

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
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Rev. Oswaldo Sandoval
Rectory: 341-5618

PARISH STAFF

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Assistant: Michelle Rieger
Session Coordinator- Maria Palazuelos
Confirmation Coordinator: Sandy Schluter

Youth Ministries: 205-0825

Director: Sandy Schluter

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se encuentra en la página 7.

Holy Cross Catholic School

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School Office: 381-7408
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Principal: Allison Carney
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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.)

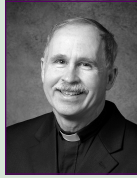
Contact the office to confirm times and to register.

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,



This Sunday marks the beginning of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Lately, we have not heard a lot about ecumenism, although it still remains a goal set out for us by the Second Vatican Council and by Christ Himself. There are a couple of factors which help ecumenism to advance on a grassroots level. First of all, Catholics share, along with other Christians, the Bible as our Sacred Scripture, with only a few exceptions in the Old Testament. Secondly, many Catholics are involved in inter-faith marriages. This also is a way to bring Christians together. Finally, our prayers can help speed the progress towards Christian unity.

Fr. Mike

Stewardship Reflection January 18, 2015

Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. So he said to Samuel, "Go back to sleep; and if the Lord calls you again, you shall say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.'"

1 Samuel 3:8b-9.

This verse is actually the third time that the Lord called out to Samuel; the first two times, Samuel failed to recognize the Lord's voice. We can certainly identify with that! It's hard to distinguish God's call among so many voices in our life. Perhaps Jesus offer some help here: he suggests we listen to the call of the poor, the unhappy, the other, the hungry, the needy, the afraid.

Mass Intentions



Monday

9:00 a.m. Elizabeth Miller

Tuesday

6:30 a.m. Christian Watson
8:15 a.m. Bill Root (at school)
6:00 p.m. Hoa Hua (Spanish)

Wednesday

9:00 a.m. Teodoro Braceros

Thursday

6:30 a.m. Albert Schreiner

Friday

9:00 a.m. Ken Voorhes

Saturday

7:30 a.m. Marian Sheeran
4:00 p.m. People of the Parish

Sunday

7:30 a.m. Carolina Vidovic
9:00 a.m. Clarence Stegeman
11:00 a.m. Special Intention
1:00 p.m. Jean Davis (Spanish)

Financial Update

	Jan 11	Fiscal YTD
Weekly Offering Needed	\$25,450	\$775,995
Weekly Offering Received	21,886	777,544
Over/(Under)	(3,564)	1,549
Special Donations	828	19,864
Restricted Assets as of Dec 31	Calculated Monthly	
Parish Endowment-Restricted	\$79,017	
School Endowment-Restricted	\$35,012	
Capital Campaign-Restricted	\$358,913	
Long Term Liabilities as of Dec 31	Calculated Monthly	
Unpaid Debt—Archdiocese of KCKS	\$ 0	
Long term—St. James Academy	\$440,521	

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:

Third Sunday of Ordinary Time:

Jonah 3:1-5,10

1 Corinthians 7:29-31; Mark 1:14-20



Palms: Do you have any old palms at home? Please bring them to church and put in the basket in the Narthex. These will be used for the ashes on Ash Wednesday, Feb 18.



Please Pray for Those Asking for Prayers:

Mary Lou Albaugh, John Manning, Rickey Payne, Sandra Salazar, Tami and George Vogel.



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.



**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. 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!!!**



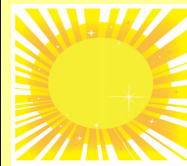
Come enjoy the Roulette Wheel of Prizes at Celebration 2015! For a \$10 donation, you can take a chance to win great prizes at the roulette wheel in the "On the Town" room of Celebration. The wheel will be spinning from 5:30-6:30 pm. To donate prizes to be won at the roulette wheel or for questions,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

Funeral Planning Workshop

Sessions are forming! Information and resources will be provided to help parishioners pre-plan a Wake Service and Funeral Mass for themselves or a loved one. For more information on when sessions are available or to sign up contact Bill O'Neill at 913-888-1932



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!



Sunshine Club Social Hour Dinner

We will meet at Cheddar's at 11865 W 95th St on **Wednesday, Jan 28** at 4:00 pm. Please call Marie Spies at 913-381-8923 for reservations.



Next week, we will take up the **Collection for the Church in Latin America**. Your generosity to the Collection for the Church in Latin America is invaluable to the future of the faith in this region. Your donations will fund catechesis, marriage and family life programs, and seminarian formation. Please give with a joyful and generous heart. Please support programs like these and give generously in next week's collection.

Rediscover Catholicism

Do you want to improve your life? "Our lives change when our habits change," writes Matthew Kelly in *Rediscover Catholicism*. We know the truth but we lack the discipline and strength of character to align the actions of our lives with the truth (cf. Matthew 26:41). Consult Matthew Kelly's book for ideas on how to really change your habits and thus change your life!

