

# 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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se encuentra en la página 7.

## PARISH STAFF

Stewardship & Development Director: Robert Bacic  
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Confirmation Coordinator: Sandy Schluter

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Director: Sandy Schluter

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7917 W 95th St. 66212  
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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.)

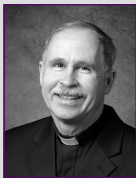
Contact the office to confirm times and to register.

**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,



Some have asked me why our new baptismal font is in the shape of a tomb. There is a simple explanation. It is meant to reflect the tomb of Christ. After all, the sacrament of Baptism immerses us into the death and resurrection of Christ. St. Paul, in Romans 6:3, 4, refers to that connection. “Are you unaware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were indeed buried with him through baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in newness of life.” The inscription on the lid of the baptismal font shares in that sentiment: “Buried with Christ, we rise to new life.”

Fr. Mike

*Stewardship Reflection*      *November 29, 2015*

*Jesus said: “Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down... with the worries of this life.... Be alert at all times.”* Luke 21: 34, 36.

The message of Advent is clear: Be ready, the Lord is coming. In our daily lives, this might encourage us to be alert to persons and situations in need. The Thanksgiving we’ve just celebrated reminds us how wonderfully we’ve been blessed and how generous we need to be.

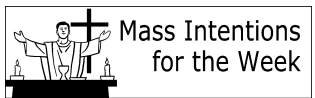
**Financial Update**

	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
<b>Construction Loan</b> —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.”



Mass Intentions  
for the Week

**Monday**

9:00 a.m. Allen Troyer

**Tuesday**

6:30 a.m. Bill Oothout

**Wednesday**

9:00 a.m. Jim Hadel

7:00 p.m. Sick of the Parish (Spanish)

**Thursday**

6:30 a.m. Jacky Hook

8:15 a.m. Unity Among Christians

**Friday**

9:00 a.m. Antonio del Carmen

**Saturday**

7:30 a.m. Peter Nguyen

5:00 p.m. Clare & Robert Drinane

7:00 p.m. Bill Root (Spanish)

**Sunday**

7:30 a.m. Bob Bray

9:00 a.m. Rose Dewey

11:00 a.m. Kassy DeGaetano

1:00 p.m. People of the Parish (Spanish)



**The Feast of the Immaculate Conception**  
**Tues, Dec 8**  
**Mass Schedule**

Mon, Dec 7: 6:00pm  
Tues, Dec 8: 6:30am, 9:00am and 7:00pm (Spanish)

**READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:**

**Second Sunday of Advent**

Baruch 5:1-9

Philippians 1:4-6 , 8-11

Luke 3:1-6



**Please Pray for Those Asking for**

**Prayers:** Keith Adkins, Richard Campbell, Joyce Ferwalt, Mary Kate Garst, Tracey Grant, Anna Manning, Don Tillett, and George Vogel.



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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.

**Grateful Hearts, Merciful Acts**

As we gather with family, friends, and loved ones to celebrate thanksgiving, we are mindful of those in need of tenderness and compassion. Pope Francis reminds us that the "balm of mercy" is for everyone to share.

As part of the Year of Mercy, we will make a commitment as a parish community on the weekend of Dec 5/6. 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](http://www.archkck.org/mercy) to learn more.

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

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

**ADMIT ONE**

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](mailto: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](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**



**Religious Education Information**



**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.

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.



**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!



**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](mailto:bturello@holycrossopks.org)



**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](mailto:ruthkuse@gmail.com)



**The Sunshine Club** is happy to announce a **FREE** Breakfast Meeting to all who are over 55 years young! It will be held **Sun, Dec 6** after the 7:30 am mass in Lickteig Hall.

**Sign ups for the Christmas Party** at the Ritz Charles on Dec 13 will be taken then. This is your **ONLY** opportunity to sign up!

For questions, call Karen Simecka at 424-9587.



