

# 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**  
**Parochial Vicar and Coordinator of**  
**Hispanic Ministry for Johnson County:**  
**Rev. Oswaldo Sandoval**  
**Rectory: 341-5618**

## PARISH STAFF

Stewardship & Development Director: Robert Bacic  
Music Director: JoAnna Rubino  
Parish Manager: Mark Engen  
Administrative Assistant: Carol Morris  
Receptionists: Barb Williams & Lina Byrum

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Director - Pre-Gr. 6: Karla Melgar  
Assistant: Michelle Rieger  
Session Coordinator- Maria Palazuelos  
Confirmation Coordinator: Sandy Schluter

## Youth Ministries: 205-0825

Director: Sandy Schluter

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## Holy Cross Catholic School

8101 W. 95th St. 66212  
School Office: 381-7408  
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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. | 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.

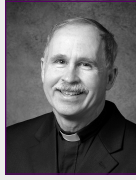
## CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

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 wish you a joyful Thanksgiving with your families and friends. May all your travel be safe, and may you keep warm. More than any other holiday except perhaps for Christmas, this is a time to appreciate our families, one of the great gifts that God has given us. We all have much to be thankful for.



Fr. Mike

*Stewardship Reflection*      *November 23, 2014*

*"For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me."*      Matthew 25: 35-36

Many people consider these words to be the core of Jesus' message about what God's kingdom will look like. These are the standards by which Jesus will judge his followers. A modern translation of 1John 4 makes the point very clearly: "If you won't love the person you can see, how can you love the God you can't see? The command we have from Christ is blunt: Loving God includes loving people. You've got to love both."

**Mass Intentions**



<b>Monday</b>	9:00 a.m.	Kevin Haeusser
<b>Tuesday</b>	6:30 a.m.	Spec Int- Jackie Michaud
	6:00 p.m.	Teresa Myers (Spanish)
<b>Wednesday</b>	9:00 a.m.	For Grandparents (All School)
<b>Thursday</b>	9:00 a.m.	Clarence Stegeman
<b>Friday</b>	9:00 a.m.	Lowell & Marian Kayser
<b>Saturday</b>	7:30 a.m.	Barbara Madden
	5:00 p.m.	Tony Rinella
<b>Sunday</b>	7:30 a.m.	Tom Halfmann
	9:00 a.m.	Octavio Viveros, Jr.
	11:00 a.m.	Christian Watson
	1:00 p.m.	People of the Parish (Spanish)

**Financial Update**

	Nov 16	Fiscal YTD
Weekly Offering Needed	\$25,933	\$524,309
Weekly Offering Received	23,943	533,251
Over/(Under)	(1,990)	8,942
Special Donations	303	15,073
Restricted Assets as of Oct 31	Calculated Monthly	
Parish Endowment-Restricted	\$79,339	
School Endowment-Restricted	\$35,153	
Capital Campaign-Restricted	\$464,604	
Liabilities as of Oct 31	Calculated Monthly	
Current—Archdiocese of KCKS	\$234,616	
Long term—St. James Academy	\$446,422	

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:**

**First Sunday of Advent:**


Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b, 64:2-7;  
1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:33-37



**REST IN PEACE:** Prayers are requested for **William Root** and **Hazel Vogel** both of Holy Cross.



**Please Pray for Those Asking for Prayers:** Chip Ahern, Pat Fracol, Nicole Gruber, Carmen Jasahui, Pam Koscielny, Samantha Marcellus, Tracy Michaels, Frank Pikus, Floreine Sanderson, Don Tillett, and Tami.



**Mass on Thanksgiving Day** will be at **9:00 am**. There will be **no 6:30 am Mass**.

**HAPPY THANKSGIVING!**



### St. Benedict's Circle Christmas Angel Tree

St. Benedict's Circle is once again sponsoring the Christmas Angel Tree, benefiting **Holy Cross families in need**. Your generous support last year provided food and gifts for over 120 adults and children. **Please pick up a gift tag** from the tree in the narthex and **return your donation no later than December 8th**. You can make a cash donation or write a personal check. Make checks payable to *Holy Cross* and indicate "Angel Tree" in the memo section. You can also purchase gift cards to Target, Wal-Mart, Hy-Vee and Price Chopper through SCRIP, which not only aids a family, but helps the parish, too. All donations need to be received by December 8th. If you have any questions, please call either Nora at 451-5749 or Pete at 451-3374.