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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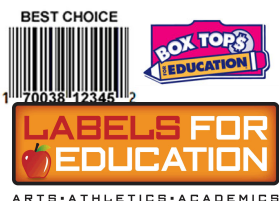
SCHOOL NEWS

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

Enrollment is now open for Holy Cross Catholic School. The early bird registration fee is \$150.00 per child, not to exceed \$400.00. After February 11th, the registration fee is \$175.00, not to exceed \$450.00. Applications for enrollment are online. Follow the steps below to enroll:

- * Go to holycrosscatholicschool.com.
- * Click on “Family Log In” on the lower left hand side.
- * Click on Online School Enrollment under the picture in the middle of the page.
- * New families use the code `hccs15`.
- * Current families use your family log in and update your current information.
- * Pay the registration fee. We accept cash, checks, and credit cards. Call or stop by the school office.
- * Complete the tuition payment form in the school office.

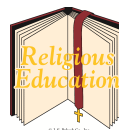
Enrollment is completed when you submit the registration fee and tuition payment form. Enroll now! Classes fill up fast.



Holy Cross Labels Program Great Happenings!!!

**Labels for Education
Box Tops for Education
Best Choice Labels**

It’s a New Year and a new opportunity to support Holy Cross School. Our community has a \$3,000 and 30,000 points goal for the Labels Program this school year. From August through December 2014 our efforts really paid off, we received **\$2004.44** from Box Tops for Education, **\$120.00** is on its way from Best Choice, and we have earned **11,132** points from Labels for Education! **Thank you!** Let’s make a resolution we will all keep. Let’s all remember to clip those labels, and ask 1 more person to clip labels for us. Every little bit adds up, makes a difference and contributes to Holy Cross School! Thank you for your generosity!



Religious Education Information

There will be No Classes on Jan 27.

Children in Year I program and Initiated will continue to learn about “ The Church, Our Community in the Spirit.” The children in Sacrament Preparation will be having 1st Reconciliation interviews and practicing how to go to confession. 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

**Youth Ministry
Here’s What’s Happening**

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP 7th and 8th graders... Monday evenings 7-8:30pm in the Youth Room. Play games, have a snack, share prayer and gather in God’s name for some fun. No meeting Jan 19!

High School Youth Group...Wed evenings at 7-8:45 pm in the Youth Room. Share an evening of faith, fun, food and friends. We will meet Jan 21 & 28.

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



Mission Trip 2015... \$100 nonrefundable deposit deadline is fast approaching! **Deposits must be received BEFORE Jan 30 to get a spot!** No spots will be available after Jan 30. 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. Several fundraisers will be held to help defray cost. For more info and a registration form go to www.holycrossopks.org under Faith Formation or see bulletin board downstairs. You can contact Sandy at 205-0825 with questions.



Confirmation Information

No Confirmation Classes on Jan 18 and Feb 15 due to holidays.

Mark your calendar...Confirmation Ceremony will be Tues, April 7 at 7:00 pm. Approximately 60 students will be confirmed. Please pray for them as they prepare to receive this sacrament.



In preparation for Lent, Holy Cross is

offering a pre-Lenten Retreat

“The Pascal Mystery: Death & Resurrection”

Feb 14 – 8:00am-1:30pm

7:30am Mass Optional

Two talks given by guest speakers

Time for reflection & discussion

Reconciliation Service

Lunch

\$5 donation

To sign up call the Parish office at 381-2755



VBS is back! It will be June 15-19. It's time to start planning our **Vacation Bible school for summer 2015.** We need the help of adults and youth from **High School** who want to be leaders, to help plan the program. If you have talents with music, or performances, or the desire to share with young children we need you!! **This year's VBS Theme is "Mary Leads Me Closer to Jesus" from Cat. Chat Publisher.** If you are interested, please contact us Karla Melgar (913) 381-2755 ext.140 or kmelgar@holycrossopks.org Maria Palazuelos (913) 381-2755 ext.119 or mpalazuelos@holycrossopks.org



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;

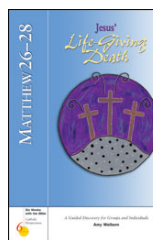
Fri: 2-3 am; Sat 7-8 am, 2-3 pm

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 Ruth Kuse at 649-7344.



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.



Six Weeks With the Bible is coming to Holy Cross again! We will be studying **Matthew 26-28: Jesus's Life-Giving Death.** Groups will start meeting the week of Feb 15. Look in the bulletin next week for an insert to sign up for a group.



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.**



The Knights of Columbus of Holy Cross will soon celebrate its 20th anniversary as a council.

