

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.

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Rev. Oswaldo Sandoval
Rectory: 341-5618

PARISH STAFF

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Session Coordinator- Maria Palazuelos
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Youth Ministries: 205-0825
Director: Sandy Schluter

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se encuentra en la página 6.

Holy Cross Catholic School
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Michael Long, 219-3382

MASSES:

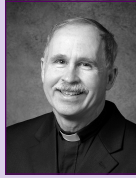
Weekend Sat. Vigil 5:00 p.m., Sun. 7:30, 9:00, 11:00 a.m., and 1:00 p.m. (Spanish)
Nursery - 11:00 a.m., and 1:00 p.m. Masses
Weekdays Mon., Wed., Fri. 9:00 a.m. | Tues. & Thurs. 6:30 a.m. | Sat. 7:30 a.m.
Tues. 6:00 p.m. (Spanish)
Tues. & Thurs. (School days only): 8:15 a.m. in the school

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,

Have you ever considered committing yourself to a weekly hour of prayer in the Adoration Chapel? This can serve as a useful discipline, to insure that you spend time with God on a regular basis. Prayer is necessary to develop our faith. We sometimes have good intentions, but don't get around to following through on those intentions. If we schedule something in, though, we are more likely to live up to it. And certainly, prayer is worth our time.



Fr. Mike

Stewardship Reflection December 7, 2014

As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'" Mark 1:2-3

The role of a steward is often to make crooked paths straight. We do this by helping those less fortunate, by providing for the needs of our church community, by being voices of moderation and encouragement, by being examples of faith and hope for those around us.

Mass Intentions



Monday

- 9:00 a.m. George Bulla (All School)
- 5:30 p.m. People of the Parish

Tuesday

- 6:30 a.m. Kenneth Keane
- 6:00 p.m. Thomas David Hoke (Spanish)

Wednesday

- 9:00 a.m. Clarence Stegeman

Thursday

- 6:30 a.m. Albert Schreiner
- 11:00 p.m. Cheryl Pratt (Spanish)

Friday

- 9:00 a.m. Kevin Haeusser

Saturday

- 7:30 a.m. Christian Watson
- 5:00 p.m. Jean & Ferd Kerkvliet

Sunday

- 7:30 a.m. People of the Parish
- 9:00 a.m. Bob Havens
- 11:00 a.m. Evelyn M. Rothenberger
- 1:00 p.m. Sp Int-Maria & Quan Hua Family (Spanish)

Financial Update

	Nov 30	Fiscal YTD
Weekly Offering Needed	\$19,933	\$570,175
Weekly Offering Received	12,537	570,884
Over/(Under)	(7,396)	709
Special Donations	71	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:

Third Sunday of Advent:

Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11;

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24; John 1:6-8,19-28



REST IN PEACE: Prayers are requested for **Janice Hoffman** and **Jean Nolan** of Holy Cross



Please Pray for Those Asking for Prayers: Pat Fracol, Nicole Gruber, Tracy Michaels, Frank Pikus, and Tami.



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

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

Greeter Ministry Meeting Next Weekend!



Current Greeters and Those New To This Ministry, Join us for a brief orientation meeting next weekend, **Dec.13/14**. You can attend on either **Saturday at 4:15 pm** or on **Sunday at 8:35 am or 10:15 am in Room 1**. The meetings will be less than 30 minutes. Meet Kris Troy, the new coordinator, and learn what changes are taking place. Can't make the meeting, but want to know what's new? Contact Kris at kmtroy@gmail.com.



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.



Knights of Columbus Omelet Breakfast

Come join us on **Sun Dec 14** after all Masses and enjoy breakfast featuring our delicious omelets! The proceeds will benefit Franciscan Poor of Jesus Christ. We look forward to serving you!



Communal Reconciliation Services

Monday, Dec 15 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:

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| Sun, Dec. 14, 7:30pm | Cure of Ars, St. Paul, Good Shepherd |
| Mon, Dec.15, 7:00pm | Holy Cross |
| Tues, Dec. 16, 7:00pm | St. Agnes, St. Joseph, Queen of the Holy Rosary, Prince of Peace |
| Thurs, Dec 18, 7:00pm | Ascension, St. Pius X, Sacred Heart- Shawnee |
| Sun, Dec 21, 3:00 pm | St. Ann |
| 7:30 pm | Nativity |



There will be a meeting of **St. Benedict's Circle** on **Sat, Dec 13** at Perkins on 87th & I35 at 10 am. We will discuss the results of the Angel Tree.



St. Helen's Circle meeting and Christmas Party will be Tues, Dec 9 at 6:30 pm at the home of Thais Fahy, 11050 W 96th Place. Please bring an appetizer, \$10 gift exchange and item for Safe Home. For more info, call Thais, 913-341-1184

Retirement Fund for Religious: Show your appreciation for the senior Catholic sisters, brothers and religious order priests who made a positive difference in so many lives. Please give generously to next week's collection.



