

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

MASSES:

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.

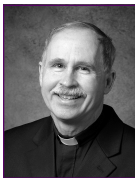
MARRIAGES: Six months notice required. Call the office for information.

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,

Holy Cross School recently experienced the process for accreditation by AvancEd. We passed with flying colors. We can be proud of our principal, our teachers and staff, our students and their families. In fact, we can be proud of our parish community as a whole, since it also received favorable comments from the AvancEd team. Congratulations.



Fr. Mike

Stewardship Reflection May 3, 2015

“Live in me as I live in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it lives in the vine, neither can you unless you live in me.” John 15:4

It’s hard to be generous stewards unless we are living in and connected to the generous spirit of Jesus. Taking time to reflect on how he lived will help us connect to his generous spirit.



Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday

9:00 a.m. Paula Gumangan

Tuesday

6:30 a.m. Phero Hoa Hua
8:15 a.m. Jean Nolan (at school)
6:00 p.m. Olivia Pusateri (Spanish)

Wednesday

9:00 a.m. Elizabeth Miller

Thursday

6:30 a.m. Joseph Mai
8:15 a.m. Jean Davis (at school)

Friday

9:00 a.m. Pedro Antonio

Saturday

7:30 a.m. John Campbell
5:00 p.m. Luella Goodnow

Sunday

7:30 a.m. Bunny Goetz Ingalls
9:00 a.m. Justin Shares
11:00 a.m. Eleanor Sweeney
1:00 p.m. Dick Miller (Spanish)
2:30 p.m. People of the Parish (Spanish)

Financial Update

	April 26	Fiscal YTD
Weekly Offering Needed	\$29,481	\$1,152,356
Weekly Offering Received	24,905	1,155,356
Over/(Under)	(4,576)	3,009

Special Donations 185 29,719

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

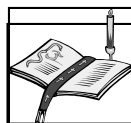
Long Term Liabilities as of Mar 31	Calculated Monthly
Unpaid Debt—Archdiocese of KCKS	\$ 0
Long term—St. James Academy	\$433,163

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.”

REST IN PEACE



Prayers are requested for **Richard Miller** of Holy Cross.



READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48

1 John 4:7-10; John 15:9-17



Please Pray for Those Asking for Prayers:

Harold Cagle, Dave Ferguson, Gabriel Michael Goddard, Jim Haas, Betty Masterson, Sandra Salazar, Margaret Wortman, 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.



Congratulations to those who received First Communion last Sunday:

Yaretzy Bahena Lopez, Yeralith Bahena Lopez, Emmanuel Camarena, Emmanuel Hernandez Curin, Kenneth Jaimes-Valdez, Daniela Lopez, Paloma Maldonado Bando, Johana Moreno, Kevin Ornelas Garcia, Kimberly Ornelas Garcia, Anaïd Ornelas-Ortiz, Jasmin Pacheco, Lesli Citlaly Rodriguez, Stephanie Ruelas, Mía Torres, Saul Ivan Venzor.



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.



The Book Discussion Group will meet on **Tues., May 5, 9:30 am**, in Room 1. The book will be *The Boys In The Boat* by Daniel Brown.



Catholic Charities: We donated **50 bags** of groceries to Catholic Charities in April. The **Monthly Food Collection** for Catholic Charities is held the **last Sunday** of each month. The next collection will be **Sun, May 31**. Your donations are greatly appreciated!



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!



Holy Hour of Prayer for Vocations will be held **Mon, May 11 at 7:00 pm** in the church hall. The Church is in need of priests and religious who will be Christ's servants in the many capacities that have evolved over the years. Please join us as we pray for vocations.

Rediscover Catholicism

When you walk into Mass next Sunday, simply ask God in the quiet of your heart, God show me one way in the Mass that I can become a-better-version-of-myself this week! Then listen. A critical component of successful relationships that is missing from our spiritual lives is listening. Listen to what God is saying to you in the music, through the readings, in the homily. Once it is revealed to you, spend the rest of the Mass praying about how you can live that one thing in the coming week. *Rediscover Catholicism* (page 198)

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.



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Lighthouse Catholic Media CDs

Drawing Strength from Our Lady of Sorrows: Speaker and author Kimberly Hahn, wife of Dr. Scott Hahn and mother of six, is a convert to the Catholic faith. Although honoring Mary was difficult for Kimberly to initially understand, she began to encounter Mary's loving guidance in little ways on a daily basis.

In this presentation, she reflects on the joys and sorrows that Mary prayerfully experienced during her time on Earth, and share how her example leads us closer to Christ.

Check out this and the many other CDs in the Lighthouse kiosk in the narthex. Questions? Call Brenda Scruggs 302-8430.



ADORATION CHAPEL

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!



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



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.



