

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

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Director: Sandy Schluter

Holy Cross Catholic School

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Director: Penny Miller
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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.)

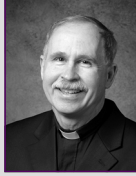
Contact the office to confirm times and to register.

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,



To give our renovated church a more finished look, the architects have suggested that we find art work to hang on the wall over the baptismal font. Our crafters and quilters group of the parish have agreed to make a wall hanging, but they need a design. The wall hanging would measure 6' high by 3'-8" wide and would show the figure of a dove descending towards the baptismal font. The background of the hanging could show rays of light, clouds at the top. The overall design would be somewhat abstract, not extremely realistic, because of the nature of the execution of the wall hanging. If you have some artistic talent, consider submitting a design for our crafters and quilters to turn into a beautiful work of art. Turn your designs in to the parish office. Our renovation is a work in progress.

Fr. Mike



Monday	
9:00 a.m.	Maria Nguyen
Tuesday	
6:30 a.m.	Spec Int-John Highland
9:00 a.m.	For All Grandparents (at school)
Wednesday	
9:00 a.m.	Bill Oothout
7:00 p.m.	World Peace (Spanish)
Thursday	
9:00 a.m.	Mr. Vincent Anh Duong
Friday	
9:00 a.m.	Rosa Pham
Saturday	
7:30 a.m.	Fr. Robert Burger
5:00 p.m.	Clydene Hunter
7:00 p.m.	People of the Parish
Sunday	
7:30 a.m.	Mike Peterson
9:00 a.m.	Dominic Pham
11:00 a.m.	Forgotten Souls in Purgatory
1:00 p.m.	In Thanksgiving (Spanish)



Please Pray for Those Asking for Prayers: Keith Adkins, Richard Campbell, Joyce Ferwalt, Mary Kate Garst, Tracey Grant, Anna Manning, Don Tillet, and George Vogel.

Stewardship Reflection

November 22, 2015

Jesus answered Pilate, "My kingdom is not from this world." John 18:36

Both his followers and opponents assumed Jesus' kingdom would be in Judea. But Jesus preaches a greater kingdom, one of justice, of love, of peace. We participate in that kingdom through our faith and the way we treat one another.


Financial Update

	Nov 15	Fiscal YTD
Weekly Offering Needed	\$26,020	\$523,800
Weekly Offering Received	25,563	493,934
Over/(Under)	(457)	(29,866)
Special Donations	415	16,106

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
Construction Loan —Archdiocese	\$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."



Thanksgiving Day Mass
 Mass will be at **9:00 am**. There will be **no 6:30 am Mass**.

Happy Thanksgiving!

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

First Sunday of Advent

- Jeremiah 33:14-16
- 1 Thessalonians 3:12—4:2
- Luke 21:25-28, 34-36





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**Mission Outreach Opportunity
Project Outreach**

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!**



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 Christmas environment. Please call the church office, 381-2755 or stop by during office hours to make a donation. Last day to order flowers will be Wed, Dec 16.



**St. Benedict's Circle
Christmas Angel Tree**

St. Benedicts Circle is once again sponsoring the Christmas Angel Tree, benefiting **Holy Cross families in need.** Your generous support last year provided food and gifts for over 100 adults and children. **Please pick up a gift tag** from the tree in the narthex and **return your donation no later than December 7th.** You can make a cash donation or write a personal check. Make checks payable to *Holy Cross* and indicate "Angel Tree" in the memo section. You can also purchase gift cards to Target, Wal-Mart, Hy-Vee and Price Chopper through SCRIP, which not only aids a family, but helps the parish, too. If you have any questions, please call either Nora at 451-5749 or Pete at 451-3374.

The Hope of Being Loved Forever"
Our Holy Father Pope Francis has announced a Jubilee Year of Mercy. We are invited to remember that mercy is the bridge that connects us to God, "opening our hearts to *the hope of being loved forever* despite our sinfulness." On the weekend of **Dec. 5 – 6,** we will make a commitment as a parish community to recognize that we have been blessed, and to extend the goodness and mercy that we have received to those in need. We will fill out Year of Mercy Commitment forms at Masses that weekend to demonstrate our willingness to perform Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy throughout the year. Please visit www.archkck.org/mercy to learn more.