Holiday Shopping Childcare

Need a couple of hours to go holiday shopping or just a date night? Bring the kids by and have the Children and Youth Team for the Capital Campaign watch them! There will be plenty of activities to keep them busy.

When: Sat Dec 20 from 11:00am-4:00pm

Who: Children 3 yrs and up

Where: Lickteig Hall at the church

What to bring: Sack lunch/dinner and any snacks. (To avoid any allergy issues.)

Childcare is free, but we will accept donations. All donations go to purchase a Child Jesus statue.

Reservations are not necessary, but welcome. Contact Denise Barron at denise.barron17@yahoo.com or 816-645-9105



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!**



Religious Education Information

Children in Year I program and Initiated will be getting ready for Advent. They will be praying the Rosary in honor of the Immaculate Conception and studying about "The Church, Our Community in the Spirit". **Children in their 2nd year of sacramental preparation** will be studying "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



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ADORATION CHAPEL

Open Hours:

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

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

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.



Save the date and your blood!!!

Holy Cross Youth Group is hosting a blood drive on Martin Luther King Day, **Mon, Jan 19, 2015**. Every presenting donor will receive 2 Royals tickets! More details to come. For questions, contact Cathy Lucas cjlucas@everestkc.net



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).

Marian Consecration Blessings

On **Monday, Dec. 8**, Fr. Mike will be offering a blessing for those who are being Consecrate to Jesus Through Mary with the 9am All School Mass here at Holy Cross. Other Masses offering the blessing to the Consecration are being offered by Archbishop Nauman at 7am at Ascension; noon at Assumption in Topeka; 6:30pm at Holy Trinity.

In the comfort of your home, you can participate in a great Advent retreat! Just go to the Holy Cross website, www.holycrossopks.org and look for **Symbolon: Our Catholic Faith Explained** under parish news. Click on the "register now" and be prepared for a wonderful adventure of renewed and deepened faith. Questions? Call Brenda Scruggs 913-302-8430



**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

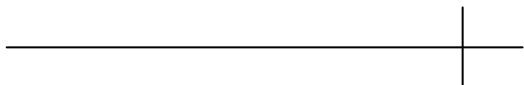
While your doing your Christmas shopping, why not pick up an item to donate to the Silent Auction! The different themes are Ladies, Men, Kids, Sporting Goods, Home & Garden. Tax deductible donation forms are available at the church and school. Questions? Patricia Mosquera 816-651-7515 or esthelita2000@yahoo.com.

Photo Booth Sponsorship

Be a part of Celebration! Place your bid to have your company name printed on EVERY photo booth picture taken the night of Celebration. Bids start at \$300 and are due by Dec 20. Please direct any questions regarding sponsorship or photo booth to Amy Briscoe at 322-8117 or amybriscoe@hotmail.com

Table Sponsorship

This is a great way to not only support the Holy Cross community but a fantastic opportunity to advertise your business to the families and friends of Holy Cross Parish and School. There are multiple sponsorship levels. We hope you will be able to join Celebration by purchasing a table and being a sponsor. For questions or to be a sponsor, call Amy Briscoe at 322-8117 or amybriscoe@hotmail.com



The **Cure' of Ars Breavement Ministry** will have their monthly **support meeting Sat., Dec 13** in the Fr. Burak room, 9401 Mission Rd., Leawood. The meeting will begin at **8:30am** after the 8:00am Mass. Mgrs. Charles McGlenn will speak on "Spirituality and Grief." Call 913-649-2026 for info.




Lighthouse Catholic Media CDs ...

Journey Through Advent: Liturgical Cycle B: Get the most out of Advent by following along with Fr. Robert Barron's homilies as he unpacks these profound scripture readings. The homilies presented on this CD will correspond to the Scriptures for Sunday Masses throughout Advent and Christmas 2014. Questions? Call Brenda Scruggs 913-649-6442



Coats for Kids Update: 51 coats were distributed to kids who needed a warm coat for the winter. Many thanks to all who contributed so generously to this project.

Kansas Catholic College Student Convention is an annual gathering of young Catholics from universities and colleges across the state. We worship God and deepen our faith through Mass, Eucharistic adoration, prayer, speakers, dance and down time. It will be held **Feb 6-8** at Four Points by Sheraton, Manhattan, KS. Cost is \$150. For more info or to register, contact St. Isidore's Catholic Student Center at kccsc2015@gmail.com or 785-539-7496

 **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



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: 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, 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.



