

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 7.

Holy Cross Catholic School

8101 W. 95th St. 66212
School Office: 381-7408
E-Mail: gradeschool@holycrosscatholicschool.com
Principal: Allison Carney
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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.

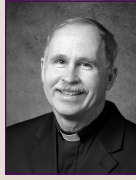
MARRIAGES: Six months notice required. Call the office for information.

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,

Are you tired of Christmas? Are you ready to take down the decorations, and get back to life as normal? After all, many have been celebrating since Thanksgiving. However, the church is telling us that Christmas is just now beginning. It will go on until January 11, the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. So, keep on celebrating!



Fr. Mike

Stewardship Reflection *December 28, 2014*

Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed." Luke 2:34-35a.

As part of his blessing over the Holy Family, the holy man Simeon makes these prophetic comments about Jesus. Obviously this little infant's life is to become one of struggle and conflict, and we know it ends on the cross. But not really... the real ending is not on the cross but in Jesus' resurrection and exultation. Christmas invites us into the deeper mystery of Jesus, the one truly a baby but also the saving presence of God.

Mass Intentions



Monday	9:00 a.m.	Inez Byrum
Tuesday	6:30 a.m.	Linda Kneib
	6:00 p.m.	Unity Among Christians (Spanish)
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Marjorie & Dennis Doyle
	5:30 p.m.	Christian Watson
Thursday	10:00 a.m.	Clarence Stegeman
	1:00 p.m.	People of the Parish (Spanish)
Friday	9:00 a.m.	Mary Ellen Alfino
Saturday	7:30 a.m.	Ken Voorhes
	5:00 p.m.	Rev. Paul Grueter
Sunday	7:30 a.m.	People of the Parish
	9:00 a.m.	Leonard Joseph Conrick
	11:00 a.m.	Albert Schreiner
	1:00 p.m.	Sick of the Parish (Spanish)

Financial Update

	Dec 14	Fiscal YTD
Weekly Offering Needed	\$38,730	\$647,635
Weekly Offering Received	41,198	650,668
Over/(Under)	2,468	3,033
Special Donations	766	15,839
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:

The Epiphany of the Lord:


Isaiah 60:1-6

Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12



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

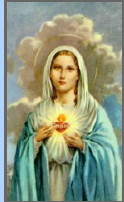
*You make our parish life possible.
Thank you!*



The Octave Day of Christmas Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God Mass Schedule

Wed, Dec 31: 5:30pm
 Thurs, Jan 1: 10:00am
 1:00pm Spanish

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



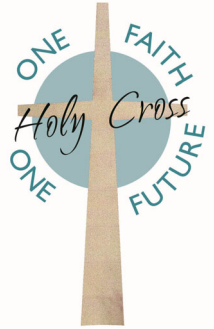
First Saturday Devotions will be on **Jan 3**. The rosary will be prayed at **7:05 am** before the 7:30 am mass. A presentation will be held in the church hall after mass.

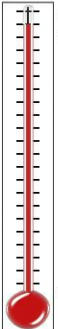
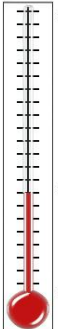
Holy Cross Bereavement Group meets the **first** Friday of every month at Holy Cross after 9:00am mass in **Room 8**. For more information call Pete Obert at 451-3374 or Kay Spaniol 383-1157.



Sunshine Club Breakfast Meeting

We will meet **Sunday, Jan 4** in Lickteig Hall after the 7:30 am Mass. New members welcome!!!




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Track Our Progress!	Pledges	Contributions

As of August 1, 2014

Rediscover Catholicism

“God, what do you think I should do? I call this the Big Question. It is the question that changed my life forever, and the question that continues to transform my life on a daily basis when I have the courage to ask it.”


Rediscover Catholicism (pg 181)



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




Troop 251 would like to thank Holy Cross for making this year Cinnamon Roll Sales an overwhelming success! We made **175 dozen** cinnamon rolls using 200 lbs flour, 100 lb sugar, 40 lbs butter, 3 lbs Cinnamon, 1/2 gal vanilla and 15 dozen eggs. Thank you for your support!!!!