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 Christmas environment. Please call the church office, 381-2755 or stop by during office hours to make a donation. Last day to order flowers will be Wed, Dec 17.



**Boy Scout Troop 251 Annual Cinnamon Roll Sale will be Dec 13 & 14.** Pre-orders will be taken after all masses Dec 6 & 7 or you can call Terry Dressman 599-4725 to place your order. Cost: \$20 a dozen or \$10 for a small pan (4+ rolls).



**Bunko Party:** All women of Holy Cross are invited to join us in a fun evening, **Mon, Dec 1 at 7:00pm** in the church hall for Bunko, refreshments and prizes. Please RSVP to Kathleen Dickinson 642-1171 or Joann 642-5966 so that we know how many tables to set up. There will be a \$3.00 charge at the door.



The Book Discussion Group will meet on **Tues., Dec 2, 9:30 am**, in Room 1. The book will be *The Story of Beautiful Girl* by Rachel Simon.



### ADVENT VESPERS

With reflections upon the Advent Readings

Date: **Wed. Dec. 3**

Time: **7:00 pm**

Location: **Church**

Vespers include:

Fr. Mike Stubbs,  
Holy Cross Choir  
Bell Choir

### Funeral Planning Workshop

Sessions are forming! Information and resources will be provided to help parishioners pre-plan a Wake Service and Funeral Mass for themselves or a loved one. For more information on when sessions are available or to sign up contact Bill O'Neill at 913-888-1932

**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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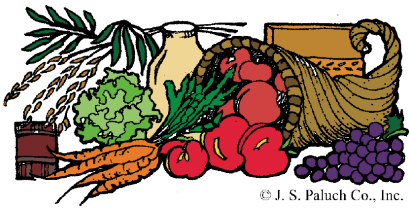
SCHOOL NEWS



Do you shop at Price Chopper? One more way to support our wonderful school is through Best Choice UPC Labels found at Price Chopper. These earn \$.03 for Holy Cross School. Any Best Choice UPC Labels turned in by Dec. 9th count towards the check the school receives in January. Please help by remembering to turn in your Labels to a Holy Cross student or drop them by the church office or school office. As always, we gratefully collect Labels for Education, Best Choice UPC Labels and Box Tops for Education. The school families are thankful for the parish's generous support of this program. Thank you!

Sunshine Club Members – Mark your calendars for our annual Christmas program and luncheon scheduled for Thursday, December 18th at 12:00 PM. An invitation will be sent soon.

Christmas Fun For Your Little Ones! Children in preschool through 1st grade are invited to come meet Elfina, the little elf and have your picture taken with St. Nicholas on Sat, Dec 6 from 9-10:30 am in Pflumm Hall at Holy Cross School. Listen to a story from Elfina, create a special craft and enjoy cookies and punch.



Religious Education Information

NO Classes on Tues, Nov 25 due to the Thanksgiving break. We hope you enjoy your family during this holiday. It is a special opportunity to teach our children about counting all the blessings that God has given us throughout the year. We return to classes on Tues, Dec 2. Happy Thanksgiving!



Confirmation Information

No Confirmation class on Sun, Nov 30 due to Thanksgiving break!

Youth Ministry

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP 7th and 8th

graders... Monday evenings at 7pm is YOUR time at Holy Cross. We play games, have a snack, share prayer, and gather in God's name for some fun. Bring a friend. We meet from 7 pm to 8:30 pm downstairs in the youth room on Nov 24.

High School Youth Group... High Schoolers meet Wed evenings from 7:00 to 8:45pm to share an evening of faith, fun, food, and friends. We will not meet on the 26th, which is the day before Thanksgiving. All high school students are invited to attend and can come at any time. We meet in the youth room.

Any questions about either group, contact Sandy at 205-0825.



