



FROM FR. MARK:

I know that it's risky to pick out some favorite moments, but over the next few weeks I'll share a few of them:

Watching Fr. Tom and other Sunshine Club members dance to the tunes of the Priest Band at the Valentine's Day Party has been a highlight for me over the past few years. The Priest Band began at a sing-a-long for an ice cream social in Olpe back in 1994. We were then asked to play at the American Legion in Emporia and that was the first time people actually danced. But the band has really come into its own here at Holy Cross. At Holy Cross it has been great fun to perform for the Sunshine Club and at the Parish Festivals. I remember the first Parish Festival we sang at, back in 1998, the same day that Hurricane Frances or George dumped 7 inches of rain during the festival. I was amazed that no one batted an eye—the event went on, the bingo was played, the food was served and the cake walk continued. I thought to myself, "Now these are my kind of people!"

Another high point for me was the first year that we had the Easter Vigil as a bilingual liturgy, praying the Rites of Initiation of Adults for those who had prepared in English and in Spanish. I had a profound sense of the universality of the church, of how we are united in Christ in the midst of our diversity. As I baptized, confirmed and shared First Eucharist with the neophytes I knew that we had touched God's will.

You will notice that our contractor has begun the demolition of the hall. Let's keep the success of the renovation project in our prayers. We are preparing newsletter #10 to bring you up to date with all the goings on of *Our Family Our Future* renovation project.

Thanks to the many parishioners who have responded to my letter asking for an "end-of-the-fiscal-year gift." We are forecasting a shortfall of \$50,000 at fiscal year's end on June 30, 2010. If we spread this out over the 1000 households who give regularly it would take a gift of \$50 from each household to balance this year's budget numbers. I appeal to those of you who are able to give a gift of \$100 or more or any amount to help us finish the year in the black.

No regular Sunshine breakfast scheduled for July. SUNSHINE CLUB PICNIC this Sunday, June 27, 4-7pm in gymnasium at Holy Cross School. Members invite guests and bring covered dish, salad, or dessert. Call Lyette, 381-2188.

READINGS & FAITH SHARING QUESTIONS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, The 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time:

Isaiah 66: 10-14c; Galatians 6: 14-18; Luke 10: 1-12, 17-20.

Questions for Adults: When have you been aware of being an instrument of God's saving power?

For Children: How can you tell if a place is holy?

PERPETUAL ADORATION: This is the Blessed Sacrament! It may be said to contain all the splendor of the creation, incarnation, and redemption, the whole life of Jesus, and to present it all to the faithful as their daily nourishment of love, prayer, and contemplation. Open hours: Sun 4am, 9am, 5pm, Mon 2am, 3am, 1pm. Wed 3pm. Thurs 4am. Sat 8am, 5pm, 11pm. Call Lu 744-1921

STEWARDSHIP: You are just one person, but you are important to God and His work. Be faithful as you give of your time, talent, and treasure

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE:

	June 20, 2010	Fiscal YTD
Needed	\$28,800	\$1,450,800
Collected	34,570	1,414,762
Over/(Under)	5770	(36,038)
Special Donations	484	

SAYING FAREWELL TO FATHER MARK! Mark your calendars for the weekend of July 10-11th. There will be two opportunities to wish him well on his new assignment, and express the parish's appreciation for his 12 years of service to Holy Cross. The first opportunity is a reception on Saturday, July 10th, 6-8pm buffet and 8:15 program. There will also be a reception Sunday afternoon, hosted by Hispanic Ministry, from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. Parishioners can attend either event, and both receptions will be held in the Parish Activity Center Gym on the school campus. Watch for further details in coming weeks.

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

Please mark your calendar for our **ANNUAL PARISH FESTIVAL being held Sun., Sept.12.** Our day will begin with Mass, followed by plenty of food, fun, & fellowship. Enjoy live music, ethnic foods, bingo, games and inflatables. If you'd like to be part of the planning committee or have an idea for an activity, please call Carol, 913-244-6443. Watch for more detail during the summer.


Please Pray for Those Asking for Prayers: John Tanner Adams, Al Bollig, Kevin Haeusser, Gerry Halfman, Ray Lendabarker, Rhonda Martin, and Ginny Shepard.

Rest in Peace 

Prayers are requested for **Rose Pilla**, mother of Lisa Fernholz.

