

# 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  
**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](mailto: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](mailto: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.)

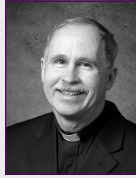
Contact the office to confirm times and to register.

**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,



The Old Testament often reminds us of the importance of performing works of justice, along with our prayer and fasting. For example, God tells us through the prophet, “This, rather, is the fasting that I wish: releasing those bound unjustly, untying the thongs of the yoke; setting free the oppressed, breaking every yoke; sharing your bread with the hungry, sheltering the oppressed and the homeless; clothing the naked when you see them.” (Isaiah 58:6, 7) To help us do that, Holy Cross will host a workshop on Catholic Social Teaching, Saturday March 28, from 9-11:30 a.m. Watch for more details coming in future bulletins.

Fr. Mike

*Stewardship Reflection March 1, 2015*

*Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves.* Mark 9:2

People began to talk about Jesus after 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**

	Feb 22	Fiscal YTD
Weekly Offering Needed	\$24,945	\$926,675
Weekly Offering Received	28,841	926,189
Over/(Under)	3,896	(486)
Special Donations	886	22,937

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.”

**Mass Intentions**



**Monday**

9:00 a.m. Maguire Gilner

**Tuesday**

6:30 a.m. Ken Voorhes

8:15 a.m. Bill Root

6:00 p.m. Christian Watson (Spanish)

**Wednesday**

9:00 a.m. Jean Davis

**Thursday**

6:30 a.m. Judith Kitchin

8:15 a.m. Felipe Rangel

**Friday**

9:00 a.m. Marlene Golub

5:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross

6:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross (Spanish)

**Saturday**

7:30 a.m. Clarence Stegeman

5:00 p.m. Mary Ellen Alfino

**Sunday**

7:30 a.m. Tom Halfmann

9:00 a.m. Jim Brennan

11:00 a.m. Monte Goodnow

1:00 p.m. People of the Parish (Spanish)

*You make our parish life possible.*

*Thank you!*



**REST IN PEACE:** Prayers are requested for **Nina Vasquez** and **Josephine Larman** of Holy Cross.



**READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:**

**Third Sunday of Lent:**

Exodus 20:1-17

1 Corinthians 1:22-25; John 2:13-25



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

Kathy Armbricht, Elsa Brzozowski, Clairene Haas, Jim Haas, Kimberly Johnson, Kenneth Koscielny, Fred McClain, Nadine Swanson, Don Tillett, 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

March 6	PTO Fish Dinner	<b>at School</b>
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.



**Catholic Charities:** We donated **40 bags** of groceries to Catholic Charities in February! The **Monthly Food Collection** for Catholic Charities is held the **last Sunday** of each month. The next collection will be **Sun, March 29**. Your donations are greatly appreciated!

**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](mailto:ruthkuse@gmail.com).



Each year the altar is beautifully decorated with **flowers** donated by parishioners in memory of their deceased loved ones. We invite you to **donate \$15 for flowers** for the Easter environment. Please call the church office, 381-2755 or stop by during office hours to make a donation.



The Book Discussion Group will meet on **Tues., March 3, 9:30 am**, in Room 1. The book will be *Rediscover Catholicism* by Matthew Kelly



**First Saturday Devotions** will be on **Mar 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 Dominic Rizzi.



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



**Spring Music Group Forming!**

This group, led by JoAnna Rubino, will help celebrate this year's Easter Vigil mass. The group will rehearse the last 3 Fridays in March, immediately following the stations of the cross. This is the perfect opportunity for musicians of the parish to join in the ministry without making a long term commitment. All ages 13 and up are welcome! If you are a singer or instrumentalist that would like to join, please email JoAnna at [jrubino@holycrossopks.org](mailto:jrubino@holycrossopks.org)

**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.



**Martini Party**

Come join us on **Sat, Mar 28 - 7:00 pm** for a Martini Party! Location is 10501 W 128 Ter. Casual attire. The cost is \$25 a person or \$50 a couple. This is organized by the Celebration Auction with family donations and all proceeds

benefit Holy Cross Parish. RSVP to Alicia Cordova at 913-620-6225 or [arcordova95@sbcglobal.net](mailto:arcordova95@sbcglobal.net)



**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 Receive Holy Communion for the First Time”**. If you have any questions or your child will be absent, call Karla 913- 381-2757 ext 140



**First Communion Parent Meeting**

We will have a meeting in English for the parents of children in Religious Education who are YII on **Tues, March 3 at 4:30 pm** in room 1. If you need childcare, please call Karla Melgar at 381-2755 ext 140.

**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**

Time is running out! Only 4 spots left! Contact Sandy at 205-0825 or [sschluter@holycrossopks.org](mailto:sschluter@holycrossopks.org) to sign up.

**Rediscover Catholicism**

There are two great differences between the heroes, leaders, champions, and saints that fill the history books and the rest of us. In the first place, they tended to have a singleness of purpose that penetrated every activity of their lives. And in the second place, they formed habits that helped them to achieve their goal . . . life-giving habits that lead to excellence and holiness. *Rediscover Catholicism* (page 108)



If you have not made your pledge to the Archbishop’s Call to Share, please pick up a pledge envelope in the narthex (bulletin rack), complete it and put it in the collection basket. Our archdiocesan family is truly an extension of our parish life. We

are grateful to those who are taking part in this effort! To date we have received pledges of \$55,804 which is 45% of our goal. Thank you for your 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

I Feel Good When I Thank God!



