

# 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  
**Parochial Vicar:** Rev. Anthony Saiki  
**Rectory:** 341-5618

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## PARISH STAFF

Stewardship & Development Director: Robert Bacic  
Music Director: JoAnna Rubino  
Parish Manager: Mark Engen  
Administrative Assistant: Carol Morris  
Receptionist: Barb Williams  
Bilingual Assistant: Claudia Bustos

## Religious Education Staff: 381-2757

Director - Pre-Gr. 6: Bridget Turello  
Assistant: Michelle Rieger  
Session Coordinator- Maria Palazuelos  
Confirmation Coordinator: Sandy Schluter

## Youth Ministries: 205-0825

Director: Sandy Schluter

## Holy Cross Catholic School

8101 W. 95th St. 66212  
School Office: 381-7408  
E-Mail: [gradeschool@holycrosscatholicschool.com](mailto: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](mailto: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. & Spanish 7:00 p.m.; Sun. 7:30, 9:00, 11:00 a.m. & Spanish-1:00 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.

Wed. 7:00 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, 6:00-7:00 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.

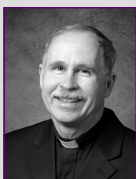
**MARRIAGES:** Six months notice required. Call the office for information.

**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,

The renovated interior of our church looks good, but it will look even better when it is completed. There is some additional work to be done. We estimate that will take three weeks, so that will mean two more weekends downstairs. We need to tweak the sound system. We also need to learn the system, so that we can utilize it fully. That will take some time, so please be patient.



Fr. Mike

*Stewardship Reflection*      *November 1, 2015*

*When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit..." Matthew 5:1-3*

When Bartimaeus approached him, Jesus asked, "What do you want me to do for you?" Jesus asks us the same question. Let's take heart and respond honestly, telling the Lord what it is that we want him to do for us.



<b>Monday</b>	
9:00 a.m.	Thomas Lewis, Jr.
<b>Tuesday</b>	
6:30 a.m.	Bunny Goetz Ingalls
8:15 a.m.	Mona & Edward Vogel (at school)
<b>Wednesday</b>	
9:00 a.m.	Esperanza Lopez
7:00 p.m.	Sick of the Parish (Spanish)
<b>Thursday</b>	
6:30 a.m.	Joan Winger
8:15 a.m.	Jean Davis (at the school)
<b>Friday</b>	
9:00 a.m.	Colette Huerter
<b>Saturday</b>	
7:30 a.m.	World Peace
5:00 p.m.	Bill Oothout
7:00 p.m.	Special Intention
<b>Sunday</b>	
7:30 a.m.	People of the Parish
9:00 a.m.	Those Grieving
11:00 a.m.	Allen Troyer
1:00 p.m.	Celia Calderon (Spanish)

**Financial Update**

	Oct 25	Fiscal YTD
Weekly Offering Needed	\$27,660	\$445,740
Weekly Offering Received	28,248	418,111
Over/(Under)	588	(27,629)
Special Donations	812	14,063
Restricted Assets as of Sept 30	Calculated Monthly	
Parish Endowment-Restricted	\$79,413	
School Endowment-Restricted	\$35,160	
Capital Campaign-Restricted	\$27,517	
Long Term Liabilities as of Sept 30	Calculated Monthly	
<b>Construction Loan—Archdiocese</b>	\$142,868	
Long term—St. James Academy	\$419,849	

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:**

**32nd Sunday of Ordinary Time**

1 Kings 17:10-16

Hebrews 9:24-28; Mark 12:38-44



**Please Pray for Those Asking for Prayers:**

Keith Adkins, Joyce Ferwalt, Don Tillett, George Vogel, Margaret Wortman, and Tami.



**Celebration Gift Gathering Party**

Come join us for appetizers and drinks at our **Celebration Gift Gathering Party on Sat, Nov 7 from 7-9:00 pm at Holy Cross School.** We ask that you bring a gift for the Silent Auction at Celebration which is Jan 23, 2016. **RSVP** to Pat Sheldon 816-522-1801, pat.sheldon@yahoo.com or Denise Barron 816-645-9105, denise\_barron17@yahoo.com. **Free** childcare will be provided.