Martes, 12/9, 6:00 p.m.:
Thomas David Hoke
Domingo, 12/14, 1:00 p.m.:
Intenciones Especiales, María y Quan
Hua Family



¡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!**



LECTURAS PARACOMPARTIR LA FE:

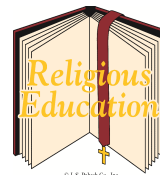
12/14/14: 3er Domingo de Adviento

Isaías 61:1-2a, 10-11;
1 Tesalonicenses 5:16-24;
Juan 1:6-8,

Queridos Feligreses,

¿Han considerado alguna vez comprometerse a pasar una hora a la semana en la Capilla de Adoración? Ésto puede servirles como disciplina para asegurar que usted pasa tiempo con Dios regularmente. La oración es necesaria para desarrollar nuestra fe. Algunas veces tenemos buenas intenciones, pero no las llevamos a cabo. Haciendo este compromiso con Dios, tenemos más probabilidades de cumplir esta promesa. Seguramente, la oración es digna del tiempo que le dedicamos a Dios.

Fr. Mike



EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA

Programa de la Tarde(4:30-5:45pm) Los niños en el 1er año del programa e Iniciados, van a estar preparándose para el Adviento durante 2 semanas. Una de las actividades que tendremos será rezar el Rosario, en honor a la Inmaculada Concepción de la Virgen María. Continuaremos también con la Unidad N°3, sesión N° 14, “La Iglesia, Nuestra comunidad en el Espíritu”. 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 preparándose para el Adviento. Una de las actividades para el grupo será **rezar la Novena a la Virgen de Guadalupe. Todas las familias están invitadas a participar.** Si tienen preguntas o si necesita reportar que su niño estará ausente, favor de llamar a Karla Melgar, 913/381-2755, ext. 140.



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!

Programa Navideño en Holy Cross:

Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe

La Novena será Dic. 3 al 11, 7-9pm.

La Misa será Dic. 11, 11pm.

Mañanitas después de la Misa.

Nochebuena (Dic. 24, miércoles)

Misas en inglés: 4:30pm., 8pm. y 9:30pm.

Día de Navidad (Dic. 25, jueves)

Misa en inglés: 10am. Misa en español: 1pm.

María, Madre de Dios (Enero 1, 2015, jueves)

(Misa en inglés: Dic. 31, miércoles, 5:30pm.)

Misa en inglés: 10am. Misa en español: 1pm.

Servicio Comunal de Reconciliación

Lunes, Dic. 15, 7pm., Bilingüe

Reconciliación Individual en español

Martes, 5:15 - 6pm. Domingo, 12:15 - 1pm.



Flores de Pascua: Todos los años el altar se llena de lindas flores navideñas en memoria de familiares ya fallecidos de nuestros feligreses. Con un donativo de \$15/por cada uno, usted también puede recordar a sus seres queridos. Llamen a la oficina de la iglesia o pase, durante horas en español.

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 info., llamen a Lety, 913/281-6644.

Reflexiones del Servicio Cristiano, 12/7/14

Está escrito en el libro el profeta Isaías:

“Envío mi mensajero delante de tí, para que te prepare el camino.” Una voz grita en el desierto: “Preparen el camino del Señor; ábranle un camino recto.” *Mark 1:2-3*

Muchas veces, el papel del servidor Cristiano es el de hacer caminos rectos de los que están torcidos. Hacemos esto ayudando a los desafortunados, proveyendo las necesidades de nuestra comunidad de la iglesia, siendo voces de moderación y entusiasmo y siendo ejemplos de fe y esperanza para aquéllos alrededor a nosotros.

Mensaje del Santo Padre Francisco, para la Jornada Mundial del Emigrante y del Refugiado: “Emigrantes y Refugiados hacia un mundo mejor”

En esto, se necesita por parte de todos, un cambio de actitud hacia los emigrantes y los refugiados, el paso de una actitud defensiva y recelosa, de desinterés o de marginación (que al final, corresponde a la “cultura del rechazo”) a una actitud que ponga como fundamento la “cultura del encuentro”, la única capaz de construir un mundo más justo y fraterno, un mundo mejor. Pienso también en cómo la Sagrada Familia de Nazaret, ha tenido que vivir la experiencia del rechazo al inicio de su camino: María dio a luz a su hijo primogénito, lo envolvió en pañales y lo recostó en un pesebre, porque no había sitio para ellos en la posada. Pero el corazón materno de María y el corazón atento de José, Custodio de la Sagrada Familia, han conservado siempre la confianza en que Dios nunca los abandonará. Que por su intercesión, esta misma certeza esté siempre firme en el corazón del emigrante y el refugiado. Las migraciones pueden dar lugar a posibilidades de nueva evangelización, a abrir espacios para que crezca una nueva humanidad, prenunciada en el misterio pascual, una humanidad para la cuál, cada tierra extranjera es patria y cada patria es tierra extranjera.

Queridos emigrantes y refugiados, no perdáis la esperanza de que también para vosotros está reservado un futuro más seguro, que en vuestras sendas podáis encontrar una mano tendida, que podáis experimentar la solidaridad fraterna y el calor de la amistad. A todos vosotros y a aquéllos que gastan sus vidas y sus energías a vuestro lado, os aseguro mi oración y os imparto de corazón, la Bendición Apostólica.