Mission Trip 2015... Our destination for the summer of 2015 is Colorado Springs, CO. We will still be working with Catholic Heart Workcamp, but this will be an experience like none other. While some will be helping individuals with home repairs, the majority of our group will be working in the mountains and forests with land restoration projects necessary due to deadly forest fires and a flood in the last 2 years. The dates of this trip are June 27 to July 6. For our free day, we will be taking the COG railway up Pikes Peak. The total cost for the trip (including free day activity) is \$480. The nonrefundable deposit to hold your spot is \$100. Registration sheet and info can be found on the bulletin board downstairs or under Faith Formation. Feel free to contact Sandy with any questions, 205-0825





**ADORATION CHAPEL**

**Open Hours:**

Sun: 4-5 am, 2-3pm;  
 Mon: 2-3am, 8-9am 1-2pm  
 Wed: 3-4 am

If you are unable to keep your commitment, please obtain a sub from the list in the chapel.



**Celebration:  
 Our Parish's Largest  
 Fundraiser**

**Celebration 2015 Early Bird  
 Special!**

Celebration tickets are now on sale! **Early Bird ticket price is \$40 per person if purchased before Dec 13.** This is a savings of \$10 a ticket or \$20 a couple! Tickets can be purchased at Holy Cross School or call Brandy Carroll-Garcia at 816-835-8898 for more information. Celebration is Jan 24 from 5pm-1am.

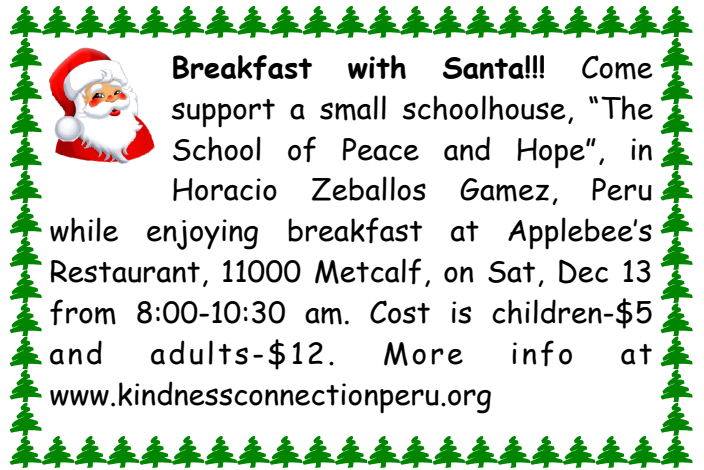
**Silent Auction**

Silent Auction is part of the event with various rooms setup with different themes (Ladies, Men, Kids, Sporting Goods, Home & Garden, etc.) To support the Silent Auction we have the **Giving Tree** that will be at the church narthex and school office. Please take a leaf from the Giving Tree and bring your unwrapped donation to the church or school. The Giving Tree is meant to give ideas, but feel free to solicit a service from a business that isn't on the tree. Tax deductible donation forms are available at the church and school. Questions? Patricia Mosquera 816-651-7515 or esthelita2000@yahoo.com



**Holy Cross, Whole Foods and  
 Christmas Trees!**

This holiday season when you purchase your Christmas tree at Whole Foods on 91st & Metcalf, they will make a donation to Holy Cross. Just show the cashier a copy of the bulletin when checking out and you are done! It's that easy. Whole Foods has fresh cut Frasier Fir trees for \$49.99 each before tax. You can purchase Whole Food script from the school office or after Sunday Masses to buy your tree and Holy Cross benefits from that too!



**Breakfast with Santa!!!** Come support a small schoolhouse, "The School of Peace and Hope", in Horacio Zeballos Gamez, Peru while enjoying breakfast at Applebee's Restaurant, 11000 Metcalf, on Sat, Dec 13 from 8:00-10:30 am. Cost is children-\$5 and adults-\$12. More info at [www.kindnessconnectionperu.org](http://www.kindnessconnectionperu.org)



**4th Annual Nativity Display** at the Cathedral of St. Peter, 409 N 15th St, Kansas City, KS on Sat, Dec 6 from 4-6pm and Sun, Dec 7 from 10am-3pm. Over 100 unique nativities will be on display. Come enjoy a magical experience that reflects the true

meaning of Christmas. Admission free. There will also be a bake sale, raffle and refreshments. For additional info call Terri Schneweis 913-558-8285.



