

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

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Holy Cross Catholic School

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School Office: 381-7408
E-Mail: gradeschool@holycrosscatholicschool.com
Principal: Allison Carney
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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.

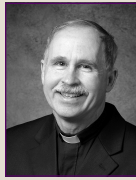
MARRIAGES: Six months notice required. Call the office for information.

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,

Mark your calendars! Lent will be here before you know it. To kick off that season, our parish will hold a retreat Saturday February 14 in English and Saturday February 21 in Spanish. The retreats will take place in the morning and conclude with lunch. They will repeat the format of last year's retreats, but with different speakers and a different theme: Death and Resurrection. Plan to take part.



Fr. Mike

Stewardship Reflection *January 11, 2015*

And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased." Mark 1:11

We can only wonder at the reaction of Jesus to these heavenly words. Perhaps they came as no surprise; more likely they were totally unexpected. In any case, Mark tells us that Jesus' next move was to the desert, perhaps to seek some private time for reflection and prayer. Not a bad idea for each of us, after the Christmas and New Year's events... some quiet time to reflect and pray.

Mass Intentions



Monday	9:00 a.m.	Mary Kurtz
Tuesday	6:30 a.m.	Evelyn M. Rothenberger
	6:00 p.m.	Sick of the Parish (Spanish)
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	JoAnn Emerson
Thursday	6:30 a.m.	Spec Int- Arnold & Mary Meier
Friday	9:00 a.m.	Special Intention (All School)
Saturday	7:30 a.m.	Clarence Stegeman
	5:00 p.m.	Lorraine Finerty
Sunday	7:30 a.m.	Jeanne Isaak
	9:00 a.m.	Spec Int-Mother Teresa Circle
	11:00 a.m.	Robert Klewitz
	1:00 p.m.	People of the Parish (Spanish)

Financial Update

	Dec 31	Fiscal YTD
Weekly Offering Needed	\$38,730	\$725,095
Weekly Offering Received	51,893	730,174
Over/(Under)	13,163	5,079
Special Donations	1,806	18,865
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:
Second Sunday of Ordinary Time:
 1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19
 1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20; John 1:35-42



One Time Mass Change: Sat Mass on Jan 24 will be at 4:00 pm due to Celebration. This is only for this day!
 Confessions on Sat, Jan 24 will be 2:30-3:30 pm.



REST IN PEACE: Prayers are requested for **Bill Downing** of Holy Cross, **Gary Matousek** of Holy Cross, **Elizabeth Miller**, mother of Donna Heit and **Mary Ann Bockelman**, sister of Bill Bockelman.

Please Pray for Those Asking for Prayers:
 Mary Lou Albaugh, David McClain, John Manning, Rickey Payne, Sandra Salazar, and Tami.





**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 office or call Brandy Carroll-Garcia at 816-835-8898 for more information. **Tickets will also be on sale in the narthex Jan 17/18.** Celebration is Jan 24 from 5pm-1am.

Silent Auction

We need your help!!! We are still in need of donations for the Holiday/Religious, Men's Club and Beautiful You rooms. Please consider giving a donation to one of these rooms. Tax deductible donation forms are available at the church and school. Questions? Patricia Mosquera 816-651-7515 or esthelita2000@yahoo.com.

Volunteers

Calling all hands - Holy Cross needs you! No experience necessary, we accept everyone! You are invited to roll up your sleeves and help out with Set Up, Fri, Jan 23 8am-4pm and Clean Up, Sun Jan 25 7:30am-12pm. Come meet fellow parishioners and be part of Celebration 2015. Any questions, call Flora Sokol 913-901-0319



**New This Year...
Roulette Wheel!!!**

Come enjoy the Roulette Wheel of Prizes at Celebration 2015! For a \$10 donation, you can take a chance to win great prizes at the roulette wheel in the "On the Town" room of Celebration. The wheel will be spinning from 5:30-6:30 pm. To donate prizes to be won at the roulette wheel or for questions, contact Amy Briscoe at 913-660-2100 or amybriscoe@hotmail.com



Catholic Charities: We donated **50 bags** of groceries to Catholic Charities in December! The **Monthly Food Collection** for Catholic Charities is held the **last Sunday** of each month.

The next collection will be **Sun, Jan 25**. Your donations are greatly appreciated!

Rediscover Catholicism

Come join us for a discussion about the book, **Rediscover Catholicism by Matthew Kelly** on Wed, Jan 14 at 7 pm **or** Sat, Jan 17 after the 7:30 am Mass (approx 8:00 am). This book was given out at the Christmas Masses as a gift from the parish. If your family didn't get a copy, there are still some left in the narthex.



St. Helen's Circle meeting will be **Tues, Jan 13 at 7:00 pm** at the home of Irmie Otto, 9026 Newton Dr. For more info call Irmie at 913-825-0017. New members welcome!



Opportunity for Interfaith Dialogue: Noah's Pudding

Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, has encouraged dialogue among Christians, Jews and Moslems. The Dialogue Institute is a Turkish American organization which shares that interest. As a gesture of good will, they will be visiting our parish **Sunday January 18** to offer us Noah's pudding, a traditional Turkish dessert, **after the 11 a.m. Mass**. Later this spring, we will have an opportunity for more in-depth dialogue on Wednesday April 15, when Holy Cross will host an Interfaith Academy talk. This will include a panel discussion with representatives of those three faiths, as well as a light supper. This will be an event sponsored by the Dialogue Institute.



