

# 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

8101 W. 95th St. 66212  
School Office: 381-7408  
E-Mail: [gradeschool@holycrosscatholicsschool.com](mailto:gradeschool@holycrosscatholicsschool.com)  
Principal: Allison Carney  
Secretaries: Anita Lemmon & Martha Beisser

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7917 W 95th St. 66212  
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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,



As we look forward to the season of Lent, I encourage you to consider how you will make the most of it. It is useful to think of Lent as a three-legged stool. The first leg is prayer, the second is fasting, the third almsgiving. All three are necessary to hold it up. There are many opportunities for prayer. Stations of the Cross on Fridays comes to mind. We can fast from food, or from something else. That is the idea behind giving up something for Lent. Finally, almsgiving can consist of giving of ourselves financially, but in other ways as well, volunteering, helping others out. The three: prayer, fasting, almsgiving, work together to make us grow spiritually.

Fr. Mike

*Stewardship Reflection February 15, 2015*

*A leper came to Jesus begging him, and kneeling he said to him, "If you choose, you can make me clean." Mark 1:40*

You have to wonder how the leper knew that Jesus, if he choose, could make him clean. Maybe he'd seen Jesus heal other people, or he'd heard stories, or maybe he was just filled with hope. Each of us has our own experience of Jesus, our own story, our own hope. Let's approach our Christian lives with the same expectation that the leper did.

**Mass Intentions**



**Monday**

9:00 a.m. Teodore Braceros

**Tuesday**

6:30 a.m. Christian J Watson  
6:00 p.m. Margaret Sighel (Spanish)

**Wednesday**

9:00 a.m. Clarence Stegeman - All School  
12:10 p.m. Liturgy of the Word with Ashes  
6:00 p.m. Spec Int- Lexie Diskin  
7:30 p.m. Peggy Brown

**Thursday**

6:30 a.m. Jean Davis

**Friday**

9:00 a.m. Mr. Vincent Anh Duong

**Saturday**

7:30 a.m. Carmen Mirasol  
5:00 p.m. Mary Ann Bockelman

**Sunday**

7:30 a.m. Mike Peterson  
9:00 a.m. People of the Parish  
11:00 a.m. Ken VanBooven  
1:00 p.m. All Souls (Spanish)

**Financial Update**

	Feb 8	Fiscal YTD
Weekly Offering Needed	\$24,945	\$876,785
Weekly Offering Received	22,618	874,767
Over/(Under)	(2,327)	(2,018)

Special Donations 495 21,929

Restricted Assets as of Jan 31	Calculated Monthly
Parish Endowment-Restricted	\$79,017
School Endowment-Restricted	\$35,012
Capital Campaign-Restricted	\$387,549

Long Term Liabilities as of Jan 31	Calculated Monthly
<b>Unpaid Debt</b> —Archdiocese of KCKS	<b>\$ 0</b>
Long term—St. James Academy	\$438,596

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."

**Celebration Update**



As of Feb. 11, 2015, the net proceeds from our Celebration fundraiser were \$106,883. Included in this number is \$34,000 towards our school/church technology Fund-A-Need.

**READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:**

**First Sunday of Lent:**

Genesis 9:8-15

1 Peter 3:18-22 ; Mark 1:12-15



**Please Pray for Those Asking for Prayers:**

Kathy Armbright, Lew Anderson, Clairene Haas, Jim Haas, Kimberly Johnson, John Manning, Hank Morrissey, Rickey Payne, Nadine Swanson, George Vogel, and Tami.



**Ash Wednesday - Feb 18, 2015**

- 9:00 am - Mass (All School)
- 12:10 pm - Liturgy of the Word with Ashes
- 6:00 pm - Mass (English)
- 7:30 pm - Mass (Spanish)

**No Confessions on Wed, Feb 18**



**St. Helen's Circle Annual Shrimp Boil** will be Friday, Feb 20 from 5-7:00 pm.

If you make reservations, the cost is: Adult \$15, child \$10. There will be fish dinner also -\$8 adult and \$4 child. It will be \$1.00 more if paying at the door. For info call Karen 381-4014 or Sharon 888-1932.



**St. Mary's Food Kitchen:**

We will be serving pasta casserole, salad and dessert to those who are less fortunate on

**Friday, Feb 20.** 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!



St. Catherine's Circle will meet on **Thurs, Feb 19** at Panera at 110th St & Metcalf at 11:30 am.



