

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
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Rectory: 341-5618

PARISH STAFF

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Receptionists: Barb Williams & Lina Byrum

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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 7.

Holy Cross Catholic School
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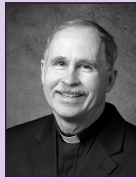
MASSES:

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,



You might remember that the capital campaign has set putting a new roof on the church as one of its goals. Originally, we planned to do that with the rest of the renovation this spring and summer. However, the situation has turned more urgent, with the leaks at the main entrance. Now, we are planning to put a new roof over the narthex and offices in the very near future, with the remainder of the roof on the main section of the church going on during the renovation in the spring and summer. The basic plan remains the same, only the timing is different.

Fr. Mike

Stewardship Reflection

December 14, 2014

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor. Isaiah 61:1-2a

These familiar words of the prophet are welcome during Advent ... really, at any time. For God's spirit has fallen upon each of us, and in our own way, each of us has been anointed to bring good news, to bind up, to proclaim liberty and release. Think of those who will experience the Lord's favor through our faith and our actions.

Mass Intentions



Monday	9:00 a.m.	Kevin McGarrigle
Tuesday	6:30 a.m.	Ken Morgan
	8:15 a.m.	Bill Stuhlsatz (at school)
	6:00 p.m.	Souls in Purgatory (Spanish)
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Albert Schreiner
Thursday	6:30 a.m.	Leonard Joseph Conrick
	8:15 a.m.	Teresa Vu (at school)
Friday	9:00 a.m.	Dick Obert
Saturday	7:30 a.m.	Ken Voorhes
	5:00 p.m.	John Baldor
Sunday	7:30 a.m.	Eileen Keane
	9:00 a.m.	People of the Parish
	11:00 a.m.	Clarence Stegeman
	1:00 p.m.	Nancy Dressman (Spanish)

Financial Update

	Dec 7	Fiscal YTD
Weekly Offering Needed	\$38,730	\$608,905
Weekly Offering Received	38,586	609,470
Over/(Under)	(144)	565
Special Donations	335	15,073
Restricted Assets as of Nov 30	Calculated Monthly	
Parish Endowment-Restricted	\$79,339	
School Endowment-Restricted	\$35,153	
Capital Campaign-Restricted	\$489,759	
Liabilities as of Nov 30	Calculated Monthly	
Current—Archdiocese of KCKS	\$234,616	
Long term—St. James Academy	\$443,496	

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:

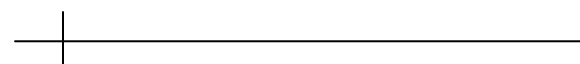
Fourth Sunday of Advent:

2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8B-12, 14A; 16

Romas 16:25-27; Luke 1:26-38



REST IN PEACE: Prayers are requested for **Sam Tarson**, father of Susan Lally.



Please Pray for Those Asking for Prayers: Nicole Gruber, Tracy Michaels, and Tami.

There will be **no** confessions on Wed, Dec 24 and Wed, Dec 31 due to the holidays.

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.



Last day to order flowers will be Wed, Dec 17. 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.



Women of Holy Cross will be serving **coffee and donuts** next **Sunday, Dec 21**, after the 9:00 and 11:00 Mass. Please join us downstairs in Lickteig Hall!



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:

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



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



St. Mary's Food Kitchen: We will be serving pasta casserole, salad and dessert to those who are less fortunate on **Friday,**

Dec 19. If you can make a casserole, please pick up a baking pan and the recipe which is provided in the narthex. Tomatoes, bags of green garden salad are needed too! Thanks to all those who help!



St. Catherine's Circle Christmas party is Sun, Dec 14 at Bristol restaurant at 119 & Nall between 4-8. We will meet on Thurs, Dec 18 at the church to organize and deliver Christmas presents to the nursing home and

then have lunch.