Rockhurst University's choruses celebrate the holiday season with a performance of *Ceremony of Lessons and Carols* on Sat, Dec 6 at 7 pm in the St. Francis Xavier Church, 52nd & Troost Ave. This is a free concert but register by calling 816-501-4828 or [cynthia.cartwright@rockhurst.edu](mailto:cynthia.cartwright@rockhurst.edu)

**Masquerade Jewelry and Bake Sale Fundraiser** will be **Thur Dec 4 and Fri Dec 5 from 7 am- 4pm** at the lower level atrium of St. Joseph Medical Center. Sponsored by the SJMC Auxiliary. Every Masquerade item is \$5.00! Bake sale items include cookies, cakes, pies and mini bread loaves (lemon, key lime, orange, pineapple) etc.



**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.*

# Encuentro

La Iglesia Holy Cross es una comunidad diversa y acogedora, unida en la fe Católica y comprometida en formar a la gente en la imagen de Cristo, para servir mejor al Señor y al prójimo.

## 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 a.m. y 11a.m.  
Los invitamos a todos a participar de cualquiera de estas liturgias.

## RECONCILIACIÓN EN ESPAÑOL:

martes: 5:15pm.-6pm. y domingos: 12:15-1pm.

**MATRIMONIO:** Llaman 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, durante el horario en español.

**SERVICIOS EN ESPAÑOL:** Para hablar en español, llamen a la oficina de la iglesia, **381-2755**: martes, 2-6pm., miércoles y jueves, 2-5pm.

## INTENCIONES DE LA MISA

Martes 11/25, 6:00 p.m.: Teresa Myers

Domingo 11/30, 1:00 p.m.:  
Personas de la Parroquia



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**¡Mírelo. Córtele. Gane dinero!**

Muchas gracias a todos los que nos mandaron en Octubre, Tapas y Sellos para la Educación. La meta eran 4300 tapas y recaudamos 4360.

**¡Fabuloso trabajo!**

**¡Compan ustedes en Price Chopper?** Otra manera de ayudar a nuestra querida escuela es a través de los sellos UPC de los productos de Best Choice, encontrados en Price Chopper. Estos sellos valen \$.03 para la Escuela Holy Cross. Cada sello que nos manden hasta el **9 de Diciembre**, cuentan para el cheque que recibe la escuela en Enero, 2015. Pueden mandarlos con los estudiantes a la escuela o la oficina.

**¡Gracias por su generosidad!**



**LECTURAS PARACOMPARTIR LA FE:**  
**11/30/14: 1er Domingo de Adviento**

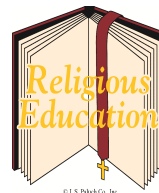
Isaías 63:16b-17, 19b, 64:2-7;  
1 Corintios 1:3-9, 28; Marcos 13:33-37

## Queridos Feligreses,

Les deseo a todos un feliz Día de Acción de Gracias, con sus familias y amistades. A los que estarán viajando, les deseo que viajen con seguridad y precaución. Ésta fiesta en especial, se trata de apreciar la familia y amistades. Otro regalo que Dios nos ha dado. Tenemos muchas cosas que dar agradecer.

*Fr. Mike*

**¡Feliz Día de Acción de Gracias!**



## EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA

**Programa de la Tarde(4:30-5:45pm)** Debido a la celebración del Día de Acción de Gracias, el programa de Educación Religiosa, **NO TENDRÁ CLASES ESTA SEMANA.** Deseamos que disfruten en familia esta fiesta. Esta es una oportunidad muy buena para enseñarle a sus niños a contar las bendiciones que Dios nos ha dado durante el año. **Regresaremos el martes, 2 de Diciembre.**

**Programa Familiar (6:40-8:15pm)** Debido a la celebración del Día de Acción de Gracias, el programa de Educación Religiosa **NO TENDRÁ CLASES ESTA SEMANA.** Deseamos que disfruten en familia esta fiesta. Esta es una oportunidad muy buena para enseñarle a sus niños a contar las bendiciones que Dios nos ha dado durante el año. **Regresaremos el martes, 2 de Diciembre.**

