

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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Rev. Oswaldo Sandoval
Rectory: 341-5618

PARISH STAFF

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Music Director: JoAnna Rubino
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Administrative Assistant: Carol Morris
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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School Office: 381-7408
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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.)

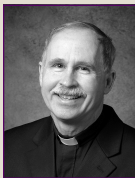
Contact the office to confirm times and to register.

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,



When I made my pilgrimage to Santiago this last summer, I only carried three books with me, because of the weight: my prayer book, a journal to write in, and a very small guide book. So when I returned to the States, I was eager to read something. The very first book that I picked up was one written by Matthew Kelly. To my amazement, he mentioned in it that he also had made the pilgrimage to Santiago. Matthew has authored a number of books, copies of one of which, Rediscover Catholicism, were handed out at Christmas as gifts from the parish. I encourage you to read the book. It can help you delve more deeply into your faith, and enrich your life.

Fr. Mike

Stewardship Reflection January 4, 2015

An behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. Matthew 2:9

The Magi were guided by the star in their search for the new born king of the Jews. What helps you to find Christ in your daily life?



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Mass Intentions



Monday

9:00 a.m. Mike Drinane

Tuesday

6:30 a.m. Ray Meier
8:15 a.m. Rosemary Walsh
6:00 p.m. World Hunger (Spanish)

Wednesday

9:00 a.m. Kevin Haeusser

Thursday

6:30 a.m. Christian Watson
8:15 a.m. Jean Davis

Friday

9:00 a.m. Ken Voorhes

Saturday

7:30 a.m. Albert Schreiner
5:00 p.m. Theodore & Clara Grueter

Sunday

7:30 a.m. Janet Sheeran
9:00 a.m. Clarence Stegeman
11:00 a.m. Ken VanBooven
1:00 p.m. People of the Parish (Spanish)

Financial Update

	Dec 21	Fiscal YTD
Weekly Offering Needed	\$38,730	\$686,365
Weekly Offering Received	27,613	678,281
Over/(Under)	(11,117)	(8,084)
Special Donations	1,220	17,059
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:

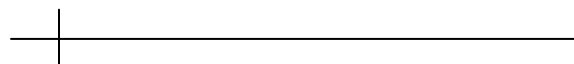
The Baptism of the Lord:

Isaiah 42:1-4,6-7

Acts 10:34-38; Mark 1:7-11



Please Pray for Those Asking for Prayers: Mary Lou Albaugh, David McClain and Tami.



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

Rediscover Catholicism

Don't tell me -- show me! The world cries out for a life lived authentically, for someone striving humbly but heroically to live by what is good, true, and noble in the midst of - and in spite of - the modern climate. Whom does your life intrigue? Not with spectacular accomplishments, but simply by the way you live, love, and work.

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CATHOLIC
MEDIA
ARCHKCK

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.



ADORATION CHAPEL

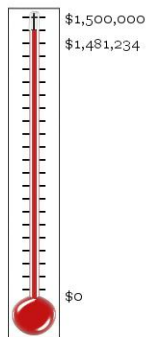
Open Hours:

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

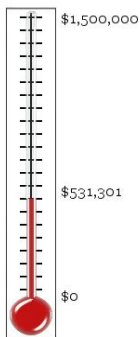
If you are unable to keep your commitment, please obtain a sub from the list in the chapel.



Track Our Progress!



Pledges



As of August 1, 2014

Contributions

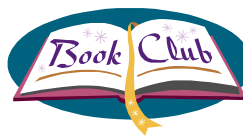


Save the date and your blood!!!

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! Check out the parish website for the link to schedule a time to donate. For questions, contact Cathy Lucas cjlucas@everestkc.net

Join the 31 Club!!!

Holy Cross 31 Club prays for vocations to priesthood and consecrated religious life. 31 Club members are asked to pray for vocations at a weekday Mass at least once a month during 2015. **Sign-up** will be after all Masses the weekend of **Jan 10-11**. If you are a member of the 31 Club in 2014, please take the opportunity to sign up again in 2015. There will also be an opportunity for students at Holy Cross School and their parents to sign up for a School 31 Club. Ask Our Lord to send laborers for His harvest. For information, please contact George Dirnberger at 913-642-0585



The Book Discussion Group will meet on **Tues., Jan 6, 9:30 am**, in Room 1. The book will be *We Are called To Rise* by Laura McBride.

