

Church of The Holy Cross

8311 W. 93rd St.
Overland Park, Kansas 66212
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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
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Session Coordinator- Maria Palazuelos
Confirmation Coordinator: Sandy Schluter

Youth Ministries: 205-0825

Director: Sandy Schluter

El boletín *Encuentro* en español
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Holy Cross Catholic School

8101 W. 95th St. 66212
School Office: 381-7408
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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,



If you have attended the Spanish Mass at 1 p.m. here at Holy Cross, you may have noticed that, while the collection basket is being passed around in the pews, the children come forward to place their donations in a basket at the foot of the altar. The idea behind this is not to raise a lot of money, after all, the children do not have deep pockets. Rather, the purpose of this practice is to teach the joy of giving and our need to give back to God in gratitude for what God has given us. We are planning to start the same practice at the Sunday 9 and 11 Masses in English, beginning Feb. 22.

Fr. Mike

Stewardship Reflection February 1, 2015

At once Jesus' fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee. Mark 1:28

People began to talk about Jesus following his first 'sermon' and first healing. It was clear there was something remarkably different about him. Thousands of years later, people are still talking about Jesus. He continues to challenge us to heal the ills of our time, by our care for one another.

Financial Update

	Jan 25	Fiscal YTD
Weekly Offering Needed	\$25,450	\$826,895
Weekly Offering Received	26,113	828,847
Over/(Under)	663	1,952
Special Donations	625	21,057

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."

Mass Intentions



Monday

9:00 a.m. Laura Bulla

Tuesday

6:30 a.m. Christian J. Watson

8:15 a.m. Jean Davis

6:00 p.m. Sick of the Parish (Spanish)

Wednesday

9:00 a.m. Janet Sheeran

Thursday

6:30 a.m. Hazel Vogel

8:15 a.m. Jean Nolan

Friday

9:00 a.m. Ken Voorhes

Saturday

7:30 a.m. Margaret Marr

5:00 p.m. Gary Matousek

Sunday

7:30 a.m. People of the Parish

9:00 a.m. Mona & Edward Vogel

11:00 a.m. Clarence Stegeman

1:00 p.m. Joseph Nguyen Van Kiem (Spanish)

Unpaid Debt – Archdiocese of KCKS

The first priority for our One Family One Future capital campaign was to pay off prior years' debt to the Archdiocese. This amounted to \$524,616. We made a \$290,000 payment in March and then paid the balance of \$234,616 in December. We are current now on all of our obligations to the Archdiocese.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time:

Job 7:1-4,6-7

1 Corinthians 9:16-19,22-23 ; Mark 1:29-39



Please Pray for Those Asking for Prayers:

Lew Anderson, John Manning, Rickey Payne, Tami and George Vogel.

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

Parish



Retreat

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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

One speaker is **Sebastian D’Amico**. He is a husband, father of two and Holy Cross parishioner. He teaches full time for Holy Family School of Faith & has 10 yrs of experience handing on the faith. He holds a Master’s degree in Biblical Theology from Augustine Institute from Denver, CO.

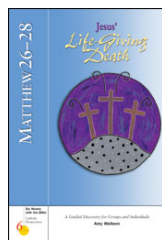
Time for reflection & discussion

Reconciliation Service

Lunch

\$5 donation

To sign up call the Parish office at 381-2755



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. To sign up, contact the church office 381-2755. **Deadline to sign up is Mon, Feb 2.**



The Book Discussion Group will meet on **Tues., Feb 3, 9:30 am**, in Room 1. The book will be *The Husband’s Secret* by

Liane Moriarty.



ADORATION CHAPEL

Open Hours: Sun: 1-2 am, 4-5 am, 9-10am, 10-11am partner; **Mon:** 2-3am, 1-2pm, 5-6pm;

Tues: 5-6am; **Thurs:** 3-4am, 4-5am;

Fri: 12-1am; 1-2am, 2-3am, 1-2pm; **Sat:** 12-1am, 6-7am, 2-3 pm, 6-7pm, 7-8 pm, 4-5pm-partner

“The Church & the world have a great need of Eucharistic worship. Jesus waits for us in this sacrament of love. Let us be generous with our time in going to meet Him in adoration & in contemplation that is full of faith” Pope John Paul II

To fill an open hour slot, please call Ruth Kuse at 649-7344.



First Saturday Devotions will be on **Feb 7**. 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. The speaker will be Fr. Anthony Williams.



Bunko Party: All women of Holy Cross are invited to join us in a fun evening, **Mon, Feb 9 at 7:00pm** in the church hall for Bunko, refreshments and prizes. Please RSVP to Kathleen Dickinson 642-1171 or Joann 642-5966 so that we know how many tables to set up. There will be a \$3.00 charge at the door.



St. Helen’s Circle Annual Shrimp Boil will be Friday, **Feb 20**.

