

Church of The Holy Cross

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Overland Park, Kansas 66212
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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
E-Mail: preschool@holycrosscatholicschool.com
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.

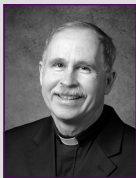
MARRIAGES: Six months notice required. Call the office for information.

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

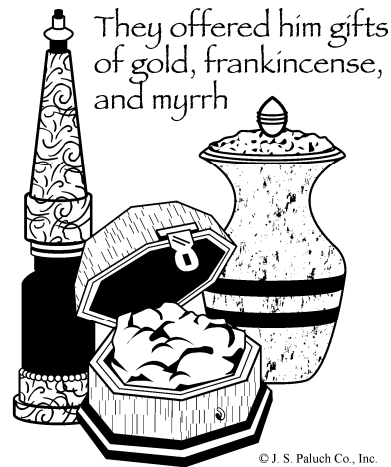
PREGNANT? NEED HELP? All calls confidential. Gabriel Project, 913-602-0306

Dear Parishioners,

As part of the Jubilee Year of Mercy, the Archdiocese is asking all parishes to either recommit to an existing partnership with another parish or organization, or to initiate a new relationship along those lines. By doing this, the Archdiocese wishes us to focus on Christ's missionary mandate to engage the culture with the joy of the Gospel. Our parish pastoral council will be discussing the direction that our parish will take. Our deadline for arriving at a decision is Easter Sunday.



Fr. Mike



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."



Monday

9:00 a.m. Robin Meyers Cochran

Tuesday

6:30 a.m. Spec Int—John Highland

Wednesday

9:00 a.m. Maria Pham

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

Thursday

6:30 a.m. Gene Stevenson

8:15 a.m. Spec Int- Staff at Holy Cross School

Friday

9:00 a.m. Rosa Pham

Saturday

7:30 a.m. Anna Nguyen Thi Dao

5:00 p.m. Patrick Bins

7:00 p.m. All Souls in Purgatory (Spanish)

Sunday

7:30 a.m. Jim Highland

9:00 a.m. People of the Parish

11:00 a.m. Special Intentions

1:00 p.m. Karen Carpenter (Spanish)



Please Pray for Those Asking for

Prayers: Jim Haas, Roseann T. Hoedl, Bill Lodge, Roberto Melgar, Floreine Sanderson, Don Tillett, George Vogel, and Margaret

Wortman.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

The Baptism of the Lord

Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7 ; Acts 10:34-38

Luke 3:15-16, 21-22



REST IN PEACE

Prayers are requested for **Lucinda White**, of Holy Cross.





**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.

New This Year

We have created a **SignUpGenius and Facebook page for Celebration this year!** The SignUpGenius is for anyone who can volunteer in any aspect of Celebration. We want everyone to be recognized for their hard work in the catalog this year. Even if you signed up to volunteer at sign up day or in the narthex, we need you to sign up again. This is just an easy way for us to export the list so it can be entered into the catalog. The link is below, so please take the time to sign up.

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f48adaa29a3f85-celebration>

If you have a Facebook account, please search "Celebration - Church of the Holy Cross" and "Like" the page. We will soon start posting updates about electronic bidding and pictures of items being auctioned off.



Looking for a way to volunteer at Church?

We have two volunteer opportunities for you!

1. We need some minor drywall patches done in the rectory. The estimated time for this job is 1 hour.
2. Are you an expert stamp collector? Do you know how to value a stamp collection? We need your help! We have been given a stamp collection that we would like to sell and we need someone who knows about stamps to help us.

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



Nursery Volunteers Needed:

With the renovation completed, we will be reopening the nursery for the 11:00 am Sunday Mass beginning in January 2016. We are in need of youth (13 yrs and up) and adults to help. Virtus training is needed for those 16 yrs and older. For additional information and to volunteer, contact Pat Sheldon 816-522-1801 or pat.sheldon@yahoo.com

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!




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Religious Education Information

Classes start Tues, Jan 5. Students preparing for First Reconciliation should have all worksheets turned in when they come back.

