

Church of The Holy Cross

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Overland Park, Kansas 66212
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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
Rector: 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.

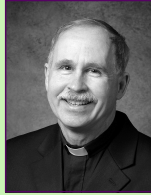
MARRIAGES: Six months notice required. Call the office for information.

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,

In many ways, this has been a difficult month. Many people have been sick with the flu and with colds. We have endured freezing weather. Fr. Oscar arrived on one of the coldest days of the winter. Since he was coming from the balmy weather of Columbia, it must have hit him as quite a shock. I have assured him that spring will eventually bring warmer weather. We all can look forward to that. We also have much to look forward to in the parish. Shortly before Lent, we will have retreats, one in Spanish and the other in English, to prepare us for that season. During Lent, besides the Stations of the Cross Friday evening, we will have Bible study in small groups. I invite you to take part in them, and grow in your faith.



Fr. Mike



Monday	9:00 a.m.	Mary Ve Tran
Tuesday	6:30 a.m.	George Beres
	6:00 p.m.	Casto Herrera (Spanish)
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Laura Bulla
Thursday	6:30 a.m.	Kevin Haeusser
Friday	9:00 a.m.	Spec Int-Duong Family
Saturday	7:30 a.m.	Genevieve & James Blake
	5:00 p.m.	Spec Int-George & Hazel Vogel
Sunday	7:30 a.m.	Stephen Maxwell
	9:00 a.m.	Robert Weber
	11:00 a.m.	Peter R. Werp
	1:00 p.m.	People of the Parish (Spanish)

Stewardship Reflection January 26, 2014

“He said to them, ‘Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men.’ At once they left their nets and followed him.” Matthew 4:19-20

If we had been the fishermen in today’s Gospel, how many of us would have been so quick to follow Jesus? When we are given choices in our lives, let us strive to choose the roads that follow God and not the paths that take us away from Him. Hopefully, we will be as quick to make our decision.

Financial Update

	Jan 19	Fiscal YTD
Weekly Offering Needed	\$31,646	\$837,426
Weekly Offering Received	29,150	812,804
Over/(Under)	(2,496)	(24,622)
Special Donations	233	40,260
Restricted Assets as of Dec 30		Calculated Monthly
Parish Endowment-Restricted		\$77,737
School Endowment-Restricted		\$34,507
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!



READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: The Presentation of the Lord:

Malachi 3:1-4; Hebrew 2:14-18; Luke 2:22-40

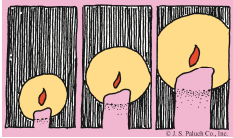


Please Pray for Those Asking for Prayers:

Ernie Cerkey, Joey DeCelles, Laura Herr, Eldon Parizek and Tami.

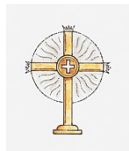


REST IN PEACE: Prayers are requested for Eileen Keane, of Holy Cross.



Candlemas: Next weekend, we celebrate the feast of the Presentation of Our Lord. It is traditional to bless candles on that day. If you have candles that you wish to have blessed, we invite you to bring them to the church and place them on the table in the narthex. Make sure that the candles have your name on them so that someone else won't pick them up

Wednesday Confessions: There will be **NO** confessions this **Wed, January 29** at 5:30pm.



ADORATION CHAPEL: There are **SIX 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.

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!



Sunshine Club: We will be dining at **Red Lobster**, 95th and Metcalf, on **Wednesday, Jan 29 at 4:00 pm**. Please call Marie Spies to RSVP 381-8923

Sunshine Club Meeting: We will meet **Sunday, February 2** after the 7:30 am Mass in Lickteig Hall. Any questions, call Karen Simecka at 913-424-9587.



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!



St. Mary's Food Kitchen: We served 387 dinners to those less fortunate on Jan 17. During 2013, Holy Cross served a total of 4,575 dinners. Thank you to everyone who provided food, helped serve and gave monetary donations.



First Saturday Devotions will be on **Feb 1**. 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.

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 most Monday nights from 7-8:30pm in the youth room. Call Sandy for schedule at 205-0825



High School Youth Group: We meet most Wed. nights from 7-8:30pm. We meet downstairs in the youth room. All high schoolers are welcome! Come check us out! Call Sandy for schedule 205-0825.

Religious Education



Afternoon Program will meet Tues, Jan 28 from 4:30-5:45 pm. The children will have a Service for Eucharist Adoration and Benediction with Fr. Mike. Parents are welcome to be with us for this service. 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.

Collection for the Church in Latin America:

Today, we will take up the Collection for the Church in Latin America. Your gift to the Collection will fund catechesis, youth ministry programs and seminarian education in Latin America and the Caribbean. Please support the Church in Latin America and the Caribbean and be generous in today's Collection.



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!

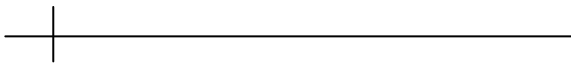


Knights of Columbus Contact

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



The High School youth would like to say a big **THANK YOU** to our great parishioners. We had a very successful blood drive, exceeding our goal of 30! We had 51 donors and 44 pints collected. We saved 88 lives with your donations!



Lighthouse Catholic Media CDs ...

