

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

In Residence: Rev. Oswaldo Sandoval

Coordinator of Hispanic Ministry

for Johnson County

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@holycrosscatholicschool.com

Principal: Allison Carney

Secretaries: Anita Lemmon & Martha Beisser

Early Education Center: 381-7151

7917 W 95th St. 66212

E-Mail: preschool@holycrosscatholicschool.com

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.

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.)

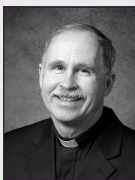
Contact the office to confirm times and to register.

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,



To prepare for Lent, our parish held a retreat Saturday Feb. 14, in which over 60 parishioners participated. It was a great success. That one took place in English. Similarly, we held a retreat in Spanish Saturday Feb 21, in which 50 took part. Lent is off to a great start. But I would like to encourage you to take advantage of the opportunities for spiritual growth during Lent. Every Friday, we will pray the Stations of the Cross. This coming Wednesday Feb. 25, we will celebrate Solemn Vespers, with a reflection upon the death and resurrection of Jesus, as reported in Mark's gospel. These are events which can help deepen our faith.

Fr. Mike

Stewardship Reflection February 22, 2015

After John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."
Mark 1:14-15

Just a few days ago, we probably heard these words on Ash Wednesday. And even though Lent is a time for repentance, it may not be always obvious what repentance means for us. Now that Lent has begun, let's resolve to spend some time each day (five minutes, even!) reflecting upon our Christian lives and what steps we can take to follow Jesus more closely.

Mass Intentions



Monday

9:00 a.m. Fr. Donald Cleary

Tuesday

6:30 a.m. Joseph Mai
8:15 a.m. Felipe Rangel
6:00 p.m. All Souls (Spanish)

Wednesday

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

Thursday

6:30 a.m. Rosemary Walsh
8:15 a.m. Ken Voorhes

Friday

9:00 a.m. Forest Gill
5:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross
6:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross (Spanish)

Saturday

7:30 a.m. Jean Davis
5:00 p.m. Jolene Ramsdale

Sunday

7:30 a.m. Anna Nguyen thi Dao
9:00 a.m. Patricia Devine
11:00 a.m. Christian J. Watson
1:00 p.m. People of the Parish (Spanish)

Financial Update

	Feb 15	Fiscal YTD
Weekly Offering Needed	\$24,945	\$901,730
Weekly Offering Received	22,581	897,348
Over/(Under)	(2,364)	(4,382)

Special Donations 122 22,051

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
Unpaid Debt —Archdiocese of KCKS	\$ 0
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."

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REST IN PEACE: Prayers are requested for **Rickey Payne** of Holy Cross.



READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

Second Sunday of Lent:

Genesis 22:1-2,9A,10-13,15-18
Romans 8:31B-34 ; Mark 9:2-10



Please Pray for Those Asking for Prayers:

Kathy Armbright, Elsa Brzozowski, Clairene Haas, Jim Haas, Kimberly Johnson, Josephine Larman, John Manning, Fred McClain, Hank Morrissey, Nadine Swanson, Nina Vasquez, George Vogel, and Tami.

Lent at Holy Cross

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

Lenten Dinners: in Lickteig Hall except March 6

Feb 27	NO DINNER due to schedule conflict	
March 6	PTO Fish Dinner	at School
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
Communal Parish Service , Mon, Mar 23 at 7:00pm



PTO Fish Dinner – Please join us on **March 6 from 5:30 – 7:30 PM** in the **Parish Activity Center at the school**. Cost is adults- \$7, children 4-12 yrs - \$4 and children 3 and under are free. Max \$30 per family.



Visit the **QUILTERS & CRAFTERS on Sun, March 8** after all the Masses **downstairs**. We have a great selection of handmade gifts for all occasions!



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.

A LENTEN CHALLENGE TO ALL PARISHIONERS!

Answer “Yes” Before Lent Ends on April 1st!

Do you know that we have a quiet, comfortable Adoration Chapel available to you for prayer and reflection?

Yes No

Do you know where it is? Yes No

Have you ever been inside the chapel?

Yes No

Will you commit to making at least a 10 minute visit this Lent? Yes No

For questions and answers about the Adoration Chapel call Ruth Kuse at 649-7344 or email ruthkuse@gmail.com.



