

**FROM FR. MARK:**

Of all my favorite moments at Holy Cross I would have to say the Sunday Eucharist has been the moment, week in and week out, through the years, that has consistently been uplifting, inspiring and affirming in faith. We understand this as God's plan for us, that we can be nourished for our faith lives regularly. The Second Vatican council teaches us that Eucharist "is the source and the summit of Christian life," and it has been a privilege to worship with you each week.

Holy Cross has the gift of prayer, the ability to bring the week's events and offer them up to the Father in the sacrifice of the mass. Holy Cross understands that this offering is also a community meal—we gather at table, as did the apostles and as did generations of Jesus' ancestors to remember that God saves, God redeems, God feeds and God provides a way always and everywhere. We can continue to remember one another in mass and I will always carry you in my heart at each mass that I celebrate.

If I had to pick one special mass—very hard to do because each Eucharist contains all the mysteries of heaven and earth—but if I had to zero in on one it might be the outdoor mass that we held in Sept 2007 at the beginning of the celebration of our 40th year. The whole festival weekend was a delightful celebration of parish unity. As we heard the scriptures on the Triumph of the Cross, and remembered our parish history, and came forth to receive the Bread of Life under a canopy of trees while our parish choirs ministered to us, there was a palpable sense of joy. I can still feel it! The Holy Spirit was powerfully present.

One other related memory is from the night before: Liverpool singing the Beatles' famous *Hey Jude*. As I stood in the back watching young and old sway to the music, holding up their lit cell phones (as one does at a rock concert,) I noted that all distinctions had fallen away. We weren't young or old, Anglo or Hispanic, 7:30 or 11:00 mass goers, but rather just brothers and sisters in Christ enjoying the moment. WOW!

I have to give up my 4:00 pm Friday and my 5:00 am Sunday hours in the Adoration Chapel when I move. If anyone would like to pray at those times, please contact Lu Sheehan.

Thanks for a wonderful 12 years! I've learned and experienced so much of the Lord's love through you. Let us remember one another in our prayers. You are always welcome at Our Lady and St. Rose, Blessed Sacrament, and Christ the King in Kansas City, Ks.

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

Genesis 18: 1-10a; Colossians 1: 24-28; Luke 10:38-42.

Questions for Adults: What do you do to center yourself in the Lord when you are "anxious and worried about many things?"

For Children: How do you think God would want you to treat someone new in your neighborhood or school?

PERPETUAL ADORATION: God wants nothing more than that we be made holy, for Jesus loves us more than it is possible to say. If God hadn't loved us so much, He would never have paid such a bloody price for us. Open hours: Sun 4am, 9am, 5pm, Mon 2am, 3am, 1pm. Wed 3pm. Thurs 4am. Sat 8am, 5pm, 11pm. Call Lu744-1921

STEWARDSHIP: Stewardship is based on the spiritual principles of the Old Testament and the teachings of Jesus; and where it has been implemented, both givers' and receivers' lives have been changed.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE:

	July 4, 2010	Fiscal YTD
Needed	\$28,800	\$1,508,400
Collected	31,644	1,476,425
Over/(Under)	2844	(31,975)
Special Donations	6331	

ST.MARY'S FOOD KITCHEN thanks all who prepared food, helped serve, & gave donations to feed 381 hungry people on June 18.

Help Make Next Year Even Better! Holy Cross is committed to providing quality Adult Faith Formation opportunities. Your input will help make the next program year even better. There are only eight questions that take just a few minutes to complete. You can take this Online Survey by going to <http://holycrossopks.org/catholic-updates>. Contact the Church Office for a paper copy to complete.

Do You Know Someone Thinking About Becoming Catholic? Invite them to call Robert Bacic for more information about the adult initiation process at Holy Cross. He can be reached by phone or email at 381-2755 or rbacic@holycrossopks.org. Contacting him puts the person under no obligation.

How is God calling you? Do you feel a call to renew your faith? We can all use some time with our Lord to help us love Him with all our heart. Mark your calendars now for the next *Christ Renews His Parish* renewal weekends, Sept.25&26 for men and Oct.9&10 for women. Spend a weekend with Jesus and refresh and renew your spirituality with other Holy Cross parishioners. Questions? Call Kathy Keary at 816-903-1225 or Terry Dressman at 913-599-6997.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN CORNER

“Our Family, Our Future”

UPDATE:

Total Pledged: \$2,084,592

Total Received: \$1,423,538

A MESSAGE FROM Fr. Tom:

My Dear Parishioners, I am moving with Fr. Mark to Blessed Sacrament in Wyandotte County. I wish to thank you all for these last 6 years. I have enjoyed them very much and you have been a really good parish, people, community to celebrate with. In going to Wyandotte County I will be going back home. Many of you know that I was raised about a mile south of where Fr. Mark and I will be making our home. As you know, Fr. Mark needs someone to watch over him and direct his life. I accept that responsibility. I am very pleased that we will be able to continue to create our home together. In my aging years I also need someone to help me up when I fall. It has been a great 6 years being with you all. Thank you, Father Tom Kearns...Thanks for celebrating my 50th with me. It was awesome.