**Lenten Vespers**

**ST. MARK** The Death and Resurrection of Christ According to St. Mark

Date: Wed, Feb 25  
Time: 7:30 pm  
Location: Holy Cross Church

**I Feel Good When I Thank God!**



**Children's Offertory Program**  
Starting February 22nd  
During the 9:00 & 11:00 am  
Sunday Masses!

**Lent at Holy Cross**

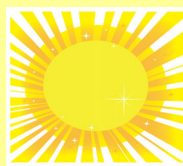
**Stations of the Cross:** Every Friday in Lent at 5:30pm

**Lenten Dinners:** in Lickteig Hall except Feb 27

Feb 20	Shrimp Boil	5:00 pm
Feb 27	PTO Fish Dinner	<b>at school</b>
March 6	Fish Taco Dinner	5:00 pm
March 13	K of C Fish Dinner	5:00 pm
March 20	K of C Fish Dinner	5:00 pm
March 27	WHC Soup & Salad	5:00 pm

**Special Event:** March 27 *Stations* by Theatre at Vis at 7:00 pm

**Reconciliation:** every Wed in Lent from 6-7 pm



**Sunshine Club Social:** We will gather on **Wed, Feb 25** from 4-6 pm at Olive Garden on 95th St. Call Arlene at 888-7215 for a reservation.

**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 is in the 5<sup>th</sup> year of the accreditation process through AdvancEd.

In an effort to improve system practices, Holy Cross Catholic School is conducting a Stakeholder Survey. We value your opinion and ask that you take the time to complete this survey.

In order to complete the survey, please go to:

<http://www.advanc-ed.org/survey/public/4500045>

Please be assured that your responses to this survey will be anonymous. Your honest opinion is appreciated. Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Allison Carney



**Be a Hornet! Enrollment is open for Holy Cross Catholic School.** The registration fee is \$175.00, not to exceed \$450.00. Applications for enrollment are online. For questions, contact the school office at 381-7408.



**Box Tops for Education**

Today's the day...**RAID YOUR PANTRY!**

Our Goal=**7550 Box Tops** by **Feb. 28<sup>th</sup>**

We collected 2940 Box Tops so far this year. 7550-2940=**4610 Box Tops** to go!!!

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



Your unwanted items could be someone else's treasure! Donate your gently used items to the Holy Cross Rummage Sale (June 3-6). **Our first donation drop-off date is Sunday, Feb. 15 from Noon - 3pm.**

Donations will be accepted in the **Holy Cross School Parking Lot**. Please go to [www.holycrosscatholicsschool.com/HC\\_rummage\\_sale.html](http://www.holycrosscatholicsschool.com/HC_rummage_sale.html) for more details. For donating large items or if you have questions, contact Nicki Finan at [913/634-4762](tel:9136344762) or Kim Cashman at [kcashman@kc.rr.com](mailto:kcashman@kc.rr.com).



**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 Offer Ourselves and All that We Have". If you have any questions or your child will be absent, call Karla 913- 381-2757 ext 140



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**Confirmation Information**

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

**Youth Ministry**

**MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> 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.



**Mission Trip 2015...** 7 spots left!! These will be filled on first-come, first-serve basis until the end of the month. Contact Sandy at 205-0825 for info on how to turn in your deposit.

**May our faith fill us with The compassion to Donate Life.**

Our parish supports and encourages organ and tissue donation as the ultimate gift one person can give to another. Take a moment to discuss organ and tissue donation with your family. Please consider making this act of charity in God's name. For more information, call Midwest Transplant Network at (913) 262-1668 or email [info@mwtm.org](mailto:info@mwtm.org).



**ADORATION CHAPEL**

**Open Hours: Sun:** 9-10am, 10-11am, 2-3pm;  
**Thurs:** 3-4 am;  
**Fri:** 12-1am; 1-2am, 2-3am, 1-2pm;  
**Sat:** 2-3 pm, 7-8 pm

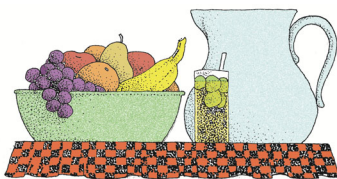
To fill an open hour slot, please call Ruth Kuse at 649-7344 or email [ruthkuse@gmail.com](mailto:ruthkuse@gmail.com).



**Thank You!** The Knights of Columbus thank everyone who contributed to the **Baby Shower** event last month. We received \$485 in cash and \$1,532 in new and used baby clothing, diapers and other items. This was given to the Wyandotte County Pregnancy Center.

**NO act  
of love  
IS LOST**

Your pledge is appreciated! As we look at our lives and the many ways God has blessed us, let us give back a proportionate gift to the **Archbishop's Call to Share**. Our archdiocesan family is truly an extension of our parish life. We are grateful to those who take part in this effort! Our parish goal is \$123,705. To date, 6% of our parishioners have made pledges of \$33,048 which is 27% of our goal. Thank you for your generous gifts in support of the ministries of the Church in Northeast Kansas!



