

# 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

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

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se encuentra en la página 6.

## 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.

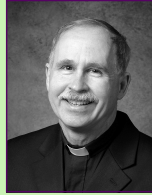
**MARRIAGES:** Six months notice required. Call the office for information.

**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,

This past fall, our parish sent a letter of congratulations and blessing to a parish also called Holy Cross in Germany. This was in response to their request, which was addressed to many other parishes in the world by that same name. The Holy Cross parish in Germany was celebrating their 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary. We have since received a letter and photos from that parish, which have been posted on the bulletin board. I invite you to take a look. It is an example of the catholicity of our church.



Fr. Mike



<b>Monday</b>	9:00 a.m.	Deanna Mercer Warren
<b>Tuesday</b>	6:30 a.m.	James Tripod
	6:00 p.m.	Kevin Haeusser (Spanish)
<b>Wednesday</b>	9:00 a.m.	Mildred Gough
<b>Thursday</b>	6:30 a.m.	Evelyn M. Rothenberger
<b>Friday</b>	9:00 a.m.	Robert & Pearl Fulton
<b>Saturday</b>	7:30 a.m.	No Mass
	5:00 p.m.	Spec Int - Richard Byrum
<b>Sunday</b>	7:30 a.m.	Mike Peterson
	9:00 a.m.	Phillip J. Slimm
	11:00 a.m.	People of the Parish
	1:00 p.m.	Louis Mai (Spanish)

*Stewardship Reflection February 9, 2014*

*“Share your bread with the hungry, shelter the oppressed and the homeless, clothe the naked when you see them, and do not turn your back on your own.”* *Isaiah 58:7*

Our first reading today epitomizes what we are called to do as stewards: to generously share the gifts which we have been given. In doing so, we are bringing the light of Christ to those who are in need of that light.

**Financial Update**

	Feb 2	Fiscal YTD
Weekly Offering Needed	\$25,255	\$894,327
Weekly Offering Received	28,891	861,695
Over/(Under)	3,636	(32,632)

Special Donations 164      40,583

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."

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 Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time:** Sirach 15:15-20; 1 Corinthians 2:6-10; Matthew 5:17-37



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



**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.*

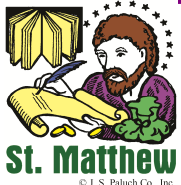
**Please let us know that you plan to attend and if you will need childcare, so that we can plan accordingly. You can sign up through the parish website or contact the Church Office.**



**Palms:** Could you please bring in your palms from last year? We will use these for the ashes for Ash Wednesday. There will be a basket for these in the Narthex. Thank You!



**NO Coffee and Donuts!!!** We will not have coffee and donuts on **Sunday, Fe 16**. Come join us at the Town Hall Meeting that day!



**Six Weeks with the Bible: On the Road with Jesus.** In the book of Matthew, Jesus teaches his disciples and us, how to follow him.

**St. Matthew**  
© J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.  
 This study brings to life these teachings of Jesus in the book of Matthew. Various days and times available. See the flyers on the bulletin rack or go to the parish website to sign up. Deadline is Feb 17.



Scout Sunday will be celebrated on **Feb 16 at the 9:00 am Mass**. All scouts- Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts - please come dressed in your Scout uniform. If you would like to help during Mass- serve, bring up gifts- call Terry Dressman at 599-6997.



**Six Dates for Catholic Couples** meets this **Friday, Feb 14, "Valentines Day!"** at **7:00pm** for the **"5nd Date"**. Please join us in the church hall to see the video and share a short prayer. Check with John and Kay Spaniol at 913-383-1157 if you need more info.

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

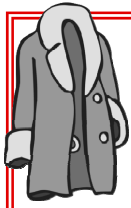
Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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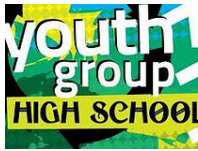
**Missing Coat:** Celebration attendees- Can you check the coat you wore home and see if it is yours? I am missing my **woman's black full length wool coat.** Please contact me or just drop it off at the church office. Julie 913-339-6684

## ✝ Youth Ministry

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**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! .



**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 or schedule of youth group meetings contact Sandy Schluter at 205-0825 (text or call) or by email at [sschluter@holycrossopks.org](mailto:sschluter@holycrossopks.org)

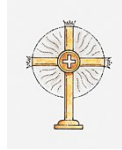
## Religious Education



We will meet Tues, Feb 11 from 4:30-5:45pm. This children will be learning about God's Word/Sacred Scripture.

Remember our policy for the inclement weather: if Shawnee Mission School District cancels classes, we will cancel too. We will be sending text messages, email and put info on the church website.

Call Karla if your child will be absent at 381-2757 ext 140.



**ADORATION CHAPEL:** There are **SIX OPEN HOURS!** Sun 4-5am, 2-3pm; Mon 1-2pm, 2-3pm; Wed 11pm-12am; Fri 1-2pm. 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



**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.



### 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

## Mardi GRAS 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.



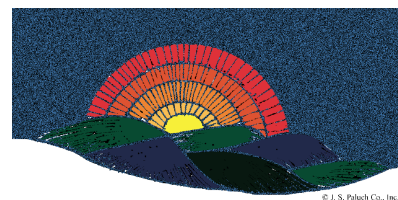
**St. James Academy Will Host a 3 Part Series for Teens & Parents:** Join us for presentations by expert community guest speakers and round table discussions as St. James Academy hosts a 3 part series for teen and parents! Topics are **2/5: Social Media Awareness** with Officer Dan Friesen; **3/27: Substance 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 2/11, 6:00 p.m.: Kevin Haeusser  
Domingo 2/16, 1:00 p.m.: Louis Mai

### **LECTURAS PARA COMPARTIR LA FE: 6° Domingo Ordinario**

Eclesiástico 15:15-21; 1 Corintios 2:6-10; Mateo 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-37

*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.*

**Retiro para la Cuaresma:** Nuestra parroquia estará dándoles una oportunidad a todos como una preparación para la Cuaresma. Tendremos un Retiro en español de medio día solamente, el sábado, Febrero 22, 2014. Planeen y marquen sus calendarios ahora. Habrá almuerzo para los participantes. Llamen a la iglesia para inscribirse lo antes posible. 381-2755.

### **EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA:**

**Clases de la Tarde, 4:30-5:45pm.:** Regresaremos a las clases el martes Feb.11. Para preguntas, o si sus niños estarán ausentes, favor de llamar a Karla Melgar, 381-2755, ext.140, [kmelgar@holycrossopks.org](mailto:kmelgar@holycrossopks.org), ó Ext.119.

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

**Clases de la Noche, 6:45pm.-8:15pm.:** Para preguntas, o si sus niños estarán ausentes, favor de llamar a Karla Melgar, 381-2787, ext.140, [kmelgar@holycrossopks.org](mailto:kmelgar@holycrossopks.org), ó , 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

**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.

**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