

# 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

El boletín *Encuentro* en español  
se encuentra en la página 7.

## PARISH STAFF

Stewardship & Development Director: Robert Bacic  
Music Director: JoAnna Rubino  
Parish Manager: Jon Oakes  
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  
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Rebeca Richmond, 671-8722

## Parish Center Manager

Michael Long, 219-3382

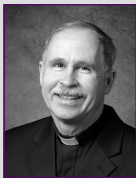
## MASSES:

**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,



In the book of Genesis, there is a story about Abraham and Sarah who were visited by three mysterious strangers in the middle of the desert. The visitors turned out to be heavenly beings, apparently angels. Later Christian tradition interpreted them to be the three persons of the Holy Trinity. In any event, Abraham and Sarah entertained them with lavish hospitality.

In the niche in the narthex where we keep the guest book, there is a space which would be the perfect location for the reproduction of the icon depicting the three visitors to Abraham and Sarah. It would be keeping with the theme of hospitality. The icon would cost \$150. Is there anyone interested in donating it?

Fr. Mike



Mass Intentions for the Week

<b>Monday</b>	9:00 a.m. Thuy Pham
	6:00 p.m. Gene Stevenson
<b>Tuesday</b>	6:30 a.m. Mr. Vincent Anh Duong
	9:00 a.m. Spec Int– Moira Abbott & Family (All School)
	7:00 p.m. Special Intention (Spanish)
<b>Wednesday</b>	9:00 a.m. Jorge Bulla
	7:00 p.m. World Hunger (Spanish)
<b>Thursday</b>	6:30 a.m. Spec Int—Mariam
<b>Friday</b>	9:00 a.m. Jean Davis
	11:00 p.m. In Thanksgiving (Spanish)
<b>Saturday</b>	7:30 a.m. Dec Members–Mumma/Little Families
	5:00 p.m. Pat Bins
	7:00 p.m. Richard Walter (Spanish)
<b>Sunday</b>	7:30 a.m. Evelyn M. Rothenberger
	9:00 a.m. Spec Int– Al Hoedl
	11:00 a.m. Nenita Labayen
	1:00 p.m. People of the Parish (Spanish)



**READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:**

**Third Sunday of Advent**

Zephaniah 3:14-18a; Philippians 4:4-7

Luke 3:10-18

*Stewardship Reflection*

*December 6, 2015*

*“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.’” Luke 3:4*

Although none of us may be as significant as John the Baptist, we too are called to prepare the way of the Lord. Advent reminds us that the Lord is continually coming into our world, and we are continually called to make his paths straight. Our actions of care, compassion, love and stewardship are the actions we can take to prepare the Lord’s way.

**Financial Update**

	Nov 29	Fiscal YTD
Weekly Offering Needed	\$26,020	\$575,840
Weekly Offering Received	19,094	535,807
Over/(Under)	(6,927)	(40,033)

Special Donations	3,157	19,959
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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.”

**Please Pray for Those Asking for Prayers:** Richard Campbell, Mary Kate Garst, Tracey Grant, Anna Manning, Don Tillet, George Vogel, Cindy White and Margaret Wortman.



***REST IN PEACE***

Prayers are requested for **Gene Stevenson**, of Holy Cross, **Helen Kobe** of Holy Cross, **Keith Adkins**, brother of Susan Ott, **Harold Cagle**, father of Cheryl Bergwell, and **Ruth Nielsen**, mother of Joe Nielsen.



**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)



**Bunko Party:** All women of Holy Cross are invited to join us in a fun evening, **Mon, Dec 14 at 7:00pm** in the church hall for Bunko, refreshments and prizes. Please RSVP to Kathleen Dickinson 642-1171 or Joann 642-5966 so that we know how many tables to set up. There will be a \$3.00 charge at the door.



**Celebration for Our Lady of Guadalupe**  
**Friday, December 11<sup>th</sup>**

The Hispanic Community invites everyone to join us for various activities **beginning at 7pm on Fri, Dec 11** to celebrate our Lady of Guadalupe as well as a representation of **her appearance at Tepeyac at 8pm**. Rosary begins at 10:30pm in the church, followed by **Mass in her honor at 11pm** and a serenade "las mañanitas". We will gather in the church hall for hot chocolate and "pan dulce" sweet bread after the celebration. All are invited to attend and take part in our tribute to Our Lady of Guadalupe.



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**  
 IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

**They are Back!!!! The Knights of Columbus Family Breakfast has return!**

Join us **Sun, Dec 13** after the 7:30, 9:00 and 11:00 am Masses for a delicious breakfast! Recommended donation is \$6 for adults and \$3 for children under 12.



**St. Helen's Circle Meeting and Christmas Party** will be **Tues, Dec 8** at the home of Thais Fahy, 11050 W 96th Place at **6:30 pm**. Bring an appetizer, \$10 gift exchange and items for Safe Home. For more info call 913-341-1184. New members welcome!



**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.



**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

**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:  
 Church of the Holy Cross  
 8311 W 93rd St.  
 Overland Park, KS 66212



**SCHOOL NEWS**



**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!



**Save the Date**—Women of Holy Cross will have a Spaghetti Dinner, **Sat, Jan 30** from 4:30-7:30 pm in the church hall. More details to come!



