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the Son of Man will come.”*

— Matthew 24:44



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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.*

El Boletín *Encuentro* en español se encuentra en la página 7.

HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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gradeschool@holycrosscatholicschool.com

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(913) 381-7151

preschool@holycrosscatholicschool.com

Dear Parishioners,

Last weekend, I helped to present a Marriage Encounter weekend. Although I hesitate to be absent from our parish, I judge that this is a very important ministry. I have been involved in this for over 30 years. During that time, I have seen many wonderful things happen through it. If you have never experienced a Marriage Encounter weekend, I invite you to consider going on one.



Fr. Mike

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK



Monday

9:00 a.m. Erika Farthing

Tuesday

6:30 a.m. John Highland

Wednesday

9:00 a.m. John Falbe

7:00 p.m. Aldo Garcia Meza (Spanish)

Thursday

6:30 a.m. Jerome Schmitz

Friday

9:00 a.m. Jim Hadel

Saturday

7:30 a.m. Anna Nguyen thi Dao

5:00 p.m. Clare & Robert Drinane

7:00 p.m. Sick of the Parish (Spanish)

Sunday

7:30 a.m. People of the Parish

9:00 a.m. Antonio del Carmen

11:00 a.m. Kassy DeGaetano

1:00 p.m. Spec Int-Francisco Javier Franco (Spanish)

Readings for Next Sunday:

Isaiah 11:1-10; Romans 15:4-9;

Matthew 3:1-12

PARISH STAFF

- Pastor: Rev. Mike Stubbs
Parochial Vicar: Rev. Anthony Saiki
Stewardship Director: Robert Bacic
Parish Manager: Jonathan Oakes
Principal: Allison Carney
Music Director: JoAnna Rubino
Administrative Assistant: Carol Morris
Bilingual Assistant: Claudia Bustos
Religious Education Director: Bridget Turello
Confirmation Coordinator: Carol Morris
Youth Ministry: Rev. Anthony Saiki
Advocate for Annulments: Rebeca Richmond
Wedding Coordinator: Donna Hogue

OFFICE HOURS: Mon, Tues, Thurs 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM

Wed, 8:30 AM to 7:30 PM

Fri, 8:30 AM to Noon

SACRAMENTS

- Weekend Masses: Saturday Vigil 5:00 PM and 7:00 PM (Spanish)
Daily Masses: Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9:00 AM
Baptism: Usually the 4th weekend of the month during the 5:00 PM and 11:00 AM Masses.
Reconciliation: Saturday, 3:30-4:30 PM and Wednesday, 6:00-7:00 PM
Matrimony: Six months notice required.
Anointing: Individually by appointment, scheduled during Mass in the fall and of the Sick spring



Please Pray for Those Asking for Prayers: Brad Albaugh, Suzanne Albaugh, Linda Barenberg, John Manning, George Vogel and Donald Swenson.

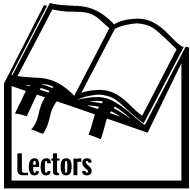


Finance Update

Weekly Collection Report for Nov. 13, 2016

Table with 4 columns: Category, Nov 13, FYTD (10/31), FYTD Budget. Rows include Weekly Offering, Capital Campaign, and Special Donations.

Pregnant? Need Help? All calls confidential. Gabriel Project (913) 602-0306



Lector Workshop

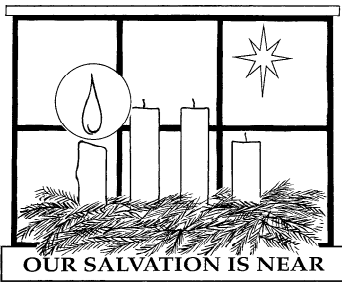
All lectors are invited to attend a lector workshop **Mon, Nov 28** at 7:00pm or **Sat, Dec 3** at 9:00 am. You only need to attend one session. We will learn how to use the microphones better and have an Advent reflection on the readings for the season. For questions, call Kathy Gellings at 913-341-2990.

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Boy Scout Troop 251 Annual Cinnamon Roll Sale

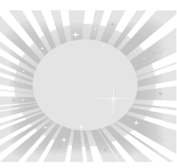
Pre-orders will be taken after all masses Dec 3 & 4. Cost: \$20 a dozen or \$10 for a half dozen. Or you can call Michael Skelton at 913-742-1955 to place your order.



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First Saturday Devotions will be on **Dec 3**. The rosary will be prayed at **7:05 am** before the 7:30 am mass. A presentation will be held in the church hall after mass. The speaker will be Fr. Anthony Williams on Advent.



Sunshine Club Members: Next meeting is **Sun, Dec 4** after the 7:30 am Mass. It will be our free Christmas breakfast for Sunshine Club members only. See you there!



Mother Teresa Circle invites you to **make a fleece blanket** for the needy this winter. We will meet **Wed, Nov 30 after the 9:00 am Mass** in the church hall. No sewing required. **Bring 2 yards of fleece fabric (washed and dried) and scissors.** Blankets will be donated to Duchesne Clinic and other charities. For questions, call Linda at 816-896-0591

ENCOUNTER & SERVE
The Church of the Holy Cross

PARISH SUPPORT UPDATE:



Thank you to everyone who has responded to our **Encounter and Serve** offertory campaign. Your commitment is essential to Holy Cross' ability to remain vital in the years ahead. I very much appreciate your generosity and sacrifice. We are counting on you to continue that new weekly gift amount going forward. I will be happy to share with you the final numbers from the campaign in the coming weeks.

