

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
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

MASSSES:

Weekend Sat. Vigil 5:00 p.m., Sun. 7:30, 9:00, 11:00 a.m., and Spanish-1:00 pm & 2:30 pm

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.)

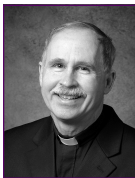
Contact the office to confirm times and to register.

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,



This Friday, May 1, we will hold our annual May Crowning. It is customary to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary during the month of May. Sometimes, that is explained by the numerous flowers that bloom during that time of year. In addition, though, it also is always the Easter season, when we take note of Mary's joy at the resurrection of her Son. There is a prayer specifically addressed to May with that in mind, the Regina Caeli. It is appropriate, not only in May, but throughout the Easter season.

Fr. Mike

Stewardship Reflection April 26, 2015

I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. John 10:11

Jesus saw himself as one who would care for his people as the shepherd cared for his sheep. He invites us to do the same. So we might reflect upon the many ways we care for others, and be grateful that those opportunities have been given to us.

Financial Update

	April 19	Fiscal YTD
Weekly Offering Needed	\$29,481	\$1,122,875
Weekly Offering Received	24,251	1,130,460
Over/(Under)	(5,230)	7,585

Special Donations 261 29,534

Restricted Assets as of Mar 31	Calculated Monthly
Parish Endowment-Restricted	\$79,865
School Endowment-Restricted	\$35,359
Capital Campaign-Restricted	\$483,268

Long Term Liabilities as of Mar 31	Calculated Monthly
Unpaid Debt—Archdiocese of KCKS	\$ 0
Long term—St. James Academy	\$433,163

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."



Monday	9:00 a.m. Nathaniel Welzenbach
Tuesday	6:30 a.m. Margaret Marr
	8:15 a.m. Kimberly Marie Brushwood (at school)
	6:00 p.m. Olivia Pusateri (Spanish)
Wednesday	9:00 a.m. Nita Labayen
Thursday	6:30 a.m. Spec Int- Gilner Family
	8:15 a.m. Mr. Vincent Anh Duong (at school)
Friday	9:00 a.m. Joseph Mai
Saturday	7:30 a.m. Martha Bockes
	5:00 p.m. Tony Rinella
Sunday	7:30 a.m. Josephine Larman
	9:00 a.m. People of the Parish
	11:00 a.m. Bill Root
	1:00 p.m. Harold Fields (Spanish)
	2:30 p.m. Souls in Purgatory (Spanish)



Consider joining us once a month at **Bickford Place** (107th & Barkley) on **Mondays at 10:00 am**. Support needed 1st, 2nd & 3rd Mondays of the month. For more info or to volunteer call Pat Little at 913-341-3474.



READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:26-31

1 John 3:18-24; John 15:1-8



Please Pray for Those Asking for Prayers:

Harold Cagle, Tim Eccles, Dave Ferguson, Betty Masterson, Sandra Salazar, Carena Wulff, and Tami.



The 11:00 am Nursery will be **CLOSED** through Sept 6. The bible study Sunday morning 10 am nursery will remain open.



SACRISTAN

Volunteers are needed to be sacristans during the weekday and Saturday morning Masses. Training is available. To volunteer, please contact the church office at 381-2755 .



The House of God Throughout the Ages: History and Theology of Church Buildings will be presented by Fr. Mike Stubbs on **Wed April 29 at 7:00 pm** in Lickteig Hall. See you there!



Congratulations to those who received First Communion last Sunday:

Zachary Bailey, Kellen Briscoe, Cooper Cahalan, Leah Cordova, Sarah Goddard, Elaina Gonzalez, Aaron Hernandez, Lia Long, Monica Matthews Allie Morfeld, Owen Nielsen, Carter Patterson, Juliana Vasconcelos and Maya-Rose Yancey.

Funeral Planning Workshop

Sessions are forming! Information and resources will be provided to help parishioners pre-plan a Wake Service and Funeral Mass for themselves or a loved one. For more information on when sessions are available or to sign up contact Bill O’Neill at 913-888-1932

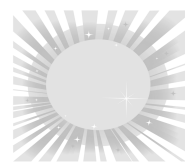


Boy Scout Troop 251 Flower Sale

Thanks for all who supported Troop 251 flower sale! If you ordered bulbs, they will be available for pick up mid May. Contact Terry Dressman 913-599-6997 with questions.



