

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: 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@holycrosscatholicsschool.com
Principal: Allison Carney
Secretaries: Anita Lemmon & Martha Beisser

Early Education Center: 381-7151

7917 W 95th St. 66212
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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.)

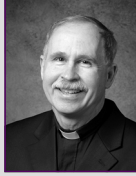
Contact the office to confirm times and to register.

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

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: M, T, Th. 8:30 to 3:00 p.m.; Wed 8:30am-7:30 pm; Fri., 8:30 a.m. -noon

PREGNANT? NEED HELP? All calls confidential. Gabriel Project, 913-602-0306

Dear Parishioners,



As we begin this Jubilee year of Mercy, I think it is appropriate to point out some changes that were made to our Reconciliation rooms as part of the renovation. One door was removed, to be turned into a window, which brings more natural light into the room. A sconce is hanging near the door. When a priest is present for the sacrament, the candle in the sconce should be lit. The window in the door allows you to see if there is already a penitent inside the Reconciliation room. When you leave the Reconciliation room, leave the door open, to indicate to others that the room is not occupied by a penitent. Above, consider coming to the Reconciliation room once in a while. This sacrament enables us to experience God's mercy.

Fr. Mike

Stewardship Reflection December 20, 2015

And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit.

Luke 1:41

The Holy Spirit is just as active today as in Elizabeth's time! Like Mary's cousin, we too are often filled with this spirit of generosity, excitement, hopefulness and care for others.

Financial Update

	Dec 13	Fiscal YTD
Weekly Offering Needed	\$26,020	\$627,880
Weekly Offering Received	43,899	608,945
Over/(Under)	17,879	(18,965)
Special Donations	1,466	22,901

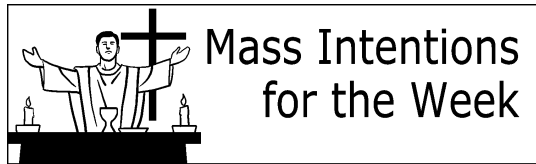
Restricted Assets as of Sept 30

Parish Endowment-Restricted	\$79,413
School Endowment-Restricted	\$35,160
Capital Campaign-Restricted	\$27,517

Long Term Liabilities as of Sept 30

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."



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Monday

9:00 a.m. Donald J. Stohr

Tuesday

6:30 a.m. David Volz

Wednesday

9:00 a.m. Mary Ann Bockelman
7:00 p.m. All Clergy and Religious (Spanish)

Thursday

4:30 p.m. Mike Peterson (upstairs)
4:30 p.m. Tony Smigin (downstairs)
8:00 p.m. John & Mary McCraner
9:30 p.m. Joanne Girard
11:00 p.m. People of the Parish (Spanish)

Friday

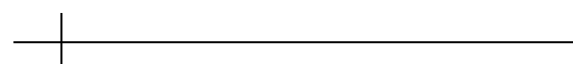
10:00 a.m. Bunny Goetz Ingalls


Saturday

7:30 a.m. Spec Int-Alyssa Witzgall
5:00 p.m. Tony Rinella
7:00 p.m. People of the Parish (Spanish)


Sunday

7:30 a.m. Jim Highland
9:00 a.m. Spec Int-Mother Teresa Circle
11:00 a.m. Gary Matousek
1:00 p.m. Helen Kobe (Spanish)





Please Pray for Those Asking for Prayers: Tracey Grant, Jim Haas, Roberto Melgar, Floreine Sanderson, Don Tillett, George Vogel, Cindy White and Margaret Wortman.



READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:
The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14; Colossians 3:12-21
Luke 2:41-52



Dec 24, Christmas Eve:
 4:30 pm (church & basement)
 8:00 pm
 9:30 pm

Dec 25, Christmas Day
 10:00 am

Come early! Get a good seat and enjoy 20 minutes of music before each Mass.



Looking for a way to volunteer at Church?

We have two volunteer opportunities for you!

1. The hedge apples have fallen and they need to be picked up! If you could spare an hour or so to pick them up and move them to the compost pile, we would appreciate it!
2. The Breaking Bread books and Ritual Song books need to be organized in the pews and counted. If you have an hour or so, we could sure use your help!

