

# 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**  
Rector: 341-5618

## PARISH STAFF

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Director: Sandy Schluter

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se encuentra en la página 6.

## Holy Cross Catholic School

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E-Mail: [gradeschool@holycrosscatholicsschool.com](mailto:gradeschool@holycrosscatholicsschool.com)  
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Secretaries: Anita Lemmon & Martha Beisser

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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.

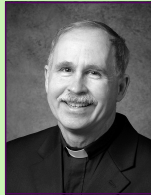
**MARRIAGES:** Six months notice required. Call the office for information.

**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,

Celebration 2014 appears to have been a great success. Certainly, people seemed to be enjoying themselves. Fr. Oscar made a hit with his special appeal. The fund-a-need raised \$30,000. Much thanks to all those who worked so hard to make this a success and for those who attended.



Fr. Mike

*Stewardship Reflection February 2, 2014*

*“. . . and to offer the sacrifice . . . in accordance with the dictate in the law of the Lord.”*

*Luke 2:24*

Today, we hear how Mary & Joseph took Jesus to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord and to offer a sacrifice to the Lord as decreed in the law of Moses. Today, we are not required to make a specific gift as Mary & Joseph did. Rather, we should make an offering that signifies the blessings which we have received.

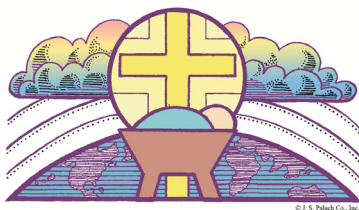
**Mass Intentions For The Week**

<b>Monday</b>	9:00 a.m.	Billie Hauber
<b>Tuesday</b>	6:30 a.m.	George Beres
	8:15 a.m.	Mildred Gough (at school)
	6:00 p.m.	Sick of the Parish (Spanish)
<b>Wednesday</b>	9:00 a.m.	Bob Schmitt
<b>Thursday</b>	6:30 a.m.	Joseph Bien Ngoc Bai
	8:15 a.m.	Joanne Meyers (at school)
<b>Friday</b>	9:00 a.m.	Edward J. Vogel, Sr.
<b>Saturday</b>	7:30 a.m.	No Mass
	5:00 p.m.	Kevin Haeusser
<b>Sunday</b>	7:30 a.m.	3rd Degree Team KoC
	9:00 a.m.	People of the Parish
	11:00 a.m.	Carolina Vucic
	1:00 p.m.	All Souls (Spanish)

**Financial Update**

	Jan 26	Fiscal YTD
Weekly Offering Needed	\$31,646	\$869,072
Weekly Offering Received	20,000	832,804
Over/(Under)	(11,646)	(26,268)
Special Donations	159	40,419
Restricted Assets as of Dec 31	Calculated Monthly	
Parish Endowment-Restricted	\$77,737	
School Endowment-Restricted	\$34,507	
Capital Campaign-Restricted	\$243,193	
Liabilities as of Dec 31	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."



**READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: The Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time:** Isaiah 58:7-10; 1 Corinthians 2:1-5; Matthew 5:13-16



**Please Pray for Those Asking for Prayers:** Ernie Cerkey, Joey DeCelles, Laura Herr, Eldon Parizek and Tami.



**REST IN PEACE:** Prayers are requested for Mary Lee Rosola, mother of Michele Everly.

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!*



**Town Hall Meeting**  
**Sunday • February 16th**  
**12:00 Noon • Lickteig Hall**

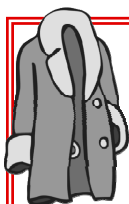
Over the past year, parish leaders have been engaged in an evaluation process called *Best Practices for Parishes*. Come and learn the results of this process and help us identify the actions we can take to better serve God's people.

*The Knights of Columbus will be serving lunch at no charge and child care will be available.*

**Please let us know that you plan to attend and if you will need childcare, so that we can plan accordingly. You can sign up through the parish website or contact the Church Office.**



The Book Discussion Group will meet on **Tues., Feb 4, 9:30 am**, in Room 1. The book will be *My Own Country* by Abraham Verghese.



**Missing Coat:** Celebration attendees- Can you check the coat you wore home and see if it is yours? I am missing my **woman's black full length wool coat**. Please contact me or just drop it off at the church office. Julie 913-339-6684

**Six Weeks with the Bible** is coming to Holy Cross! This study is for busy people who want to study the Bible but don't know where to begin. See the insert in the bulletin today for details and how to sign up. What a great way to spend time during Lent!



