

# 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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se encuentra en la página 7.

## Holy Cross Catholic School

8101 W. 95th St. 66212  
School Office: 381-7408  
E-Mail: [gradeschool@holycrosscatholicsschool.com](mailto: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](mailto: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 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.

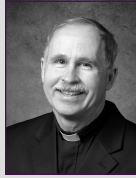
**MARRIAGES:** Six months notice required. Call the office for information.

**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 last Saturday saw a lot of activity at our parish church. Volunteers were busy, working to beautify the landscape on the church grounds. Others were working in the stewardship garden. Boy Scouts were finishing up the parking blocks, installing them and painting them. We owe our thanks to those who give so much of their time and energy to our parish.



Fr. Mike



Mass Intentions for the Week

<b>Monday</b>	9:00 a.m.	Renato Umali
<b>Tuesday</b>	6:30 a.m.	Evelyn M. Rothenberger
	6:00 p.m.	Olivia Pusateri (Spanish)
<b>Wednesday</b>	9:00 a.m.	Betty Hauber
<b>Thursday</b>	6:30 a.m.	Ed Bortko
<b>Friday</b>	9:00 a.m.	2015 Graduates (All School)
<b>Saturday</b>	7:30 a.m.	Anna Nguyen Thi Dao
	5:00 p.m.	Tony Smigin
<b>Sunday</b>	7:30 a.m.	Mike Peterson
	9:00 a.m.	Joe Sanderson
	11:00 a.m.	Gary Matousek
	1:00 p.m.	Milena Berroa Vda. Castillo (Spanish)
	2:30 p.m.	People of the Parish (Spanish)



**REST IN PEACE**

Prayers are requested for **James Wessling** of Holy Cross.



**Please Pray for Those Asking for Prayers:** Harold Cagle, Dave Ferguson, Gabriel Michael Goddard, Jim Haas, Betty Masterson, Sandra Salazar, Don Tillett, Margaret Wortman, and Tami.

*Stewardship Reflection*

*May 10, 2015*

*The Jewish believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles.*

Acts 10:45

God's spirit continues to work in the most astounding ways. Opportunities to be caring and compassionate can pop up when we least expect it. The question is: how do we respond?

**Financial Update**

	May 3	Fiscal YTD
Weekly Offering Needed	\$29,481	\$1,181,837
Weekly Offering Received	30,259	1,185,624
Over/(Under)	778	3,787

Special Donations 369 30,088

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
<b>Unpaid Debt—Archdiocese of KCKS</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>
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."



**A Special Blessing** for all graduates will be given at the 9:00 and 11:00 am Masses on **Sun, May 17**. If you are graduating this year, be sure to attend!



**READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:**

**The Ascension of the Lord**

Acts 1:1-11

Ephesians 1:17-23; Mark 16:15-20



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

## It's Time to Update Your Membership Information

Does our church database have your family membership record correct? Have there been any changes, additions or deletions that may have occurred this past year? Have you changed your phone number or dropped your land line? Do we have your mobile number and email address? Have you moved? Are you preparing to move soon? Are all of your children still at home and are they all included in your membership record?

Here is your chance to update your record for our annual Directory. Please let us know now, so that the information in the upcoming Directory is correct. We need all our information updated by mid-June. You can contact the parish office at (913) 381-2755 or [churchoffice@holycrossopks.org](mailto:churchoffice@holycrossopks.org). Thanks for your help!



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### ***Congratulations to those who received First Communion last Sunday:***

Ahzziz Alvarado, Gianna Bermudez, David Clasby, Luis Contreras, Nicole Figueroa, Alan Gomez, Kevin Gutierrez, Angel Hernandez, Luis Hernandez, Alexa Hipolito, Amy Jimenez, Ava Juarez, Violet L'Esperance, Daniela Marroquin, Areli Martinez, Maximo Morales-Reyna, Eliud Ortega-Aguilar, Yovani Reyes, Aaron Rodriguez Solano, Willie Solano, Alex Torres Aguilar, Stephanie Moreno, Yasmin Villa Lopez, Brendan Werner



**The Holy Cross Quilters and Crafters** would welcome donations of yarn and fabric to make lap throws and baby blankets. Keep us in mind as you do your spring cleaning. Please drop off at the church office.



**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.



**St. Helen's Circle meeting** will be **Tues, May 12 at 7:00 pm** at the home of Maryvonne Marshall, 11421 Marty St. For more info call 913-451-8857. New members welcome!



**St. Mary's Food Kitchen:** We will be serving pasta casserole, salad and dessert to those who are less fortunate on **Friday, May 15**. 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!



**You can volunteer to provide direct service to the homeless of Kansas City through Project Uplift!** Holy Cross volunteers are needed to support Project Uplift by distributing food and supplies to the homeless at various stops in downtown Kansas City on the **first Monday** of the month. Meet at Holy Cross at 4:25pm to ride to Project Uplift and return to Holy Cross at about 9:30pm. Eat dinner prior and dress appropriate for the weather. Contact Mary Lambrechts at 469-1339 or [marylamb@kc.surewest.net](mailto:marylamb@kc.surewest.net) to volunteer.

