

Church of The Holy Cross

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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

El boletín *Encuentro* en español
se encuentra en la página 7.

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
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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.

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.)

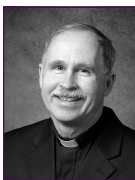
Contact the office to confirm times and to register.

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,



Soon after Easter, we will begin the renovation of our church. After considering various options, it appears that we will be celebrating Masses downstairs in Lickteig Hall. One classroom will serve as a temporary sacristy, and another as a Reconciliation room. We will continue to have access to the chapel and to the church offices. Towards the end of the project, the main entrance will be closed off. That will leave the two north stairwells and the elevator to provide access to the basement. Finally, the dedication is scheduled for Saturday August 29. More details will follow soon.

Fr. Mike

Stewardship Reflection *March 22, 2015*

I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. John 12:24

As we come closer to the end of Lent, closer to the remembrance of the passion and death of Jesus, we focus more on the example of Jesus who gave his life for others. By our compassion and concern for others near and far, we emulate the Jesus who, like a grain of wheat, fell to the earth and died, and in that bore much fruit.



Monday	9:00 a.m.	Mike Peterson
Tuesday	6:30 a.m.	Josephine Golub
	6:00 p.m.	All Souls (Spanish)
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Rosemary Walsh
Thursday	6:30 a.m.	Joseph Broockerd
Friday	9:00 a.m.	Joseph Mai
	7:00 p.m.	Visitation Stations of the Cross
Saturday	7:30 a.m.	Elizabeth Miller
	5:00 p.m.	John Benson
Sunday	7:30 a.m.	Nina Vasquez
	9:00 a.m.	People of the Parish
	11:00 a.m.	Ken Voorhes
	1:00 p.m.	Bill Root (Spanish)

Financial Update

	March 8	Fiscal YTD
Weekly Offering Needed	\$23,817	\$974,309
Weekly Offering Received	23,392	972,026
Over/(Under)	(425)	(2,283)
Special Donations	1,355	25,260
Restricted Assets as of Feb 28	Calculated Monthly	
Parish Endowment-Restricted	\$79,017	
School Endowment-Restricted	\$35,012	
Capital Campaign-Restricted	\$423,764	
Long Term Liabilities as of Feb 28	Calculated Monthly	
Unpaid Debt —Archdiocese of KCKS	\$ 0	
Long term—St. James Academy	\$435,569	

Please note that our weekly offering represents only about half of our parish income. Other sources include parish fees, school fees and school tuition. The amount of the weekly offering needed is based on budgeted expenses. For a complete financial picture, you can download our most recent annual and/or quarterly financial report on the parish website under "Stewardship Documents."

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:



Palm Sunday:


Isaiah 50:4-7

Philippians 2:6-11; Mark 14:1-15:47



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. **Last day to donate is Thur March 26.**

Please Pray for Those Asking for Prayers:
 Elsa Brzozowski, Dave Ferguson, Clairene Haas, Jim Haas, Kenneth Koscielny, Fred McClain, Nadine Swanson, Don Tillet, George Vogel, and Tami.



Due to Holy Week, the **deadline** for **announcements** for the **Deadline for April 5** bulletin is **Tues, March 24 at 9:00 am.**

Lent at Holy Cross

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

Reconciliation: every Wed in Lent from 6-7 pm



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



Social Justice

Engage Christ’s Action Plan in All Your Life’s Work!

We are hosting a Catholic Social Teaching workshop on **Saturday, March 28th, 9:00 to 11:30 am**, in Lickteig Hall. No advance registration is required. Just come and learn how to apply the wisdom of the Church to your political, economic, work and organizing decisions. Visit www.holycrossopks.org for more information.

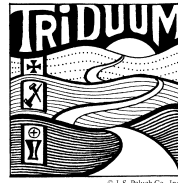


Reconciliation

Communal Reconciliation Services

Mon Mar 23 at 7:00 pm will be our parish communal reconciliation service. There will be 6 priests available to hear confessions. If you are not able to attend on Monday, the schedule for the area is as follows:

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| Sun, Mar 22, 7:30pm | Cure of Ars, St. Paul,
Good Shepherd |
| Mon, Mar 23, 7:00pm | Holy Cross |
| Tues, Mar 24, 7:00pm | St. Agnes, St. Joseph,
Queen of the Holy Rosary,
Prince of Peace |
| Thurs, Mar 26 7:00pm | Ascension, St. Pius X,
Sacred Heart- Shawnee |
| Sun, Mar 29, 3:00 pm | St. Ann |
| 7:30 pm | Nativity |



Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday:
Regular Sunday Schedule

Holy Week Morning Prayer
Friday & Saturday of Holy Week at 9 am

Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord’s Supper
7:00 pm (Bilingual)

Good Friday
3:00 pm (Traditional service in English)
6:00 pm (A prayer service with the Passion presented by the youth & Veneration of the Cross in English)

Good Friday service (Spanish) at 7:30m

Easter Vigil
8:00 pm (Bilingual)

Easter Sunday
Regular Sunday Schedule:
7:30, 9:00, 11:00am
1:00 pm (Spanish)



St. Mary’s Food Kitchen: Holy Cross provides a dinner and **salad** the 3rd Friday of every month. We would like to add a few more parishioner names to our “**Calling List of Folks Who Provide Salad**”. Please let us know if you would like us to add you to our list and we would then call you periodically and ask you to provide a bag of salad. Call Wayne Guelbert 913-492-1857 to get your name added to the list!

