

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@holycrosscatholicschool.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.

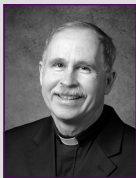
MARRIAGES: Six months notice required. Call the office for information.

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,

During this Christmas season, I wish to extend to you my best wishes for you, now and throughout the New Year. This past year, our parish has seen some significant changes. I hope and pray that we will continue to see growth in our relationship with God and one another. May deeper faith, hope and love make us stronger as a community.



Fr. Mike

Stewardship Reflection *December 27, 2015*

When his parents saw Jesus (in the temple) they were astonished, and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety." Luke 2:48

Christmastime reminds us that one of the greatest stewardship activity is to be good parents. The love of parents for their children is a constant reminder of the love of God for us.

Financial Update

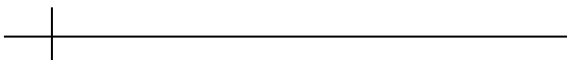
	Dec 13	Fiscal YTD
Weekly Offering Needed	\$26,020	\$627,880
Weekly Offering Received	43,899	608,945
Over/(Under)	17,879	(18,965)

Special Donations	1,466	22,901
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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. Ruon Nguyen

Tuesday

6:30 a.m. Kevin Haeusser

Wednesday

9:00 a.m. Buoi Mai

7:00 p.m. World Hunger (Spanish)

Thursday

6:30 a.m. Gene Stevenson

6:00 p.m. Spec Int– Scarlett Diesel

Friday

10:00 a.m. Marie Britt

1:00 p.m. In Thanksgiving (Spanish)

Saturday

7:30 a.m. Barbara Marshall

5:00 p.m. Mary Ellen Alfino

7:00 p.m. Helen Kobe (Spanish)

Sunday

7:30 a.m. Maria Nguyen Thi Sam

9:00 a.m. Joe Edmonds, Sr.

11:00 a.m. Robin Cochran

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



Please Pray for Those Asking for

Prayers: Tracey Grant, Jim Haas, Roseann T. Hoedl, Bill Lodge, Roberto Melgar, Floreine Sanderson, Don Tillett, George Vogel, Cindy

White and Margaret Wortman.



READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

The Epiphany of the Lord

Isaiah 60:1-6 ; Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

Matthew 2:1-12



**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)



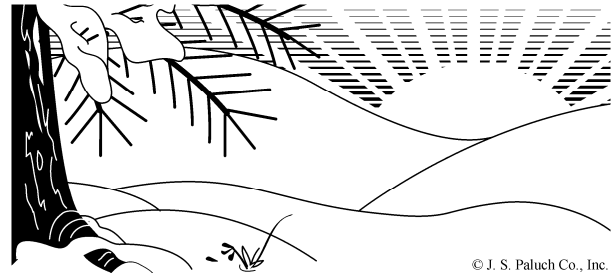
Sunshine Club Members

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!



**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



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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!



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 ybronson3@gmail.com.



**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 .

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.

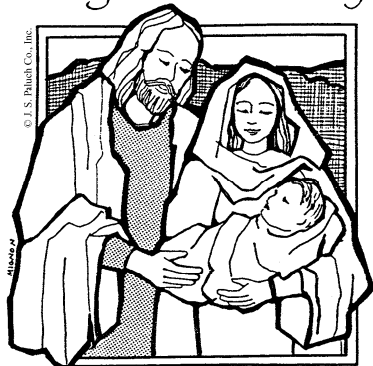


See it. Clip it. Earn!

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!

The child grew to maturity



and was filled with wisdom



Religious Education Information

No classes Tue Dec 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.

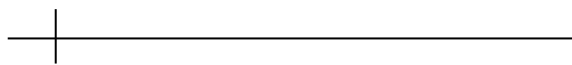
Marriage Minute

Dec 27, Feast of Holy Family

In this week's Gospel, we are brought into that curious scene of Jesus being lost in the Temple. In reality, Jesus is God; therefore, he cannot be lost. However, he was lost to Mary and Joseph from their perspective.