Women of Holy Cross are sponsoring a **Project 39 Happy Hour** on **Wed, May 6** at the **school cafeteria from 5-7pm**. Your admission will be a package of diapers, baby wipes or laundry detergent (Dreft or All). Appetizers, wine and dessert will be furnished. Project 39 focuses on helping new mothers in need of basic essentials. All donations will go to Family Conservancy in Kansas City, KS. Go to www.project39moms.com for more info on Project 39. To make a reservation call Norma 648-4058 or Margi 381-8145 or just stop by for an evening of fun!



ATTENTION SUNSHINE CLUB MEMBERS:

- There will be **NO** meetings May, June, July or August. Next meeting tentatively scheduled for Sun Sept 6.
- Watch the bulletin for more details.
- Dominoes will be played every 3rd Thurs, 1-4pm in room 2.



Donate your gently used items to the Holy Cross Rummage Sale (June 3–6). **Our final donation drop-off dates are Sat, May 30 from Noon - 4pm, Sun, May 31 from 3-8pm and Mon, June 1 from 10am-4pm.** 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 questions, contact Nicki Finan at 913/634-4762 or Kim Cashman at kcashman@kc.rr.com.



Photos Wanted! Want to see yourself on the big screen in the narthex? Email us your pictures of events here at Holy Cross...Confirmation, First Communion, Knights Breakfast, Sunshine Club Event, VBS, etc. You just might be surprised one weekend and see yourself on the big screen! Please make sure everyone in the photo has given you permission to submit the photo. Email photos to churchoffice@holycrossopks.org.

Welcome to Church of the Holy Cross! We invite you to join the parish! Fill out the form below and we will send a registration packet to you or go to www.holycrossopks.org to register online.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip Code _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Drop in collection basket, bring or mail to:
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SCHOOL NEWS



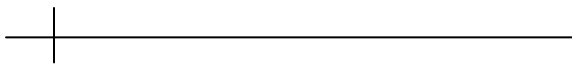
Be a Hornet! Enrollment is open for Holy Cross Catholic School. The registration fee is \$175.00, not to exceed \$450.00. Applications for enrollment are online. For questions, contact the school office at 381-7408.



Religious Education Information

RE Office Hours for Registration

The Re office will be open from 9:30 am - 3:00 pm Tuesdays through Fridays for registration for classes K-6th grade. For more info call Karla Melgar 381-2757 ext 140



Couples celebrating their **50th Wedding Anniversary in 2015** are invited to the Archdiocesan 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration on **June 14, at 2:30pm at Cathedral of St. Peter.** To receive your invitation from Archbishop Naumann, please call the parish office, 381-2755, and give us your name, address, phone number and date of your wedding. Please do this as soon as possible!

Rediscover Catholicism

"Get to know Jesus. Read the Gospels . . . read them over and over, fifteen or twenty minutes a day, for a whole year. Allow the life and teachings of Jesus Christ to sink their roots deep into your heart, mind, soul, and life." *Rediscover Catholicism* (page 226)



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.**



ADORATION CHAPEL



Sign ups for Adoration Chapel will be held on the weekend of May 2 & 3 in the narthex. We are looking to fill open hours, add partners and add to the sub list.

Summer is fast arriving and your calendar fills up. We pray that you will be able to fit an hour for Jesus in your busy schedules, not only for the summer but for all seasons.

- Open Hours: Sun:** 4-5 am, 9-10am, partner 10-11am;
- Mon:** 2-3 am
- Wed:** midnight-1 am, 3-4 am
- Thurs:** 3-4 am, 2-3 pm
- Fri:** 2-3am, **Sat:** 6-7 pm, 7-8 pm

Call Ruth Kuse at 649-7344, 963-3700 or email ruthkuse@gmail.com to sign up!

VBS Early Registration is Now Open!

Summer is just around the corner and that means it's time for Vacation Bible School! **Join us June 15-19 from 9am-12pm.** Come experience a **COOL KINGDOM PARTY** and discover how "Mary Leads US Closer to Jesus". Complete your enrollment form today! Forms are found outside the Parish Office or can be printed from the website. **The Early Bird cost is \$35 for one child, \$65 for 2 children and \$80 for 3 or more in same family.** After May 11 it will be \$5 more. **Deadline is register June 1.** Contact Karla Melgar 381-2757 ext 140 or Maria Palazuelos ext 119 for questions.



St. Mary's Food Kitchen: We served 340 dinners to those less fortunate on April 17. Thank you to everyone who provided food, helped serve and gave monetary donations.

Middle School Youth Group- 7th and 8th graders... Last meeting for the semester is this Monday, April 27, 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.



