

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

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

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
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Assistant Director: Stefanie Bridges

Advocate for Annulments:
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Parish Center Manager
Michael Long, 219-3382

MASSES:

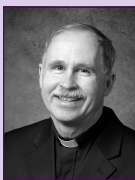
Weekend Sat. Vigil 5:00 p.m., Sun. 7:30, 9:00, 11:00 a.m., and 1:00 p.m. (Spanish)
Nursery - 11:00 a.m., and 1:00 p.m. Masses
Weekdays Mon., Wed., Fri. 9:00 a.m. | Tues. & Thurs. 6:30 a.m. | Sat. 7:30 a.m.
Tues. 6:00 p.m. (Spanish)
Tues. & Thurs. (School days only): 8:15 a.m. in the school

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 encourage you to find relief from the frenzy of shopping that goes on during this season in moments of prayer that can bring you peace and calm. Our adoration chapel provides us with a perfect opportunity for that. It is an oasis of tranquility in the midst of a busy world. Stop in for a moment to encounter our Eucharistic Lord.



Fr. Mike

Stewardship Reflection November 30, 2014

"I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind ... so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift." 1 Corinthians 1:4-5,7

As we start the season of Advent, it's good to hear St. Paul's words of thanks and gratitude for God's grace. The time of Advent will end with the time of Christmas gift-giving, symbolic of the gifts we have been given from God and God's invitation that we gift others.

Mass Intentions



Monday	9:00 a.m.	Albert Schreiner
Tuesday	6:30 a.m.	Barbara Madden
	6:00 p.m.	Joseph Nguyen (Spanish)
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Jim Hadel
Thursday	6:30 a.m.	Antonio del Carmen
Friday	9:00 a.m.	Bob Bray
Saturday	7:30 a.m.	Richard Sheridan
	5:00 p.m.	Georgia A. Porras
Sunday	7:30 a.m.	Clarence Stegeman
	9:00 a.m.	Rose Dewey
	11:00 a.m.	Kassy DeGaetano
	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	

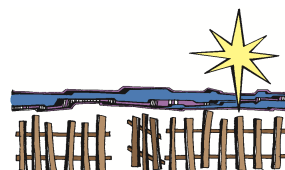
Please note that our weekly offering represents only about half of our parish income. Other sources include parish fees, school fees and school tuition. The amount of the weekly offering needed is based on budgeted expenses. For a complete financial picture, you can download our most recent annual and/or quarterly financial report on the parish website under "Stewardship Documents."




READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:


Second Sunday of Advent:

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





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



The Feast of the Immaculate Conception
Monday, December 8
Mass Schedule

Mon, Nov 8: 9:00am and 5:30pm



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.



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.

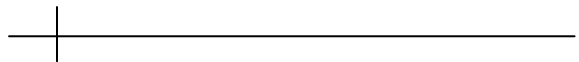


Boy Scout Troop 251 Annual Cinnamon Roll Sale will be Dec 13 & 14.

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).



There will be a meeting of **St. Benedict's Circle** on **Sat, Dec 13** at Perkins on 87th & 135 at 10 am. We will discuss the results of the Angel Tree.



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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



First Saturday Devotions will be on **Dec 6**. The rosary will be prayed at **7:05 am** before the 7:30 am mass. Coffee and rolls, and a presentation will be held in the church hall after mass. The speaker will be parishioner Kevin Beauford who will talk on the Immaculate Conception.

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: _____

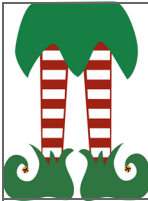
Drop in collection basket, bring or mail to:
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SCHOOL NEWS



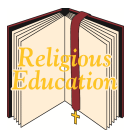
Do you shop at Price Chopper? One more way to support our wonderful school is through **Best Choice UPC Labels** found at Price Chopper. These earn \$.03 for Holy Cross School. Any Best Choice UPC Labels turned in by **Dec. 9th** count towards the check the school receives in January. Please help by 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!**



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.



Volunteers Needed: We are in need of volunteers to take communion to the residents of Indian Creek Nursing Home. If you can help or for more information, please call Bob Gilner at 649-0377.



Religious Education Information

Children in Year I program and Initiated will continue to learn about "Jesus Our Lord and Savior". Children in their second year of sacramental preparation will continue with First Reconciliation Classes - "...Knowing God's Rules of Love." If you have any questions or if your child will be absent, please contact Karla Melgar 913- 381 -2757 ext 140



Confirmation Information

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

Youth Ministry
Here's What's Happening

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.

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. 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

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



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.