Fri., July 16, we will serve pasta casserole, salad, fruit, & cookies to the hungry at **ST. MARY'S FOOD KITCHEN.**

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. Your call will be returned asap if you leave a message.

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.

Mass Intentions For The Week 

Monday	9:00 a.m.	Spec. Int. - Lynn George & Family
Tuesday	6:30 a.m.	Billie Hauber
	6:00 p.m.	Jose de Jesus de Anda Ramirez (Spanish)
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Edward Pelot
Thursday	6:30 a.m.	Charles Haas
Friday	9:00 a.m.	Maria Pham
Saturday	7:30 a.m.	Teodoro Braceros
	5:00 p.m.	Mary Kasting
Sunday	7:30 a.m.	Betty Meier
	9:00 a.m.	People of the Parish
	11:00 a.m.	Dominic Nguyen
	2:00 p.m.	Frank Addington (Spanish)

Fr. Mark's last Holy Cross Connections Q and A:

Q. Some communion ministers touch children on the head after they purify their hands before Communion. Why do the purification when they do this?

A. *The fact is, neither the cleaning of the hands with sanitizer nor the blessing of the children by ministers is prescribed in the Roman missal.*

Q. Why during the month of May do we not have any Blessed Mother hymns sung on Sunday, since there are so many beautiful hymns?

A. *We try to match the songs to the scripture readings—certainly a hymn in honor of Mary is appropriate in May and on Marian feast days.*

Q: Would there ever be any consideration for our parish to have a Sunday evening Mass? There are a lot of Holy Cross families that attend Queen, Ascension and Holy Spirit masses on Sunday evenings.

A: *Yes, we certainly would consider that. Based on our attendance numbers, the implementation of a Sunday evening mass would probably mean reducing the morning masses from 3 to 2.*

Comment: There should be a Christ Renews His Parish for kids.

Response: *We do not know of any such program that has been developed.*

Comment: We would love to see slate or stone tile floors in the church. Also dark seats.

Response: *These items can be considered in a future refurbishment of the church.*

Comment: Report on Scrip's contribution to budget and also the recycled paper bin.

Response: *Scrip brought in \$16,000 this past year, and the recycled paper bin \$538..*

Comment: I'd love to see 3 or 4 front pews on Mary's side refurbished for handicap access.

Response: *I like this idea!*

Comment: Please put more lights in the parking lot. If that can't be done, at least increase the wattage.

Response: *The physical Plant Committee agrees and has preliminarily looked at doing so. Cost has been an issue, however.*

Comment: It is nice to see the Penitential Rite at Mass (Confetior). Can it be continued after Lent?

Response: *The presider can choose to say the confetior (I confess...) at any mass. He also may choose the sprinkling rite or the Litany of Praise (e.g. "Lord Jesus, you heal the contrite, Lord Have Mercy.)*

I think that brings me up to date. In the future, Fr. Bob Conroy will be replying to your inquiries. Thanks for asking and keep connected!

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

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. 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. **By Week 13** Chris had all 20 teeth buds, was almost 3 inches long, and weighed one ounce. Vocal cords begin to form, and Chris will use them for that first cry after birth! **By Week 14** my taste buds are working! I drink sweet tasting amniotic fluid. My skin is very transparent and is very sensitive to pain except for my back and the top of my head. I weigh about one ounce. I am small, growing fast, but don't hear anything yet. **HERE IN WEEK 15 Soon I will be able to grasp with my hands. What will I grasp? My other hand! Did you know that I have my own unique fingerprints now? My fingernails and toenails are growing. I also have an adult's taste buds. My eyebrows and hair on my head are sprouting. But it will probably change color and texture after birth. I'm kicking, twisting, and flailing really hard. But Mother can't feel the child moving in the womb, yet.**

Next week will again bring something new for Chris.