Religious Education

Religious Education for Families with Children in Gr. K-6: Enrollment for next school year takes place throughout months of June & July. We are in the narthex on Monday morning from 10:00 to noon, Tues. & Wed. from 4:00-7:00 p.m. for enrollments. You may contact Rel. Ed. Staff to leave a message at 913-381-2757, ext. 19, email jdresser@holycrossopks.org, or visit the parish website for more info and to request an enrollment form. You need to re-enroll your child even if they were with us this past year. This enrollment includes preparation for First Communion for those children who have completed one year of regular attendance in our classes during the school year.

Confirmation classes for the 2010-2011 school year will begin in October, 2010. If you were enrolled in the 1st year program, information will be mailed to your home in July. Contact Sandy at sschluter@holycrossopks.org for registration information or to update address information. 

Youth Ministry

Sandy Schluter, 381-2757, ext.18
sschluter@holycrossopks.org,

Contact during our construction... For questions regarding Middle and High School Religious Ed or Youth Ministry, Sandy can be reached quickly and easily by email at sschluter@holycrossopks.org. Or call 205-0825. You may need to leave a message but your call will be returned asap.

Adopt a Mile 2010... We made it to Milwaukee! Now we are trying to make our way back home. We are somewhere between Rockford and Davenport, and we sure would like to make it back to OP. \$3 will cover one mile for our travels. Thank you for your continued prayers and support of Holy Cross Teens!

Project Uplift... an outreach to those homeless in KC. We need adults and teens the first Monday of each month—contact Sandy if interested. We meet at Holy Cross at 4:30pm and return between 9pm and 9:30 pm. Eat dinner before you come, bring bottled water, and dress appropriately for weather. If you sign up, be sure to keep your commitment. People in need are counting on you.

Uplift update... thanks to all parishioners for donations of toiletry items for Project Uplift. So far, we have delivered 4 boxes full of soaps, shampoo, and other necessities. We will postpone collections during renovations. But we will take them up again once we are settled into our new space.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN CORNER
 “Our Family, Our Future”
UPDATE:
 Total Pledged: \$2,084,592
 Total Received: \$1,423,538

Come Join us for a Mom’s Reading Group! Every Wed. morning in June & July. Bring the whole crew for daily Mass on Wed. mornings at 9am. After Mass we’ll move to the grassy area just west of the church. Bring lawn chairs, bikes, scooters, chalk, or any outdoor toys you can think of. The kids can play while we gather to talk about the book *The Apostolate of Holy Motherhood* edited by Mark Miravalle. The book is available used through many vendors at Amazon.com for around \$2 plus s/h. The book is out of print, so you won’t find it in any stores. If you would prefer one of us to order it for you, just let us know. Don’t delay, get those books ordered. June 2 will be here before you know it. Questions? Call Lisa Motley, 383-8018, or Eva Gavin, 381-9450.

Summer Prayer Service Opportunity: Pray Rosary with residents at Bickford of OP, a senior care facility, located on Barclay at 106th St, one block east of Metcalf. Residents gather each Monday at 10am for prayer. Could you give one-half hour, one Monday a month to pray with them? Call Pat, 913-341-3474, for more details.

The **ACT BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP** will be held Fri., July 2, at Holy Cross after 9am Mass. Holy Spirit parishioners are invited to attend. This group provides support for those grieving the loss of a spouse, through sharing and prayer. The meeting will be held in room 126 in the lower level of Holy Cross School due to renovations in the church hall. For more info, call Lu Sheehan, 232-9183, or Pete Obert, 451-3374.

Mass Intentions For The Week

Monday	9:00 a.m.	Florinda Martin
Tuesday	6:30 a.m.	Mary Jo Janner
	6:00 p.m.	Spec.Int.-Marta Elena Cervera (Span.)
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Spec.Int.-Gilner Family
Thursday	6:30 a.m.	Billie Hauber
Friday	9:00 a.m.	Dick Sandlin
Saturday	7:30 a.m.	Dominic Pham
	5:00 p.m.	People of the Parish
Sunday	7:30 a.m.	Frank Ross
	9:00 a.m.	Jacqueline Davis
	11:00 a.m.	Jean Bertels
	2:00 p.m.	Joseph Marino (Spanish)

