

# 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**  
**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

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## Holy Cross Catholic School

8101 W. 95th St. 66212  
School Office: 381-7408  
E-Mail: [gradeschool@holycrosscatholicschool.com](mailto: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](mailto: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.

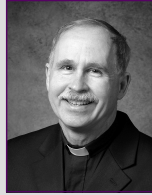
**BAPTISMS:** Usually the 4th weekend of the month during 5:00 p.m. and 11:00 a.m. Masses. (Parent classes are every other month.)  
Contact the office to confirm times and to register.

**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,



Fr. Anthony Williams has informed me that he will be leaving Holy Cross at the end of June. We wish him well in his future endeavors. When he leaves, we will have to examine how to deal with the 6:30 a.m. Mass on Tuesday and Thursday which he has been celebrating. Hopefully, we can find another priest to come in for that.

Fr. Mike

*Stewardship Reflection March 30, 2014*

*“Live as children of light, for light produces every kind of goodness and righteousness and truth.”*  
Ephesians 5:8-9

When we live our lives as stewards, the acts of stewardship which we perform allow us to shine our light on those whom we serve. Our light radiates the goodness and truth of Jesus Christ and allows us to be true disciples, sharing his Good News with those whom we meet.

**Financial Update**

	March 23	Fiscal YTD
Weekly Offering Needed	\$26,090	\$1,074,452
Weekly Offering Received	22,132	1,037,036
Over/(Under)	(3,958)	(37,416)

Special Donations 825 43,717

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.”



<b>Monday</b>	9:00 a.m.	Lydia Arancillo
<b>Tuesday</b>	6:30 a.m.	Jackie Tigges
	6:00 p.m.	Marion Cordes (Spanish)
<b>Wednesday</b>	9:00 a.m.	Tu Vu
<b>Thursday</b>	6:30 a.m.	Joanne Meyers
	9:00 a.m.	Evelyn Schmitz
<b>Friday</b>	5:30 p.m.	Stations of the Cross
	6:30 p.m.	Stations of the Cross (Spanish)
	7:30 a.m.	Dorothy & Sal Viviano
<b>Saturday</b>	5:00 p.m.	People of the Parish
	7:30 a.m.	Stephen Maxwell
<b>Sunday</b>	9:00 a.m.	Edward Bortko
	11:00 a.m.	Shannon Adams
	1:00 p.m.	Cleim Folsom (Spanish)



**READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: The Fifth Sunday of Lent:** Ezekiel: 37-12-14; Romans 8:8-11; John 11:1-45



**Please Pray for Those Asking for Prayers:** Harold Cagle, Joey DeCelles, Joan Monley, Marilyn Paul, Joan Swanson, Mary Cerkey-Syrrist, Elsa Vazquez and Tami.

*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.

**Lent at Holy Cross**

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

**Lenten Dinners:** in Lickteig Hall

- 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



**Sunshine Club Meeting:** Our next meeting is **Sun, April 6** after the 7:30 am Mass in Lickteig Hall



**Gift Bearers Needed:** If your family would like to bring the gifts up during Mass, here's what you do - sign up on the form on the sacristy door and then let an usher know you have signed up. In this special ministry you represent the entire parish as we return to God a small part of the blessings that the Lord has given us.



**St. Mary's Food Kitchen:** We served **442** dinners to those less fortunate on March 21. **Thank you** to everyone who provided food, helped serve and gave monetary donations.



**Communal Reconciliation Services**

**Monday, April 7 at 7:00 pm**

will be our parish communal reconciliation service. There will be 8 priests available to hear confessions. If you are not able to attend on Monday, the schedule for the area is as follows:

- Sun, April 6, 7:30pm Cure of Ars, St. Paul, Good Shepherd
- Mon, April 7, 7:00pm Holy Cross**
- Tues, April 8, 7:00pm St. Agnes, St. Joseph, Queen of the Holy Rosary, Prince of Peace
- Thurs, April 10, 7:00pm Ascension, St. Pius X, Sacred Heart- Shawnee
- Sun, April, 13 3:00 pm St. Ann
- 7:30 pm Nativity

**Can You Help?** A missionary from Medical Missionaries of Mary will be visiting Holy Cross Church and speaking at all the Masses on **May 17 & 18**. This woman missionary is in need of housing for the night. Can you open your home for this missionary to spend the night with you? If so or for more info, please call the church office at 381-2755.



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.



**First Saturday Devotions** will be on **April 5**. The rosary will be prayed at **7:05 am** before the 7:30 am mass. Coffee & donuts will follow with a presentation in the church hall after mass. The speaker will be Fr. Anthony Williams.



The Book Discussion Group will meet on **Tues., April 1, 9:30 am**, in Room 1. The book will be *The Road to Daybreak: A Spiritual Journey* by J. M. Nouwen.



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.

**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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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**. Please complete form and return to the Boy Scout box in the narthex. Please make checks payable to: Troop 251. You can download the form from the parish website. Go to [www.holycrossopks.org](http://www.holycrossopks.org) and look under the Community tab for Boy Scouts. Flowers will be available for pick up April 26/27.



**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



**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

**Religious Education**



We meet this Tues, April 1 from 4:30-5:45pm. Children who have celebrated their First Reconciliation will be going to confession. 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.



**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.**



**Summertime BLAST VBS  
Early Registration for VBS 2014  
is Now Open!!!**

Summer is just around the corner and that means it's time for Vacation Bible School! We will explore a special way to know Jesus in the Eucharist and our personal Mission.