**Taco Bingo Night:** The Holy Cross School 8th grade class will host a Family Fun Night! It will include a taco buffet, bingo and raffle! It will be on **Friday, February 21 from 6:00-9:00pm** in Pflumm Hall and the school gym. The cost is \$5 in advance or \$7 at the door. Children ages 4-10 are \$3 and under 4 are free.

**Parish**



**Retreat**

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In preparation for Lent, Holy Cross is offering a pre-Lenten Retreat  
**"Beginning The Lenten Journey"**

**March 1 - 8:00am-1:30pm**  
**7:30am Mass Optional**

Two Talks: Conversion & Discipleship  
 given by Guest Speakers

Time for reflection & discussion

Lunch will be provided

Reconciliation Service will be included

*Watch bulletin for insert and more info.*

**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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**Bake Sale!!!** Stop by the table in the narthex next **Sat & Sun, Feb 8/9** and pick up some yummy treats to take home with you! All proceeds from the Bake Sale go to support the Youth Mission Trip this summer to Omaha, NE!

## Youth Ministry

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*middle school youth group*

**Middle School Youth Group:** We meet most Monday nights from 7-8:30pm in the youth room. All middle schoolers welcome!



**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! .



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**We are going to Omaha, NE July 5-12!** There are still a few spaces left! The trip is open to incoming 9th graders thru freshman in college. See Sandy for details or to sign up!

For questions contact Sandy Schluter at 205-0825 (text or call) or by email at [sschluter@holycrossopks.org](mailto:sschluter@holycrossopks.org)

## Religious Education



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**Afternoon Program:** NO classes on Feb 4 due to the First Communion Parent Meeting. Classes resume on Feb 11.

**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.

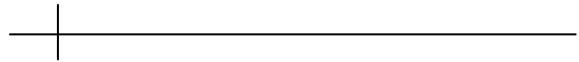


### Lighthouse Catholic Media CDs ...

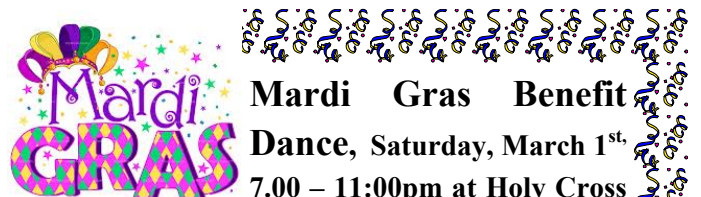
**Have You Done Your Evangelization Today?** It's hard, isn't it? Catholics don't find evangelization easy. Yet, we are all called to evangelize! Simply by being baptized, we take on that responsibility! But Lighthouse Catholic Media can help. Listen to the CDs to learn, listen again to learn better, than share them! How easy is that? Questions? Call Brenda Scruggs 913-649-6442



**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.

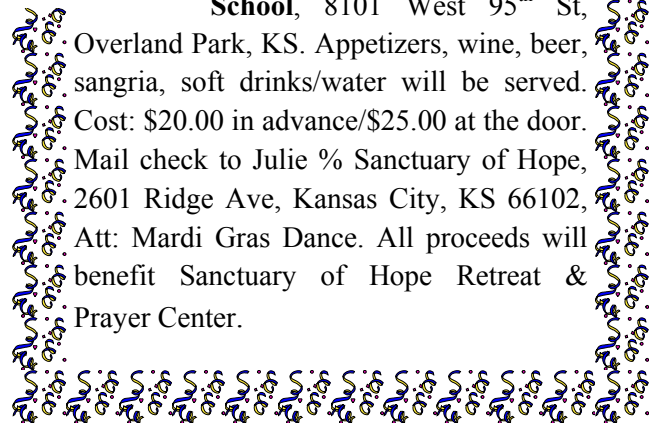


**Coping with Life Alone** is a grief support program that meets each week for eight weeks. The program helps those who have lost a love relationship due to death, divorce or separation move through the experience of grief and loss into a future with renewed hope. The next program will meet Sunday afternoons: **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](http://www.beginningexperience.org)



**Mardi Gras Benefit Dance, Saturday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, 7:00 – 11:00pm at Holy Cross School, 8101 West 95<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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](http://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](mailto:projectrachelkc@archkck.org) for information.



**St. James Academy Will Host a 3 Part Series for Teens & Parents:** Join us for presentations by expert community guest speakers and round table discussions as St. James Academy hosts a 3 part series for teen and parents! Topics are **2/5: Social Media Awareness** with Officer Dan Friesen; **3/27: Substance Use & Abuse** with Detective Mike Grisell; **4/15: Human Dignity & Pornography.** Evenings will be held from 7:00-8:30 pm and are open to all parents and High School age students. St. James Academy is located at 24505 Prairie Star Parkway, Lenexa, KS 66227. Hope to see you there!