**“The Sultan and St. Francis”**

A film telling the fascinating story of how St. Francis of Assisi traveled to the Holy Land on a peace mission during the Crusades. Playing at Holy

Cross on **Monday, Nov 2 at 7:00 pm in the church hall.** All are welcome!

**HELP US GET READY FOR CHRISTMAS!**

Once again this year, we want to make sure that every Holy Cross family member has a gift to open and a meal to enjoy this Christmas. **Do you know someone in our parish, who will need assistance this Christmas?** Please have them call the Church Office right away and let us know even if that someone is you. All information will be held in confidence. Families or individuals who are not Holy Cross parishioners will be referred to Catholic Charities. We will provide assistance based on the information relayed back to us and available resources. Watch for more information about St. Benedict Circle’s *Angel Tree*.



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**Mission Outreach Opportunity**

Our pastoral council has set community outreach as one of the goals for our parish. There is an activity coming up soon that can help us pursue that goal. **Our parish, along with Valley View United Methodist Church and the First Baptist Church,** will leave brochures at the doors of households in the neighborhood. These brochures will contain information about our churches, schedules of worship and websites. To carry this out, we will need some willing hands to distribute the brochures. Can you help? We have targeted the Sunday after Thanksgiving, **Nov 29, 3-5:00 pm,** as the time to carry out this mission. We will meet at Holy Cross to begin. **Call the church office to sign up to help or for questions!**

**Youth Ministry News**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As many of you have heard, in the coming months I will be assuming the role of Director of Youth Ministry at our parish. I am so looking forward to this awesome responsibility. I bring experience from five different youth groups, teaching in two Catholic Schools, as well as course work from the seminary in Pastoral Counseling, Grief Counseling, and New Evangelization, among many others to this new role. I hope to help our young people to engage God in prayer, especially in the Liturgy, to engage the culture we live in as young Catholics, and to explore new opportunities to engage in works of mercy and service work in our community. Notably I am looking to coordinate with a community of Franciscan Sisters and Brothers who serve the poor in Kansas City, KS. Our High School group meets on Thursday evenings at 7:00pm and our Middle School Group will be starting up soon. I ask you for your prayers, that I will serve God, our young people, and our parish well, and please pray for our young people, that they remain rooted in Jesus Christ who is our way, truth, and life. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to email me at [asaiki@holycrossopks.org](mailto:asaiki@holycrossopks.org). Thank you for all your support, and God bless you!

Father Saiki

**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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St. Benedict's Circle will meet Sat, Nov 7 at 9:30 am in room 2 here at Holy Cross!



Our next business meeting will be Thurs, Nov 12. Rosary at 6:30 pm, business meeting at 7:00 pm.



The Book Discussion Group will meet on Tues., Nov 3, 9:30 am, in Room 1. The book will be The Nightingale by Kristin Hanna.



Veterans Wanted! Holy Cross would like to honor all veterans on November 11, 2015 at the 9:00 AM Mass. Please RSVP to the church (381-2755) or the school (381-7408) if you can attend the Mass and celebration.



SCHOOL NEWS



Remember to Clip for Holy Cross!



Please remember to clip Box Tops for Education, Labels for Education and Best Choice Labels for Holy Cross School! Drop off Box Tops and labels at the school or the church office. Thank you for your generous support!



FRIDAY FAMILY FUN NIGHT!!!

Join us at Holy Cross School for a fun night of dinner and bingo on Fri, Nov 6. Taco Buffet is from 6:00—7:00 pm and Bingo will be from 7:00-9:00 pm. Proceeds benefit the 8th Grade Graduation Fund.

A Special Thank You to all the Women of Holy Cross who baked cookies for the Pumpkin Patch Bake Sale. Your generosity generated \$300 which was donated to the school!



Tamale Sale

Benefits the Holy Cross School Guardian Angel Fund assisting families desiring a Catholic education.

