

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

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

El boletín *Encuentro* en español
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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

Early Education Center: 381-7151

7917 W 95th St. 66212
E-Mail: 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.

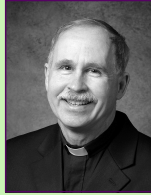
MARRIAGES: Six months notice required. Call the office for information.

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,

I hope to see you at Celebration next Saturday. It is an important fund-raiser for our parish, and a lot of fun to boot. Many parishioners have been working hard to make it a success. The only thing left for that to happen is for you to attend. Come support the parish and have a good time.



Fr. Mike

Stewardship Reflection January 19, 2014

“John testified further, saying, ‘I saw the Spirit come down like a dove from heaven and remain upon him.’” *John 1:32*

In today’s Gospel reading, John proclaims Jesus as the Lamb of God. He is letting us know that God sent his Son to take away our sins. When we participate in the Eucharist, we are reminded of this proclamation. The Eucharist is Christ’s gift for us and we, in turn, must share our gifts with Him.

Mass Intentions For The Week



Monday	9:00 a.m.	Spec Int - Lita del Carmen
Tuesday	6:30 a.m.	Grace Bisone
	8:15 a.m.	Rick Walter
	6:00 p.m.	Peter Pham (Spanish)
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Spec Int - James Watson
Thursday	6:30 a.m.	Janie Moran
	8:15 a.m.	Spec Int - Thuy Yong
Friday	9:00 a.m.	James Berghoff
Saturday	7:30 a.m.	No Mass
	5:00 p.m.	Ken VanBooven
Sunday	7:30 a.m.	Edward Bortko
	9:00 a.m.	Mary Carter
	11:00 a.m.	People of the Parish
	1:00 p.m.	Maria Martinez (Spanish)

Financial Update

	Jan 12	Fiscal YTD
Weekly Offering Needed	\$31,646	\$805,780
Weekly Offering Received	27,807	783,654
Over/(Under)	(3,839)	(22,126)

Special Donations 907 40,027

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!



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!



Missing a glove? Hat? Scarf? Some other item? Check out the **Lost and Found** box at Holy Cross Church! The box is located outside the church office.

Your missing item may be there!



READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

Third Sunday of Ordinary Time; Isaiah 8:23-9:3; 1 Corinthians 1:10-13,7; Matthew 4:12-23



Please Pray for Those Asking for Prayers: Ernie Cerkey, Laura Herr, Frankie Pummill and Tami.



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 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!

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! There is a need for volunteers to help with preparation for the night of Celebration as well as clean up the following day.

Volunteers are also needed to help the night of Celebration in the Silent Auction rooms as well as the kitchen and serving food. If you would like to help, please contact Flora Sokol at 913-901-0319 or Karla Melgar at 381-2757 ext 140.

Silent Auction - Items Still Needed!

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



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.



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". **Sign ups also will be after all Masses Jan 18/19.**



The **Monthly Food Collection** for Catholic Charities is held the **last Sunday** of each month. The next collection will be **Sun, January 26**. Your donations are greatly appreciated!



St. Catherine's Circle Meeting: We will meet **Mon, Jan 20** at Holy Cross parking lot at **10:30 am** to go to lunch and have our meeting. Call Kathy 913-638-8369 for questions.



Help us bring Vacation Bible School Back! We would like to bring VBS back but we need your help. We are in need of volunteers in all different areas of VBS. Please let us know if you are interested in making VBS possible this summer by calling Karla Melgar at 381-2755 ext 140 to volunteer or with questions. First volunteer meeting will be Wed, Jan 29 at 7:00 pm in room 2. See you there!



ADORATION CHAPEL: There are still four **OPEN HOURS!** However, the Lord is alone several hours each week where assigned hours are not being filled. If you cannot be present at your assigned hour, please obtain a sub or let us know that you are no longer able to keep this commitment. 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. 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



Afternoon Program will meet Tues, Jan 21 from 4:30-5:45 pm. The children will be learning about the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist and What is Eucharist Adoration? Remember, if your child will be absent for any reason, or you have any questions please call Karla Melgar at 381-2757 ext 140.

Parent Meeting, in English, for parents of children preparing for **First Communion** this spring will be **Monday, Feb. 3 at 7:00 pm in room 5A**. Call Karla if you need childcare or for any questions at 381-2757 ext 140.



*We Welcome Our
Newly Baptized Children!*

Alexander Jose Salazar, Victor Ivan Perez Gonzalez, Daylein Reyes Pena, Thompson Reyes Pena, Iris Kathleen Troy, Sofia Anaya Franz, Celeste Bello Fernandez, Sebastian Perez Bello

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!** 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**
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

Knights of Columbus Breakfast

In conjunction with Catholic School Week and the **Holy Cross Catholic School Open House**, the Knights will be serving a **Pancake and Sausage Breakfast on Sunday, Feb 2 in Pflumm Hall** at the school starting at **8:30 am**. (There will be no breakfast at church on Feb 9). Come join us for breakfast and take a look around the school!



