

Church of The Holy Cross

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Overland Park, Kansas 66212
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E-Mail: churchoffice@holycrossopks.org
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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 7.

Holy Cross Catholic School
8101 W. 95th St. 66212
School Office: 381-7408
E-Mail: gradeschool@holycrosscatholicsschool.com
Principal: Allison Carney
Secretaries: Anita Lemmon & Martha Beisser

Early Education Center: 381-7151
7917 W 95th St. 66212
E-Mail: preschool@holycrosscatholicsschool.com
Director: Penny Miller
Assistant Director: Stefanie Bridges

Advocate for Annulments:
Rebeca Richmond, 671-8722

Parish Center Manager
Michael Long, 219-3382

MASSES:

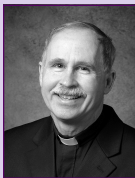
Weekend Sat. Vigil 5:00 p.m., Sun. 7:30, 9:00, 11:00 a.m., and 1:00 p.m. (Spanish)
Nursery - 11:00 a.m., and 1:00 p.m. Masses
Weekdays Mon., Wed., Fri. 9:00 a.m. | Tues. & Thurs. 6:30 a.m. | Sat. 7:30 a.m.
Tues. 6:00 p.m. (Spanish)
Tues. & Thurs. (School days only): 8:15 a.m. in the school

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,

As you celebrate Christmas with family and friends, may God's blessings be with you. If you or they are traveling for the holidays, may God watch over you. May this feast of Christmas make God present in your lives and in our world.



Fr. Mike

Stewardship Reflection December 21, 2014

(The angel Gabriel said), "for nothing will be impossible with God." And Mary answered, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Luke 1:37-38

The Blessed Mother is held up to us as the example of a faithful servant who put her life totally into God's hand. This can be a difficult choice, for we have no idea what God's plan for us will be. We do however have the promise of Mary's son that God is a loving parent, the *abba*, the one who will always be with us and carry us into God's kingdom.

Mass Intentions



Monday

9:00 a.m. Rosa & Joseph Pham

Tuesday

6:30 a.m. David Volz
6:00 p.m. Mason Gillihan (Spanish)

Wednesday

4:30 p.m. John & Mary McCraner (upstairs)
4:30 p.m. Jean Davis (downstairs)
8:00 p.m. Bill Bronson
9:30 p.m. Robert Klewitz

Thursday

10:00 a.m. Bunny Goetz Ingalls
1:00 p.m. People of the Parish

Friday

9:00 a.m. Edward Pelot

Saturday

7:30 a.m. Carolyn Schroer
5:00 p.m. Ken VanBooven

Sunday

7:30 a.m. Mike Peterson
9:00 a.m. Joseph Evancho
11:00 a.m. Kevin Haeusser
1:00 p.m. People of the Parish (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:

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph:

Sirach 3:2-6,12-14

Colossians 3:12-21; Luke 2:22-40



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

*You make our parish life possible.
Thank you!*



Dec 24, Christmas Eve:
 4:30 pm (church & basement)
 8:00 pm
 9:30 pm

Dec 25, Christmas Day
 10:00 am

Come early! Get a good seat and enjoy 30 minutes of music before each Mass.

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



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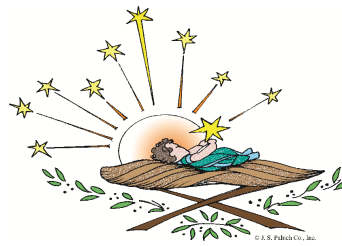


ADORATION CHAPEL

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.



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Rediscover Catholicism

What is your most important possession? “Your immortal soul is the most valuable possession you have --- feed it, nurture it, celebrate it” says Matthew Kelly in *Rediscover Catholicism*. How do you take care of this most important possession?

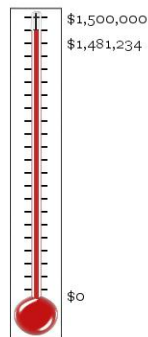


Save the date and your blood!!! Holy Cross Youth Group is hosting a blood drive on Martin Luther King Day, **Mon, Jan 19, 2015**. Every presenting donor will receive 2 Royals tickets! More details to come. For questions, contact Cathy Lucas cjlucas@everestkc.net

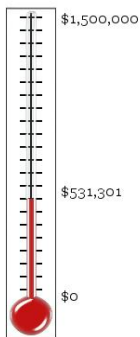
In the comfort of your home, you can participate in a great Advent retreat! Just go to the Holy Cross website, www.holycrossopks.org and look for **Symbolon: Our Catholic Faith Explained** under parish news. Click on the “register now” and be prepared for a wonderful adventure of renewed and deepened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



Track Our Progress!



Pledges



As of August 1, 2014

Contributions

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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 8311 W 93rd St.
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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.holycrosscatholicsschool.com



Religious Education Information

Have a blessed Christmas season! **We return on Jan 6.** If you have any questions please contact Karla Melgar 913- 381-2757 ext 140



We Welcome Our Newly Baptized Children!