Living Rosary- Come join the Knights of Columbus for a Living Rosary on **Thurs, Jan 22 at 7:00pm** in the church. All are welcome!

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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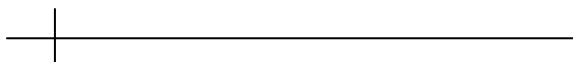
SCHOOL NEWS

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

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 “Celebrating Reconciliation with the Church”. Please don't forget to turn in all your First Reconciliation lessons and Mass Reflection booklet. If you have any questions please contact Karla Melgar 913- 381-2757 ext 140



St. Mary's Food Kitchen: We will be serving pasta casserole, salad and dessert to those who are less fortunate on **Friday, Jan 16.** 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!



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.

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

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.



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



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, 2-3 pm

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

To fill an open hour slot, please call the office at 381-2755



We have started using a new software program to schedule Eucharistic Ministers, lectors, ushers, greeters and servers. This system will allow you to set preferences and availability to minister at the Sunday Masses. It can send you reminders of when you are scheduled, allow you to find a sub and much more! There is even an app for your phone! If you are in one of these ministries, you should have received an email inviting you to sign up and set up your profile and preferences. If you did not receive this email or do not have internet access, please contact Carol Morris in the church office at 913-381-2755 or cmorris@holycrossopks.org to get signed up.

The Cure' of Ars Breavement Ministry will have their monthly **support meeting** Sat., **Jan 17** in the Fr. Burak room, 9401 Mission Rd., Leawood. The meeting will begin at **8:30am** after the 8:00am Mass. Call 913-649-2026 for info.



The **Archdiocesan Charismatic prayer groups** are sponsoring a **mass for healing** Thurs, **Jan 15, 7:30 pm** at Cure of Ars, 9401 Mission Rd, Leawood, KS. Fr. John Craig, SJ presiding. More info call 913-649-2026.

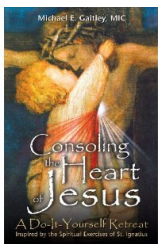
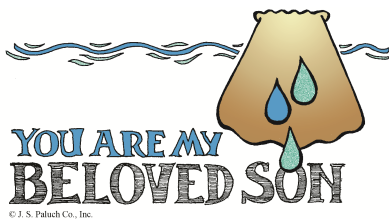


The Knights of Columbus will be holding the annual free throw contest for boys and girls ages 9-14 **TODAY, Sun, Jan 11 at 7:00 pm** in the school gym. You need to bring a copy of your birth certificate and parents consent form which will be available at the contest. Winners in each category advance to district competition on Feb 1 at St. Ann's.



"COPING WITH LIFE ALONE" - PEER-TO-PEER GRIEF SUPPORT "COPING WITH LIFE ALONE ®" is a Beginning Experience ® Christ-centered grief support program that meets each week for 7-8 weeks.

The program helps those who have lost a love relationship due to death, divorce or separation move through the experience of grief and loss into a future with renewed hope. The sessions focus on topics of the grief process, changes in family and other relationships, trust, and coping with memories of your deceased spouse or dealing with your former spouse. The next program will meet on **Monday evenings: Feb 2 – Mar 23 from 6:30– 9:00 p.m.** For additional information, or to register, please call Cathy at (816) 540-4644. These sessions will be held at **Holy Cross Church in Overland Park, KS**, registration is necessary, to serve you better.



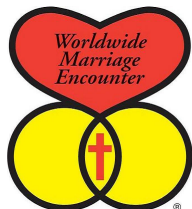
A Do-It-Yourself-Retreat inspired by the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius. Written by Fr. Michael Gaitley as the follow up to 33 Days of Morning Glory. Add this devotion of the two hearts to your spiritual

life. With Immaculate Heart of Mary and the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Fr. Gaitley "has a true gift for moving even small souls closer to Christ". Read this book-- all at once or in small increments as your life allows-- or join a small group at church on Thurs evenings in room 1 beginning Jan 22. To order book, DVD's, workbook or register for the class, call Brenda Scruggs 913-649-6442



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



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.

This program is free and held at The Keeler Women's Center 2220 Central Ave, KC, KS 66102. To register call 913-906-8990

He will baptize
with the
Holy Spirit



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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,

Marquen sus calendarios! Cuaresma esta cerca. Para dar inicio a la temporada, nuestra parroquia celebrará un retiro el; sábado 14 de febrero en Inglés y el sábado 21 de febrero en español. Los retiros se llevarán a cabo en la mañana y concluirá con el almuerzo. El formato sera similar a los retiros del año pasado, pero con diferentes presentadores y un tema diferente: "la Muerte y Resurrección". Planea tu tiempo para participar.

Fr. Mike



EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA

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 ° 14 "La Iglesia, Nuestra Comunidad en el Espíritu"**. Los niños que están en su segundo año de preparación sacramental están trabajando en la Unidad 6. de Reconciliación "**Celebrando Reconciliación con la Iglesia**". Por favor no se olviden de enviar las lecciones terminadas de la Primera Reconciliación junto con el Booklet de Reflexiones de la Misa. 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](tel:9133812757) ext.140

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

Los niños que están en su segundo año de preparación sacramental junto a sus familias van a estar trabajando en la Unidad 6. de Reconciliación "**Celebrando Reconciliación con la Iglesia**". Por favor no se olviden de entregar las lecciones terminadas de la Primera Reconciliación junto con el Booklet de Reflexiones de la Misa. 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](tel:9133812757) ext.140



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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.