

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
Hispanic Ministry: Fr. Oscar Garavito
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@holycrosscatholicschool.com
Principal: Allison Carney
Secretaries: Anita Lemmon & Martha Beisser

Early Education Center: 381-7151

7917 W 95th St. 66212
E-Mail: preschool@holycrosscatholicschool.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, 6:00-7:00 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.

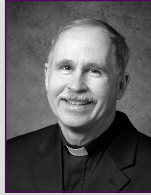
MARRIAGES: Six months notice required. Call the office for information.

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,

Our parish is creating the position of music director, which will in part replace the position of liturgy director. The position of music director will be part-time, while the position of liturgy director was full-time. The size of the parish has decreased considerably since the position of liturgy director was created, and we can no longer afford that full-time position. Similarly, couple of years ago, the position of administrative assistant, formerly filled by Pam Seger, was reduced to a part-time position, for the same reason. We are seeking to maintain our programs, while at the same time keeping within economic realities.



Fr. Mike Stubbs



Monday	9:00 a.m.	Josephine Golub
Tuesday	6:30 a.m.	Kevin Haeusser
	8:15 a.m.	Maria Nguyen (at school)
	6:00 p.m.	Spec Int- Sandy Hess (Spanish)
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Jim Blake
Thursday	6:30 a.m.	Grace Bisone
	8:15 a.m.	Peter R. Werp (at school)
Friday	9:00 a.m.	Spec Int - Lyette Schuchardt
	5:30 p.m.	Stations of the Cross
	6:30 p.m.	Stations of the Cross (Spanish)
Saturday	7:30 a.m.	No Mass
	5:00 p.m.	John Martin, Jr.
Sunday	7:30 a.m.	Joseph Trinh Dinh Dong
	9:00 a.m.	Clarence Stegeman
	11:00 a.m.	Jacqueline Davis
	1:00 p.m.	People of the Parish (Spanish)

Stewardship Reflection March 23, 2014

“But God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us.”

Romans 5:8

We know God loves us because we know that he gave us his only Son to die on the cross for our sins. Is it as easy for us to prove our love for God? Do we openly live our life in a manner that shows we are a disciple of Jesus? As we continue our Lenten journey, we should strive to show that we are Christians in every word and deed.

Financial Update

	March 16	Fiscal YTD
Weekly Offering Needed	\$26,090	\$1,048,362
Weekly Offering Received	24,489	1,014,904
Over/(Under)	(1,601)	(33,458)

Special Donations 361 42,892

Restricted Assets as of Feb 28	Calculated Monthly
Parish Endowment-Restricted	\$77,737
School Endowment-Restricted	\$34,507
Capital Campaign-Restricted	\$488,656

Liabilities as of Feb 28	Calculated Monthly
Current—Archdiocese of KCKS	\$490,897
Long term—St. James Academy	\$466,943

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.”

You make our parish life possible.

Thank You!



Each year the altar is beautifully decorated with **flowers** donated by parishioners in memory of their deceased loved ones. We invite you to **donate \$15 for flowers** for the Easter environment. Please call the church office, 381-2755 or stop by during office hours to make a donation.



READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: The Fourth Sunday of Lent: 1 Samuel 16: 1B, 6-7,10-13A; Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41



Please Pray for Those Asking for Prayers: Harold Cagle, Joey DeCelles, Ron Fredgren, Joan Monley, Marilyn Paul, Wayne Saterbak, Joan Swanson Mary Cerkey-Syrrist ,and Tami.

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers: We now have a handrail to assist you up the steps in the sanctuary. To get up the first step, you can use the pedestal holding the hand sanitizer. It has been anchored securely to the floor.

Lent at Holy Cross

Stations of the Cross: Every Friday in Lent at 5:30pm

Lenten Dinners: in Lickteig Hall except March 28

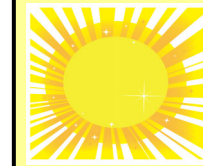
- March 28 PTO Fish Dinner **at school**
- April 4 WHC-Soup and Salad 5:00 pm
- April 11 Hispanic Community 5:00 pm

Special Event: April 4-Gospel Choir & Dancers from Our Lady & St. Rose 7:30 pm

Reconciliation: every Wed in Lent from 6-7 pm
Communal Parish Service , Mon, April 7 at 7:00pm



Holy Cross parish is looking for a **music director**. This is a part-time position. This person will oversee the music for our liturgies. For a more complete job description, please contact the parish office.



Sunshine Club Social Dinner- We will meet on **Wed, March 26** at 4:00 pm at the Applebee's on Metcalf and College. Please call Marie Spies at 381-8923 for a reservation.