Mark your calendars! For info call Karen 381-4014 or Sharon 888-1932. Watch the bulletin for more details!



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. **Last day to turn in palms is Mon, Feb 9.**



Catholic Charities: We donated **138 bags** of groceries to Catholic Charities in January! The **Monthly Food Collection** for Catholic Charities is held the **last Sunday** of each month. The next collection will be **Sun, Feb 22**. Your donations are greatly

appreciated!

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

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 holycrosscatholicsschool.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.



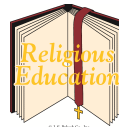
Box Tops for Education
Raid your pantry for a cause not calories...

Our Goal=**7550 Box Tops for Education by Feb. 28th**

It's time to...*raid your pantry*. With your help we can reach our goal of 7550 Box Tops for Education for the Feb. 28th deadline. Please take this time to raid your pantry, raid your freezer, raid your refrigerator and ask a friend to do the same. Turn the clipped Box Tops in at the church office or school office before **Feb. 28th**. You'll be contributing to our Holy Cross Catholic School! Thank you!



During last weekend's Masses we heard about the important work being done by the Gabriel Project to accompany women facing a crisis pregnancy. This ministry is supported by the Archbishop's Call to Share, along with 40 other ministries. Please respond to the Archbishop's Call to Share and help Holy Cross reach our goal of \$123,705.



Religious Education Information

Children in Year I program and Initiated will learn about "Sacraments, Our Way of Life." The children in Sacrament Preparation will work on the First Communion unit "We Listen to the Readings & Homily". If you have any questions or your child will be absent, call Karla 913- 381-2757 ext 140

First Reconciliation will be celebrated on **Wed, Feb 4 and 11 at 7:00 pm**. We will have 65 children receiving the sacrament for the first time. Additional priests will be present to provide parents the opportunity to participate more fully in this celebration by going to confession too. Please remember these children, their families and teachers in your prayers as we celebrate this wonderful gift of God's love and forgiveness.



Confirmation Information

No Confirmation Classes on **Sunday, Feb 15** due to Presidents Day holiday.

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.

Youth Ministry

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.

High School Youth Group...Wed evenings at 7-8:45 pm in the Youth Room. Share an evening of faith, fun, food and friends.

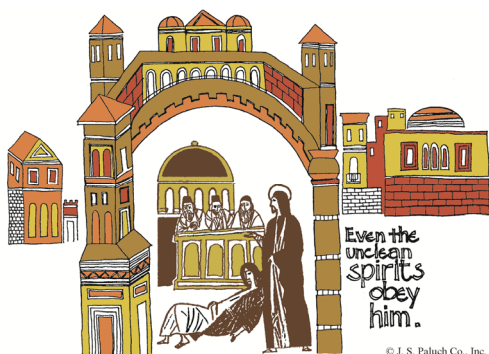
Any questions about either group, contact Sandy at 205-0825.



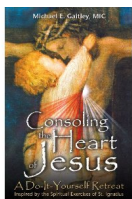
Thank You Blood Donors! Holy Cross Youth Group is grateful for all who came out, as we beat last year's donations by 1! We had 47 presenters & collected 44 pints. Watch for next year's blood drive!



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



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Consoling the Heart of Jesus Retreat- a wonderful way to start 2015. Small group started Jan 22 for 10 weeks-- you can join us at any time on Thur evenings, 7-8:30 pm. OR order your

book and workbook and do the retreat yourself or with a small group of your own. (It can also be done as a weekend retreat) Call Brenda Scruggs 913-302-8430 for details or questions!



SYMBOLON

Symbolon - Adult Faith Formation -

available to every member of the parish 24/7 -- on your computer, i-phone, or i-pad. Great videos!!! You'll love

them. Go to the Holy Cross website, www.holycrossopks.org and click on the SYMBOLON link. View them as an individual, with your family, or with a small group. Leader and participant guides also available on the website. Questions? Call Brenda [913-302-8430](tel:913-302-8430)

MEN UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Men Under Construction Catholic Men's Conference

Come spend a day with other men from our archdiocese learning how to better live our faith. Men Under Construction 19 is a perfect Lenten investment in your spirituality. Featured speakers include Mike Aquilina, a Catholic authority on Patristics, Bear Woznick, a professional surfer & Adam Blai, Catholic demonologist who trains priests. You will be able to participate in reconciliation and hear from Archbishop Naumann. It is **Sat, Feb 21 at Church of the Ascension.** For more information and to register go to www.ksmuc.org

SHARED



VISION

This month marks ten years since Archbishop Naumann assumed leadership of the church in northeast Kansas. He wishes to invite input from the Faithful concerning the important pastoral issues that face the Church. You can help shape a shared pastoral vision for the next ten years. You are invited to a listening session to engage in a guided conversation about the Church's pastoral priorities and essential ministries. A session will be held a **Church of the Ascension Hall, 9510 W 127th St. on Wed, Feb 25 at 7:00 pm.** For more info about the Visioning Process go to www.archkck.org/vision

Rediscover Catholicism

Get in touch with your essential purpose - to live a holy life- and once you have found it, keep it always in your sight. *Rediscover Catholicism* pg. 78



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.**



WORLD MARRIAGE DAY MASS SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2015

All married couples are invited to come celebrate their Sacrament of Marriage at the sixth annual World Marriage Day Mass, Sunday, **February 8, 2:00pm, at CURE OF ARS PARISH, Leawood.** Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Joseph Naumann and Bishop Robert Finn. A gift will be given to the couple married for the shortest and longest period of time. Reception to follow. Children and families are welcome.