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 narthex on Monday morning 10:00-noon, Tues. & Wed. 4:00-7:00pm for enrollments. Contact Rel. Ed. Staff by calling 913-461-0726 or emailing jdresser@holycrossopks.org, or visit parish website for more info and to request enrollment form. You need to re-enroll your child even if they were with us this past year. 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.

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”

ANUNCIOS

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.

DESPEDIDA PARA EL PADRE MARK: El Ministerio Hispano les invita a todos a una **recepción de despedida hoy domingo, 11 de Julio, de 4-7pm.**, en el Centro de Actividades (el gimnasio) de la Escuela Holy Cross. Pueden estacionar su carro detrás de la escuela. Ayúdenos a expresar nuestro agradecimiento al Padre Mark, por sus 12 años de servicio a esta parroquia.

LECTURAS Y PREGUNTAS PARA COMPARTIR LA FE EL PRÓXIMO

DOMINGO: Julio 18, 2010 - 16° Domingo Ordinario

Génesis 18:1-10; Colosenses 1:24-28; Lucas 10:38-42

Preguntas de Adultos semanales para Compartir la Fe: ¿Qué hace usted para encontrarse en el Señor cuando se encuentra “ansioso y preocupado sobre muchas cosas?”

Preguntas para los Niños: ¿Cómo creen ustedes que Jesús trataría a alguna persona nueva en su barrio o en su escuela?

INTENCIONES PARA LAS MISAS: Martes, 7/13, 6:00 p.m.: Jose de Jesus de Anda Ramirez
 Domingo, 7/18, 2:00 p.m.: Frank Addington

EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA:

PRIMERA COMUNIÓN PARA NIÑOS EN LOS GRADOS K-6°: Si quieren preparar a sus niños para celebrar su Primera Comunión, **deberán matricularlos ahora. La preparación de este Sacramento es un compromiso de 2 años. Necesitan pagar \$30 al matricularlos, la mitad de la cuota total.** Los niños necesitan un año de catecismo para poder entrar al segundo año de preparación y celebración. **El personal de Educación Religiosa estará presente: los martes y miércoles, 4pm.-7pm.** **Todos los niños deberán ser matriculados cada año.** Llamen a la Oficina de la Iglesia: 913/381-2755 durante las horas en español, o visiten email: jdresser@holycrossopks.org 0 913-461-0726.

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.**

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.

Grupo de Mujeres Hispanas: El propósito de este grupo es el de ofrecer un debate abierto sobre las diferencias culturales, educativas y parentales que existen entre las comunidades Hispanas y Norte Americanas. **Temas:** comprender las diferencias culturales, asimilación a la cultura Estadounidense, qué es el acoso, abuso, del silencio al diálogo, derecho de las mujeres, ¿qué hacer cuándo alguien que usted conoce está siendo abusado?

Cuándo: del martes 13 de Julio en adelante, 1:30-3:00pm.

Dónde: The Keeler Women's Center, 2220 Central Ave., KCKS 66102.

Para registrarse, llamen a Martha Martin, MOCSA Bilingual Intervention Spec., 816) 285-1333, mmartin@mocsa.org

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 **Mary Callaghan** and **Lucille McCown**, both of Holy Cross; and **Paul Rieger**, father of Paul Rieger.

Come Join us for Mom's Reading Group! Every Wed. morning in June & July. Bring whole crew for Wed. morning daily Mass at 9am. After Mass we'll move to grassy area just west of 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. 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.

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.

CARS FOR KC KIDS Donate a vehicle: Make a difference! Your tax-deductible donation of a vehicle helps children and families served by Catholic Charities and is an environmentally responsible way to recycle your vehicle. Please visit website www.cars4kckids.com or call 866-430-9499. Cars for KC Kids is a partnership of Catholic Charities of Kansas City-St.Joseph and Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas. The Cars for KC Kids program is administered by Vehicles for Charity.

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: Thurs., July 20, 7pm, AFF Room at Church of the Ascension; Thurs., Aug.5, 7pm, Sacred Heart Chapel at Rockhurst High School.

REALLY BUSY?? We all have busy lives, but most of us realize deep down in our hearts that we should spend more time growing in our faith. Most of us haven't studied more since Confirmation. Yet, we continued to learn in other areas of life. But, our faith is the most important! It's hard to keep priorities straight, but Lighthouse Catholic Media **does help!** One of the great things about the Lighthouse CDs is that **you don't need to stop what you're already doing** or change your schedule. It goes with you! You can learn more about your faith, be inspired and uplifted, while driving, exercising, doing the dishes, or working in the garage. Purchase a \$3 CD today in the corner of the narthex! They're priceless! Questions?...contact Brenda at 913-649-6442.