**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.

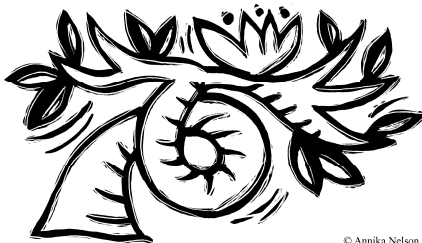


**National  
Interfaith  
Hospitality  
Network**

**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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**Reconciliation** © J.S. Parish Co., Inc. **Communal Reconciliation Services**

**Monday, Dec 14 at 7:00**

**pm** will be our parish communal reconciliation service. There will be 8 priests available to hear confessions. If you are not able to attend on Monday, the schedule for the area is as follows:

Sun, Dec. 13, 3:00pm Cure of Ars  
7:30pm St. Paul, Good Shepherd

**Mon, Dec.14, 7:00pm Holy Cross**

Tues, Dec. 15, 7:00pm St. Agnes, St. Joseph,  
Queen of the Holy Rosary,  
Prince of Peace

Thurs, Dec 17, 7:00pm Ascension, St. Pius X,  
Sacred Heart- Shawnee

Sun, Dec 20, 3:00 pm St. Ann  
7:30 pm Nativity



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.

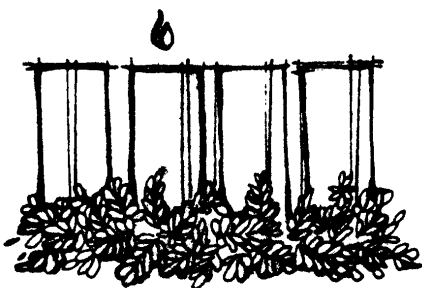
Check out this and the many other CDs and books in the Lighthouse kiosk in the narthex. Questions? Call Brenda Scruggs 302-8430.

**“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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**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.**

# 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,

Algunos me han preguntado por qué nuestra nueva pila bautismal está en la forma de una tumba. Hay una explicación simple. Tiene el propósito de reflejar la tumba de Cristo. Después de todo, el sacramento del bautismo nos sumerge en la muerte y resurrección de Cristo. St. Paul, en Romanos 6: 3, 4, se refiere a esa conexión. "¿Está usted al tanto de que nosotros, los que hemos sido bautizados en Cristo Jesús, fuimos bautizados en su muerte? Fuimos sepultados con él por el bautismo en la muerte, para que, así como Cristo fue resucitado de entre los muertos por la gloria del Padre, así también nosotros vivamos una vida nueva ". La inscripción en la tapa de las acciones de la fuente bautismal en ese sentimiento: "Sepultados con Cristo, nos levantamos a una nueva vida."

Fr. Mike



## La Fiesta de la Inmaculada Concepción

martes, 8 de diciembre  
Misa en español a las 7:00pm



**Rito**

**Penitencial**

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### Servicios Comunes de Reconciliación

El **lunes, 14 de diciembre a las 7:00 pm** será nuestro servicio de la reconciliación comunitaria de la parroquia. Habrá padres bilingües disponibles para confesar.

El calendario de nuestra área para este servicio en español es el siguiente:

domingo, 13 de diciembre: 7:30pm St. Paul (Olathe) y Buen Pastor (Shawnee)

lunes, 14 de diciembre: 7:00pm en Holy Cross



**Flores de Navidad para el Altar:** Todos los años decoramos nuestro altar con bellas flores navideñas, donadas por nuestros feligreses, en memoria de nuestros queridos fieles difuntos. Con un donativo de \$15/por cada uno, usted también puede recordar a sus seres queridos. Llaman a la oficina de la iglesia, 381-2755 o pase, durante las horas de español.



¿Quieres mejorar tu inglés? Donnelly College ofrece clases en la mañana y en la tarde. Encontrarás profesores dedicados a ayudarte para que tengas éxito. También, puedes estudiar en programa de Community ESL que repasa los niveles más bajos, o inglés English for Academic Purposes para los niveles más avanzados. Para las clases de Community ESL, no se requiere el diploma de la secundaria o GED. Vístanos y aplica: Donnelly College, 608 N 18th St, Kansas City, KS 6610. ¿Preguntas? Jorge Holguín 913-621-8713. ¡No esperes – los cursos comenzarán el 19 de enero!



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### Novena de la Virgen de Guadalupe

Empezará el próximo 3 de Dic. hasta el día 10 de Dic., 7 pm., en la iglesia. En caso de alguna excepción, nos reuniremos en los salones 5A-B, en el sotano de la iglesia. El día viernes 11 de Dic., la Novena será a las 10:30pm en la iglesia, seguida por la Misa.

### 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.



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### 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](mailto:bturello@holycrossopks.org).



### Arbol del Angel de Navidad del Círculo de San Benedicto

El Círculo de San Benedicto patrocina una vez más 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 regrese 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.