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
Principal



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.



Starting your Spring cleaning? Finding unwanted items or clothes you no longer want? Donate your gently used items to the Holy Cross Rummage Sale (June 3-6). **Our second donation drop-off date is Saturday, March 28 from 10am - 2pm.** Donations will be accepted in the Holy Cross School Parking Lot. Please go to www.holycrosscatholicschool.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.



Religious Education Information

This week Children in Year I and Initiated will study "Sacraments, Our Way of Life". Children in second year of Sacramental Formation will have interviews with their catechist. Please review the List of questions you were provided at the Parent Meeting.



First Communion
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First Communion Retreat will be **Sat, April 11** from 8:50 am -12:00 pm. All children who will be making their First Communion this spring must attend.



Save Money and Time!!!

**Early Registration for Religious Education
K - 12 grade
April 21- May 26**

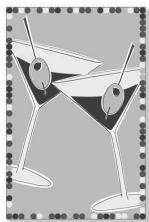
Early registration will take place April 21- May 26. If you register before May 26, a **15% discount will be applied to registration fees paid in full at the time of registration.** Please register soon to hold your place! You may come to the Religious Education Office or call Karla Melgar at 913-381-2757 ext 140 or Maria Palazuelos ext 119 to register. **Forms are due by May 26 in order to receive the 15% discount.**

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.

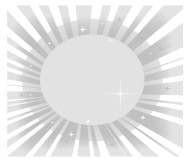


Martini Party

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](tel:9136206225) or arcordova95@sbcglobal.net



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!



Sunshine Club News

- No Meeting in April.
- Next Sunshine Club Meeting will be **Sunday, May 3** after the 7:30 am Mass..
- **Sunshine Club Social Hour Dinner:**
Wed, Mar 25 at 4:00pm at Bravo's, Town Center Plaza. Please call Marie Spies 913-381-8923 to make reservations.



Many employers match donations made by their employees to charitable organizations dollar for dollar. These are called *Matching Gifts* or *Matching Funds*.

Do you know if your employer has such a program? If you work for Colgate Palmolive, Sprint, Bank of America, General Electric, Deluxe Corp, DST Systems, Takeda Pharmaceuticals, Hallmark Cards, Wachovia, or RH Donnelly Corp, the answer is yes! More eligible companies are listed on the parish website under "Stewardship/Make-a-Donation/Matching Gifts".

If you don't work for one of these companies, contact your human resources department to find out. This simple inquiry could double your contribution. Donations to the Guardian Angel Fund qualify for most programs.

If you have any questions, contact Robert Bacic or Mark Engen in the Church Office.

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Rediscover Catholicism

"Confession is a gift. Behold the beauty. Embrace the treasure. If you want peace in your heart, come to confession. There is no treasure in life like a clear conscience." Rediscover Catholicism (page 152)

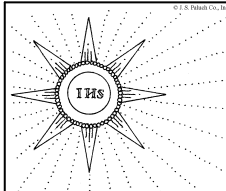


ADORATION CHAPEL

Open Hours

- Sun:** 5-6 am, 9-10am, 2-3pm;
- Wed:** 3-4 am
- Thurs:** 3-4 am; 4-5 am
- Fri:** 1-2am, 2-3am, **Sat:** 6-7 pm, 7-8 pm

To fill an open hour slot, please call Ruth Kuse at 649-7344, 963-3700 or email ruthkuse@gmail.com.



ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

You Got Mail!

All Adorers of the Blessed Sacrament are asked to pick up a letter from Ruth Kuse, our new Chapel Coordinator, during your next hour of prayer. Ruth introduces herself and reviews some important information.

The Holy Cross Stewardship Committee is piloting a seven week Gifts Discernment program called, *Living Your Strengths*. Do you know what your God-given talents are? Would you like to find out? Parishioners are welcome to participate. Contact Robert Bacic to learn more about this pilot program, (913) 381-2755 or rbacic@holycrossopks.org.



Attention Blood Donors:

Update on Royal's tickets. The tickets will be mailed to all presenting donors by the end of March.

From Cathy Lucas-Blood Donor Coordinator




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 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.**

aa advice & aid pregnancy centers, inc. 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 75th 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.