Sold by the dozen at \$15.00 per dozen

Order Forms and Money can be turned in on Sat/Sun Nov 7/8 after all Masses or drop off at the school office no later than Wed, Nov 11

# of Dozens @ \$15.00/dozen

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ dozen of Chicken tamales

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ dozen of Pork tamales

Circle your pick up day: Fri, Nov 20: 2:00-4:00 pm at SCHOOL
Sat Nov 21: after 5:00 pm Mass at CHURCH
Sun Nov 22: after 11:00 am & 1:00 pm Mass at CHURCH

For questions contact the Holy Cross School Office at 381-7408



## LOOK FOR YOUR ANNUAL APPEAL PACKET IN THE MAIL

Annual Appeal packets are being mailed to every parish household. These packets contain a message from Father Mike, a listing of service opportunities in the parish and a treasure commitment card. The Annual Appeal is our parish's primary way to raise funds to support our ministries, programs and daily operations.

The very first thing we ask you to do is pray. Ask God to bless our parish and to be with you as you consider your response.

Next, review the many ways that you might personally participate in the coming year. Be sure to take into account your current commitments, your abilities and your interests, then listen for God's call.

Finally, assess your financial situation and the parish's financial need. Has your income gone up? Stayed the same? Gone down?

The parish ended fiscal year 2014-2015 in the black despite a decline in Sunday collections. This was possible because of two extraordinary and one-time sources of income. However, parish expenses in 2015-2016 are expected to go up by nearly six percent. Without an increase in our Sunday collections, we will face a deficit of over \$100,000 at the end of June 2016. Although this challenge looms large, it can be overcome with everyone's help. Please consider increasing your current level of giving by 2%, 3% or 4%. If you are currently contributing \$1,000 a year, or about \$20 a week, a 4% increase would mean an additional \$40 a year. We can meet this challenge. God has blessed us. Let's bring our thanks to God!



### International Day of Marian Consecration Dec 8

Nov. 5 is the day to start preparing for the **International Day of Marian Consecration on Dec. 8** as we begin The Year of Faith. Groups are forming now -- or you can form a group in your home or do one individually. All materials are available free of charge at [formed.org](http://formed.org) (Holy Cross login code is 9de4da.) Call Brenda at 913-302-8430 for questions, to lead a group, join a group, or to let her know you are doing it on you own. We'd like to know how many members of our parish will be Consecrating or re-Consecration on Dec 8.



### Face to Face Family Adoration

Come join in 1st Sundays of the month family adoration on **Sun, Nov 1 at Church of the Ascension from 7:00-8:00 pm**. There will be prayer, candles, silence, Scripture meditations, praise band and one thing every catholic parent wants...the whole family together with Christ! For more information go to

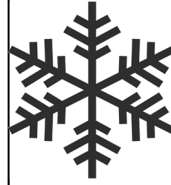
[www.schooloflovekc.com](http://www.schooloflovekc.com)

**Ascension Divorced and Separated Support Ministry** is sponsoring a group of men and women dealing with the pain and changes this causes spouses and kids. Meetings will be Wednesdays at 7:00 pm in the conference room (next to the office) **beginning Nov 4**. This is an 8 week course. Contact Jean at [kcascension.org](http://kcascension.org) to sign up and for more information.



**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.**



### 31st Annual Viviano Variety Benefit Show

This year's show benefits the Hurtado Scholars, an educational and leadership program offered at Rockhurst High School. It will be on **Sat, Nov 21** at the Rockhurst Rose Theatre, 9301 State Line Rd. Dinner begins at 4:30 pm with the show starting at 7:00 pm. Dinner is a delicious Italian buffet of pasta, meat sauce, chicken, salad, garlic bread and dessert. Tickets are \$25 for open seating and \$35 for reserve. Tickets are available at Holy Cross Church office or by calling 816-363-2036 ext 582 or on Rockhurst High School website [www.rockhursths.edu](http://www.rockhursths.edu)

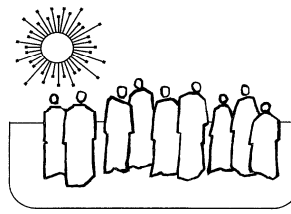


### Church of Nativity Parish Mission

with Steve Angrisano will be **Nov 15 -17 at 7:00 pm**. Steve Angrisano is a singer, songwriter and storyteller! Discover in story and song God's call of faithfulness to each of us.