**Celebration:
Our Parish's Largest
Fundraiser**



**Celebration 2016 Tickets
Celebration is Jan 23, 2016**

Celebration tickets are now on sale!
Early Bird ticket price is \$40 per person if purchased before Dec 17. Tickets will be on sale in the narthex the weekends of Nov 28/29 and Dec 12/13. This is a savings of \$10 a ticket or \$20 a couple. Tickets can be purchased at Holy Cross School or office or call Brandi Carroll-Garcia at 816-835-8898 or bcarroll619@gmail.com 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 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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 8311 W 93rd St.
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SCHOOL NEWS



Religious Education Information

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grandparents day
Holy Cross School will be Tuesday, Nov 24. We will celebrate Mass at 9:00 am in the school gym. All are welcome.

Happy Thanksgiving! We do not have classes Tuesday, November 25th. See you again December 1st! Take note that children to receive Sacraments this year must have already turned in their 1st through 4th First Reconciliation worksheets. The 5th worksheet went home Tuesday, November 17th. Please remember that parents are encouraged to guide children through the learning process.

Christmas Fun For Your Little Ones! Children in preschool through 1st grade are invited to come meet Elfina, the little elf and have your picture taken with St. Nicholas on Sat, Dec 5 from 9-10:30 am in Pflumm Hall at Holy Cross School.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

CHILDREN'S Liturgy of the Word Children's Liturgy of the Word gives children, grades K-4th, the opportunity to hear the Liturgy of the Word at their level of understanding. Children are dismissed at the beginning of the Liturgy of the Word and return at offertory time. We would like to bring this back to the 9:00am, 11:00 am and 1:00 pm Mass but we need adult volunteers to help! We also need youth volunteers (7th grade and up) to assist during this time. To volunteer or more info contact Bridget Turello 381-2757, ext 140 or bturello@holycrossopks.org



See it. Clip it. Earn!

Thank you to all who sent in Box Tops for Education, Labels for Education and Best Choice Labels in October! This school year we have earned \$740 through this program!

Do you shop at Price Chopper? One more way to support our wonderful school is through Best Choice UPC Labels found at Price Chopper. These earn \$.03 for Holy Cross School. Any Best Choice UPC Labels turned in by Dec. 10th count towards the check the school receives in January. Please help by remembering to turn in your Box Tops to a Holy Cross student or drop them by the church office or school office. As always, we gratefully collect Labels for Education, Best Choice UPC Labels and Box Tops for Education. Thank you for your generosity!

Sign Up For An Hour Of Adoration



Join a powerful prayer ministry here at Holy Cross taking place seven days a week, 24 hours a day...Adoration!!! Adorers are needed for the following times: We have open hours everyday of the week! Some hours that are open are: Sun 4-5am; Mon 2-3pm, Tues 3-4pm, Wed 10-11pm, Thurs 3-4am, Fri 8-9pm Sat 6-7pm

Name _____
Phone _____
Email _____
Time _____

Drop off form at the church office.
For questions or list of open hours, call Ruth Kuse 649-7344, 963-3700 or ruthkuse@gmail.com



Thanksgiving Pies Needed: Holy Cross brings the pies for the Thanksgiving meal served at St. Mary's Kitchen. If you can provide a pie, please bring it to Holy Cross Church either Wed, Nov 25 (put them in the fridge in kitchen) or before 9:00 am on Thus, Nov 26. Questions call Bill or Nadine Swanson, 888-6025 or Wayne Guelbert, 492-1857



**Boy Scout Troop 251
Annual Cinnamon Roll**

Pre-orders will be taken after all masses **Dec 5 & 6** or you can call Terry Dressman 599-4725 to place your order. Cost: \$20 a dozen or \$10 for a 1/2 dozen. Pick up will be Dec 12 & 13 after all Masses.