If Mary and Joseph can lose Jesus, should we be surprised if we find ourselves searching for God's presence in our marriage? Even the most sincerely seeking married couple can lose the sense of God at times, but we should be filled with hope and trust that if we seek to rediscover Christ as Mary and Joseph did, that we will find him again.

Our mission as married couples is revealed through this passage. First, we should seek to never lose sight of Christ. Second, we should ardently search for him if we do lose him. Third, in the same way Mary and Joseph searched for Jesus as soon as they realized he was absent from the community, we can urgently seek after those who may be absent from our local Church community. In this upcoming year of mercy, consider inviting someone who has fallen away from the community to return to the journey!



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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Volunteers Needed for Shalom House, a 25 bed transitional shelter for men located at 13th and Parallel in Kansas City, Kansas is an outreach ministry for Church of the Holy Cross. Two times each month, on the 3rd Monday and the 30th, 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.

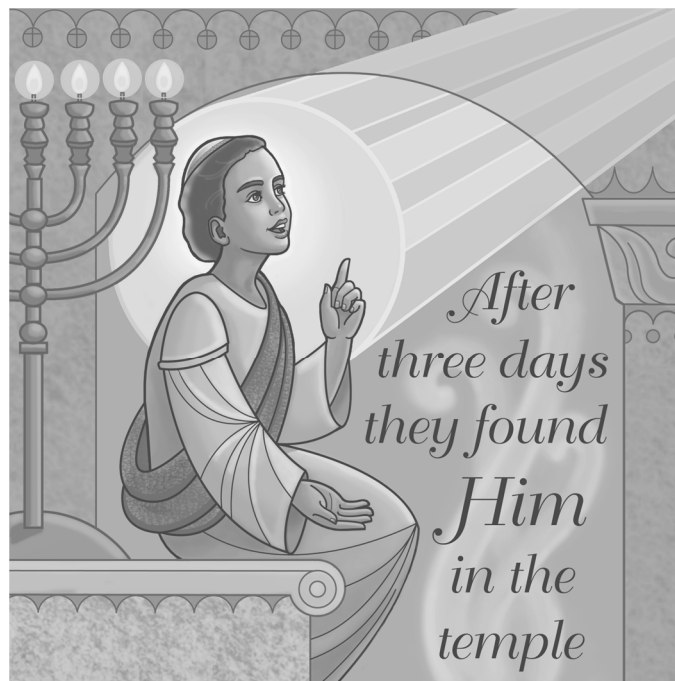


The Gabriel Project provides spiritual, emotional, & material help for any woman facing difficulty in her pregnancy. Please call **913/602-0306**. If you would like more information on how to get involved with The Gabriel Project please contact **volunteer@gabrielproject.com**. **Hurting from abortion??** If you have had an abortion & are still grieving, Project Rachael can help, call 913/621-2199. **All calls are confidential.**

FAMILY LIFE

Family life is sacred, but it is not without trial. Perhaps this is the most important message we can glean from today's readings. If Jesus, Mary, and Joseph can trip up sometimes--can disconnect--then we shouldn't find it surprising when such things happen to us as well. And parents everywhere (children, too) can probably relate to--and take some solace in--the Gospel's account of Mary and Joseph after Jesus explained why he stayed behind in the temple. They heard his words, Luke tells us, "But they did not understand what he said to them" (Luke 2:50). Amen! Nevertheless, Jesus does go back home with them, and continues to thrive under their care.

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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,

Durante esta temporada de Navidad, deseo expresarle mis mejores deseos para ti, ahora y durante todo el Año Nuevo. El año pasado, nuestra parroquia ha visto algunos cambios significativos. Espero y rezo para que seguiremos viendo un crecimiento en nuestra relación con Dios y con los demás. Que profunda fe, la esperanza y el amor nos hace más fuertes como comunidad.

Fr. Mike



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Educación Religiosa

No habrá clases los martes, 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.



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

Fri, Jan 1- 1:00pm(Spanish)



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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