**“Si oramos, creemos; si creemos, amamos; si amamos, servimos”.** Madre Teresa.



**Reserven esta fecha para "CELEBRATION", nuestro mayor evento para recaudar fondos para nuestra parroquia:**

Todos los años tenemos esta muy divertida fiesta con el propósito de recaudar fondos para la iglesia. Se llevará a cabo en el **Centro de Actividades Parroquial de Holy Cross, el sábado 24 de Enero, 2015, de 5pm-1am.** Vengan todos a divertirse, ayudando a nuestra parroquia. Tendremos comidas, bebidas, diversiones y baile. ¡No se lo pierdan!

**Pedimos Oraciones:** Por la salud y recuperación del Padre Jesús Olivares, quien tuvo otra cirugía del corazón. El Padre Livio Stella, manda saludos desde NY. liviostella@yahoo.com

**Programa Católico Diario:** El 12 de Dic., comenzará este programa de radio en el canal 1190AM, de 9am-1pm. Si están interesados en patrocinarlo, llamen al Ministerio Hispano.

**Ministerio de Jóvenes:** Sandy Schluter, 205-0825, sschluter@holycrossopks.org. Para preguntas sobre Escuelas Intermedia y Superior, comuníquense con Sandy Schluter. Verifiquen los eventos en nuestro Facebook, añadiendo a Sandra K Schluter.

**Estudiantes de Escuela Superior:** Nos reuniremos en la Iglesia. Dejen la luz de Cristo iluminar a través de ustedes compartiendo su fe con otros, identificando la presencia de Dios en sus vidas. Verifiquen los eventos en nuestro Facebook, añadiendo a Sandra K. Schluter.

**Sesión para Candidatos de Confirmación y sus Padrinos:** Esta sesión es para todos los estudiantes de 8° Grado y de High School, quienes serán confirmados en la Primavera, 2015. Se llevará a cabo el **domingo, 23 de Noviembre, 3:30-5pm.** Habrá otra sesión, **sábado 11 de Enero, 2015,** para aquellos estudiantes y padrinos que no puedan asistir en Nov. Cubriremos lo que pueden hacer los padrinos para compartir sus experiencias en la fe, para ayudar a los candidatos a prepararse a recibir el sacramento de la Confirmación.

### **Reflexiones del Servicio Cristiano, 11/16/15**

Jesús dijo: "Un hombre que, estando a punto de irse a otro país, llamó a sus empleados y les encargó que cuidaran su dinero. A uno de ellos le entregó 5000 monedas, a otro dos mil y a otro mil. A cada uno según su capacidad. Entonces se fue de viaje." *Mateo 25:14-15*

Aunque en esta parábola, el significado original de talento fue cierto peso de dinero, en nuestro tiempo, talento significa un regalo o habilidad. Los dos significados trabajan para nosotros los servidores. Por la generosidad de Dios hemos recibido nuestra inteligencia, educación, oportunidades de trabajo, etc., y también hemos recibido los resultados de todo esto, el ingreso que necesitamos para sostener nuestras vidas. Así como hemos recibido, así debemos de dar a los demás.

**¡Desayuno con Santa!** Vengan y ayuden a una pequeña escuelita, "La Escuela de Paz y Esperanza", en Horacio Zeballos Gómez, Peru, mientras disfrutan de un buen desayuno. Applebee's Restaurant, 11000 Metcalf, el sábado, 13 de Dic., de 8:00-10:30 am. Costo es niños-\$5 y adultos-\$12. Más info. en [www.kindnessconnectionperu.org](http://www.kindnessconnectionperu.org)



**Misa de Thanksgiving:** La Misa de Acción de Gracias este año, se celebrará en **inglés, a las 9am., el jueves, 27 de Noviembre.** Todos serán bienvenidos.

**Retiro de Iniciación de la Renovación Carismática:** "Vida Nueva en el Espíritu", predicadores Julio César Aguirre y el Diácono de Nebraska, Frank Moreno. Se llevará a cabo en la Parroquia Blessed Sacrament, Nov. 22 y 23. Costo: \$15 por persona por los dos días. Abierto a todos. Llamen a Marisol Villa, 913/522-6385