Six Dates for Catholic Couples meets this **Friday, March 28** at **7:00pm** for the **"6th Date"**. Please join us in the church hall to see the video and share a short prayer. In addition, each couple may bring a snack or hors d'oeuvre to share. Remember, it is Friday in Lent. We will spend some time sharing together before our last date! Questions? John or Kay Spaniol at 383-1157



Our parish is looking for a **wedding coordinator**. The position involves meeting with the couple to answer their questions about the ceremony, setting up and running the rehearsal, and coordinating the ceremony. It pays a stipend per wedding. For more information, contact the parish office at 381-2755.



Lenten Reflection

The Death and Resurrection of Christ
According to St. Matthew

Date: Wednesday, March 26

Time: The session will be offered twice
9:45 am
7:00 pm

Location: Holy Cross Church



PTO Fish Dinner – Please join us on **March 28th from 5:30 – 7:30 PM** in the **Parish Activity Center** for a delicious meal including our special recipe hand breaded Alaskan Pollock or Smoked Salmon. Dinner also includes salad, coleslaw, roll, French fries, green beans, and drink. Macaroni and Cheese or Cheese Pizza will be available for children. **Volunteers are needed to make desserts.** Please email Jeanine Schneider at jschneider@holycrosscatholicschool.com if you can make a dessert or volunteer.

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: _____

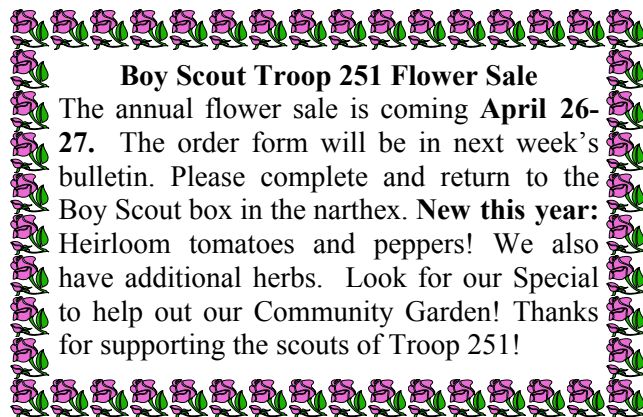
Drop in collection basket, bring or mail to:
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 8311 W 93rd St.
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The Women of Holy Cross will sponsor a **Soup and Salad Buffet** from **5-7:00 pm** on **Fri April 4**. Adults \$6.00 and children (12 and under) \$3.00. There will be over 30

varieties of soups to choose from and your meal also includes cookies and drinks. A special children's menu will include mac & cheese, cheese pizza and lemonade!

Come join us after dinner at **7:30 pm** in the church for a performance by **Our Lady-St. Rose Gospel Choir and Heritage House Dance Ministry** - praising God in song and dance. Special guest appearance by Fr. Mark Mertes. Free will offering will be taken during the performance. Please join us!



Boy Scout Troop 251 Flower Sale

The annual flower sale is coming **April 26-27**. The order form will be in next week's bulletin. Please complete and return to the Boy Scout box in the narthex. **New this year:** Heirloom tomatoes and peppers! We also have additional herbs. Look for our Special to help out our Community Garden! Thanks for supporting the scouts of Troop 251!

Religious Education



We meet this Tues, March 25 from 4:30-5:45pm. We will learn about the Sacrament of Reconciliation and we will pray the Stations of the Cross. Year II students: Remember to turn in all your First Communion lessons and Mass reflection sheets. Call Karla Melgar if your child will be absent at 381-2757 ext 140.



Sunday Morning Bible Study

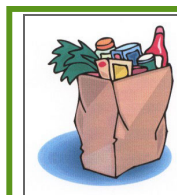
on the Mass Readings is being held **every Sunday at 10:00 am-10:50am** in **room 5AB** in the church basement. Why come? Because we want to get to know Jesus more intimately, increase our participation at mass and build up the Body of Christ. All invited! Childcare is a possibility. To learn more about childcare, contact Maria Lui 816-392-6370



Save Money and Time!!!

Early Registration for Religious Education K - 12 grade March 25- May 6

Early registration will take place March 25- May 6. If you register before May 6, a **15% discount will be applied to registration fees paid in full at the time of registration**. Please register soon to hold your place! You may come to the Religious Education Office or call Karla Melgar at 913-381-2757 ext 140 or Maria Palazuelos ext 119 to register. **Forms are due by May 6 in order to receive the 15% discount.**



Catholic Charities: The Monthly Food Collection for Catholic Charities is held the **last Sunday** of each month. The next collection will be **Sun, March 30**. Your donations are greatly appreciated!