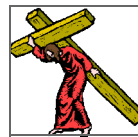
Lenten Vespers

The Death and Resurrection of Christ
According to St. Mark

Date: Wed, Feb 25

Time: 7:30 pm

Location: Holy Cross Church



SAVE THE DATE: Women of Holy Cross are sponsoring a soup and salad buffet on **Friday, March 27 from 5pm-6:45pm**. This will be followed by the musical dramaturgy “STATIONS” performed in the church **starting at 7:00 pm**. All are invited to attend and be part of a unique Lenten worship experience. “STATIONS” is presented by Theatre at VIS, a ministry of Visitation Church. The cast includes both adults and youth singers and dancers. A free will offering will be taken up after the performance. For questions, call Margi Foley 913-381-8145



On **Sun, March 1** after the 11:00 am Mass, a video will be shown that addresses the scourge of pornography and offers guidance for protecting families and finding freedom from the effects of this prevalent evil. Please pray that our culture might be healed from the damage inflicted by pornography. For more info go to www.archkck.org/myhouse

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 5th 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:

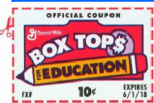
http://www.advanc-ed.org/survey/public/4500045

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.



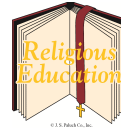
Box Tops for Education

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

Our Goal=7550 Box Tops by Feb. 28th

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. 28th 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. 28th. You'll be contributing to our Holy Cross Catholic School!



Religious Education Information

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

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.

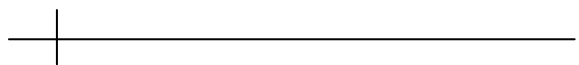
High School Youth Group...Wed evenings at 7-8:45 pm in the Youth Room. Share an evening of faith, fun, food and friends.

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



Mission Trip 2015... 5 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.

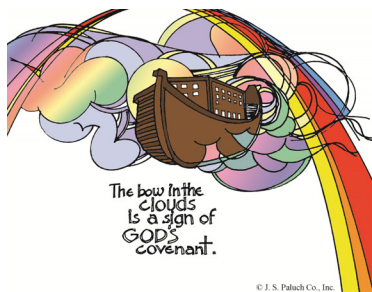
Our parish supports and encourages organ and tissue donation as the ultimate gift one person can give to another. Take a moment to discuss organ and tissue donation with your family. Please consider making this act of charity in God's name. For more information, call Midwest Transplant Network at (913)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



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!



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

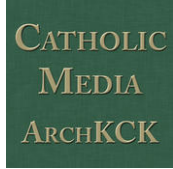


The Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe eases the way for the people of the region by helping Catholic organizations offer affordable shelter, train seminarians, and provide pastoral care and catechesis. Your donation today

helps to **restore the Church and build the future** in the aftermath of Soviet rule. Please be generous to the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. Visit www.uscb.org (search "Church in Central and Eastern Europe") to learn more about the important projects funded by the collection.

Rediscover Catholicism

History is full of examples of men and women who have become all they were created to be – we call them saints. Catherine of Siena wrote, "If you are what you should be you will set the whole world on fire." It is a strange thing, but I have noticed that even a blind man knows when he is in the presence of a great light. The world needs you to be such a light. Rediscover Catholicism (page 85)



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.



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

I Feel Good When I Thank God!

Children's Offertory Program
During the 9:00 & 11:00 am
Sunday Masses!

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.**



A **Lenten retreat**, led by Fr. Dennis Wait, will be held at **Sanctuary of Hope Prayer and Retreat Center**, 2601 Ridge Ave., Kansas City, Kansas on March 7. The day will begin with registration, coffee and tea from 7:45 to 8:15 a.m. The retreat will include talks, personal meditation/prayer time, reconciliation and Mass. The retreat will end with lunch served at noon. The suggested donation attend is \$30. For more information, send an email to: julie@sanctuaryofhope.org or call (913) 321-4673.



St. Joseph Table Pasta Dinner

The 23rd annual St. Joseph Table and Pasta dinner at **St. Joseph Church in Shawnee, 11311 Johnson**

Dr. is scheduled for **Sunday, March 8 in McDevitt Hall (church basement)**. Fr. Mike Hawken, Pastor, will bless the table at 8:30am; viewing will be until 2:00pm. The table will feature home-baked breads, cookies, pies and cakes, candies, fruit, wine, floral arrangements, and religious articles.