Bring your family and friends.

Church of the Nativity is located at 3800 W 119th St, Leawood. For questions, call Nativity Parish Office at 491-5017.



### St. James Academy Open House

24505 Prairie Star Parkway,  
Lenexa KS

Sat, Nov 4 9:00 am 12:00

Drop in to see the campus, meet student leadership, experience the community and learn about the many academic achievements we are celebrating!

There will be a **Financial Aid Workshop** at 10 am & 11 am, a **photo booth** and **Advance RSVP!** Check in online at [sjakeepingfaith.org/open-house](http://sjakeepingfaith.org/open-house).

# 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:** sábado 7 pm; domingos 1 p.m. miércoles, 7 p.m.

**MISAS EN INGLÉS:**

Sábados 5:00 p.m. y domingos 7:30 a.m., 9 a.m. y 11 a.m.

**RECONCILIACIÓN EN ESPAÑOL:**

miércoles: 6:00 - 7:00 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:** usualmente el 4th domingo del mes, después de la misa de la 1:00 pm. Comuníquese con la oficina para confirmar fechas y para registrarse.

**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** miércoles, 3-8 p.m., lunes y martes y jueves, 9am-1 p.m. viernes 9am-12:00 (noon)



**CONGRESO DE FAMILIAS: ¡PRIMER CONGRESO DE FAMILIAS!** Con la participación del Padre Darío Betancurt. Sábado, 31 de oct. 8:00 am - 3:00 pm y domingo, 1º de nov. 11:00 am - 6:00 pm, culminando con la Santa Misa. Les invita la Parroquia Nuestra Señora de la Unidad (San Juan Evangelista y Sagrado Corazón) 2646 S. 34th St. Kansas City, KS 66160. Costo \$20 adultos y \$15 niños. Para inscripciones y mayor información, llamen al 913-915-6494 o 913-375-8180.



**RETIRO DE CONVALIDACIÓN:** 7 y 8 de noviembre en la Parroquia del Buen Pastor 12800 W 75th St., Shawnee

KS. Favor de registrarse con el Ministerio Hispano y pagar la cuota de \$60/pareja. Para más información llamen al (913) 281-6644.

Queridos feligreses,

El interior renovado de nuestra iglesia se ve bien, pero que se verá aún mejor cuando se haya completado. Hay un poco de trabajo adicional por hacer. Estimamos que tendrá tres semanas, por lo que significará una más de fin de semana en la planta baja. Tenemos que ajustar el sistema de sonido. También tenemos que aprender el sistema, por lo que podemos utilizar plenamente. Eso llevará algún tiempo, así que por favor sea paciente.

*Fr. Mike*

*Ore por los difuntos*

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**¡AYUDENOS A PREPARARNOS PARA NAVIDAD!**

Una vez más este año, queremos asegurarnos de que cada miembro de nuestra familia de Holy Cross tenga un regalo para abrir y una cena para disfrutar de esta navidad. ¿Usted sabe de alguien en nuestra parroquia que necesitará ayuda esta navidad? Por favor, haga que llamen a la oficina de la iglesia de inmediato para dejarnoslo saber, incluso si ese alguien es usted. Familias ó individuos que no son feligreses de Holy Cross serán referidos a Caridades Católicas. Vamos a proveer asistencia en base a la información que se nos transmita y los recursos disponibles. Espere más información en el boletín sobre el Arbol de Angel de Navidad de San Benedicto.



Necesitamos muchos voluntarios para hacer un gran éxito de Celebración, nuestra recaudación de fondos mas grande de la parroquia. Regístrate hoy para ayudar. ¡Contactar a Claudia Bustos 913-381-2755 Ext. 116 ó [cbustos@holycrossopks.org](mailto:cbustos@holycrossopks.org) para ser voluntario!