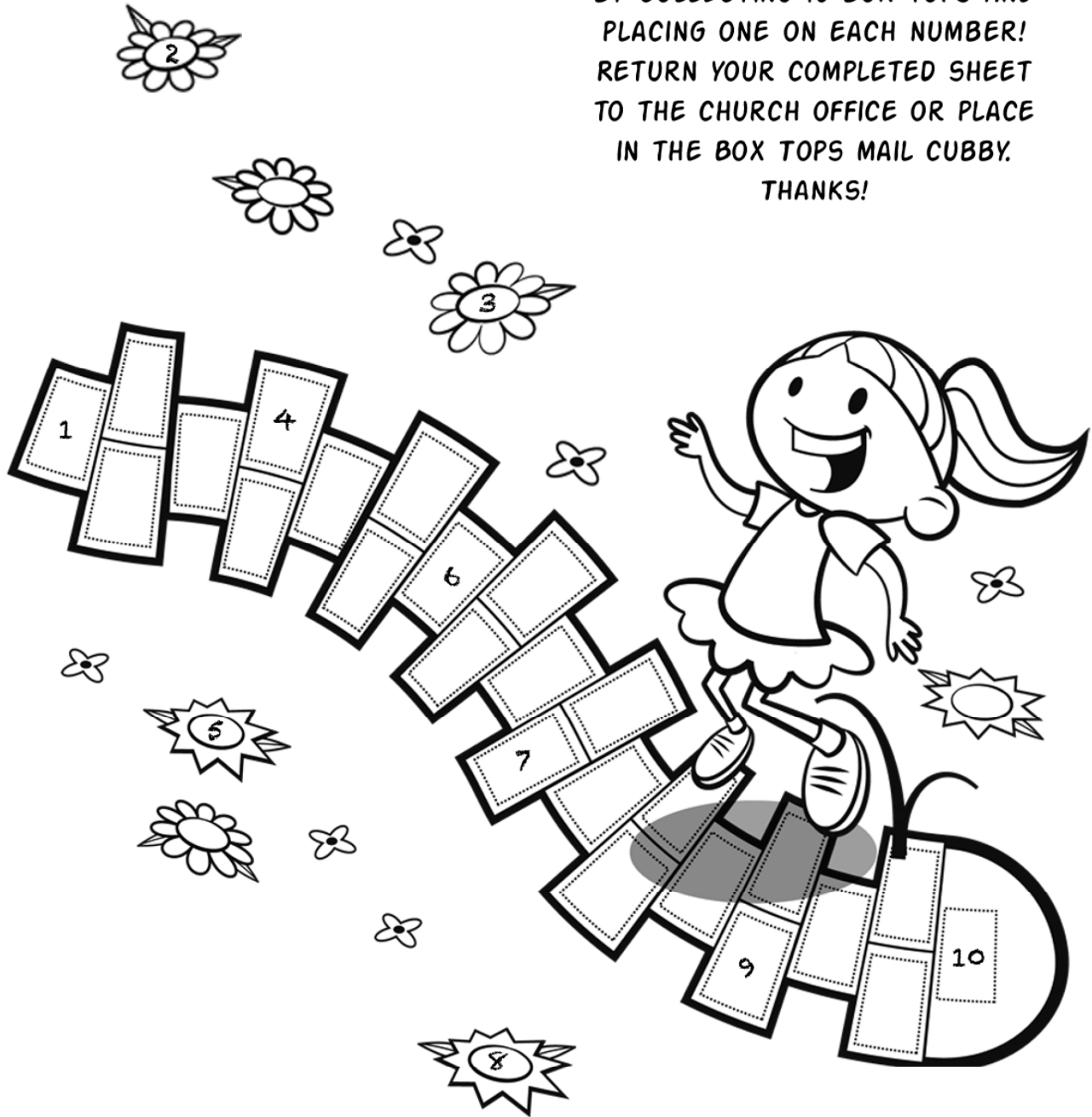
ATTENTION CHARISMATICS & ALL CATHOLICS: If you want to be renewed in the Spirit or if you want to experience the Holy Spirit in your life for the first time, join us in Little Rock, AR, July 30,31,&Aug.1 for the Arkansas Charismatic Conference. Dynamic preaching, great music, & spirited praise. A life-changing experience. On Line info and registrations www.arkcc.org or call Jim Fisher, 913-236-4534.

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.

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.



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