These devoted men, through their events, have worked hard to proclaim our faith and assist our parish and community. Some of the Knights recent contributions are:

- \$600 to help our seminarians
- \$500 to the Sisters of the Poor of Jesus Christ
- \$325 for the parish religious education
- \$1,400 to the parish capital campaign from the November family breakfast.

Thank you for your continued support and know that the Knights are making a difference!

We are asking any men of the parish who are not members to please contact us. We do great work and have a lot of fun doing it! For more information contact Marty Power at 232-6972 or knightsofcolumbus11534@gmail.com

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



"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.

Encuentro

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 11 a.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.

Cambio de horario provisional: Los bautizos en español del sábado, Feb.14, 2015, se celebrarán a las 10 am.



Escuela Católica Holy Cross:

Ya estamos matriculando en la Escuela HC. La matrícula temprano es de \$150/niño, hasta \$400. Después de Feb.11, costará \$175/niño, hasta \$450. Pueden aplicar online: go to holycrosscatholicsschool.com, click "Family Log In", click "Online school Enroll", familias nuevas usen código **hccs15**. Familias actuales usen su family log in y revisen su info. Paguen su matrícula, cash, cheque o tarjeta de crédito. Complete su pago en la oficina de la Escuela. La matrícula está completa cuando someta el pago de la matrícula y el formulario de los pagos. Marque su calendario, tendremos "casa abierta", domingo, Feb. 1, 2015, 8:30am.-1pm. Más información llamando a Allison Carney, 381-7408.

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.

Queridos Feligreses,

Este domingo marca el principio de la Semana de Oración, por la Unidad Cristiana. No hemos escuchado mucho sobre ecumenismo, aunque todavía se mantiene como una meta arreglada para nosotros por el Segundo Concilio Vaticano y por el mismo Cristo. Hay unos cuantos factores que ayudan al ecumenismo a avanzar al nivel básico. Primeramente, los Católicos comparten con los Cristianos la Biblia, como nuestra Sagrada Escritura, con sólo unas cuantas excepciones en el Testamento Viejo. Segundamente, muchos Católicos están envueltos en matrimonios con de distinta fe. Esta es otra forma de unir a los Cristianos. Finalmente, nuestras oraciones pueden apurar el progreso hacia la unidad Cristiana.

Fr. Mike



ESTUDIO BÍBLICO

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Seis semanas de Estudio Bíblico durante Cuaresma: Holy Cross los invita a Conocer, Caminar y Crecer en la Fe, durante estas 6 semanas de

Estudio Bíblico y Reflexión, sobre el evangelio de Mateo. Empezaremos el 19 de Feb., hasta el 28 de Marzo. Más información llamando a Teresa Aguilar, 217-7005, ó taguilar@holycrossopks.org.



RETIRO

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Retiro de Cuaresma, 2015: Pronto iniciaremos la Cuaresma y estaremos preparándonos con Ayuno, Limosna y Oración. Holy Cross los invita a participar en el Retiro Cuaresmal, el sábado, 21 de Feb., 2015, 8:30am.-

2pm., en el salón de la parroquia. ¡Reserva este día con anticipación! Llamen a Teresa Aguilar, 217-7005, ó taguilar@holycrossopks.org.

Retiro de Quinceañera: Enero 24-25, 2015, en el Ministerio Hispano. Para registrarse o más información llamen a Lety, 281-6644.

Retiro Pre-Matrimonial: Se celebrará el fin de semana de Marzo 7-8, 2015, en el Ministerio Hispano. Para más información o registrarse, llamen a Lety, 281-6644

Cambio por un día: La Misa del sábado, 24 de Enero, se celebrará a las 4pm., por llevarse a cabo **Celebration**. Las Confesiones en este día serán 2:30pm.-3:30pm.



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 van a tener su entrevista con el catequista y conmigo, sobre el Sacramento de Reconciliación. 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

Recuerden que tendremos clases el 27 de Enero, para los dos grupos.

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

Los niños que están en su segundo año de preparación sacramental junto a sus familias van a tener su entrevista con el catequista y conmigo, sobre el Sacramento de la Reconciliación.

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

Reflexiones del Servicio a Dios 1/18/15

"Entonces Eli, comprendiendo entonces que era el Señor quién llamaba al joven, dijo a éste: Ve a acostarte y si el Señor te llama, respóndele: "Habla, que tu siervo escucha".

(1 Samuel 3:8-9)

Este verso es realmente la tercera vez que el Señor llama a Samuel. Las primeras dos veces, Samuel no reconoció la voz del Señor. ¡Nos podemos identificar con Samuel en esto!. Es difícil distinguir el llamado del Señor entre tantas voces en nuestras vidas. Quizás Jesús nos ofrece alguna ayuda con esto. Él nos sugiere que escuchemos la voz de los pobres, infelices, hambrientos, necesitados, temerosos.