To volunteer for one or both of these opportunities, contact Jon Oakes 381-2755 .



The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, Fri, Jan 1 Mass Schedule

Thurs, Dec 31: 6:00pm
 Fri, Jan 1: 10:00 am and 1:00pm(Spanish)



Please give to those who have given a lifetime.

Religious give thanks. "We cannot begin to repay all who contribute," writes a Catholic sister. "So we pray to God, who is never outdone in generosity, to reward you." Heartfelt thanks for your donation to last week's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious. May God bless you for your goodness!



Volunteers Needed: Please consider joining Hospital Ministry. This ministry takes very little time, about 2 hours a month, and we have several times available that will work with your schedule. Pope Francis has called for a "Year of Mercy" and this is an excellent way to practice both Corporal and Spiritual works of mercy. For more info or to volunteer, please call Vicki Bronson (913) 291-2345 or (913)484-9593 or email at vbronson3@gmail.com.



Sunshine Club Members

Welcome the New Year with our first breakfast meeting of 2016! Our meeting will be Sun, Jan 3 after the 7:30 am Mass. Hope to see you all there!



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!

Welcome to Our New Parishioners ...

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Welcome to Holy Cross

Raymundo & Rachel Nervarez and family
 Minh & Trang Pham and family
 Rose Alfani Kasimbira and family

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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SCHOOL NEWS



Be a Hornet! Are you interested in an excellent Catholic education for your children? Holy Cross Catholic School is the place for you. Please contact Allison Carney, Principal at 913-381-7408 to schedule a tour. **Enrollment for the 2016-2017 school year opens on January 6th.** Tuition assistance is available for parish families. Watch the bulletin for enrollment directions.



BSA Troop 251 Christmas Tree Recycling

Troop 251 will pick your Christmas tree up and take it to be recycled on **Sun, Dec 27 from noon-4pm** and **Sat, Jan 2 from 9-noon.** To schedule a pick up call Tom Skelton at 424-3050 or email troop251opks@gmail.com. **Please consider a minimum donation of \$10 per tree.** All donations help send the scouts to summer camp. If you don't have a tree to recycle, but would like to donate, please send donations to Troop 251 c/o Holy Cross Catholic Church 8311 93rd St, Overland Park, KS 66212



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



Religious Education Information

No classes Tue Dec 22 and 29. We return on Tues, Jan 5! Please be sure to turn in your gift for the Celebration baskets. We wish you much happiness as you and your family celebrate this Christmas season.



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Celebration: Our Parish's Largest Fundraiser



Celebration 2016 Tickets Celebration is Jan 23, 2016

Celebration tickets are now on sale! Tickets cost \$50 a person. 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.

Silent Auction is part of the event with various rooms setup with different themes (Ladies, Men, Kids, Sporting Goods, Religious items, Home and Garden etc). To support the "Silent Auction we will have the Gift Giving Tree in the Narthex . Please take a tag from the Giving Tree and bring your unwrapped donation to the church or school. The Giving Tree is meant to give ideas, but feel free to solicit a service or donation from a business of your choice. Check the church community board for additional ideas. Tax deduction donation forms are available at church and school. Questions? Please contact Linda Arensberg at 913-558-6541 or lindaarensberg@gmail.com.

Marriage Minute
4th Sunday of Advent

In this week's Gospel, we hear the familiar story of Mary's visit to her cousin, Elizabeth. After receiving the good news from the Archangel Gabriel and embarking on the unknown and adventurous road of motherhood, Mary wasted no time in going to comfort her cousin, Elizabeth. With the new presence of the Lord of the universe within her, Mary went to be an instrument of joy and comfort to her extended family.

This is a great lesson for married couples, especially in this season of family gatherings. We have the presence of the Lord of the universe in our Marriages. We can draw from the grace available to us to go "in haste" to our family gatherings with the mindset of "How can we bring joy to this gathering?" It is the path to deeper happiness in our marriages when we decide to be instruments of joy and comfort to those around us.

Before you go to your first Christmas gathering, get together with your spouse to ask for the grace to intentionally be an instrument of joy through your marriage!



