



**Buy Your Tickets Now!**

Celebration tickets are now on sale! Come join us for an evening of fun, food and dancing on **Sat, Jan 25!**



Cost is \$50/person. Tickets will be sold in the narthex after Masses on Jan 11/12 and Jan 18/19. You can also call Amy

Morfeld at 897-6892 to purchase your tickets. It's a great way to "Celebrate" our parish community together!

**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: \_\_\_\_\_

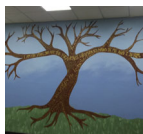
Drop in collection basket, bring or mail to:  
 Church of the Holy Cross  
 8311 W 93rd St.  
 Overland Park, KS 66212

## Youth Ministry

For questions contact at 205-0825 (text or call) or by email at [sschluter@holycrossopks.org](mailto: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. All high schoolers are welcome! Come check us out!



**Mission 2013 is set!** Omaha, here we come! We travel to Omaha, NE July 5-12<sup>th</sup>, 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



**Afternoon Program** will meet Tues, Jan 14 from 4:30-5:45 pm. The children will have the experience of the **Church Tour**. We will be gathered in the hall to start this special experience. Remember, if your child will be absent for any reason, or you have any questions please call Karla Melgar at 381-2757 ext 140.



**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](mailto:kmelgar@holycrossopks.org) for more info.



## Celebration: Our Parish's Largest Fundraiser

Celebration 2013 raised over \$100,000! Help us make Celebration 2014 on **Jan 25** even more successful!

Here are some ways to be part of Celebration 2014!

### Volunteers Needed

Celebration is looking for volunteers to help with preparation for the night of Celebration as well as clean up the following day. If you would like to help, please contact Flora Sokol at 913-901-0319.

### 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:melissatvschultz@gmail.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.



**Lighthouse Catholic Media CDs ...**

**Have You Done Your Evangelization Today?** It's hard, isn't it? Catholics don't find evangelization easy. Yet, we are all called to evangelize! Simply by being baptized, we take on that responsibility! But Lighthouse Catholic Media can help. Listen to the CDs to learn, listen again to learn better, then share them! How easy if that? Do you have a family member who has left the Church? One person who lost her faith in college asked, after listening to several, "Why didn't I know this?" Simply ask someone to listen or ask if they'll tell you where they think the speaker is wrong. Find great CDs on the kiosk at the back of church.



A **New Year Retreat** focused on the new evangelization will be presented by **Fr. Dennis Wait** on **Sat, Jan 18** at **Sanctuary of Hope Prayer Retreat Center**, 2601 Ridge Ave, Kansas City, KS from **8:00 am-1:00 pm**. The cost to attend is \$30 and this includes a light breakfast and full lunch. For more info or to register, email [Julie@sanctuaryofhope.org](mailto:Julie@sanctuaryofhope.org) or call 913-321-4673



On January 22, 2014 our nation will remember the 41st anniversary of *Roe v. Wade*. Since that tragic decision, more than 55 million children's lives have been lost to abortion, and the lives of millions of parents have been shattered. In prayerful recognition, "**Nine Days of Prayer, Penance and Pilgrimage**" will take place **January 18-26, 2014**.

There are four ways to join this novena: 1) join using the app: text 9DaysApp to 99000; 2) Join by text message: text 9Days to 99000; 3&4) Join by email and join online by going to [www.9DaysforLife.com](http://www.9DaysforLife.com)



**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](mailto:maryvale@archkck.org) or visit [www.archkck.org/maryvale](http://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](mailto:volunteer@adviceandaid.com)

The **Cure' of Ars Breavement Ministry** will have their monthly **support meeting** **Sat., Jan 18** in the Fr. Burak room, 9401 Mission Rd., Leawood. The meeting will begin at **8:30am** after the 8:00am Mass. The topic will be "Aspects of Grief". Call 913-649-2026 for info.



**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](mailto: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.**



Do you enjoy meeting new people? Catholic Charities has a great opportunity for you. We are looking for volunteers to staff the Front Desk at two of our Emergency Assistance Centers: 2220 Central, Kansas City, KS and 333 East Poplar in Olathe. Responsibilities include: greeting clients, answering the phone and making appointments. Morning and afternoon shifts available and training provided. If interested contact Michelle Carlstedt 913-433-2080 or mcarlstedt@catholiccharitiesks.org

The **Cure' of Ars Singles** will host its annual **WINTER WONDERLAND DANCE** on **Saturday, January 18 from 7:30 - 11:30 pm** in the school cafeteria at 9401 Mission Road, Leawood, KS. The cost is \$15 at the door and includes heavy hors d'oeuvres, snacks, desserts, wine, beer, soda, and bottled water. Lighted parking behind the school. For more info call Greg at 631-6873

*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:*

Queremos dar la “Bienvenida” a la Parroquia Holy Cross, al Padre Oscar Garavito. Él nos ha llegado desde Colombia, durante la época más fría del año. Así es que, le queremos asegurar una “Bienvenida” muy calurosa. Ya que él no es familiar con nuestro país, por favor, ayúdenlo en lo que puedan para que se ajuste a su nuevo hogar.

*Fr. Mike*

**INTENCIONES PARA LAS MISAS:** Martes 1/14, 6:00 p.m.: Gloria López Revoredo  
Domingo 1/19, 1:00 p.m.: Personas de la Parroquia

### **LECTURAS PARA COMPARTIR LA FE: 2º Domingo Ordinario**

Isaías 49:3, 5-6; 1 Corintios 1:1-3; Juan 1:29-34

*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.:** Continuamos reuniéndonos el martes 14 de Enero, en el salón de la Iglesia. Los niños tendrán la experiencia de conocer un poco más el templo de la parroquia a través de **un recorrido por el templo**. Para preguntas o 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.:** Continuamos reuniéndonos el martes, 14 de Enero, en el salón de la Iglesia. Vamos a tener la experiencia de disfrutar de **un recorrido por el templo**. Para preguntas o si sus niños van a estar ausentes, favor de llamar a Karla Melgar, 381-2787, 140, kmelgar@holycrossopks.org, ó Denise Suárez, ext.119.

**¡Misterio!:** Han desaparecido un gran número de toallas de cocina. Si usted se llevó a su casa algunas toallas para lavarlas, favor de devolverlas lo antes posible. Gracias.

**MINISTERIO DE JÓVENES:**

*Para preguntas, llamen o text a Sandy, 205-0825, [sschluter@holycrossopks.org](mailto: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!

**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.

**Al Encuentro de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe:** Peregrinación a Birmingham, Alabama, San Agustín, Florida y Miami, Florida - de **Enero 20 al 27, 2014**, organizado por el Instituto Bishop Helmsing. Acompaña como capellán, el Padre Darvin Salazar. Será un tiempo muy hermoso de gracia, oración y peregrinación. Para inscribirse o más información, escriba a: [Molina@diocesekcsj.org](mailto:Molina@diocesekcsj.org), ó llame al 816/714-2301 ó 816/756-1850, ext.209. Patrocinado por la Diócesis de KCMO.

**Retiro Kerigmático de Evangelización:** CINE y la Parroquia Blessed Sacrament anuncian este Retiro, en la cafetería de la Parroquia, **Enero 30 y Febrero 1 y 2**. Si usted quiere participar, llame a Miguel Sánchez, 913/281-6644.

**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 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