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

Holy Cross Catholic School offers traditional Catholic values in a technology rich environment. Faith is infused in every aspect of our students' lives. If you are looking for a school that provides a high quality education and a Christ-centered approach to the world community, Holy Cross is the place for you. Mark your calendars now for our **Open House on Sunday, February 1, 2015 from 8:30 – 1:00 PM.** If you have questions or would like more information before February 1st, please contact Allison Carney at 381-7408. You can also learn more information at www.holycrosscatholicschool.com



Religious Education Information

Children in Year I program and Initiated will continue to learn about “The Church, Our Community in the Spirit”. **Children in their 2nd year of sacramental preparation** will be studying “Recognizing When We Sin”. We will be celebrating the Advent season with Caroling and sharing snacks. You can send a snack for your child’s class. **We return on Jan 6.** If you have any questions or if your child will be absent, please contact Karla Melgar 913- 381-2757 ext 140

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



ADORATION CHAPEL

Open Hours:

- Sun: 1-2 am, 4-5 am, 2-3pm;
- Mon: 2-3am, 8-9am 1-2pm;
- Wed: 3-4 am; Thurs 2-3pm;
- Fri: 2-3 am; Sat 7-8 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 in the Youth Room. Next meetings are Dec 15, Dec 22 & Jan 5. No meeting Dec 29 due to Christmas break.

High School Youth Group...Wed evenings at 7pm. We meet in the Youth Room. Next meeting is Dec 17. No meetings Dec 24 or 31 due to Christmas break.

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

Looking for the perfect gift that will keep on giving? Consider putting down a deposit for a young person you know for the Mission Trip 2015 to Colorado Springs. See below for more details.



Mission Trip 2015... Our destination for the summer of 2015 is Colorado Springs, CO with Catholic Heart Workcamp. We will be gone June 27 to July 6. Total cost is \$480. A nonrefundable deposit of \$100 will hold your spot! For more info and a registration form go to www.holycrossopks.org under Faith Formation. You can contact Sandy at 205-0825 with questions.



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Confirmation Information

Confirmation Retreat will be **Sunday, Jan 4** from 9am to 3:30 pm. Information was sent through the US mail last week. Contact Sandy if you have not received this information. There are forms and other items to be turned in before winter break.

No Confirmation classes on Sun Dec 21, 28 and Jan 4.



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



**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



Rediscover Catholicism

“ God calls each of us to live an authentic life,” says Matthew Kelly in *Rediscover Catholicism*. But what is an authentic life? He goes on to say that God says, “Be all I created you to be.” Well how do I know what that is? By prayer....simply ask God what He has in mind for you.



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



**Get the App!!!
New Smartphone App for
Catholic Media for all
Parishioners!**

Special Advent content is now available to all parishioners, through the Archdiocese’s new smartphone app and the online Digital Media Center. No matter where you are, you can use your smartphone to access prayers, videos, and other Catholic content. We invite you to download the “Catholic Media ArchKCK” app from iTunes or Google Play today! New content will be added throughout Advent.



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.**

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



A Christmas Gift For Married Couples: Couples...want to give each other something really special this Christmas? How about a gift filled with Romance and Excitement? That's just the

beginning of what you will receive on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next weekend is **Feb 6-8**. For more details about a weekend, please visit our website wwme4youandme.org or call Tony & Barb Zimmerman 816-741-4066 or email tonybarbz@prodigy.net

Living With the Grief of Suicide

Suicide grips hearts and minds with a vice that will not let go, and with feelings of overwhelming sadness, grief and loss. Come join certified grief counselor, Sr. Loretta McGuire, OSB, for a day of sharing. For more info or to register, call 913-360-6151 or visit Sophia Spirituality Center's website at www.sophiaspiritualitycenter.com.

Support Our Seminarians Benefit Dinner

The **22nd annual "Support Our Seminarians" Benefit Dinner** is scheduled for **Fri, Jan 30**. This event benefits seminarians from the Archdiocese of Kansas City, Kansas, the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph and Conception Seminary College. It promises to be an evening filled with fun and laughter, celebrating our Catholic faith, dining on wonderful food and socializing with our priests and seminarians! It will be held at Marriott Muehlebach Hotel, 12th and Wyandotte, Kansas City, Mo. Tickets are \$150 per person at tables of ten. To reserve a place or to donate to the marketplace or VIP silent auctions, contact Martha Hodes 913-207-9893 or mmmh66@sbglobal.net

catholic OF NORTHEAST KANSAS charities Stock the Pantries with Hy-Vee

Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas is looking for volunteers to assist with food collection for the food pantries. Specifically we are looking for volunteers to work a 3 hour shift (from 10 am to 1 pm or 1 pm to 4 pm) on one Saturday a month at a local Hy-vee grocery store. We are also looking for substitutes. If you are interested in helping Catholic Charities gather food for our neighbors in need, please contact Michelle Carlstedt at 913-433-2080 or mcarlstedt@catholiccharitiesks.org.