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

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.

High School Youth Group...Wed evenings at 7pm. We meet in the Youth Room.

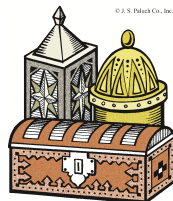
Any questions about either group, contact Sandy at 205-0825.



Religious Education Information

We will have classes on Jan 6. Children in Year I program and Initiated will continue to learn about "The Church, Our Community in the Spirit." The children in Sacrament Preparation are studying "Being Sorry for Our Sins". If you have any questions please contact Karla Melgar 913- 381-2757 ext 140

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.



St. Mary's Food Kitchen: We served 343 dinners to those less fortunate on Dec 19. Holy Cross served a total of 4,560 dinners in 2014. Thank you to everyone who provided food, helped serve and gave monetary donations. Your efforts and contribution were greatly appreciated!



Confirmation Information

No Confirmation classes on Sun Jan 4.



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!



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**Celebration:
Our Parish's Largest
Fundraiser**



Celebration 2015 Tickets

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

Are you shopping the after Christmas sales? 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

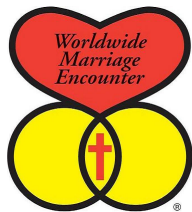
Greet The New Year with Taize Prayer at Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth Mother House.

You are invited to participate in Taize prayer on **Thur, Jan 8 at 7:00 pm** in Annunciation Chapel on the campus of the Mother House of the Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth, 4200 S 4th St, Leavenworth, KS. For more information about this meditative, candlelit service, visit www.marillaccenter.org or call 913-680-2342.



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@sbcglobal.net



A Ministry of the Benedictine Sisters

Optimizing Your Health, a six week program designed for those who suffer from chronic illness or are caregivers, will be offered **Wed, Jan 7-11 from 1-3:30 pm**. Topics include: Ways to Reduce Your Pain, How to Deal with Fatigue, Frustration and Isolation, How to Talk to your Doctor about Your Health, How to make Choices about Your Treatment. Presenters are Nozella Brown and Lori Wuellner of K-State Extension Consumer Services.

Holy Woman, Miriam, the Sister of Moses, presented by Jenny Greene, pastoral minister at St. Teresa's Academy, **Thur, Jan 8** from 1-2:30 pm.

Support Group for Care-givers is offered Tuesdays, from 1:30-3:00pm. The facilitator is Jackie Tigges, MSM, LSCSW. Caring for a loved one who is ill or dying is very difficult and it helps to be supported by others.

All programs are free. To register call 913-906-8990



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.

¡Feliz Año Nuevo!

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.

Queridos Feligreses,

Cuando fui en mi peregrinación a Santiago en el pasado verano, sólo llevé 3 libros conmigo, debido al peso: mi libro de oración, un diario para anotar en él y un libro guía muy pequeño. Así es que cuando llegué a USA, estaba ansioso por leer algo. El primer libro que escogí fue uno escrito por Matthew Kelly. Para mi asombro, él mencionaba que había hecho también su peregrinación a Santiago. Matthew ha escrito varios libros, uno de ellos, “Redescubre el Catolicismo”, fue pasado como regalo de Navidad de la parroquia. Los animo a leerlo. Los ayudará a ahondar más en su fe, enriqueciendo sus vidas.

Fr. Mike



EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA

Últimas sesiones del 2014.

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

Los niños en el programa del Primer Año e Iniciados, van a continuar con la Unidad No. 3, sesión N ° 13 "La Iglesia, Nuestra Comunidad en el Espíritu".

Si tiene alguna pregunta o si necesita reportar la ausencia de clases de alguno de sus hijos por favor de llamar a Karla Melgar (913) 381-2757 ext.140

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

El programa de Catequesis familiar va a continuar en la formación para la Primera Reconciliación. Van a continuar en la unidad N0. 5 "Estar arrepentidos de nuestros pecados". Recuerde de comunicarse con Karla Melgar (913) 381-2757 ext. 140 si tiene alguna pregunta sobre el programa o si necesita reportar la ausencia de su hijo/a al programa.



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 información llamando a Allison Carney, 381-7408.