The Grief Journey, a young adult grief support ministry. The next group begins on **Monday, Jan 4 @ Holy Spirit** parish in Overland Park. This new ministry will consist of 6 weeks covering the topic the "4 Stages of Grief." The group is designed for young adults (ages 18-40) that have lost a loved one. If you are interested in being a part of one of the groups, know someone that could benefit from this ministry or would like to help in facilitating them, you can contact Marcus Kain at marcusk16@hotmail.com or 913-634-7870 for additional information.



Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas provides many services which include the Kansas Kids Summer Food Program, Adoption Services, Mobile Resource Bus, Hospice, and emergency assistance.

Because of the time, talent and treasure of volunteers and supporters, Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas is able to help more than 63,302 people each year.

Thank you for considering volunteering and contributing to the Catholic Charities Christmas collection.



Advice & Aid Pregnancy Centers, Inc. is in need of volunteers, including bilingual volunteers, and will be offering a Volunteer Informational Meeting on **Monday, January 11, 2016 (7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.)**. The meeting will be held at 11644 West 75th Street, Shawnee, KS. For more information on volunteering in this ministry or to RSVP, please contact Mary Newcomer at 913-962-0200 or

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 : The **4th Annual One Thing Remains** youth & :
 : family event is coming up **Dec. 30 at Blessed** :
 : **Sacrament**. This year's performer is Fr. :
 : Pontifex who uses spoken word, rap, and music :
 : to share the Gospel. Starts at 6:30pm music and :
 : adoration with Archbishop Joseph Naumann :
 : begins in Blessed Sacrament Church. A post- :
 : adoration celebration with music, art, and food :
 : will conclude the night in the ReachKCK Youth :
 : Space across the parking lot! Don't miss this :
 : Archdiocesan-wide event! Address: 2203 :
 : Parallel Ave. Kansas City, KS 66104 :
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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: Llaman 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.

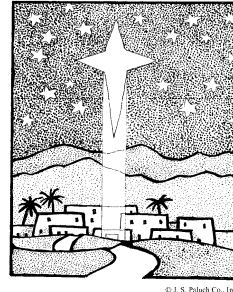
PLÁTICA: Padres y padrinos tomarán una clase de preparación, el 1er sábado del mes, 9:30 a.m. Favor de **NO** traer niños. **Deben anotarse con anticipación para plática y bautizo**, llamando a la oficina de la iglesia, durante el horario en español, **381-2755**,

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,

Al comenzar este año jubilar de la Misericordia, creo que es conveniente señalar algunos cambios que se hicieron a nuestras habitaciones reconciliación como parte de la renovación. Una puerta se eliminó, para ser convertido en una ventana, que trae más luz natural en la habitación. Una lámpara de pared está colgado cerca de la puerta. Cuando un sacerdote está presente para el sacramento, la vela en el candelabro debe estar encendido La ventana de la puerta le permite ver si ya hay un penitente dentro de la habitación Reconciliación. Al salir de la sala de la Reconciliación, dejar la puerta abierta, para indicar a los demás que la habitación no está ocupada por un penitente. Por encima, tenga en cuenta que viene a la sala de Reconciliación de vez en cuando. Este sacramento nos permite experimentar la misericordia de Dios.

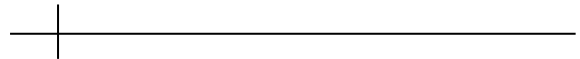
Fr. Mike



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:
12:15 am Buen Pastor (Shawnee)
12:30 am St. Paul (Olathe)



Educación Religiosa

No habrá clases los martes, 22 y 29 de diciembre. Regresamos el 5 de enero. Por favor, asegúrese de entregar su regalo para las cestas de Celebración. Le deseamos mucha felicidad mientras usted y su familia celebran la temporada de Navidad.

Retiro Juvenil/Familiar "Una Cosa Permanece"

El 4º evento "juvenil/familiar" anual llega el 30 de diciembre. Predicará el Padre Pontifex, quien utiliza la palabra hablada, rap y música para compartir el Evangelio. Comienza a las 6:30pm con música y adoración junto con el Arzobispo Joseph Naumann en la Iglesia. La segunda parte con música, arte y comida en el Espacio Joven del ReachKC. ¡No te pierdas este súper evento de la Arquidiócesis! Iglesia del Santísimo Sacramento