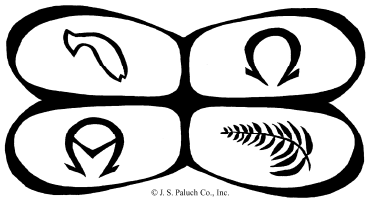


**National
Interfaith
Hospitality
Network**

**Interfaith
Hospitality Network
(IHN)**

A ministry of Holy Cross, is planning a Holiday Party for their homeless guest.

They are looking for organizations, families and groups to create **food baskets** to give to the families. **These are needed by Dec 6.** If you want to put a basket together, call Shirley Maxwell at 913-897-2127 for details on what to put in the baskets and where to drop off the baskets.



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Wow! Take a look at all the **new content** that has just been added! **6** new movies, **30** new audio talks and **1** new video series! There are 55 expert commentaries on the Sunday Mass readings! You can listen to them on your smartphone on the way to church and discover how it can change the way you listen to the readings and homilies.

Go to Formed.org and if you are a returning user, just click Log-in at the top right corner and sign in. If you are a first time user, scroll down to "Does your parish already have Formed?" Enter 9de4da, click submit and follow the directions.

For questions contact Brenda Scruggs at 302-8430



Come one; come all to our Advent Day of Reflection at Sanctuary of Hope Prayer and Retreat Center in KCK on **Saturday, Dec 5**, from 8 AM to 1 PM! The theme of our day is "Bearing Good Fruits," from John 15: 8, "By this is my Father glorified, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples." As the whole Church prepares for the feast of Christ's Nativity, I will give a couple presentations on a life of prayer that leads to good works, and actually gives joy to our Heavenly Father. We will have time for our own private reflection, the Sacrament of Reconciliation and/or Spiritual mentoring. The day will conclude with the rosary, asking Our Lady's powerful intercession, the Eucharist and lunch. The cost is \$30.00 for an individual, \$50.00 for a couple. Come walk our new Labyrinth and enjoy our 33 sacred acres as well. With a grateful heart!



Thanks to the 15% of the parish who has responded to this year's Annual Appeal. If you forgot to bring your materials with you last weekend, you can still drop them off in the office, through the mail or in the collection basket.

Extra copies of the *Time & Talent Survey* and *Treasure Commitment Card* are available in the office and on the parish website under "Stewardship Documents".



**Lighthouse Catholic Media
CDs and Books**

The Right Perspective

Father Mitch is a priest of the Society of Jesus, a highly respected scripture scholar and author, a regular host of EWTN Television and Radio, and the founder and president of Ignatius Productions—a catholic teaching and media apostolate. Listen as Fr. Pacwa describes the "big picture" of the Catholic Faith while explaining the perspective that Catholics ought to have in their relation to and with God.

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

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OF NORTHEAST KANSAS

NOVEMBER IS NATIONAL HOSPICE MONTH -- Catholic Community Hospice, a ministry of the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas, is the *only* Catholic hospice in the Kansas City area. Guided by the Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholic Health Care, the multidisciplinary team provides 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 913-621-5090 or visit catholiccommunityhospice.com to learn more.

AARP Tax-Aide **AARP TAXAIDE VOLUNTEERS:** Looking for volunteer tax preparers to help AARP Taxaide program. This program provides free tax assistance and preparation for taxpayers with low- and middle- income, with special attention to those age 60 and older between February and April with training in cooperation with the IRS during January. Anyone interested in taxes can be a volunteer after training and testing. See www.kstaxaide.com or call Gene Meiners 913-262-8134.