Dig out those bats and gloves ladies and gentlemen....it's softball season! Registration for Catholic Challenge Sports Softball league is now open. Games are on Friday evenings at 140th and Holmes starting May 8th. Grab a friend and sign up today! Catholic Challenge Sports is a community of men and women in their 20's and 30's with a mission of faith, fellowship, and service. For more information or to register, visit our Facebook page or website at kccatholicchallenge.com

I wondered why someone didn't do something.
Then I realized, I am someone.

Author Unknown

Organ, eye and tissue donation allows you the opportunity to give someone the hope of restored health, sight and mobility. Consider giving that hope to more than 123,170 people in need of lifesaving organ transplants and the hundreds of thousands more in need of corneas and tissue. For more information.

Did you know that Pope Emeritus Benedict XIV has been a card carrying donor for years, saying "to donate one's organs is an act of love ...".

For more information, contact the Midwest Transplant Network at (913) 262-1668 or email info@mwtm.org.



Grill Your Seminarians Trivia Night

Play an exciting game of trivia, meet and interact with our seminarians and see the men being ordained this year "roasted". Join us for this casual and affordable evening that directly benefits seminarians. Grill Your Seminarian is **6:30-9:30 pm, Thurs May 21 at St. Michael's the Archangel Gym.** Details and credit card registration are at kckvocations.com in the "news". All other inquiries: vocation@archkck.org or 913-647-0303



Summer Leadership Camp for Girls

Young women entering sixth, seventh and eighth grades are invited to a Summer Leadership Camp on the beautiful campus of **the University of Saint Mary, Leavenworth, Kan., June 12 through 14.** Hosted by the Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth and the Benedictine Sisters of Atchison. Featuring opportunities to share fun, faith and community. Registration fee of \$125 covers lodging, meals, special activities and a t-shirt for each participant; partial scholarships available; **registration deadline: early May.** Contact Sister Vicki Lichtenauer at vickil@scls.org or 816-718-2660 for more information. Or visit www.scls.org for brochure with registration form.



Volunteers Needed: St. Joseph Medical Center is in need of Eucharistic Ministers to distribute communion and visit with the hospital patients. If interested, please call Sr. Gabrielle Smits, at 816-943-2771



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 volunteer@gabrielproject.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.**



34th Annual Golf Classic

Catholic Charities Foundation of Northeast Kansas is proud to host the 34th Annual Golf Classic founded by Ben and Betty Zarda Family on **Monday, May 11 at Lake Quivira Country Club**. Don't miss this opportunity to "chip in" and join us for a day of fellowship on the course. Golfers will enjoy lunch, a round of golf, dinner reception and awards ceremony. Learn more and register online at www.catholiccharitiesgolfclassic.org

Catholic Community Hospice

Is a ministry of the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas, is the only Catholic faith-based hospice in the Kansas City area. Guided by the Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholic Health Care, we provide compassionate, end-of-life care to support the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of patients and their families. If you or a loved one is facing a terminal illness, please call us at 913-621-5090 or

Volunteers Needed

- Pantry Volunteers needed at the Kansas City, Olathe and Overland Park locations.
- Friendly Visitors Volunteers needed- visit homebound seniors, provide transportation to doctor appointments and grocery store, etc.

To learn more about these volunteer positions , contact Michelle Carlstedt at mcarlstedt@catholiccharitiesks.org or 913-433-2080

Refugee Volunteers and Summer Interns Needed – Kansas City, KS

The Refugee and Immigration Services Program in Wyandotte County is seeking volunteers to teach and tutor English classes, tutor during weekday Citizenship Education Classes and provide administrative assistance to our immigration attorney. We are also seeking summer interns and volunteers to assist with our New Roots Program, a program that assists farmers at local food markets; and interns to assist our Case Workers. For additional information please contact Michelle Carlstedt at 913.433.2080 or mcarlstedt@catholiccharitiesks.org.



Advice & Aid Pregnancy Centers will host the **11th annual Walk for Life Saturday, May 9th at 8:30a.m.** in the Foxhill Medical Complex located at 4601 W. 109th Street (435/Roe). Come join us in the 2015 Walk for Life and raise awareness of a life-affirming message in our community. The walk is a fun, family friendly event with children's activities, Prizes, prayer and even an appearance by KC Wolf from the Chiefs; the route is easy (less than 2 miles) so strollers and dogs welcome! To register online and for additional information, visit <http://www.aapcwalk.org>.



St. James Academy Summer Sports & Enrichment Camps

There's a wide variety of activities available for students of all ages this summer at St. James Academy! These exciting camps are led by SJA faculty and coaches, facilitated by student leaders and will help you and your kids pass the summer with active opportunities to learn a skill or improve fitness and become a better person. We look forward to spending time with your student this summer! More information can be found at www.sjakeepingfaith.org (under the School News Tab on the left hand side).