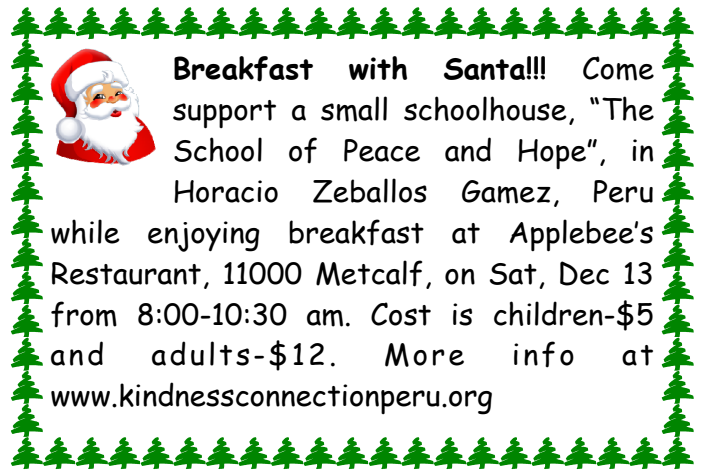
Silent Auction

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 Fraser 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



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

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. **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.



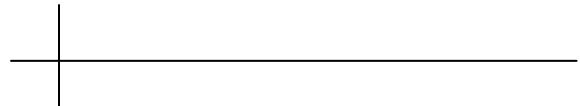
**LECTURAS PARACOMPARTIR LA FE:
12/7/14: 2º Domingo de Adviento**

Isaías 40:1-5, 9-11;
2 Pedro 3:8-14; Marcos 1:1-8

Queridos Feligreses,

Los animo a encontrar alivio del corre y corre para comprar regalos que sucede en estos días. Momentos de oración pueden proporcionarles paz y tranquilidad. Nuestra capilla de adoración al Santísimo, provee la oportunidad perfecta para esto. Es un oasis de tranquilidad en el medio de un mundo muy ocupado. Paren y entren por un momento, y encontrarán a nuestro Señor Eucarístico.

Fr. Mike



INTENCIONES DE LA MISA



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Martes, 12/2, 6:00 p.m.:
Joseph Nguyen
Domingo, 12/7, 1:00 p.m.:
Personas de la Parroquia

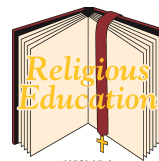


¡Mírelo. Córdelo. Gane dinero!
Muchas gracias a todos los que nos mandaron en Octubre, Tapas y Sellos para la Educación. La meta eran 4300 tapas y recaudamos 4360.

¡Fabuloso trabajo!

¡Compran 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**, cuenta 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!



EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA

Programa de la Tarde(4:30-5:45pm) Los niños en el 1er año del programa continuarán con la Unidad N°2, “Jesús Nuestro Dios y Salvador” y van a trabajar en la sesión N°10. Si tienen preguntas o si necesita reportar que su niño estará ausente, favor de llamar a Karla Melgar, 913/381-2755, ext. 140.

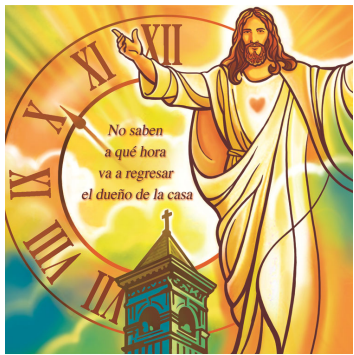
Programa Familiar (6:40-8:15pm) El Programa de Catequesis Familiar va a continuar *las clases sobre el Sacramento de la Primera Reconciliación*. Van a estar conociendo *sobre “Las Leyes del Amor de Dios”*, en la lección N°3. Si tienen preguntas o si necesita reportar que su niño estará ausente, favor de llamar a Karla Melgar, 913/381-2755, ext. 140.

“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!



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, 11/30/14

“Siempre doy gracias a mi Dios por ustedes, por la gracia que Dios ha derramado sobre ustedes por medio de Cristo Jesús. Pues por medio de Él, Dios les ha dado toda riqueza espiritual, así de palabra como de conocimiento. De este modo no les falta ningún don de Dios, mientras esperan el día en que aparezca nuestro Señor Jesucristo.” *1 Corintios 1:4-5, 7*

Al empezar el tiempo de Adviento, es bueno oír las palabras de San Pablo, de agradecimiento y gratitud por la gracia de Dios. El tiempo de Adviento terminará en el tiempo de regalar en la Navidad, simbólico de los regalos que hemos recibido de Dios y la invitación de Dios a que demos regalos a otros.

Retiro de Adviento para CINE: El sábado, 6 de Dic., se ofrecerá un Retiro para los miembros de CINE. Personas que están viviendo en pequeñas comunidades. Horario, 9am.-1pm.



Levántate Católico: Escuche 24 horas cada día la Radio Católica, por medio de la Internet. Entre en el portal de “Levántate Católico”, y pulse donde dice “en vivo”. Este programa es un proyecto de la Parroquia de Our Lady of Unity, del barrio Argentine, en KCK. Recientemente, el Sr. Arzobispo, bendijo las instalaciones de la radio y dio su apoyo y felicitaciones, invitando a los hispanos de la Arquidiócesis a conectarse.

Retiro de Quinceañeras: El próximo curso de preparación para las jovencitas que planean celebrar su fiesta de Quinceañera, será **Enero 24-25, en la oficina del Ministerio Hispano, 2215 Parallel Ave., KCKS.** El costo es \$30 por jovencita, por los dos días. Para inscribirse o más información, llamen a Lety, 913/281-6644.