Aliya Rogers, William Andrew Lemmon, Avery Mae Powers, Richard Owen Powers, Yandel Gonzalez Morales, Manuel Gonzalez Miguel, Angelique Nicole Sotelo, Maria Alonzo, Madelyn Solano, Arian Arroyo, Grecia Gutierrez, Jeremy Gutierrez, Julieth Guerra, Kendra Alexa Arias, Joseph Garcia, Julia Garcia, Kathrina Marie DeNegri, Harper Leona Remmert

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 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. 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.



confirmation
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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.



Celebration: Our Parish's Largest Fundraiser



Celebration 2015 Tickets

Celebration tickets are now on sale! 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

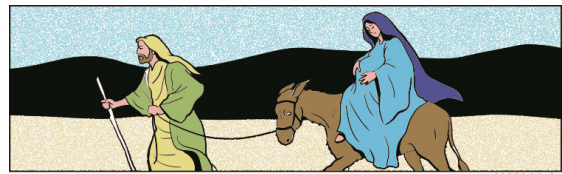
This is a great way to not only support the Holy Cross community but a fantastic opportunity to advertise your business to the families and friends of Holy Cross Parish and School. There are multiple sponsorship levels. We hope you will be able to join Celebration by purchasing a table and being a sponsor.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



Lighthouse Catholic Media CDs ...

“God Made Man” In this Christmas themed presentation, Fr. Shannon Collins sheds new light on the biblical narratives of the birth of Jesus Christ, as well as the beautiful Christmas traditions of the Church. Check out the kiosk for this and other CDs and books.

Questions? Call Brenda Scruggs 913-649-6442



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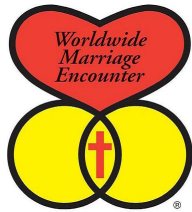
Get the App!!! New Smartphone App for Catholic Media for all Parishioners!

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@sbcglobal.net

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

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

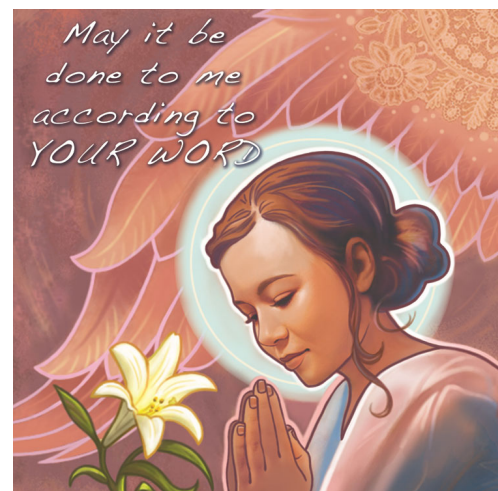
Be a mentor for a family in the Family Financial Transformation program. The mentor meet with a family and help them with their financial planning which is supported by Community America Credit Union.. Training is provided. Contact Michelle 913-433-2080 for more info.

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 refugees 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.



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*

Queridos Feligreses,

Al celebrar la Navidad con sus familias y amistades, les deseo que la bendición del Señor esté con ustedes. Si usted o ellos estarán viajando en este tiempo, que el Señor los acompañe en el camino. Que el esta fiesta de Pascua, el Señor esté presente en sus vidas y en el mundo.

Fr. Mike



EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA

Últimas sesiones del 2014.

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

Programa Familiar (6:40-8:15pm)

Queridas familias de nuestros programas, me gustaría esta oportunidad para agradecerles el permitirme servirles en la formación cristiana de sus niños. La Navidad es una temporada muy agradable para celebrar con familiares y amigos. Es una buena oportunidad para compartir con todo el mundo, lo mucho que Dios nos ama. Él nos ama tanto que nos dió el regalo más precioso que el ser humano pueda recibir. Dios nos dió a su Hijo Jesucristo para que seamos salvos. Para preguntas, favor de llamar a Karla Melgar, 913/381-2755, ext. 140.

Regresaremos el martes, 6 de Enero, 2015.



Que se
haga
en mí
lo que
has dicho


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Reflexiones del Servicio Cristiano 12/21/14

“Para Dios no hay nada imposible.

Entonces María dijo: Yo soy esclava del Señor; que Dios haga conmigo como me has dicho. Con esto, el ángel se fue.” (Lucas 1:37-38)

La Madre Bendita se nos presenta como ejemplo de un sirviente fiel, quién puso su vida en las manos de Dios. Esta preferencia puede ser difícil, ya que no tenemos idea de lo que tiene planeado Dios para nosotros. Pero si tenemos la promesa del hijo de María, de que Dios es un padre bueno que nos ama a todos, el que siempre estará con nosotros y nos llevará al Reino de Dios.

 **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.