The St. Thomas Aquinas Rug-Tucky Derby will be **Sat, March 28** at St. Thomas Aquinas High School. Doors open at 6:00 pm and races start at 7:00 pm. Tickets are \$30 per person and includes dinner, drinks, dessert and \$30 of Mouse Money for betting to get you started. For more info or to buy tickets contact Grace Hernandez-Warwick at [913-461-4287](tel:913-461-4287)



St. Patrick Catholic School is celebrating 65 years. We will be hosting a wine and cheese event **Fri March 27 at 7:00 pm** in the school. Tours will be given, a St. Patrick trivia contest and fellowship with other alumni. To RSVP go to www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C044CAFAD28A46-alumni/

Women's Day of Reflection sponsored by the Daughters of Isabella: "Steps on the Journey to God: Following the Saints in the Pursuit of Happiness" to be held **Saturday, March 28, 2015 - 8:00 am to 12:30 pm** in the social room at Holy Trinity Church / 13615 West 92nd Street / Lenexa, Ks. / 66215. All women are invited to come be a part of this Lenten opportunity to deepen in prayer and reflection. Guest speaker is Martha Tonn, instructor at School of Faith. Program begins with Mass at 8:00 a.m. followed by Breakfast, Prayer, Welcome & Presentation with closing at 12:15. Tickets: \$10 per person and \$15 at the door. Checks can be made out to the "Daughters of Isabella" and mailed to: Pat Wineland, 8914 Renee, Lenexa, KS 66215. Questions-call [913-219-4731](tel:913-219-4731).



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>.

FAMILY DAY!!! Sun, April 19 join us at Prairie Star Ranch for a day of fun, fellowship and families. Only \$5 per person when you pre-register at psrministry@archkck.org or [785-746-5693](tel:785-746-5693)



Mark your calendars for **Sat March 28** for the **Kansas City Catholic Women's Workshop, 9 to noon, at Savior Pastoral Center.** For those women who are tired of just meeting and want to do something! Enliven your women's group and start being active in the new evangelization now. Workshop will provide all the details needed. No lectures, just the facts needed to get going ASAP. See details at Eventbrite.com or call/email Susan at [913-367-2227](tel:913-367-2227)/draftz@youngrembrandts.com.

Anyone who believes that a child is being abused or neglected can make a confidential report to the Kansas Department for Children and Families Protection Report Center: (800) 922-5330. If a child is in immediate danger, first call 911. Additionally, please call the Archdiocesan confidential report line: (913) 647-3051 or Dr. Dennis Schemmel, victim assistance coordinator (913) 909-2740

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 martes, 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: 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.



¡Marquen sus calendarios ahora! La ceremonia de la Confirmación se celebrará el martes, Abril 7, a las 7pm.

LA CUARESMA EN HOLY CROSS

Reconciliación Comunal en la Cuaresma:
Lunes, 23 de marzo, 7 pm.

Estaciones de la Cruz: todos los viernes, 6:30pm., *con excepción* del viernes, Marzo 27. Vengan esa noche a disfrutar del programa *"Stations"*, 7pm.

Domingo de Palmas: serán repartidas en todas las misas regulares.

Jueves Santo: Misa bilingüe, 7 pm.

Viernes Santo: Misa en español, 7:30 pm.

Vigilia Pascual: Misa bilingüe, 8 pm.

Queridos Feligreses,

Empezaremos la renovación de nuestra iglesia después de Cuaresma. Hemos considerado varias opciones y finalmente pensamos que las misas serán celebradas en el Salón Lickteig, en el sótano. Otros dos salones servirán como Sacristía y Confesionario temporarios. Seguiremos teniendo acceso a la Capilla y a la Oficina. Hacia el final del proyecto, la entrada principal será cerrada. Esto nos deja el uso de las escaleras y el elevador para llegar al sótano. Finalmente, la dedicación está planeada para Agosto 29.

Reflexiones del Servicio Cristiano 3/22/15

"Pues es Dios quien nos ha hecho; Él nos ha creado en Cristo Jesús ara que hagamos buenas obras, siguiendo el camino que Él nos había preparado de antemano." (Efesios 2:10)

Parece obvio que Dios nos haya creado para hacer buen trabajo..., pero ésto puede ser algo que olvidamos. Buenos trabajos pueden ser señales de



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 ° 22, "Los Sacramentos nuestra forma de Vida".

Los niños que están en su segundo año de Formación Sacramental van a estar preparando para *la Primera Comunión*. Tendrán la entrevista con los Catequistas y practicarán cómo Recibir la Comunión. Favor de revisar con sus hijos las preguntas dadas en la Reunión de Padres.

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

Los niños que están en su segundo año de preparación sacramental junto con sus padres van a estar preparándose *para la Primera Comunión*. Tendrán la entrevista con los Catequistas y practicarán cómo Recibir la Comunión.

RECUERDEN: La última clase de este curso para los dos Programas será el martes, 31 de Marzo, debido a la **Renovación de la Parroquia**.

¡AHORREN DINERO Y TIEMPO! La Matrícula Temprana para Educación Religiosa, Grados K-6, comienza Abril 21 hasta Mayo 26, 2015.