### Volunteers Needed!

#### Emergency Assistance Center, Data Entry & eBay

Are you interested in volunteering at Catholic Charities? It's a new year and we have several opportunities in Johnson and Wyandotte Counties. We are looking for volunteers to work at our pantries in Kansas City, KS and Olathe. We need data entry volunteers in Overland Park and Kansas City, KS. Interested in learning how to sell items on eBay? Come and be part of our eBay team in Overland Park! Morning and afternoon shifts available for all positions and training provided. If interested, please contact Michelle Carlstedt at 913-433-2080 or email [mcarlstedt@catholiccharitiesks.org](mailto:mcarlstedt@catholiccharitiesks.org)



**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.**



“A “Living in Love” retreat, which includes a romantic dinner, will be held on **February 22-23**, at **Holy Spirit** in Overland Park, KS. Cost is only \$100 per couple (Scholarships are available for financial need. Contact Deacon Tony Zimmerman in the Office of Marriage and Family Life). Register or more info contact Dutch at 642-8396 or email

dutch@everestkc.net



Flocknote

**Have you signed up for flocknote yet?**

This is 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](http://www.flocknote/holycrossopks) or text “**hcop**” to **84576** and subscribe today!

*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:**

Aparentemente, **Celebration 2014**, ha tenido mucho éxito. Nos pareció que realmente la gente se estaba divirtiendo. El Padre Oscar, hizo una gran impresión entre todas las personas, con su “llamado muy especial”, en nombre de Holy Cross. Fund-a-need, recogió \$30,000.

Muchas gracias a todos los que trabajaron fuertemente, haciendo de este evento un éxito para todos los que estuvieron presente.

*Fr. Mike*

**INTENCIONES PARA LAS MISAS:** Martes 2/4, 6:00 p.m.: Enfermos de la Parroquia  
Domingo 2/9, 1:00 p.m.: Todas la Almas

### **LECTURAS PARA COMPARTIR LA FE: 5° Domingo Ordinario**

Isaías 58:7-10; 1 Corintios 2:1-5; Mateo 5:13-16

*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.:** **NO** habrán clases el **martes Feb. 3**. Tendremos la reunión para padres de familias de los niños que harán su Primera Comunión esta Primavera. **Regresaremos a las clases Feb.11.**

### **FAMILIAS CRECIENDO JUNTAS EN LA FE:**

**Clases de la Noche, 6:45pm.-8:15pm.:** El martes Feb. 4, a las 6:45pm., tendremos la reunión para padres de familias de los niños que harán su Primera Comunión esta Primavera. **Recuerden que esta reunión es solamente para los padres.** Si necesitan cuidado de niños, o para preguntas, o si sus niños van a estar ausentes, favor de llamar a Karla Melgar, 381-2787, 140, kmelgar@holycrossopks.org, ó Pilar, ext.119.

### **MINISTERIO DE JÓVENES:**

*Para preguntas, llamen o text a Sandy, 205-0825, sssluter@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

**Estudio Básico de la Biblia:** La próxima fecha será Feb. 22, 7pm., en el Ministerio Hispano, KCKS. Este curso es para personas que desean iniciar un conocimiento de la Biblia. Aprenderá a manejarla, a conocer los libros, a reconocer el texto. A ponerte en actitud de escuchar y vivirla en todo momento. Última oportunidad para inscribirte y participar. 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.

**Talleres de Ministerios Litúrgicos:** La Oficina del Ministerio Hispano presenta los Talleres de Capacitación para Ministros de la Eucaristía, Lectores, Ministros de Hospitalidad y Entrenadores de Acólitos. Se presentarán dos sesiones, Marzo 11 y 18, para todos en: bases bíblicas del Servicio del Altar, el Espíritu del Evangelio y de la Iglesia Primitiva y las Enseñanzas Litúrgicas de la Iglesia. Luego seguirá una sesión, Marzo 25, para los Lectores. Otra, Abril 1, para los Ministros de la Eucaristía y una más, Abril 8, para los Ministros de la Hospitalidad. Todas las sesiones son los martes, 7-9pm. Costo: \$15. Para participar, usted necesita hablar con el párroco o sacerdote de su iglesia para que le apoye con una carta de presentación. Luego, pase por la Oficina del Ministerio Hispano para inscribirse.

**¡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.

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