Knights of Columbus Contact

Information: ALL KNIGHTS! Please update your contact information - your name, mailing address (snail mail), email address, telephone number (land line) and cell (mobile) number. This is extremely important to ensure that all of our information gets to all you Knights. You may send your updated information to KnightsOfColumbus11534@gmail.com or mail your info to Grand Knight Marty Power at 8212 W 122nd, Overland Park, KS 66213

31 Club for 2014 Ask Our Lord to send laborers for His harvest. Join the Holy Cross 31 Club for 2014 to pray for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated religious life. 31 Club members are asked to pray for vocations at a Mass of their choosing at least once a month during 2014. **Sign up after all Masses the weekend of Jan 25-26.** If you were a member of the 31 Club in 2013, please take the opportunity to sign up again in 2014. For more info call George Dirnberger 642-0585 or Jim Wilson 381-2781.

Collection for the Church in Latin America: Catholics in Latin America and the Caribbean face many challenges, including violence and a lack of both clergy and lay leadership to witness to the gospel message. Your support shares the faith with those in need, so please give generously to next week's Collection.



The **Archdiocesan Charismatic prayer groups** are sponsoring a **mass for healing** Thurs, **January 23, 7:30 pm** at Cure of Ars, 9401 Mission Rd, Leawood, KS. Fr.

Dick Perl, SJ presiding. Fellowship follows. Info call 913-649-2026.



Lighthouse Catholic Media CDs ...

Catholic Conference Speakers Here! Yes! Some of the most sought-after, well-known Catholic speakers of our times are available now-not visibly, but audibly.

The Lighthouse Catholic Media stand has talks by Dr. Scott Hahn, Steve Ray, Fr. Robert Barron, Matthew Kelly, Patrick Madrid, Jeff Cavins and many more. You can take their talks with you and enjoy forever...or share them so someone else can also be uplifted. If there's a certain speaker you'd like that is not available, contact Brenda Scruggs 649-6442.

Project Rachel: New Year. New You. Healing the wounds of abortion. Let Project Rachel-Project Joseph help you let go. **CONFIDENTIAL** Call 888-246-1504 or email projectrachelkc@archkck.org for information.

9 DAYS FOR LIFE

YOUR PRAYERS MATTER.
YOUR SACRIFICES MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

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



Be a volunteer with **IHN (Interfaith Hospitality Network)**! The week of Feb 23 is Holy Cross's next week to help with IHN. To be a volunteer you must be trained.

Training will be held Tues, Jan 21 6:30-9:00 pm at **Old Mission United Methodist Church**, 5519 State Park Rd in Fairway. Contact Shirley Maxwell 913-897-2127 or samaxwell@sbcglobal.net for more information.



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



A Ministry of the Benedictine Sisters

What makes Pope Francis Tick? will be presented on four Tuesday from **1:00-2:30 pm, January 28-February 18**. Join Jesuit novices Jonathan Calloway and William McCormick for a fascinating look at Jesuit spirituality as a way to view the world and guide our everyday lives. Men and women welcome. To register, call 913-906-8990. **Free**



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.**

Infant Grief and Loss Session: An upcoming four session, infant grief and loss support group will be held on **Wednesdays, January 29, February 5, February 12 and Tuesday February 18** at **Holy Spirit Church**, 11300 W 103 St, Overland Park from 7:00-9:00 pm. Please call or email Mary Anne Noonan at 913-269-8844, or bnoonan13@msn.com or Mary Helen Dennihan 913-491-4268 or dennihan6@kc.rr.com **for reservations and information.**

Coping with Life Alone is a grief support program that meets each week for eight weeks. The program helps those who have lost a love relationship due to death, divorce or separation move through the experience of grief and loss into a future with renewed hope. The next program will meet Sunday afternoons: **Feb 9-Mar 30 from 1:30-4:00 pm.** To register or for additional information, please call Cathy at 816-540-4644 or 816-392-6655 or visit www.beginningexperience.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:

Espero verlos en “Celebration” el próximo sábado. Ésta es una importante fuente de ingresos para Holy Cross, además de ser muy divertida. Gran cantidad de parroquianos han trabajado duramente para que esta fiesta tenga mucho éxito. Lo único que falta es que usted y yo vayamos el sábado a divertirnos. Vengan todos y traigan a sus familiares y amigos.

Fr. Mike

INTENCIONES PARA LAS MISAS: Martes 1/21, 6:00 p.m.: Peter Pham
Domingo 1/26, 1:00 p.m.: María Martínez

LECTURAS PARA COMPARTIR LA FE: 3er Domingo Ordinario
Isaías 8:23, 9:3; 1 Corintios 1:10-13, 17; Mateo 4:12-23

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 21 de Enero, en el salón de la Iglesia. Los niños estarán aprendiendo sobre “**La presencia Real de Jesús en la Eucaristía**”, también sobre el **significado que tiene la Adoración del Santísimo**. 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, 21 de Enero, en el salón de la Iglesia. Los niños tendrán la oportunidad de aprender sobre “**La Presencia Real de Jesús en la Eucaristía**”, también sobre el **significado que tiene la Adoración del Santísimo**. 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.

Celebration 2014, Evento anual más importante Recaudar Fondos para Holy Cross: Este evento recaudó más de \$100,000 para Holy Cross el año pasado. Vengan todos a pasar un rato muy divertido, el Domingo 26 de Enero, en la Escuela Holy Cross. Esperamos recaudar más dinero este año con la ayuda del Señor y todos nuestros parroquianos, sus familias y sus amigos.

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!

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:

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, 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.

¡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.

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