Financial Mentor Volunteer Opportunity

Be a mentor for a family in the Family Financial Transformation program. The mentor meet with a family and help them with their financial planning which is supported by Community America Credit Union.. Training is provided. Contact Michelle 913-433-2080 for more info.

Citizenship Education Volunteer Tutor

Lead one-on-one and small group tutoring lessons for the Citizenship Education Program. Training provided. Contact Michelle at 913-433-2080 for more info.

Refugee Family Needs

Catholic Charities seeks help welcoming refugees! We are in need of items to be given to the new refuges families upon arrival in the US. Items needed are toilet paper, kitchen trashcans, bathroom trashcans, shower curtain and rings, broom and dustpan, mop, light bulbs and much more. If you have questions or to donate, contact Rachel Pollock at rpollock@catholiccharitiesks.org or 913-906-8981.

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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.

*Feliz Navidad,
y
Próspero Año Nuevo*

Reflexiones del Servicio Cristiano 12/14/14

“El espíritu del Señor está sobre mí, porque el Señor me ha consagrado; me ha enviado a dar buenas noticias a los pobres, a aliviar a los afligidos, a anunciar libertad a los presos, libertad a los que están en la cárcel; a anunciar el año favorable del Señor, el día en que nuestro Dios nos vencerá de nuestros enemigos.” (Isaías 61:1-2a)

Estas palabras familiares del profeta Isaías, son bienvenidas durante el Adviento y realmente, en cualquier otro tiempo. Porque el espíritu de Dios se ha derramado sobre nosotros y cada uno de nosotros ha sido ungido para traer buenas noticias, para proclamar libertad y poner en libertad. Piensen en aquéllos quienes experimentarán el favor del Señor, a través de nuestra fe y acciones.

Queridos Feligreses,

Se recordarán que la Campaña Capital ha dispuesto un nuevo techo para la iglesia como una de las metas para la renovación. Originalmente planeábamos hacer esto en la primavera y verano próximos. Debido a la urgente situación del techo sobre la entrada en el narthex, tendremos que poner el nuevo techo sobre el narthex y la oficina de la iglesia prontamente. El resto del techo será puesto con la renovación en la primavera y el verano próximos. El plan básico sigue igual, solamente el programa cambia . **Fr. Mike**



EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA

Últimas sesiones del 2014.

Programa de la Tarde(4:30-5:45pm)

Los niños en el 1er año del programa e Iniciados, continuarán con la Unidad N°3, sesión N° 15, “La Iglesia, Nuestra comunidad en el Espíritu”. Los niños en el segundo año de preparación sacramental estará trabajando en la Unidad 4 de Reconciliación. Cerraremos el año 2014, escuchando canciones navideñas y compartiendo meriendas. Si gustan, pueden traer meriendas para compartir. 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) Los niños y sus familiares estarán trabajando en la Unidad 4. Cerraremos el año 2014, escuchando canciones navideñas y compartiendo meriendas. Si gustan, pueden traer meriendas para compartir. Para preguntas o si necesita reportar que su niño estará ausente, favor de llamar a Karla Melgar, 913/381-2755, ext. 140.

Regresaremos el martes, 6 de Enero, 2015.



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CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Escuela Católica Holy Cross: Les ofrecemos valores católicos

tradicionales en un ambiente rico en tecnología. Si busca una escuela que ofrece alta calidad de educación y enfoque centrado en Cristo, Holy Cross es la escuela para usted. Marque su calendario, tendremos “casa abierta”, domingo, Feb. 1, 2015, 8:30am.-1pm. Más info., Allison Carney, 381-7408.