

Church of The Holy Cross

8311 W. 93rd St.
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
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- Maria Palazuelos
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
se encuentra en la página 6.

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.

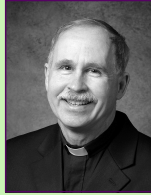
MARRIAGES: Six months notice required. Call the office for information.

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 would like to encourage you to participate in the upcoming events: the Parish Retreat (Feb. 22 in Spanish and March 1 in English), as well as the Bible study groups that will be going on during Lent. Both of these should prove to be excellent avenues for our spiritual growth.



Fr. Mike

Stewardship Reflection February 16, 2014

“If you choose you can keep the commandments, they will save you . . .” Sirach 15:15

Just as it is our choice whether or not we keep God’s commandments, it is our choice whether or not we act as a steward. If we choose to live as Jesus taught, we are automatically choosing to live a life of stewardship being thankful for the blessings we have received and returning those blessings in sacrifice and service to God and others.

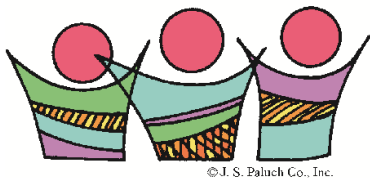
Mass Intentions For The Week

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| Monday | 9:00 a.m. | Juan Martin |
| Tuesday | 6:30 a.m. | Bob Schmitt |
| | 8:15 a.m. | Joanne Meyers (at school) |
| | 6:00 p.m. | Thuy Pham (Spanish) |
| Wednesday | 9:00 a.m. | All Souls |
| Thursday | 6:30 a.m. | Bau Tran |
| | 8:15 a.m. | Edward Bortko (at school) |
| Friday | 9:00 a.m. | Kevin Haeusser |
| Saturday | 7:30 a.m. | No Mass |
| | 5:00 p.m. | Carmen de Guia Mirasol |
| Sunday | 7:30 a.m. | Maria Bansil |
| | 9:00 a.m. | Mary Carter |
| | 11:00 a.m. | Spec Int - Mother Teresa Circle |
| | 1:00 p.m. | People of the Parish (Spanish) |

Financial Update

| | Feb 9 | Fiscal YTD |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|------------|
| Weekly Offering Needed | \$25,255 | \$919,582 |
| Weekly Offering Received | 22,119 | 883,814 |
| Over/(Under) | (3,136) | (35,768) |
| Special Donations | 700 | 41,283 |
| Restricted Assets as of Jan 31 | Calculated Monthly | |
| Parish Endowment-Restricted | \$77,737 | |
| School Endowment-Restricted | \$34,507 | |
| Capital Campaign-Restricted | \$472,011 | |
| Liabilities as of Jan 31 | Calculated Monthly | |
| Current—Archdiocese of KCKS | \$490,897 | |
| Long term—St. James Academy | \$469,146 | |

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.”



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*You make our parish life possible.
Thank You!*



READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: The Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time: Leviticus 19:1-2,17-18; 1 Corinthians 3:16-23; Matthew 5:38-48



St. Catherine’s Circle will meet **Mon, Feb 17** at **Yia, Yias** restaurant 119th & Roe at **12 noon**. Call Kathy 913-638-8369 for questions.



Please Pray for Those Asking for Prayers: Ernie Cerkey, Joey DeCelles, Nicole Gruber, Samantha Marcellus, Eldon Parizek, Clarence Stegeman, Joan Swanson and Tami.



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!

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**

Conversion - by Jeremy Aranda

Husband and father of five, Jeremy is passionate about sharing how Christ calls each of us deeper into the mystery of His love.

A former seminarian who graduated with Bachelors in Theology from St. Louis University and Masters in Systematic Theology from University of Notre Dame, Jeremy has since served in pastoral ministries, speaks at retreats and taught theology at St. James Academy.

Time for reflection & discussion.
Lunch provided-free will offering collected
Reconciliation Service will be offered.
Register by calling the office at 381-2755 or on line at www.holycrossopks.org.



Community Music Festival: Come join us **Sunday, February 23 at 3:30pm at Holy Cross** for a multi ethnic, ecumenical event! Singers and musicians from Holy Cross, First Baptist Church of Overland Park,

Kansas New Vision Korean Church, and Valley View United Methodist Church will come together for a music festival. Admission is **FREE!** Reception to follow in the church hall. All are welcome!



St. Matthew
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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.

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. Sign up by Feb 17 to allow time to order materials..



St. Mary's Food Kitchen: We will be serving pasta casserole, salad and dessert to those who are less fortunate on **Friday, Feb 21**. If you can make a casserole, please pick up a baking pan and the recipe which is provided in the narthex. **Tomatoes, bags of green garden salad are needed too!** Thanks to all those who help!



Thank you to everyone who participated with Celebration 2014! Whether you donated an item, volunteered, purchased a raffle ticket, attended or bid on an item, you helped to make Celebration a success! Thank you for your continued support of Holy Cross.



Sunshine Club Social: We will meet at **Longbranch 91st & Metcalf on Wed, Feb 26 from 4-6 pm**. For questions, call Arlene at 888-7215.

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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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.



The shrimp boat is coming!!!

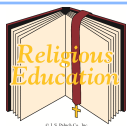
St. Helen's Circle Annual Shrimp Boil will be Friday, **March 7**. Mark your calendars! For more details call Thais at 341-1184



Food Collection for Catholic Charities will be next Sunday, **Feb 23** after all the masses.



Religious Education



We will meet Tues, Feb 18 from 4:30-5:45pm. This children will be learning about God's Laws: The Ten Commandments.