A pasta dinner will be served from 11:00am to 3:00pm. The cost to attend the dinner is a free-will donation. All proceeds will benefit the needy in the parish community. Questions may be directed to Christine Marion, 268-6677.



St. Patrick's Day



Singles of Nativity (SON) will host the Saint Patrick's Dance on **Sat., March 14, 7 to 11 pm**.

Admission at the door will be \$20 for 2015 SON members and \$25 for guests. Includes snacks and munchies, desserts, wine, beer, soda and bottled water. Music provided by the LOOSE CHANGE BAND and guaranteed to be exciting. Dress in green, bring your friends and come prepared to share the festivities dancing and having a great time with this incredible band! As usual, net proceeds go to charity. Contact Ken for details skiop@yahoo.com

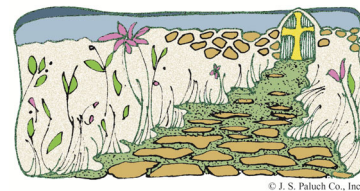
40 DAYS FOR LIFE™

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 or: www.40daysforlife.com/overlandpark.



Catholic Community Hospice Catholic Community Hospice is the only Catholic Hospice in the Kansas City metropolitan area – in both Kansas and Missouri. We provide compassionate, end-of-life care to support the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of both patients and families. Our on-call nurses are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week in private homes, assisted living communities, care facilities and hospitals.

TurnStyles Thrift Store Donate your gently-used clothes and household items to TurnStyles thrift store. Owned and operated by Catholic Charities, TurnStyles ministers to those who can't afford to shop at department stores by providing affordable clothing and housewares. Please shop, volunteer and donate to TurnStyles as the proceeds support the ministries of Catholic Charities.



Everyone is invited to the **20th annual Runnin' Revs vs Serra All-Stars** basketball game at **7:00 pm, Monday, March 9** at Bishop Miege High School. We promise an enjoyable evening supporting our seminarians.

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: Dom., 1 p.m. y mart., 6 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 todas las 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.

A PARTIR DE MAYO, 2015:

BAUTISMO: Serán el segundo sábado de cada mes, en la Escuela Holy Cross, 10 a.m.

Plática: Padres y padrinos tomarán una clase de preparación, el primer sábado de cada mes, en el sótano de la iglesia, llegando a las 9:45 am. Favor de **NO** traer niños.

Deben anotarse con anticipación para las dos cosas, llamando a la oficina de la iglesia, durante el horario en español, 381-2755,

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

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

¡Sean un Avispón! Las matrículas de la Escuela Holy Cross, ya están abiertas, Las aplicaciones están *online*, La cuota de matrícula es \$175, sin exceder \$450.



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!**

Queridos Feligreses,

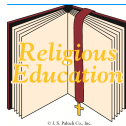
En preparación para la Cuaresma, Holy Cross ha celebrado con mucho éxito, dos Retiros, uno en inglés y otro en español. Los invitamos a todos a venir y rezar las Estaciones de la Cruz, los viernes. Aprovechen todas las oportunidades para crecer espiritualmente durante la Cuaresma. **Fr. Mike**

Reflexiones del Servicio Cristiano

2/22/15

“Después que metieron a Juan en la cárcel, Jesús fue a Galilea a anunciar las buenas noticias de parte de Dios. Decía: “Ya se cumplió el plazo señalado y el Reino de Dios está cerca. Vuélvanse a Dios y acepten con fe sus buenas noticias.” (Maecos:14-15)

Probablemente ya escuchamos este mensaje el Miércoles de Cenizas. Aunque la Cuaresma es tiempo para arrepentimos, quizás no es obvio lo que representa el arrepentimiento para nosotros. Ya que la Cuaresma comenzó, tomemos aunque sean 5 minutos, reflexionando sobre nuestras vidas Cristianas y los pasos que podemos tomar para seguir a Jesús más cercanamente.



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°18 "Los Sacramentos nuestra forma de Vida".

Los niños que están en su segundo año de preparación sacramental van a estar trabajando en la *Unidad 4 de la Primera Comunión "Oramos en Acción de Gracias"*.

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 en la *Unidad 4, de la Primera Comunión, "Oramos en Acción de Gracias"*.

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

“Si oramos, creémos; si creémos, amaremos; si amamos, serviremos”. Madre Teresa



¡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.