FIRST



First Reconciliation Service
will be on Tuesday, Jan 12
at 7:00 pm at the church.

RECONCILIATION



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.



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

Marriage Minute

Jan 3 Feast of Epiphany

Epiphany means, “Manifestation.” This feast commemorates how God revealed Himself as the King of all nations through the gift of His Son, Jesus Christ. The key word here is gift.

In the chaos of this season with parties, gatherings, travel, and gift wrapping, we can lose sight of the greatest gift that God has blessed our marriages with, our children. Children are the “supreme gift” of marriage (CCC 1652)

Pope Francis put it like this, “Motherhood and fatherhood are a gift of God, but to accept the gift, to be astonished by its beauty, and to make it shine in society, this is your task. Each of your children is a unique creature that will never be duplicated in the history of humanity. When one understands this, or that God wanted each one, we are astounded by how great a miracle a child is! A child changes your life! We have all seen – men, women – that when a child arrives, life changes. It is another thing. A son or daughter is a miracle that changes in life.” (Address to the Italian Association of large families, December 28, 2014)

This Epiphany, take a moment to give a gift of thanksgiving to Jesus, like the wise men, for the gift “manifested” to you through your children.

catholic charities

OF NORTHEAST KANSAS

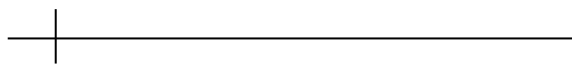
Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas provides many services which include the Kansas Kids Summer Food Program, Adoption Services, Mobile Resource Bus, Hospice, and emergency assistance.

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.



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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.

aa | **advice & aid**
pc | **pregnancy centers, inc.**

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

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:

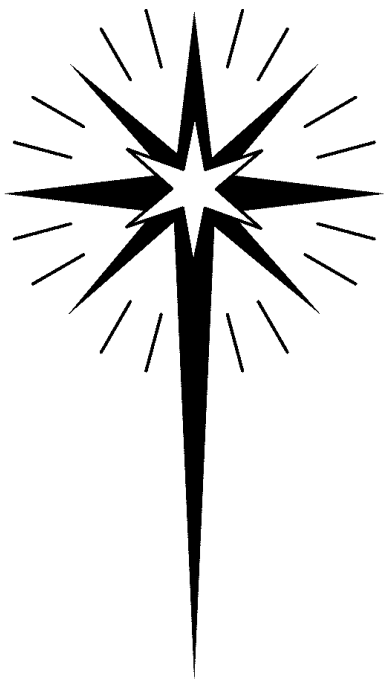
miércoles: 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. y domingos: 12:15 p.m. - 1p.m.

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)



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Queridos feligreses,

Como parte del Año Jubilar de la Misericordia, la Arquidiócesis está pidiendo a todas las parroquias ya sea volver a comprometerse una asociación existente con otra parroquia u organización, o para iniciar una nueva relación en ese sentido. Al hacer esto, la Arquidiócesis nos desea centrarse en el mandato misionero de Cristo a participar de la cultura con la alegría del Evangelio. Nuestro consejo pastoral parroquial a discutir la dirección que nuestra parroquia tomará. Nuestra fecha límite para llegar a una decisión es el Domingo de Pascua.

Fr. Mike



Educación Religiosa

Con entusiasmo renovado comencemos nuestras clases de Educación Religiosa del 2016 el día Martes 5 de Enero. Los estudiantes de segundo año deben estar listos para recibir su Primera Reconciliación. Todas sus tareas de casa deben haber sido entregadas. Por favor recuerde que la Primera Reconciliación se celebrará durante el Rito Comunal de Reconciliación para nuestro programa de Educación Religiosa K-6 y estudiantes de la Escuela Holy Cross el Martes, 12 de Enero de 2016.



Necesitamos muchos voluntarios para hacer un gran éxito de Celebración, nuestra recaudación de fondos mas grande de la parroquia. Regístrate hoy para ayudar. ¡Contactar a Claudia Bustos 913-381-2755 Ext. 116 ó cbustos@holycrossopks.org para ser voluntario!