

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

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@holycrosscatholicsschool.com
Principal: Allison Carney
Secretaries: Anita Lemmon & Martha Beisser

Early Education Center: 381-7151

7917 W 95th St, 66212
E-Mail: preschool@holycrosscatholicsschool.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,



Remember, the Church encourages us to do penance during this season of Lent. It recommends that we receive the sacrament of Reconciliation to help us grow in holiness. Holy Cross parish will celebrate that sacrament in our communal Penance service, Monday March 23. Other parishes in Johnson County will hold their services other days that week. This will provide all with ample opportunity to receive that sacrament.

Fr. Mike

Mass Intentions



Monday	9:00 a.m.	Bridget Mohs
Tuesday	6:30 a.m.	Lucian Paine
	6:00 p.m.	William Downing (Spanish)
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Robert L. Yoksh
Thursday	6:30 a.m.	Jean Nolan
Friday	9:00 a.m.	Juan Martin
	5:30 p.m.	Stations of the Cross
	6:30 p.m.	Stations of the Cross (Spanish)
Saturday	7:30 a.m.	Johnny Purcell
	5:00 p.m.	Mary Ann Bockelman
Sunday	7:30 a.m.	Maria Nguyen thi Sam
	9:00 a.m.	Rickey Payne
	11:00 a.m.	Holy Cross K of C
	1:00 p.m.	People of the Parish (Spanish)



READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

Fifth Sunday of Lent:

Jeremiah 31:31-34
Hebrews 5:7-9; John 12:20-33



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.

Stewardship Reflection March 15, 2015

For we are what God has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works. Ephesians 2:10

It seems obvious that God has created us for good works... but it can be something we forget. Good works can be signs that we are redeemed in Christ Jesus and are committed to building up the Kingdom of God that Jesus preached.

Financial Update

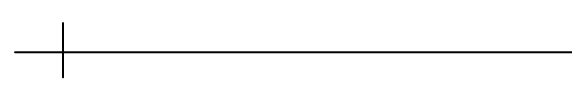
	March 8	Fiscal YTD
Weekly Offering Needed	\$23,817	\$974,309
Weekly Offering Received	23,392	972,026
Over/(Under)	(425)	(2,283)

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."



REST IN PEACE: Prayers are requested for **Diane Wilde** mother of Sean Wilde and **Gertrude Ireland** mother of Anita Lemmon and grandmother of Stefanie Bridges.



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.**

Important Notice Due to Holy Week, the **deadline** for **announcements** for the **March 22 & 29** bulletin will be **Wed, March 18 at 9:00 am**. 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
 Communal Parish Service, Mon, Mar 23 at 7:00pm



Knights of Columbus Fish Fry: Fri March 20. Baked and fried fish as well as assorted sides dishes and beverages will be served. Suggested donation: \$10 adults and \$5 children.



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

\$ → \$\$ 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.



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:

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



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.



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 sixth grade student, Peter Pham, won the Kindest Kansas Citian Essay Contest sponsored by Synergy Services. Peter's essay was one of twenty winners from six thousand essays chosen for this award. Congratulations Peter!

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.

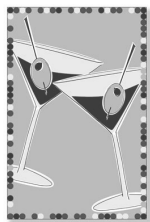
Allison Carney
Principal



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 or Kim Cashman at kcashman@kc.rr.com.



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



Religious Education Information

NO CLASSES on **Tues, March 17** due to Spring Break. Classes resume on **Tues, March 24** If you have any questions, please contact Karla Melgar 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.



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



ADORATION CHAPEL

Open Hours

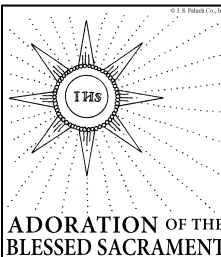
Sun: 4-5 am, 5-6 am, 9-10am, 2-3pm;

Wed: 3-4 am

Thurs: 3-4 am;

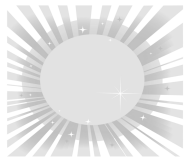
Fri: 1-2am, 2-3am, **Sat:** 6-7 pm, 7-8 pm

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



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.



Sunshine Club News

- No Meeting in April.
- Next Sunshine Club Meeting will be **Sunday, May 3** after the 7:30 am Mass.
- Dominoes takes place on the **3rd Thurs** of the month from **1-4:00 pm** in Lickteig Hall. Next gathering is **March 19**.
- **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.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

Join the Knights of Columbus!!! Immediately following the 11 am mass on Sunday, **March 22nd** in the church basement we will have an initiation. The initiation will start at approximately noon and take about an hour. The dues are \$30.00 per year. If you are a practicing Catholic, male and 18 or older you are invited to join. Don't think about it, just bring your check book and come on down after the 11 am mass on March 22nd. The Knights need your help to continue supporting all of our charitable work, whether it is putting up Christmas decorations in church, raising money for the developmentally disabled or supporting pro-life causes. If you have any questions please call John C. Bellau, membership director [913-825-4994](tel:913-825-4994) home or [816-584-9600](tel:816-584-9600) work.

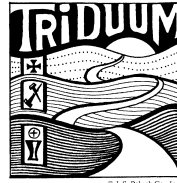


Lighthouse Catholic Media CDs

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.

Rediscover Catholicism

“Prayer is central to the Christian experience. A Christian life is not possible without it, because growth in the Christian life is simply not possible without prayer. Many people fail to establish a daily habit of prayer in their lives because they approach it with the wrong expectations. Most people approach prayer expecting it to be easy. The truth is, prayer is perhaps the most difficult thing we will ever do.” *Rediscover Catholicism*



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: We will be serving pasta casserole, salad and dessert to those who are less fortunate on **Friday, March 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!



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.**



"Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me" (Mt 25:40).

Today, we are reminded that Jesus identified himself with our poorest brothers and sisters. The Catholic Relief Services Collection serves Jesus in the victims of human trafficking, in those who suffer from unjust laws, and in those who need pastoral care and humanitarian assistance across the globe. Through your support with today's Collection, you **help Jesus in disguise**. Please be generous.



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.



As part of its 42nd annual benefit auction, Bishop Miega High School once again is presenting a car drawing as its student fundraiser. This year's car is a beautiful 2015 Nissan Rogue S. If

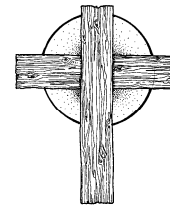
you are interested in tickets, for a suggested donation of \$25 each or 5 for \$100, Bishop Miega students will be here, at our parish, next week end with tickets sales. The auction, which takes place on Saturday, April 25, 2015. You need not be present to win. Thank you for your support!

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



C.S. Farnell Co., Inc.



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/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 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: 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.

Reconciliación Comunal en la Cuaresma:

Lunes, 23 de marzo, 7 pm.



¡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,

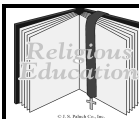
Recuerden todos, la iglesia nos alienta a hacer penitencia durante la Cuaresma. Nos recomienda que recibamos el sacramento de la Reconciliación para crecer en santidad. La parroquia Holy Cross celebrará este sacramento en nuestro servicio Penitencial comunal, el lunes, Marzo 23, 7 pm.

Fr. Mike

Reflexiones del Servicio Cristiano 3/15/15

“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 que estamos redimidos en Cristo Jesús, prometidos a construir el Reino de Dios, que Jesús predicó.



EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA

NO TENDREMOS CLASES para ningún grupo, el martes 17 de Marzo, por ser “Spring Break”. Regresaremos a clases, el martes 24 de Marzo.

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

LA CUARESMA EN HOLY CROSS

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.