YII students need to work on Home Lesson 3 "We Offer Ourselves and All that We Have". This will be turned in the following week.

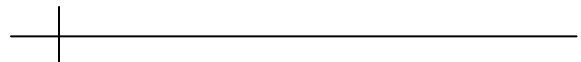
Remember our policy for the inclement weather: if Shawnee Mission School District cancels classes, we will cancel too. We will be sending text messages, email and put info on the church website.

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



ADORATION CHAPEL: OPEN HOURS: Sun 2-3pm, 5-6pm; Mon 1-2pm, 2-3pm; Thurs 2-3am, 3-4am; Fri 1-2pm. 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

To all who use the Adoration Chapel: It has been brought to our attention that some are using the chapel as a place for group spoken prayer. While this is a very worthwhile practice, our Adoration Chapel is really a place of quiet and contemplative prayer. We have recently had several complaints from people whose prayer has been disrupted by others. These parishioners were hoping to have some "quiet time" with God. We just ask that you respect the purpose of the chapel and the spirituality of others who have come to use it as it was intended.



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



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.



Lighthouse Catholic Media CDs ...

Love is in the air! ...and reminds us that the Greatest Commandment is “ Love God with your whole heart...” (Matt 22:36-40) But to love Him, you must KNOW him. Deepen your faith and spiritual life with one or more of the Lighthouse CDs or books found in the kiosk at the back of church. You will be

glad you did! Questions? Call Brenda Scruggs 913-649-6442

Chris Stefanick, a nationally-known Catholic speaker, will give a presentation on **Moral Relativism Wed, Feb 26 from 7-8pm at Holy Trinity**, 13614 W 92nd St. This presentation is open to all ages. For questions contact the Youth Office at youthadmin@archkck.org or 913-647-0373



A Ministry of the Benedictine Sisters

The Pearl of Great Price: The Cost and Joy of Discipleship, a Preparation for Lent Retreat for Women will be presented by Renee Bhatia, at Keeler Women Center, 2220 Central Ave, KCK, on **Wed, Feb 26, 6:30-9:00 pm**. (light supper 5:45-6:30pm) Space is limited and registration required. Call 913-906-8990 or go on line at www.keelerwomenscenter.org **FREE**

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



Volunteers Needed!

Help refugees feel at home in Kansas City!

Volunteers are need to help set up apartments and make them feel like home. Tasks include unloading and moving furniture and house goods, organizing, light cleaning and decorating to create a welcoming environment for newly arriving refuge families. Day, evening and weekend opportunities available. Contact Michelle Carlstedt 9136-433-2080 or mcarlstedt@catholiccharitiesks.org for more info or to sign up.

eBay Volunteers and Shoppers Needed

Would you like to learn how to sell items on eBay? Come and be part of our Volunteers eBay team in Overland Park! Morning and afternoon shifts available and training provided. Our Catholic Charities eBay store located at www.stores.ebay.com/ShopTurnstyles has more than 450 unique items and proceeds benefit all Catholic Charities programs. If interested in volunteering or if you have questions about our eBay site, please contact Michelle at 433-2080.



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.**



“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 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:

Quisiera animarlos a participar en nuestros próximos eventos: el Retiro de Cuaresma de la Parroquia en español, Feb.22, 2014, y los grupos de estudio de la Biblia durante la Cuaresma. Estos dos eventos son recursos excelentes para hacer crecer la fe.

Fr. Mike

INTENCIONES PARA LAS MISAS: Martes 2/18, 6:00 p.m.: Thuy Pham
Domingo 2/23, 1:00 p.m.: Personas de la Parroquia

LECTURAS PARA COMPARTIR LA FE: 7º Domingo Ordinario

Levítico 19:1-2, 17-18; 1 Corintios 3:16-23; Mateo 5:38-48

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 este Retiro como una oportunidad a todos para prepararse para la Cuaresma. **Será un Retiro gratis en español, de medio día solamente, el sábado 22 de Febrero, 2014.** Planeen y marquen sus calendarios ahora. Habrá almuerzo para los participantes. Llamen a la iglesia para inscribirse lo antes posible, durante las horas de español: 381-2757.

Recuerden nuestra póliza sobre la inclemencia del tiempo: Si el Distrito Escolar de Shawnee Mission cancela las clases, nosotros también lo haremos. Enviaremos mensajes de texto, correos electrónicos y pondremos la información en el sitio web de la parroquia.

EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA:

Clases de la Tarde, 4:30-5:45pm.: Nos reunimos de nuevo el martes, 18 de Feb., en el salón de la iglesia. Los niños aprenderán sobre **los Mandamientos de Dios**. Para preguntas, o si sus niños estarán ausentes, favor de llamar a Karla Melgar, 381-2757, ext.140, kmelgar@holycrossopks.org,

FAMILIAS CRECIENDO JUNTAS EN LA FE:

Clases de la Noche, 6:45pm.-8:15pm.: Nos reuniremos de nuevo el martes, 18 de Feb., en el salón de la iglesia. Los niños continuarán aprendiendo sobre **la Biblia y las lecturas de la Misa**. La tarea para la casa es **Lesson 3 - We Offer Ourselves and All That We Have**. Para preguntas, o si sus niños estarán ausentes, favor de llamar a Karla Melgar, 381-2757, ext.140, kmelgar@holycrossopks.org.

La reunión para Padres de Familias sobre el Sacramento de la Primera Comunión, será Feb. 18, 6:45pm. Los niños deberán asistir a clase este día. La Reunión será durante el tiempo de clase.

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:**

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