**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](http://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.

Holy Cross Catholic School hosted the AdvancEd Accreditation Team on April 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>. The team spent two days observing classrooms, interviewing students, teachers, and parents, and reviewing data about our wonderful school. The team recommended Holy Cross earn the distinction of Accreditation by AdvancEd for a five-year term. Thank you for your continued support of Holy Cross Catholic School.



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.holycrosscatholicsschool.com/HC\\_rummage\\_sale.html](http://www.holycrosscatholicsschool.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](mailto:kcashman@kc.rr.com).



### Great News, Great Work and Great Collection!



**The Great News is...**Our school received a check for **\$1000** from labels for Education! With each submission we sent this year, we were entered in a sweepstakes, and with so many submissions from the labels we collected, We Won!

**The Great Work is...**Our school has received **\$2,968.24** from Box Tops for Education and Best Choice Labels. We have earned **16,676 points** from Labels for Education this school year.

**The Great Collection is...**still to come with your help! Turn your clipped labels in at the church office or school office **before May 13**. Thank you for your generous support!



## 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](mailto: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.

## Rediscover Catholicism

It is people like you and me who make up the Church. If the Church is not thriving, it is because you and I are not thriving. . . . The future of the Church is in our hands and you can be certain it will be what we make it. *Rediscover Catholicism* (page 61)



### Lighthouse Catholic Media CDs

#### Living Life by Design, Not Default

With so much technology at our fingertips, it's tough not to get swept away in all the noise and clutter. In our society there's often a tendency to live passively by simply "going with the flow". In this talk given at a FOCUS national conference, Fr. Mike Schmitz explains how we need to live an intentionally Christian life within a technological age.

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



## Adoration Chapel

### Open Hours:

**Sun:** 4-5am, 9-10am, partner 10-11am

**Mon:** 2-3am

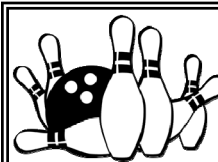
**Wed:** midnight-1 am, 3-4am

**Thurs:** 3-4 am, 2-3pm

**Fri:** 2-3 am

**Sat:** 6-7 pm, 7-8 pm

Call Ruth Kuse at 649-7344, 963-3700 or email [ruthkuse@gmail.com](mailto:ruthkuse@gmail.com) to sign up!



## CYP Bowling Night

Can you *spare* an evening for fun? Care to *strike* up a conversation with friends you just haven't met yet? Join the Committee of Young Patrons (CYP) for a night of bowling!

CYP is a group of 20 to 40 somethings supporting the mission of Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas. We strive to impact the lives of those in need through volunteer efforts, social outings, professional development, fundraising and friendraising.

**When:** Friday, May 22

**Time:** 7 p.m.

**Where:** Ward Parkway Lanes – 1523 W 89<sup>th</sup> Street, KCMO

**Register online:** [www.catholiccharitiesks.org](http://www.catholiccharitiesks.org)



**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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:papajim2010@hotmail.com). You can check out the placement website at [www.cci-exchange.com](http://www.cci-exchange.com)



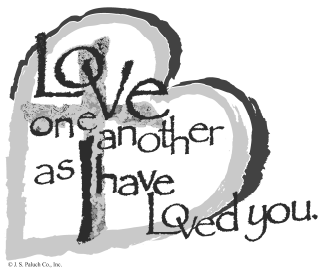
**Saint Thomas Aquinas Grade School Summer Camps:**

During June and July, Saint Thomas Aquinas provides a variety of summer camps for students entering grades K through 8 to explore. Our summer camps give students the chance to discover their potential in both sports and other activities. Registration and further information is available online, through our website, [www.stasaints.net/summercamps](http://www.stasaints.net/summercamps). We look forward to providing a positive camp experience not only for your son or daughter but for their friends and family as well.



**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](http://kckvocations.com) in the "news". All other inquiries: [vocation@archkck.org](mailto:vocation@archkck.org) or 913-647-0303



**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](http://wwme4youandme.org) or call Tony & Barb Zimmerman 816-741-4066 or email [tonybarbz@prodigy.net](mailto:tonybarbz@prodigy.net)

**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](http://archkck.org/camp) for more info on camps and how to sign up.



**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

# 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.

*Queridos Feligreses,*

Este último sábado vio mucha actividad en nuestra iglesia parroquial. Los voluntarios estaban ocupados, trabajando para embellecer el paisaje en los terrenos de la iglesia. Otros estaban trabajando en el jardín mayordomía. Boy Scouts estaban terminando los bloques de estacionamiento, la instalación de ellos y pintarlos. Le debemos nuestro agradecimiento a aquellos que dan mucho de su tiempo y energía a nuestra parroquia.

*Fr. Mike*



Confirmación

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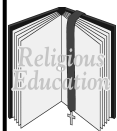
**Matrículas para la Confirmación y Preparación**

**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 recibir las por correos o email, llamando o texting a Sandy schluter, 205-0825, o [sschluter@holycrossopks.org](mailto: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 María 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



## 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 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*