Week 13 of WHAT'S NEW FOR CHRIS: We at Holy Cross are following development of a child in womb from conception to birth over 9 months from Feast of the Annunciation to Christmas. God said, "Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you." **We named this tiny new human being Chris. Chris's heart started beating 18 days after conception.** Amniotic fluid cushions Chris throughout pregnancy. The umbilical cord forms like a lifeline for the baby in the "space" of the womb. **By Week 5** Chris was 10,000 times larger than the original fertilized egg, and developing rapidly. **By Week 6** Chris's brain waves could be detected and the brain began to control movement of muscles and organs. **By Week 7** Chris began to move, Chris's arms were bending and flexing like a child in Karate class, Chris's fingers were developing, and Chris started swimming and doing back flips. **By Week 8** Chris was a little under an inch long and changed from embryo to fetus, which is Latin for "young one". Everything present would be found in a fully developed adult. **By Week 9** Chris's fingerprints were evident. Chris could feel pain, but who would want to hurt Chris? Chris was wriggling, shifting, dancing, and playing with fingers, toes, nose, ears! **By Week 10** the most critical part of Chris's development was complete and Chris entered into a period of rapid growth. Chris could squint and swallow, was over an inch long, and was moving quickly about the womb. **By Week 11** Chris was almost 2 inches long and could easily stand on daddy's little finger nail. Finger nails and hair were starting to grow. The placenta is now providing nutrition from the mother. **By Week 12** Chris sleeps, awakens, and exercises muscles energetically. Turning head, curling toes, making fist, opening & closing mouth while "breathing" amniotic fluid to help develop respiratory system, Chris is very active in the womb and is now producing insulin in pancreas. If the doctor uses a Fetal Doppler, the baby's heartbeat sounds like galloping horses. **HERE IN WEEK 13 Chris now has teeth buds for all 20 teeth. Teething will come later. Chris is now almost 3 inches long and weighs in at one ounce. Chris is still exercising and practicing inhaling and exhaling. All Chris's nourishment is now coming through the placenta. Vocal cords begin to form, and although they may not be ready for a rock band, Chris will use them immediately following birth for that first cry! Now mother usually feels better and has more energy. She's spreading the good news.**

Next week will again bring something new for Chris.

God invites you to a deeper relationship. He wants you to know that you are loved, that you have a purpose in life, that you are on the right path. To help you begin this conversation, the Ignatian Spirituality Center is offering a retreat program called **The Spiritual Exercises in Everyday Life**, beginning this fall. **Come and See** if this program is for you at one of the information sessions scheduled this summer: Tues., June 29, 7pm, Romero Room at St. Francis Xavier Church; Thurs., July 20, 7pm, AFF Room at Church of the Ascension; Thurs., Aug. 5, 7pm, Sacred Heart Chapel at Rockhurst High School.

School News

Holy Cross School and Early Education Center provide quality programs in a Catholic Christian environment. We would love to visit with you about our parish school and explore the possibility of enrolling your children for the 2010-2011 school year. Please call the school office at 913-381-7408 or the EEC office at 913-381-7151 to schedule an appointment and a tour.

Save the date:

Sign-Up Day - August 16th

PTO Ice Cream Social - August 22nd

Kindergarten Parent Pot Luck - August 23rd

First Day of School - August 25th

Back to School Night - August 31st

First All School Mass - September 3rd

EEC Orientation - September 3rd

EEC First Day of Classes - September 7th

Grandparents Day - September 10th

Parish Festival - September 12th

Holy Cross - Jack Weitkamp Memorial Golf Tournament - September 13th

Summer Office Hours: Mon., Tues., Thurs., 9am-1pm

SCRIP Certificates and Trash Bags are sold at the school office during our summer hours.



“Encuentro”

MISAS EN ESPAÑOL:
todos los domingos a las 2:00 p.m. y los martes a las 6:00 p.m.

MISAS EN INGLÉS:
 sábados 5:00 p.m.
 y domingos 7:30 a.m.,
 9:00 a.m. y 11:00 a.m.
 Los invitamos a participar en cualquiera de estas liturgias.

RECONCILIACIÓN:
 sábados, 3:30 a 4:30pm;
 martes, 5:30 p.m., antes de la Misa en español; y
 miércoles, 5:30-6:30pm.

MATRIMONIO: Llame a la parroquia 6 meses antes de la fecha en que desea casarse para tener una entrevista con un sacerdote.

BAUTISMO: Segundo sábado 11 a.m., y tercer domingo de cada mes después de la Misa de las 2:00 p.m. Padres y padrinos deben asistir a una clase de preparación. Favor de anotarse con anticipación, llamando a la oficina de la iglesia, 381-2755.