We are looking for our number one fans...alumni and friends of **Christ the King Parish School** in Kansas City, KS! You are all invited to attend our twelfth annual auction, "**A Tailgating Party**" to be held on **Fri, Feb 27** at George Meyn Community Center- 126th & Stae Ave, KCK. All proceeds go to support our school. For tickets and more info, call Kimm White at 913-287-8823.



ROCKHURST
A Jesuit University

On **Sat, Feb 21, Rockhurst University's Musica Sacra**

Chorus and Orchestra will perform works by William Boyce, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart and William Byrd. The concert begins at **7:00 pm in St. Francis Xavier Church, 52nd & Troost Ave.** Live program notes begins at 6:15 pm. For tickets, call Central Ticket Office 816-235-6222, visit www.rockhurst.edu/mstickets or purchase day of performance. For questions call 816-501-4607.



"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.



Palmas: Si tienen palmas viejas en la casa, favor de traerlas a la iglesia y déjelas en la canasta del vestíbulo. Ellas serán usadas para las cenizas del Miércoles de Cenizas, Feb. 18.

Las palmas serán recibidas hasta el lunes, 9 de Febrero.



Escuela Católica Holy Cross:

Marque su calendario, tendremos "casa abierta", domingo, Feb. 1,

2015, 8:30am.-1pm. Más información llamando a Allison Carney, 381-7408.

Tapas de Cajas para la Educación: Asalten su despensa por la Educación, no por las calorías. **Nuestra meta: 7550 tapas para el 28 de Feb.** Traigan sus tapas a la oficina de la escuela o de la iglesia antes de ésta fecha. ¡Estarán contribuyendo a nuestra Escuela Holy Cross! ¡Muchas gracias!

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,

Si usted ha participado de nuestra Misa en español de la 1pm., habrán notado que mientras la canasta de las ofrendas es pasada entre los bancos, los niños traen sus ofrendas al altar y las depositan en una canasta. La idea detrás de esto, es la de no reunir mucho dinero, ya que los niños no tienen mucho dinero. En vez, el propósito es enseñarles el gozo de dar y nuestra necesidad de devolverle a Dios en gratitud todo lo que Él nos ha dado. Vamos a empezar esta práctica en las misas de los domingos, de las 9am y 11am. *Fr. Mike*



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.



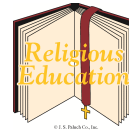
Retiro de Cuaresma, 2015: Pronto iniciaremos la Cuaresma y estaremos preparándonos con Ayuno, Limosna y Oración. Holy Cross los invita a participar en el Retiro Cuaresmal, el sábado, 21 de Feb., 2015, 8:30am.-

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

¡Marquen sus calendarios ahora! La ceremonia de la Confirmación se celebrará el martes, Abril 7, a las 7pm. Tendremos aproximadamente 60 estudiantes que serán confirmados. Oremos por ellos.

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 de horario provisional: Los bautizos en español del sábado, Feb. 14, 2015, se celebrarán a las 10 am. No habrán bautizos el domingo, 15 de Febrero.



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. 4, sesión N ° 17, "Los Sacramentos, Nuestra Forma de Vida". **Los niños que están en su segundo año de preparación sacramental van a comenzar la Unidad 2, de la Primera Coomunión, "Escuchando las Lecturas y la Homilía 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 con sus padres, **van a trabajar en la Unidad 2, de la Primera Comunión, "Escuchando las Lecturas y la Homilía 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

La Ceremonia de la Primera Reconciliación se celebrará el miércoles, 11 de Febrero, 7pm. Tendremos sacerdotes presents para ofrecer a los 65 niños y sus padres la oportunidad de celebrar este sacramento juntos. Oremos por todos ellos.

"Si oramos, creemos; si creemos, amaremos; si amamos, serviremos". Madre Teresa.

Reflexiones del Servicio a Dios 2/1/15

"Y muy pronto la fama de Jesús se extendió por toda la región de Galilea". (Marcos 1:28)

La gente empezó a hablar sobre Jesús después de su primer "sermón" y su primera sanación. Era claro que había algo verdaderamente diferente en Él. Miles de años después, la gente todavía habla de Jesús. Él continúa retándonos a sanar los males de nuestro tiempo, amándonos los unos a los otros.