Couples celebrating their **50th Wedding Anniversary in 2014** are invited to the Archdiocesan 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration on **June 1, 2014 at 2:30pm at Cathedral of St. Peter**. To receive your invitation from Archbishop Naumann, please call the parish office and give us your name, address, phone number and date of your wedding. Please do this as soon as possible!



VBS is coming to Holy Cross!
K4J Summertime Blast will be June 23-27

More info coming soon!
Volunteers needed!
Call Karla Melgar 381-2757 ext 140



ADORATION CHAPEL: OPEN HOURS: Sun 2-3pm, 5-6pm; Mon: 2-3am, 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

YOUTH Ministry

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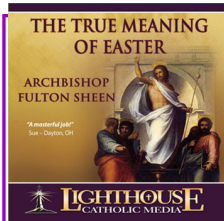


Middle School Youth Group: We meet most Monday nights from 7-8:30pm in the youth room. All middle schoolers welcome!



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!

For questions or schedule of youth group meetings contact Sandy Schluter at 205-0825 (text or call) or by email at sschluter@holycrossopks.org



Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen was one of the best-known and best-loved Catholic orators of the twentieth century, reaching millions of Christians of all denominations. Presented here are his timeless reflections on the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of our Lord, combined with Scripture and Gregorian Chant to create a powerful presentation that is sure to become a family favorite. Find this in the Lighthouse kiosk in the back of church.

A Grief & Loss Support Program for persons encountering the loss of an infant due to miscarriage, ectopic pregnancy, stillbirth or early infant death is being offered Thur evenings starting March 27 in the KC area. Call Mary Ellen 491-4268 for more info.



Free College Visit Weekend- Single men ages 16 and up are invited to visit an active college seminary **April 5-6** at Conception Seminary in Missouri. See how full and active seminary life is and meet our young men who deepening their friendship with Christ. There is no cost. Vocation director Fr. Scott Wallisch will provide transportation and accompany visitors, leaving Saturday and returning Sunday evening. Registration is required by March 28 at www.kckvocations.com in "discernment events" or email vocation@archkck.org.

New Miscarriage Ministry: The Archdiocese has announced a new Miscarriage & Early Childhood Loss Ministry to provide resources to help parents deal with early childhood losses including miscarriages, whether recent or past. To order materials at no cost, including a Miscarriage & Early Childhood Loss Handbook for Parents, please contact your parish office or the archdiocesan Pro-Life Office at pro-life@archkck.org or 913-647-0350.



Traditional Mexican Taco Dinner will be hosted by **The Cathedral of St. Peter**, 431 N. 15th St, KC, KS on **Sat, March 29** from 5-9 pm. Dinner includes 3 traditional tacos, rice, beans and drink. Cost is \$8/adults and \$4/children (under 12 yrs). There will be traditional music and a 50/50 raffle. All are invited!

Rachel's Vineyard Weekend Retreat: Are you or someone you love suffering the emotional pain of an abortion? Consider attending a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat open to women and men of all ages. This weekend offers a beautiful opportunity to experience healing. Next retreat is March 28-30. Call 816-591-3804 or email rvkcmo@gmail.com for confidential info.



Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Married Couples Deserve Some TLC: Plants need fertilizer to grow healthy and strong and so, too does your marriage. Without some nurturing and care it can remain weak and unfulfilling. Spread a little fertilizer on your relationship. Make a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend and watch your love for each other grow! The next weekend is **June 27-29**. For more details visit wwme4youandme.org or call Deacon Tony & Barb Zimmerman 913-745-6471.



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.*

The 18th Annual Joint Diocesan Mass for the Anointing of the Sick will be held **Saturday, March 29 at 10 am at Cure of Ars Church.** Archbishop Joseph Naumann will be the Principal Celebrant with Bishop Robert Finn as Homilist in a communal Mass to administer the sacrament of the sick to Catholics of both Dioceses. Those wishing to receive the sacrament are asked to pre-register by phone at 913-649-3260. Leave your name with correct spelling.

School of Love - **DATE NIGHT** for Catholic married couples will be held **Thursday, April 3 at 6:30-7:30 pm** (..and every 1st Thursday) at **O'Neills Restaurant (Party Room)** 9417 Mission Rd, Leawood, KS. We start your date: drinks, appetizers & a brief talk on Catholic Faith, Marriage & Family. Then we send you away (w/optional discussion) &... You finish your date: at home or out on the town! No sign up. No Cost (Freewill Offering) Babies under 1 welcome. Go to www.schooloflovekc.com for more info.



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:

Nuestra parroquia ha creado la posición de Director de Música, la cuál tomará el lugar de Director de Liturgia. La posición de Director de Música es solamente de tiempo parcial, al contrario de la de Director de Liturgia. El tamaño de nuestra parroquia ha disminuído considerablemente desde que se formara la posición de Director de Liturgia, por ésto, no podemos pagar una posición de tiempo complete.