SERVICIOS EN ESPAÑOL: Para hablar en español, llamen a la oficina de la iglesia, **381-2755:** lunes, miércoles y jueves 2-5 pm.; martes 2-7pm. Pueden llamar también a los Sacerdotes, al 341-5618 y dejarles un mensaje.

ANUNCIOS

Del Padre Mark:

Al empezar la construcción en el sótano, los invito a orar por una renovación exitosa y sin percances. Por esta renovación, será imposible tener cuidado de niños en la iglesia hasta el próximo Octubre.

LECTURAS Y PREGUNTAS PARA COMPARTIR LA FE EL PRÓXIMO DOMINGO: Julio 4, 2010 - 14° Domingo Ordinario

Isaías 66:10-14; Gálatas 6:14-18; Lucas 10:1-12, 17-20

Preguntas de Adultos semanales para Compartir la Fe: ¿Cuándo han estado conscientes de ser un instrumento del poder salvador de Dios?

Preguntas para los Niños: ¿Cómo saben que un lugar es sagrado?

INTENCIONES PARA LAS MISAS: Martes, 6/29, 6:00 p.m.: Marta Elena Cervera
 Domingo, 7/4, 2:00 p.m.: Joseph Marino

EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA:

PRIMERA COMUNIÓN PARA NIÑOS EN LOS GRADOS K-6°: Si quieren preparar a sus niños para celebrar su Primera Comunión, **deberán matricularlos durante Junio y Julio, 2010. La preparación de este Sacramento es un compromiso de 2 años. Favor de traer \$30 para matricularlos.** Los niños necesitan un año de catecismo para poder entrar el segundo año de preparación y celebración. **El personal de Educación Religiosa estará presente: los lunes, 10am-12 mediodía; y los martes y miércoles, 4pm.-7pm.** Todos los niños deberán ser matriculados cada año. Llamen a la Oficina de Educación Religiosa: 913/381-2757, ext.19, ó visiten el website: jdresser@holycrossopks.org.

CONFIRMACIÓN: Las clases para el año 2010-2011, empezarán Oct., 2010. Si sus niños estuvieron en este programa el año pasado, recibirán su matrícula por correos en Julio. Estudiantes nuevos este año, deberán pasar por la iglesia a matricular a sus hijos e inscribir a su familia en la parroquia. Favor de traer o mandar por correos \$30, para matricularlos. **Todos los estudiantes deberán ser matriculados cada año.**

MINISTERIO JUVENIL Sandy Schluter, 381-2757, ext.18.
sschluter@holysschlcrossopks.org

Para más información sobre Confirmación, Ministerio Juvenil o clases de Escuela Intermedia o Superior, durante el período de construcción llamen a Sandy: 205-0825, o el website siguiente: sschluter@holycrossopks.org. Sus llamadas serán contestadas lo antes posible.

Proyecto UPLIFT: Alcanzamos a los desamparados (homeless) en KC. Necesitamos adultos y adolescentes el primer lunes de cada mes. Si les interesa, llamen a Sandy. Nos reunimos en la iglesia a las 4:30pm., regresando de 9pm.-9:30pm. Cenen antes de venir, traigan agua en botellas y vístanse apropiadamente, según el tiempo que haga. Si firman como voluntarios, asegúrense que cumplirán con este compromiso. **Personas con muchas necesidades cuentan con nosotros.**

College Stars Boys Basketball Camp at St. James Academy June 28 & 29. For boys ages 5-16. Camp will feature Jacob Pullen, Wally Judge, Marcus Morris, Tyshawn Taylor, Brady Morningstar and other KU/KSU players. Call Coach Mark Huppe at 913-254-4284 for info.

FAMILY CAMP, "A Time for Faith and Fun" July 16-17 in experiencing the adventure of faith, and the great outdoors at Prairie Star Ranch. Play together, Enjoy nature together, Pray together, Laugh and Learn together. Each Family has their own air-conditioned room. Horseback riding, swimming, Wall Climbing, canoeing. Trails. Lakes, Campfire, Family Gatherings, and more...Lots of time for family fun with a bit of "parents-only" time weaved in. Faith-filled speakers and activities. For info contact Jacki Corrigan, Family Life Office. Email flife-sec@archkck.org. Registration Deadline: June 22.