Cool Kingdom Party VBS

Mary Leads Us Closer to Jesus

Date: June 15-19

Time: 9am - 12 pm

Location: Holy Cross School

Cost: Early Bird rates -before May 11

- 1 child=\$35 2 children from same family = \$65 3 or more children from same family = \$80 Goes up \$5 after May 11

Deadline to register: June 1

For questions call: Karla Melgar 381-2755 ext 140 Maria Palazuelos 381-2755 ext 119

Forms can be found on the parish website or outside the parish office.



Confirmation Information

Registration for Confirmation and Sacramental Preparation for middle school (7th and 8th grade) and High School students has begun. **Early Registration takes place until May 26. Registration forms and fees received before May 26th will receive a 15% discount.** Forms can be downloaded from the Documents Page on our website or can be picked up at the church. Registration form can also be emailed or mailed to you by contacting 205-0825 (call or text) or sschluter@holycrossopks.org and giving your address or email.

Classes for Middle School meet Sunday evenings from 6-7:30pm starting October 4. High School students will begin Oct 4th as well, late afternoon or evening. Class times for high school students are determined by number of students enrolled and catechist availability.



Celebrate Mother's Day with our Blessed Mother Mary! The **May Holy Rosary Rally** in Honor of Our Lady of Fatima will be held on Mother's Day, **Sunday May 10th from 3 pm to 4:15 pm at The Church of the Ascension, 9510 W 127th St. Overland Park, KS 66213.** We will pray the Joyful, Sorrowful and Glorious mysteries of the Holy Rosary followed by Benediction and the opportunity for attendees to enroll in the Brown Scapular. For driving instructions or future dates for the Kansas City monthly Holy Rosary rallies, visit www.rosaryrallieskc.org



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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



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.**



St. James Academy Summer Sports & Enrichment Camps

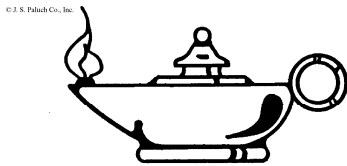
There's a wide variety of activities available for students of all ages this summer at St. James Academy! These exciting camps are led by SJA faculty and coaches, facilitated by student leaders and will help you and your kids pass the summer with active opportunities to learn a skill or improve fitness 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).

HOSTING AN EXCHANGE STUDENT: A POSITIVE LIFE-CHANGING EXPERIENCE
 Host families are needed for Catholic high school exchange students for the 2015-2016 school year. Many local families have hosted in the past and reported that this has been a win/win situation for both them and the exchange student. There are still good students needing a home. Four girls and eight guys are still needing homes. They come from the countries of Italy, Spain, Brazil, Colombia, and Czech Republic. For more info call Jim Andra 913-492-6459 or email him at papajim2010@hotmail.com. You can check out the placement website at www.cci-exchange.com



Married Couples: Does gardening give you a sense of wonder and fulfillment? On your wedding day, you lovingly planted seeds of a lifelong relationship. A **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend** will

give you the "gardening tools" you need to help your marriage grow and blossom. The next weekend in Kansas City is **June 26-28** at Savior Pastoral Center. For information or to apply, go to wwme4youandme.org or call Tony & Barb Zimmerman 816-741-4066 or email tonybarbz@prodigy.net



COMMITTED TO TRUTH

Camp Kateri Tekakwitha
 Catholic Adventure Summer Camp
 Camps available for students 5th grade thru high school. Have a summer of faith, fun and friends! Visit archkck.org/camp for more info on camps and how to sign up.

aa advice & aid pregnancy centers, inc. 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>.

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: Llaman 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, comenzó Abril 21 hasta Mayo 26, 2015. Un descuento de 15% será aplicado al pagar el total completo de su matricula. ¡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,

La Escuela Holy Cross recientemente experimentó el proceso de acreditación por AdvancEd. ¡Pasamos el proceso con excelencia! Estamos muy orgullosos de la Directora, los maestros, estudiantes y sus familias, además de toda nuestra comunidad, ya que también recibió muy buenos comentarios de AdvancEd.

Fr. Mike

Reflexiones para servir a Dios

5/3/15

“Cualquiera que reconoce que Jesús es el Hijo de Dios, vive en Dios y Dios en él”. John 15:4

Es duro ser servidores de Dios generosos a menos que vivimos en y estamos conectados con el generoso espíritu de Jesús. Tomar tiempo para reflexionar en cómo Él vivió, nos ayudará a conectarnos con Su espíritu generoso.

Matrículas para la Confirmación y Preparación Sacramental:

Ya empezaron las matrículas para la Escuela Intermedia (Grados 7 y 8) y Escuela Superior. **La matrícula Temprana comenzó Abril 21 hasta Mayo 26, recibiendo un descuento del 15%.** Las matrículas las pueden llenar en nuestro Website, o recogerlas en la iglesia. También pueden recibirlas por correos o email, llamando o texting a Sandy schluter, 205-0825, o sschluter@holycrossopks.org, dándonos su teléfono o email.



¡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 María Palazuelos (913) 381-2755 ext.119