The Lighthouse Catholic Media CDs are tremendous resources for insight, encouragement, and advice from a Catholic perspective. Don't assume you know everything you need to know about the Church. It has a depth and beauty no one has fully grasped. And don't miss the advice from experts on life issues! We all need a "helping hand" sometimes. Make this a great New Year 2014! For only \$3 each, it's the best and the least expensive expertise you'll ever find. We know you will enjoy them. Questions? Call Brenda Scruggs 913-649-6442



Mardi Gras Benefit

Dance, Saturday, March 1st

7:00 – 11:00pm at Holy Cross

School, 8101 West 95th St,

Overland Park, KS. Appetizers, wine, beer, sangria, soft drinks/water will be served.

Cost: \$20.00 in advance/\$25.00 at the door.

Mail check to Julie % Sanctuary of Hope, 2601 Ridge Ave, Kansas City, KS 66102,

Att: Mardi Gras Dance. All proceeds will benefit Sanctuary of Hope Retreat & Prayer Center.

MEN UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Men Under Construction - "Proclaim It!" A men's conference to be held **Sat, March 8 from 7:00am-3:30pm at Church of the Ascension** in Overland Park. Keynote speaker is Governor Sam Brownback. Other speakers include Matt Fradd with Catholic Answers, author- Dr. Joseph Pearce, and Eric Sutulovich, Atlanta Falcon's Assistant Special Team Coach. To register go to www.ksmuc.org/registration



World Marriage Day- Sun,

Feb 9. All married couples are invited to come celebrate their Sacrament of Marriage at the fifth annual **World Marriage Day Mass, Feb 9 at 2:00 pm** at **St. Therese Parish, 7207 NW Hwy 9, Kansas City, MO.** Mass will be concelebrated by Bishop Robert Finn and Archbishop Joseph Naumann, followed by a reception in the Wooldridge Center, with a short presentation by Tom and April Hoopes of Benedictine College. Families are welcome. For more info call Deacon Tony Zimmerman, The Office of Marriage and Family Life at 913-647-0329.

Parish, 7207 NW Hwy 9, Kansas City, MO. Mass will be concelebrated by Bishop Robert Finn and Archbishop Joseph Naumann, followed by a reception in the Wooldridge Center, with a short presentation by Tom and April Hoopes of Benedictine College. Families are welcome. For more info call Deacon Tony Zimmerman, The Office of Marriage and Family Life at 913-647-0329.



Register for "Catechism: A Pilgrimage of Faith" presented by the Holy Family School of Faith.

Sign up for Feb and March sessions now!

The last segment of the Catechism series is being offered at several Johnson County locations. If you have joined in the past you do not need to register, simply show up! New participants are always welcome!

If new, go visit www.archkck.org/schooloffaith to find a time and location that works for you. The cost is \$10. A catechism is required.

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.



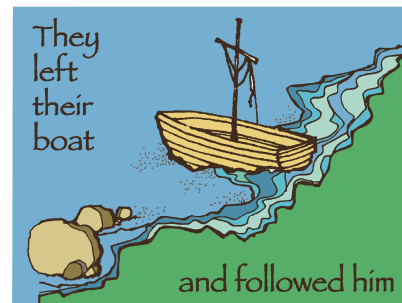
A Ministry of the Benedictine Sisters

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**



Spaghetti Dinner to benefit the Sisters, Servants of Mary will be **Sunday, Feb 2 from 11:00am-4:00pm** at St.

Patrick's, KCK, 94th and State Avenue. The meal includes Italian sausage, meatballs and spaghetti, salad, bread, dessert and beverage. Carryout available. Variety booth. Tickets can be purchased in advance or at the door. Donation: Adults, \$8.00 and children, \$3.00. For more info call 371-3423.



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:

Este mes ha sido difícil de muchas maneras. Muchas personas se encuentran enfermas con algún virus o flú. Hemostolerado temperaturas muy frías. El Padre Oscar llegó en uno de esos días tan fríos. Debió de ser una gran sorpresa para él, ya que venía de Colombia, donde el clima es más caluroso. Yo le he asegurado que la Primavera traerá una gran mejora en la temperatura. ¡Todos estamos esperando esto con alegría!

También tenemos mucho que esperar de nuestra parroquia. Antes de la Cuaresma tendremos Retiros, uno en español y otro en inglés, para prepararnos para este tiempo. Durante la Cuaresma tendremos estudio de la Biblia, además de las Estaciones de la Cruz los viernes en la noche, en grupos pequeños. Los invito a participar en éstos, para que crezcan en su fe.

Fr. Mike

INTENCIONES PARA LAS MISAS: Martes 1/28, 6:00 p.m.: Casto Herrera
Domingo 2/2, 1:00 p.m.: Personas de la Parroquia

LECTURAS PARA COMPARTIR LA FE: La Presentación del Señor
Malaquías 3:1-4; Hebreos 2:14-18; Lucas 2:22-32

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 28 de Enero, en el salón de la Iglesia. Los niños van a tener la oportunidad de tener el **Servicio de Adoración al Santísimo**, por el Padre Mike. Los padres son bienvenidos a acompañarnos. 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, 28 de Enero, en el salón de la Iglesia. Los niños y sus familias tendrán la oportunidad de asistir al **Servicio de Adoración al Santísimo**, dirigido por el Padre Oscar. 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.

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 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.

Coordinadora de Quinceañeras: Holy Cross necesita una Coordinadora de Quinceañeras lo antes posible. Esta persona será entrenada por una coordinadora y ella les enseñará cómo se lleva a cabo la ceremonia y los requisitos necesarios. Si usted está interesada a servir de voluntaria en este bonito ministerio, llame a Lina, 381-2755, en la oficina de la iglesia durante las horas en español: martes, miércoles y jueves, de 2-5 p.m.

¡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 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