Parishioners of Holy Cross:
 Thank you for your generous donations to this year’s Angel Tree. We raised \$7600 and were able to provide a Christmas gift and meal to 23 families as well as help fund the parish emergency assistance fund. Thank you for your generosity!

St. Benedict’s Circle

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.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



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.



Flocknote

A communication tool Holy Cross is using to keep you update with events, activities and news within our community. Check it out at www.flocknote/holycrossopks or text "hcop" to 84576 and subscribe today!

Youth Ministry
 Here's What's Happening

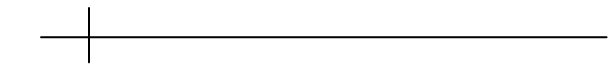
MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP 7th and 8th graders... Monday evenings at 7pm in the Youth Room. Next meeting is Jan 5. No meeting Dec 29 due to Christmas break.

High School Youth Group...Wed evenings at 7pm. We meet in the Youth Room. No meeting Dec 31 due to Christmas break.

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



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 28 and Jan 4.



Celebration: Our Parish's Largest Fundraiser



Celebration 2015 Tickets

Celebration tickets are now on sale! The cost is \$50 per person. 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



Dip, Duck, Dodge and Dive!

Registration is now open for Dodgeball! Come relive your childhood days at Catholic

Challenge Sports young adult co-ed dodgeball league. Catholic Challenge Sports is a community of men and women in their 20's and 30's with a mission of faith, fellowship, and service. For more information or to register visit our Facebook page or website at kccatholicchallenge.com

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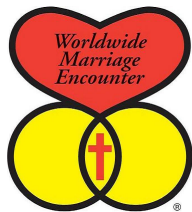
Get the App!!! New Smartphone App for Catholic Media for all Parishioners!

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 on Thurs, Jan 22 9am-4pm 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.



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.

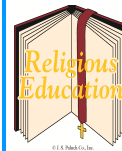
BAUTISMO: Segundo sábado 11 a.m., y tercer domingo de cada mes, después de la Misa de la 1:00 p.m. Padres y padrinos deben asistir a una clase de preparación, el primer sábado de cada mes. **Deben anotarse con anticipación**, llamando a la oficina de la iglesia, 381-2755, durante el horario en español.

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

Queridos Feligreses,

¿Se sienten cansados de las Navidades? ¿Están deseando poder quitar los adornos Navideños y volver a su vida normal? Ya que, muchos han estado celebrando desde Thanksgiving. Sin embargo, la iglesia nos dice que la Navidad está comenzando ahora, hasta Enero 11, la fiesta del Bautismo del Señor. ¡Sigamos celebrando!

Fr. Mike



EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA

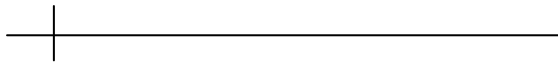
Últimas sesiones del 2014.

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.




Reflexiones del Servicio Cristiano 12/28/14

Entonces Simeón les dio su bendición y dijo a María, la madre de Jesús: *“Mira, este niño está destinado a hacer que muchos en Israel caigan o se levanten. Él será una señal que muchos rechazarán, a fin de que las intenciones de muchos corazones queden al descubierto. Pero todo esto va a ser para ti como una espada que atraviese tu propia alma”.* (Lucas 2:34-35a)

Como parte de su bendición sobre la Sagrada Familia, Simeón hace estos comentarios proféticos sobre Jesús. Obviamente, la vida de este infante será llena de lucha y conflicto. Sabemos cómo terminará en la cruz. Realmente, el verdadero final no es en la cruz, sino en la resurrección y exaltación de Jesús. La navidad nos invita dentro del misterio profundo de Jesús, el verdadero bebé, pero también la presencia salvadora de Dios.



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