**June 23-27  
9:00 am - 12:00 noon**

**Early Bird Cost** (before May 24): \$ 30 - for 1 child  
\$50 - for 2 children  
\$70 - for 3 or more in same family  
(Prices go up \$5 after May 24)

Deadline to register is June 2

For more information and forms, go to Faith Formation/Elementary at <http://holycrossopks.org/fait>h or pick up forms outside Parish office.

Adult & Youth volunteers needed!  
Call Karla Melgar 381-2757 ext 140



The **Knights of Columbus** will have an **Omelet Breakfast** on **Sun April 13** in Lickteig Hall in the church basement. The proceeds go to support the Holy Cross Youth Mission Trip this July to Omaha, NE. Come enjoy a yummy breakfast and support a good cause!



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

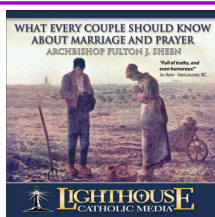


**High School Youth Group:** We meet most Wed. nights from 7-8:30pm. We meet downstairs in the youth room. All high schoolers are welcome! Come check us out!

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



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!



What is the secret of a successful marriage? How can couples deepen their commitment to one another in Christ? Beloved Catholic orator, Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen illuminates the path by focusing on the essential role that prayer must play in every marriage. His anecdotes and stories illustrate his points and make his teachings more memorable and more easily applied to everyday life. Find this in the Lighthouse kiosk in the back of church.

**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](mailto:pro-life@archkck.org) or 913-647-0350.



**Family Day at Prairie Star Ranch**

The Retreat Team invites your family, prayer group, and parish group to take advantage of a day of activities, natural beauty, and prayer at Prairie Star Ranch on **April 6**. Families and communities are welcome to come at their leisure and spend the day building relationships. Activities include: rock wall, horseback riding, canoeing, adventures in prayer, Mass, games and more. Let us grow closer to Christ together on this day of fun and Holy Leisure! Call or go online to register today! [www.archkck.org/psr](http://www.archkck.org/psr) or 785-746-5693

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](http://www.schooloflovekc.com) for more info.



**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.**



**Box Tops, Labels for Education and Best Choice UPCs:** Please continue to save and drop off at the school or at church. Thanks for your continued support!



This Lent, learn **Natural Family Planning** and see how our Heavenly Father blesses your marriage. A course in the Sympto-Thermal Method of NFP begins **Fri, April 11 at 6:00 pm** at **St. Michael the Archangel Parish**, 14251 Nall Ave. Reasonable course fee covers three sessions. Call Kate or Gavin Essenberg at 913-839-2225 or Couple to Couple League of Kansas City at 913-894-3558 for more info. On-line registration for classes required at: [www.ccli.org](http://www.ccli.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:*

*Fr. Mike*

**INTENCIONES PARA LAS MISAS:** Martes 4/1, 6:00 p.m.: Marion Cordes  
Domingo 4/6, 1:00 p.m.: Cleim Folsom

**LECTURAS PARA COMPARTIR LA FE: 5º Domingo de Cuaresma**  
Ezequiel 37:12-14; Romanos 8:8-11; Juan 11:1-45

**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 reuniremos el martes, Abril 1, en el sótano de la iglesia. Los niños estarán aprendiendo acerca de **los Frutos del Sacramento de Reconciliación**. Para preguntas, o si sus niños estarán ausentes, favor de llamar a Karla Melgar, 381-2757, ext.140, [kmelgar@holycrossopks.org](mailto: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 reuniremos el martes, Abril 1, en el salón de la iglesia. Los niños **van a empezar a tener las entrevistas con sus Catequistas y también van a estar practicando cómo Recibir el Cuerpo de Cristo**. Para preguntas, o si sus niños estarán ausentes, favor de llamar a Karla Melgar, 381-2757, ext.140, [kmelgar@holycrossopks.org](mailto:kmelgar@holycrossopks.org), o María Palazuela, ext.119.

**ESCUELA DE BIBLIA DE VERANO (VBS): ¡Ya está abierta la inscripción temprana de VBS para el año 2014!** El verano está al doblar la esquina y ésto significa que es hora para la Escuela Bíblica de Verano. Acompáñenos desde Junio 23-27, de 9am-12pm., a través del programa de VBS, "Summer Blast". Vamos a explorar una forma especial de conocer a Jesús en la Eucaristía y nuestra misión personal. ¡Complete el formulario de inscripción hoy mismo! Estas formas se encuentran fuera de la oficina de la parroquia, en el vestíbulo, o pueden ser impresos desde el sitio Web. La inscripción temprana tiene el siguiente costo: \$30/un niño, \$50/dos niños y \$70/tres niños o más en la misma familia. Después de Mayo 24, el costo será de \$5 adicionales a todos los grupos. Fecha límite para inscribirse es Junio 2, 2014. Para más información y los formularios, vaya a <http://holycrossopks.org/faith> página de /elemental.formación. Todavía se necesitan voluntarios adultos y jóvenes, a partir del 5º grado. Para más información llamen a Karla Melgar, 381-2755 ext.140.

### **MINISTERIO DE JÓVENES:**

Para preguntas, llamen o text a Sandy, 205-0825, [sschluter@holycrossopks.org](mailto:sschluter@holycrossopks.org). No se olviden de visitar 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)**

No.	Día	Fecha	Responsables
5º	viernes	Abril 4	Concierto
6º	viernes	Abril 11	Comunidad Hispana - Cena de 5pm-7:30pm.

**"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