THE STONE WHICH THE BUILDERS REJECTED

Training for new Respite Volunteers will be Saturday, **May 9, 9-3:30** at **St. Joseph Health Center (education center)** located at I-435 and State Line Road. Respite is a rewarding ministry giving companionship and care to a homebound person, while allowing their caregiver some much needed time away. Men and women are needed to become volunteers. Respite is sponsored by the Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women and trained volunteers are insured against liability. Volunteers serve in their own parish. For more information or to make a reservation phone Pat Scheibel 913 897-6589

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.

EMPEZANDO EL DOMINGO, ABRIL 12, 2015, Y DEBIDO A LA RENOVACIÓN DE LA IGLESIA, todos los Sacramentos y otras actividades de la parroquia se celebrarán en el sótano.

MISAS EN ESPAÑOL: domingos 1 p.m. y 2:30 p.m.
martes, 6 p.m.

MISAS EN INGLÉS:

Sábados 5:00 p.m. y domingos 7:30 a.m., 9 a.m. y 11 a.m.
Los invitamos a todos a participar de todas las liturgias.

RECONCILIACIÓN EN ESPAÑOL:

martes: 5:15 p.m.- 6 p.m. y domingos: 12:15 p.m.- 1p.m.

MATRIMONIOS: Llamen a la parroquia 6 meses antes de la fecha en que desean casarse para tener la primera entrevista con un sacerdote.

BAUTISMOS: 3er domingo del mes solamente, después de la Misa de las 2:30 p.m.

PLÁTICA: Padres y padrinos tomarán una clase de preparación, el 1er sábado del mes, 9:30 a.m. Favor de NO traer niños. **Deben anotarse con anticipación para plática y bautizo**, 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, 2-6 p.m., miércoles y jueves, 2-5 p.m.



EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA

¡AHORREN DINERO Y TIEMPO!

La Matrícula Temprana para Educación Religiosa, Grados K-6, comienza Abril 21 hasta Mayo 26, 2015. Un descuento de 15% será aplicado al pagar el total completo de su matrícula. ¡Apunten a sus niños prontamente, antes que se llenen las clases! Pueden venir a la oficina de Educación Religiosa, o llamar a Karla Melgar, 913/381-2757, ext. 140, o María Palazuelos, ext. 119. *El último día para traer las planilla llenas y recibir su 15% de descuento, es Mayo 26, 2015.*

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

Queridos Feligreses,

Este próximo viernes, celebraremos nuestra anual Coronación de Mayo. Es costumbre honrar a la Bendita Virgen María, durante el mes de Mayo. Esto explica algunas veces, el florecimiento de todas las flores. Es en el tiempo Pascual cuando nos damos cuenta de la alegría de María por la resurrección de su hijo Jesús. Hay una oración para María, *Regina Caeli*, apropiada durante la Pascua y todo Mayo.

Fr. Mike



Reflexiones para servir a Dios

4/26/15

“Yo soy el buen pastor. El buen pastor da a su vida por sus ovejas”. John 10:11

Jesús se veía a sí mismo como alguien que cuidaría de su pueblo, como los pastores cuidarían de sus ovejas. Él nos invita que hagamos lo mismo. Reflexionemos sobre las muchas maneras en que cuidamos a los demás y seamos agradecidos de que hemos sido dados esas oportunidades.



¡YA ESTÁ ABIERTA LA INSCRIPCIÓN TEMPRANA PARA VBS 2015!! El verano está a la vuelta de la esquina y eso significa que es hora ¡de *la Escuela Bíblica de Verano!* Acompañenos del 15 al 19 de junio, de 9:00 a 12:00 pm. Vengan a disfrutar de una bonita experiencia en el **REINO DE DIOS** y descubran "Cómo Maria nos acerca a Jesús". Complete el formulario de inscripción hoy! Las formas se encuentran fuera de la oficina de la parroquia, en el Nártex o pueden imprimirse desde el sitio Web. **La inscripción temprana tiene un costo de \$35.00/un niño, \$65.00/2 niños y \$80.00/3 ó más, en la misma familia. Después del 11 de Mayo, el costo será \$40.00/1 niño, \$70.00/2 niños y \$85.00/ 3 ó más, en la misma familia. Fecha límite para registrarse es el 1º de junio, 2015.** Para más información llame a Karla Melgar (913) 381-2755 ext. 140, o Maria Palazuelos (913) 381-2755 ext.119