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**Rediscover Catholicism**

“There are many reasons to pray and many ways to pray -- what is critical is that we make an effort to create a daily habit of prayer in our lives. I pray because I want to make sense of things, to live life deeply and abundantly, to build up the kind of inner density required to prevent the culture from swallowing me up.” *Rediscover Catholicism* (page 173)



**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](mailto:kmelgar@holycrossopks.org) Maria Palazuelos (913) 381-2755 ext.119 or [mpalazuelos@holycrossopks.org](mailto:mpalazuelos@holycrossopks.org)



Next week we will take up the **Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe**. This collection supports Catholic organizations that provide affordable shelter and train seminarians in a region that still struggles from the effects of Soviet rule. By providing pastoral care, catechesis, and funding for building renovations, your donations help to **restore the Church and build the future** in the region. Please give generously to the collection next week. Visit [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org) (search “Church in Central and Eastern Europe”) to learn more.



**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](mailto: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.**

## 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](http://www.ksmuc.org)

S H A R E D



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 at **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](http://www.archkck.org/vision)

CATHOLIC  
MEDIA  
ARCHKCK

This year the Archdiocese has made available a special Lenten Program on our archdiocesan app: "Catholic Media ArchKCK". This includes a Daily Prayer and reflection in both English and Spanish.

We are also sponsoring prayerful video reflections throughout the season. Get notifications helpful for prayer, almsgiving and receiving the sacraments. Download "Catholic Media ArchKCK" from the iTunes, Google Play or Windows Phone stores.

## 40 DAYS FOR LIFE™

**40 Days for Life:** This Lent, Feb 18-March 29, you're invited to join 40 Days For Life volunteers in prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. We will peacefully pray at 4840 College Boulevard in Leawood, Kansas every day from 7am to 5pm. For more info contact Wendy, [40daysforlifekc@gmail.com](mailto:40daysforlifekc@gmail.com) or: [www.40daysforlife.com/overlandpark](http://www.40daysforlife.com/overlandpark).

# 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.

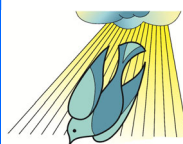
**SERVICIOS EN ESPAÑOL:** Para hablar en español, llamen a la oficina de la iglesia, **381-2755**: martes, 2-6pm., miércoles y jueves, 2-5pm.



### Escuela Católica Holy Cross

**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!**

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



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**¡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.

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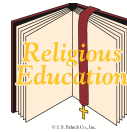
La Iglesia Holy Cross es una comunidad diversa y acogedora, unida en la fe Católica y comprometida en formar a la gente en la imagen de Cristo, para servir mejor al Señor y al prójimo.

*Queridos Feligreses,*

Al mirar hacia adelante hacia el tiempo de Cuaresma, os animo a considerar cómo va a sacar el máximo provecho de ella. Podríamos pensar en la Cuaresma como un taurete de tres patas. La primera pata es la oración, la segunda el ayuno, y la limosna la tercera. Los tres son necesarios para sostenerlo. Hay muchas oportunidades que se me vienen a la mente para la oración como el Vía Crucis los días viernes. Podemos hacer ayuno de alimentos, o de alguna otra cosa. Esa es la idea detrás de renunciar a algo para la Cuaresma. Por último, la limosna puede consistir en dar financieramente algo de nosotros o también otras formas puede ser, el voluntariado, o ayudando a otros. Los tres: la oración, el ayuno, y la limosna, trabajar juntos para hacernos crecer espiritualmente.

*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. 4, sesión N° 20 "Los Sacramentos nuestra forma de Vida".

**Los niños que están en su segundo año de preparación sacramental** van a estar trabajando en la Unidad 3 de la Primera Comunión "Nos Ofrecemos a Dios y todo lo que tenemos".

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

Los niños que están en su segundo año de preparación sacramental junto con los padres van a estar preparándose para **recibir la Cuaresma** con la "**Adoración al Santísimo**". Vamos a tenerla acabo en la iglesia después de 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



## MIÉRCOLES DE CENIZA

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**Horario para las Misas del Miércoles de Cenizas:**

Misas en inglés, con cenizas: 9 am. y 6 pm.

Liturgia de la Palabra, en inglés, con cenizas, sin comunión: 12:10 pm.

Misa en español, con cenizas: 7:30 pm.



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**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! Llaman a Teresa Aguilar, 217-7005, ó [taguilar@holycrossopks.org](mailto:taguilar@holycrossopks.org).



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**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