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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.**

“Grieving During the Holidays: A Grief Support Group”

A Holiday Grief Support Group Session will be offered at Church of the Nativity (3800 W. 119th Street, Leawood, KS 66209) on **December 9**. If you have experienced the loss of a loved one and find yourself facing the holidays in the midst of grief please join us on **Wednesday, December 9 from 6:30-8pm in the St Joseph Room**. Together with group leaders Brent Doster and Rich Gier of Catholic Community Hospice, we will discuss the challenges of living with the loss of loved ones in the midst of holiday cheer and will share with one another as we find our way through the holidays while grieving. The group will meet in the St Joseph Room. To reserve your seat, please RSVP to Brent Doster at 913-433-2058.



The Cathedral of St. Peter will host the Annual Nativity Display on **Sunday, Dec 6**, from 10am—3pm. The Nativity display will be in the parish center, 409 N 15th, KCK.

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Support Johnson County Interfaith Hospitality Network!

Present this card between December 14-20, 2015 and Ten Thousand Villages Overland Park will donate 15% of the value of your purchase to Johnson County Interfaith Hospitality Network.



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Ten Thousand Villages in Overland Park
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Mon-Wed, Fri 10-6, Thu 10-8, Sat 9-5, Sun 12-4

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)

Queridos feligreses,

Para dar a nuestra iglesia reformada un aspecto más acabado, los arquitectos han sugerido que encontramos obras de arte para colgar en la pared sobre la pila bautismal. Nuestra artesanos y quilters grupo de la parroquia han puesto de acuerdo para hacer un tapiz, pero necesitan un diseño. El tapiz mediría 6 'de alto por 3' 8 " de ancho y mostraría la figura de una paloma, que descendía hacia la pila bautismal. El fondo de la cortina podría mostrar los rayos de luz, las nubes en la parte superior. El diseño general sería algo abstracta, no muy realista, debido a la naturaleza de la ejecución del tapiz. Si usted tiene algún talento artístico, la posibilidad de presentar un diseño para nuestros artesanos y quilters para convertirse en una hermosa obra de arte. Convierta sus diseños a la oficina parroquial. Nuestra renovación es un trabajo en progreso.

Fr. Mike



Educación Religiosa

¡Feliz Día de Acción de Gracias! No tenemos clases el día Martes, 25 de Noviembre. Nos vemos de nuevo el día 1ro de Diciembre. Tome nota que los niños que van a recibir los Sacramentos este año ya deben haber entregado sus tareas de Primera Reconciliación de 1 al 4. El día 17 de Noviembre, la quinta tarea ha sido entregada. Por favor recuerde que se requiere que los padres guíen a los niños en su aprendizaje.



Arbol del Angel de Navidad del Círculo de San Benedicto

El Círculo de San Benedicto patrocina una vez mas el Arbol del Angel de Navidad, beneficiando a familias necesitadas de Holy Cross. Su apoyo generoso del año pasado proporcionó alimentos y regalos para más de 100 adultos y niños. Por favor recoja una etiqueta de regalo del árbol en el narthex y regreselo con su donación a más tardar el 7 de diciembre. Puede hacer su donación en efectivo ó en forma de cheque personal. Cheques a nombre de Holy Cross e indicar "Angel Tree" en la sección de memo. También puede comprar tarjetas de regalo para Target, Wal-Mart, Hy-Vee y Price Chopper a través de SCRIP, lo cual no solo ayuda a una familia, pero ayuda a la parroquia también. Donaciones deben ser recibidas para el 7 de diciembre. Si tiene alguna pregunta, por favor comuníquese con la oficina durante el horario de español.



Liturgia de la Palabra de los Niños

La Liturgia de la Palabra para Niños ofrece a niños de grados K-4° la oportunidad de escuchar la Liturgia de la Palabra en su propio nivel de entendimiento. Los niños son despedidos al principio de la Liturgia de la Palabra y regresan al momento de la ofrenda. ¡Nos gustaría regresar este programa a las misas de 9:00am, 11:00am y 1:00pm, **pero necesitamos de la ayuda de voluntarios adultos!** También necesitamos voluntarios jóvenes (grado 7° en adelante) para ayudar durante ese tiempo. Para ser voluntario o para más información, comuníquese con Bridget Turello 381-2757, ext 140 o bturello@holycrossopks.org.