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



**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. A free will offering will be taken up after the performance. For questions, call Margi Foley 913-381-8145



### Lighthouse Catholic Media CDs

Looking for something inspirational to listen to during Lent? Check out the many CDs in the Lighthouse kiosk in the narthex. Questions? Call Brenda Scruggs 302-8430.

**The Other Way to More: The Power of Boundless Compassion** presented Fr. Gregory Boyle. This talk will be on **Tues, Mar 10 at 11:00 am** at Johnson Community College in the Yardley Hall in Carlsen Center. This is free and open to the public. Fr. Gregory is founder of Homeboy Industries and has dedicated his life to helping L.A.'s most marginalized individuals find a place in society's ranks. The talk will be about community and the individual, emphasizing action, teamwork and the spirit of the individual in kinship with others.



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.



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. Priests and seminarians from the Archdiocese take on students from the local high schools and each of the Catholic grade schools in Johnson and Wyandotte Counties. Bring family and friends to enjoy an exciting night in support of our seminarians. There will be a live auction during the game which includes a spot at Camp Tekawitha this summer.



**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.**



**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.



**Advice & Aid Pregnancy Centers, Inc.** is in need of volunteers, including bilingual volunteers, and will be offering a Volunteer Informational Meeting on **Tuesday, March 31, 2015** (7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.). The meeting will be held at 11644 West 75<sup>th</sup> Street, Shawnee, KS. For more information on volunteering in this ministry or to RSVP, please contact Mary Newcomer at [913-962-0200](tel:913-962-0200) or email [volunteer@adviceandaid.com](mailto:volunteer@adviceandaid.com).



**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](mailto:skiop@yahoo.com)



**Pro-Life Mass and Rosary:**

Please join us at Church of the Nativity located at 3800 W. 119th, Leawood, KS 66209 for Mass on **Saturday, Mar 7.** Mass is at 8:15 am. After Mass we will

drive to the Planned Parenthood abortion clinic and pray the rosary. Pro-life signs and banners will also be provided to anyone wishing to participate in that portion of sidewalk witness. Planned Parenthood is located at 4401 W. 109th St., Overland Park, KS 66211. Please join in our prayer and sidewalk witness to end abortion.



**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.



**At Camp Tekakwitha**

kids, incoming 5th through 12th graders, have a blast making good friends and developing deep relationship with Jesus Christ. We have room for all ages, and we ask you to consider giving your kids the deeply moving spiritual experiences that are encountered at Camp Tekakwitha. Additionally, the time away from screens, out in nature, fun with friends and the mix of deep prayer and outdoor adventures is inspiring and fortify. Kids grow closer to Christ, develop a deeper appreciation for their families and for our local church. Our web site is <http://www.archkck.org/camp>.

# 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.

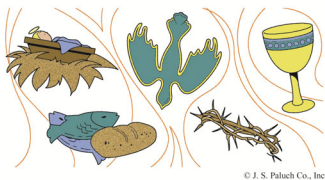
**A PARTIR DE MAYO, 2015:**

**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.



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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

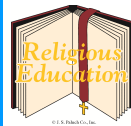


**¡Sean un Avispón!** Las matrículas de la Escuela Holy Cross, ya están abiertas, Las aplicaciones están online, La cuota de matrícula es \$175, sin exceder \$450.

**Queridos Feligreses,**

El Antiguo Testamento a menudo nos recuerda la importancia de la realización de obras de justicia, junto con la oración y el ayuno. Por ejemplo, Dios nos dice a través del profeta: "Esto, más bien, es el ayuno que me agrada? Que sueltes las cadenas injustas, que desates las correas del yugo, que dejes libres a los oprimidos, que acabes con todas las opresiones, que compartas tu pan con el hambriento, que hospedes a los pobres sin techo, que proporciones ropas al desnudo y que no te desatiendas de tus semejantes ". (Isaías 58: 6, 7) Para ayudar a hacer eso, Santa Cruz será la sede de un taller sobre la enseñanza social católica, el sábado 28 de marzo de 9 a 11: 30 am

*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. 5, sesión N ° 19 "Los Sacramentos nuestra forma de Vida".

Los niños que están en su segundo año de Formación Sacramental van a estar trabajando en la Unidad 5 de la Primera Comunión "Recibiendo la Sagrada Comunión por Primera vez".

**Para los niños en Y. II preparan para la Primera Comunión de esta primavera**, vamos a tener una **reunión de padres en Inglés** el martes 03 de marzo a las 4:30 pm en el salon. 1. Háganos saber si usted necesita cuidado de niños. Si usted tiene alguna pregunta llamar a Karla Melgar 381-2755 ext. 140.

**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 5 de la Primera Comunión "Recibiendo la Sagrada Comunión por Primera vez".

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



Confirmación

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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.