Notre Dame de Sion is offering summer sessions at both campuses. The grade school is offering fun activities including swimming, art, languages, music, dance, theater, physical activities, and much more. Call 816-753-3810 for more info or visit the website at www.ndsion.edu/summer. The high school is offering its renowned sports camps, art camp, Coterie Theatre and much more. Call 816-942-3282 for more info or www.ndsion.edu/hssummer.

K-8 Summer Camp at St. Thomas Aquinas: Time to start planning your summer fun! St. Thomas Aquinas High School offers many opportunities to participate in sports and non-athletic camps for boys and girls in grades K-8. It's a great way to learn and develop skills in an enjoyable, positive, Christian setting. Camps include baseball, basketball, cake decorating, dance team, cross country, football, sewing, soccer, softball, volleyball, youth speed and agility and wrestling. Call Michelle, 913-319-2416, for times/dates, fees and registration info or go to: www.stasaints.net/summercampsto register online.

Leadership Camp for 6th - 8th grade girls: July 21-23 on the campus of the Benedictine Sisters of Mount St. Scholastica in Atchison, KS. The camp is co-hosted by the Atchison Benedictines; Benedictine Sisters of Perpetual Adoration; Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth; Sisters of St. Joseph of Concordia; and Ursuline Sisters in Paola. It is an opportunity to enhance leadership skills of the participants, enrich their spiritual lives, and introduce them to sisters. Registration deadline: June 23. Registration fee is \$145 and includes room and board, meals and camp activities. Scholarships available. To register, email vocation@mountosb.org or call 913-360-6219.

You are invited to join an engaging 8-week guided Ignatian prayer experience designed for you and a small group. **Walking With Christ** will be offered at Church of the Ascension on Sundays at 7pm. The program begins July 25 and ends Aug. 29. Learn several ways of praying so that daily prayer is more possible. Be inspired once a week by the experience of others who are seeking to walk with Christ more closely as you are. Cost is \$40 and scholarships are available. To register, email khodel@ignatiancenterkc.org, call the Ignatian Spirituality Center at 816-523-5115 x 212 or visit our Web site at www.ignatiancenterkc.org. Sessions are limited to 12 participants each.

Join **Catholic Women's Bible Study** for an inter-parish bible study of Psalms and 1st Corinthians. We are looking for women of ALL ages to study God's Word together and fellowship about how God's Word impacts your life. There is a children's Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program for 3-12 year olds held at the same time. Children younger than 3 years old are welcome in our nursery or can stay with their moms in a Mom's study group. We might move age of Catechesis up to 3 1/2 (will know at end of Aug.) We will meet Thursdays 9:30-11am beginning Sept. 9 at Holy Trinity Church in Lenexa. For more info &/or to register, contact Laura Haeusser, 341-9057 or Kathryn Burditt, tkburditt@hotmail.com or 451-3680.

WANTED! Rosary Makers for the Cause of Our Blessed Mother: Respond to the call of Our Lady. The need for rosaries is great and urgent. Become a missionary by making rosaries for missions in the US, the military and around the world. Please call Our Lady's Rosary Makers (4811 Poplar Level Rd., PO Box 37080, Louisville, KY 40233) at (502) 968-1477 or visit their website at www.olrm.org and send \$13.50 check or money order for a beginner's kit which allows you to make 50 cord rosaries and comes with instructions. Make a difference in the world. Help bring peace to the world and turn the tide of evil. God will bless you abundantly. Please note that the office closes at 4pm Eastern Standard Time.

SHARE YOUR VIEWS ON VOLUNTEERISM: If you are 40 years of age or older, the Catholic Network of Volunteer Service wants to hear from you. CNVS is a national membership organization of Christian volunteer and mission programs that fosters and promotes full-time national and international service opportunities. Participate in a brief online survey, and you can help volunteers like yourself find more opportunities that match their interests. Parishes across the country are participating. CNVS will treat the parish with the most survey participants to a day of complimentary coffee and refreshments following Sunday Masses. Take the survey today at www.cnvs.org/survey.

Farewell Fr. Mark



*God is the beginning and
the end of all things.*

**Join us in showing
Fr. Mark our appreciation
for his 12 years of service
to our parish.**

**We will be hosting two
opportunities**

**for you to personally
wish him farewell**

before he leaves

**Holy Cross for his new
assignments**

**Saturday, July 10th
Parish Activity Center
6pm till 10pm**

Buffet open from 6-8pm

Program begins 8:15pm



Hosted by Hispanic Ministry

Sunday, July 11th

**Parish Activity Center
4pm till 7pm**