Similarmente, hace dos años aproximadamente, la posición de Asistente Administrativa que Pam Seger tenía, fue disminuída a tiempo parcial. Estamos tratando de mantener todos nuestros programas, mientras que nos mantenemos dentro de las realidades económicas.

Fr. Mike

INTENCIONES PARA LAS MISAS: Martes 3/25, 6:00 p.m.: Intención Especial-Sandy Hess
Domingo 3/30, 1:00 p.m.: Personas de la Parroquia

LECTURAS PARA COMPARTIR LA FE: 4º Domingo de Cuaresma
1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Efésios 5:8-14; Juan 9:1-41

ATENCIÓN PADRES DE NIÑOS: ¡Ahorre tiempo y dinero inscribiendo anticipadamente a sus niños en las clases de Educación Religiosa, desde Kindergarten hasta el Grado 12, comenzando Marzo 25, 2014 hasta Mayo 6, 2014! **¡Inscriba a sus niños hoy y ahorre 15%! Este descuento se aplicará al costo total de las clases al momento de la inscripción, si es pagada en su totalidad.**

Favor de inscribir a sus niños lo antes posible, para asegurarles un lugar en las clase. Las formas de inscripción anticipadas para las clases de Otoño 2014, estarán disponibles en la oficina de Educación Religiosa, o pueden llamar a Karla Melgar, 381-2755, ext.140, ó a María Palazuelos, ext.119.

La fecha límite para entregar las formas de inscripción anticipadas y obtener el 15% de descuento, es Mayo 6, 2014.

EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA:

1er Año - Clases de la Tarde, 4:30-5:45pm.: Nos volveremos a reunir el martes, Marzo 25, en el sótano de la iglesia. Los niños estarán aprendiendo acerca del **Sacramento de Reconciliación**. También van a tener la oportunidad de formar parte de **las Estaciones de la Cruz**, en la Iglesia. Para preguntas, o si sus niños estarán ausentes, favor de llamar a Karla Melgar, 381-2757, ext.140, kmelgar@holycrossopks.org, o María Palazuela, ext.119.

FAMILIAS CRECIENDO JUNTAS EN LA FE:

2º Año - Clases de la Noche, 6:45pm.-8:15pm.: Nos volveremos a reunir el martes, Marzo 25, en el salón de la iglesia. Los niños y sus padres estarán participando de las **Estaciones de la Cruz, o Vía Crucis**. Luego continuaremos aprendiendo sobre el **Sacrificio y Sufrimiento de Jesús**. Para preguntas, o si sus niños estarán ausentes, favor de llamar a Karla Melgar, 381-2757, ext.140, kmelgar@holycrossopks.org, o María Palazuela, ext.119.

Recuerden nuestra póliza sobre las inclemencias 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.

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.

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!

TIEMPO DE CUARESMA EN HOLY CROSS: “Siendo rico, se hizo pobre por nosotros para enriquecernos con su pobreza” (2 Corintios 8:9)

VIACRUCIS Viernes: 6:30 p.m.

No.	Día	Fecha	Responsables
4°	viernes	Marzo 28	Grupo de RICA y Niños
5°	viernes	Abril 4	Concierto
6°	viernes	Abril 11	Jóvenes y Silvia Bernal

“Vuelvan a mí de todo corazón, con ayuno, con llanto, con luto-dice el Señor.

Rásguense pues, el corazón, no las vestiduras. Vuelvan al Señor, su Dios, porque

Él es clemente y compasivo, paciente y rico en misericordia y por compasión

Desiste del castigo...” (Joel 2:12) Gracias por su ayuda incondicional.

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: Abril 5: Santa Catarina, Emporia, KS y **Junio 21:** San Pablo, Olathe, KS

CURSILLOS de Cristiandad Anuncian:

Retiro de Cuaresma: sábado, 29 de Marzo, en el Centro del Salvador del Mundo.

Retiro para Varones: del 10 al 13 de Abril, en el Centro del Salvador del Mundo.

Necesitan inscribirse con tiempo para los dos eventos.

Congreso Eucarístico, Mariano y Carismático: “Os daré un corazón nuevo.

(Ez. 36:26), con las Siervas de los Corazones Traspasados de Jesús y María, sábado, 29 de Marzo, de 8am.-5pm., Kansas City Convention Center, Bartle Hall,

Primer piso, downtown KCMO. Costo: \$15/adultos, \$10/jóvenes de 12 a 18 años, niños gratis. Tickets ya están en venta en la Diócesis de KS-St.Joseph. Para más

información. Llamen a Norma Molina, 816/714-2301.

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, 2-6pm.,

miércoles y jueves, 2-5pm