**Retirement Fund for Religious**

Please give to those who have given a lifetime.

Support elderly religious. A parishioner writes, "As a Catholic school student from grades K–12, I was formed to be the person I am by many religious brothers and sisters, and I am forever grateful." Show

your appreciation for the senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who made a positive difference in so many lives. Please give generously to next week's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious.



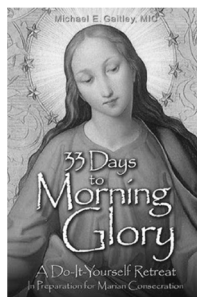
Each year the altar is beautifully decorated with **flowers** donated by parishioners in memory of their deceased loved ones. We invite you to **donate \$15 for flowers** for the

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.**



**Religious Education Information**

**Tuesday, December 8<sup>th</sup>** the Afternoon Religious Education families will celebrate Mass for The Feast of the Immaculate Conception. You are welcome to join us at **4:30 pm**. Parents should stay in the church and children should come to the church hall for a brief meeting. Let's all celebrate this Holy Day of Obligation together!



**All participants of 33 Days to Morning Glory Consecration to Jesus through Mary**

You are invited to receive a blessing after the **6pm Mass on Monday, Dec. 7**. This is open to any who has consecrated or re-consecrated. Please bring your prayer of Consecration to recite together before the blessing. If you have a Miraculous Medal or other Marian article you would like to have blessed, bring that as well.



**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)

**Year of Mercy: Commitment Weekend**

Beginning this weekend, we answer Pope Francis's call to give a stronger witness to our faith and a clear reflection of the actions of God in our lives. Please fill out the commitment form provided. Keep a copy for yourself and place a copy in the collection basket. These will be kept in our church as a silent reminder of our willingness to make a sacrifice for others who are depending on us. Please take one of the Year of Mercy prayer cards and keep it with you to Learn, Look and Live a life of mercy. As we begin our commitment this year, let us remember, in the words of Pope Francis, mercy "is the fundamental law that dwells in the heart of every person who looks sincerely into the eyes of his brothers and sisters on the path of life."

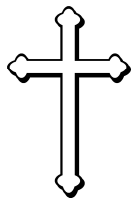
Please visit [www.archkck.org/mercy](http://www.archkck.org/mercy) to learn more.

**Volunteers Needed for Shalom House**, a 25 bed transitional shelter for men located at 13<sup>th</sup> and Parallel in Kansas City, Kansas is an outreach ministry for Church of the Holy Cross. Two times each month, on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday and the 30<sup>th</sup>, we prepare a meal and serve it at the shelter. Those serving eat with and interact with the men. The numbers of parishioners involved in this ministry has diminished. For this ministry to continue we need cooks to purchase and prepare food in their home and bring to the church by 5pm on the designated day( recipes provided). We need servers to go to the shelter and eat with the men. We carpool from the church at 5pm on the day we serve. If you can assist with this work of mercy please contact Ruth Kuse at 913 963-3700 or Jackie Tigges at 816 550-2340.

**Immaculate Conception**



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**Quo Vadis Discernment Retreat** for men ages 18-35 yrs will be held on **Dec 19-21** at Savior Pastoral Center. This weekend will include Msgr. Stuart Swetland speaking about Jesus-Priest, Prophet and King, time to visit with seminarians and Archbishop Naumann, prayer and social time. Go to [kckvocations.com](http://kckvocations.com) or email [vocation@archkck.org](mailto:vocation@archkck.org) to register. Register by noon Dec 14 and attend the retreat and be eligible to win a gift card.



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.





**La Fiesta de la Inmaculada Concepción**

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



**Rito**

**Penitencial**

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**Servicios Comunales 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 area 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. Llamen a la oficina de la iglesia, 381-2755 o pase, durante las horas de español.



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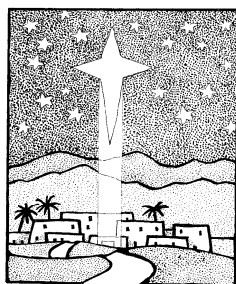
**Novena de la Virgen de Guadalupe**

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.



**DONNELLY COLLEGE**  
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¿Quieres mejorar tu inglés? Donnelly College ofrece clases en la mañana y en la tarde. Encontraras 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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**Misa de Gallo en Nochebuena (jueves, 24 de diciembre)**

Esté presente con Jesús en su nacimiento, ¿qué mejor manera de mostrarle nuestro amor? Este año el Padre Saiki celebrará la Misa de Gallo en Nochebuena aquí en

Holy Cross para nuestra comunidad hispana a las 1100pm. Le invitamos a que nos acompañe. ¡Hagamos un sacrificio por Él que dio su vida por nosotros!

Misas de Nochebuena en español en JOCO:  
12:15pm Buen Pastor (Shawnee)  
12:30pm St. Paul (Olathe)

**Celebramos las Posadas Navideñas en Holy Cross**

Las Posadas



La Comunidad Hispana les invita el sabado, 19 de diciembre, después de la misa de 7:00 pm. Seguimos necesitando donaciones para el evento. Si puede apoyar, favor de comunicarse con

Nallely Romero 913-484-6872.