Fr. Mike



Each year the altar is beautifully decorated with **flowers** donated by parishioners in memory of their deceased loved ones. We invite you to **donate \$15 for flowers** for the Christmas environment. Please call the church office, 381-2755 or stop by during office hours to make a donation. **Last Day to Order Flowers will be Fri, Dec. 16.**

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:
Church of the Holy Cross, 8311 W 93rd St.
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Attention Alumni! Holy Cross is celebrating its 30th year! We would like to hear from alumni and invite you to some upcoming events. Please email

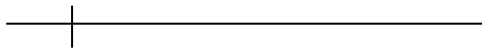
gradeschool@holycrosscatholicschool.com with name, years at Holy Cross, email, address, phone # ,current job/school, spouse and family info. Check out our alumni Facebook: holycrossOPalum!



Breakfast with Santa!

Holy Cross PTO invites you to come enjoy breakfast with Santa on **Sat, Dec 3 from 9-11 am** at the

school! Breakfast is provided by the Knights of Columbus. Take a selfie with Santa! Cost is \$5 per plate and proceeds go to the Holy Cross Angel Tree.



Volunteers Needed!

Volunteer to be part of the rosary ministry at Bickford of Overland Park, 107th & Barclay! Holy Cross goes the 1st and 5th Monday of each month to pray the Rosary with the residents. We are in need of more volunteers! Please prayerfully consider join this ministry. For more info or to volunteer, call Pat at 913-341-3474

Stewardship Reflection November 27, 2016

“So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.”
Matthew 24:44

Advent is a liturgical preparation for the coming of Jesus at Christmas. But, more importantly, it’s a preparation for the coming of Jesus into our lives every day. How do we look for Christ in our personal life, in our families, in our church and social communities, in the situations of those especially in need of the Christian love we can share?



Mark your calendars now. **Celebration** will be held **Sat, Jan 21, 2017**. Time will be **5:00 p.m. -**

1:00 a.m. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year for both the school and the Church. Celebration will take over 100 volunteers to help make our evening a success so please help us out.

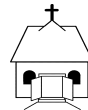
Go to and select how you would like to volunteer at www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0449A5A823AA8-celebration.

Want to register online for Celebration? go to: <https://holycrosscatholicschool.ejoinme.org/reg>

Questions: contact Pat Sheldon 816-522-1801 cell/text or pat.sheldon@yahoo.com.

Respite Ministry Starting at Holy Cross!

Holy Cross has newly trained volunteers for our Respite Ministry who are eager to help give caregivers a much needed relief of 1-2 hours per week. Volunteers will come to your home so you can feel safe leaving your loved one and have sometime away. Please call Marge Slobodzian at [913-499-8045](tel:913-499-8045) for more information on how you can sign up for help from this Ministry.



Welcome to Our Parish

We extend a warm welcome to these new families :

Marv & Mary Wilson

Marlene Matthews

Ronald Buchanan

John & Beatrice Kariuki and family

Jessica McNellis and family

Greg & Kim Turner and family

Joseph & Anne McDonald and family

Julio & Maria Castañda and family

Maria Villa Piedra & Nicolas Meneses

Andrew & Allie Foster



St. Benedict's Circle is sponsoring the **Christmas Angel Tree**, benefiting Holy Cross families in need. Pick up a gift tag from the tree in the narthex and return your donation **no later than Mon. Dec 5**. You can make a cash donation or write a personal check. Make checks payable to *Holy Cross* and indicate "Angel Tree" in the memo section. You can purchase gift cards through SCRIP which not only aids the families but helps the parish too. For questions call Nora 451-5749 or Pete 451-3374.



Coats for Kids is a coat drive to provide new coats for kids that have none. The Knights of Columbus are collecting donations. Checks can be made out to "Knights of Columbus Council 11534" and dropped off at the church office or given to any Knight of Columbus. Donations will be collected at the Nov, Dec and Jan breakfast. Question? Contact Marty Power at 913-232-6972 or email martin.d.power@gmail.com



Interfaith Hospitality Network

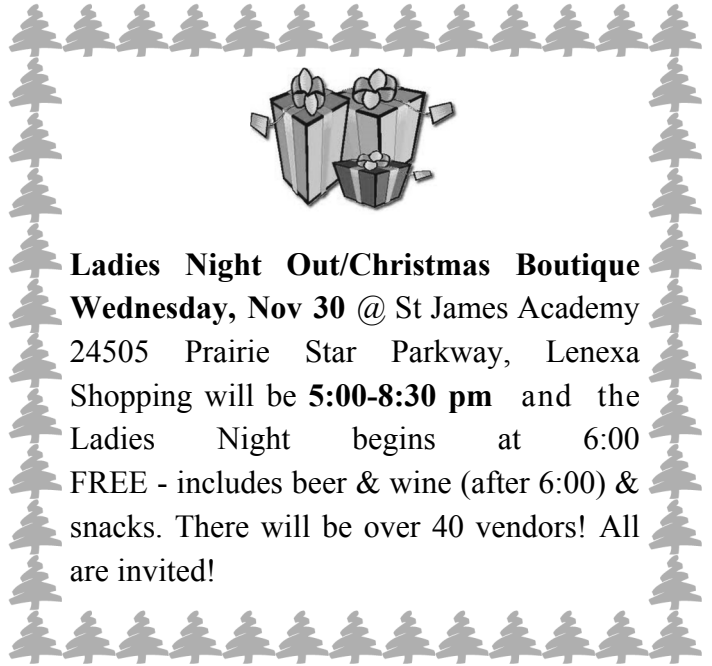
Holy Cross joins with other churches in this ministry to the homeless. They are planning a Holiday party for their homeless guests.

They are looking donations of items for the kids store, food baskets and more. **All items are needed by Dec 4**. See the flyer on the bulletin board at church for more info or call Shirley Maxwell at 913-897-2127.



Advent Day of Reflection at Sanctuary of Hope Prayer and Retreat Center in KCK

It will be on **Saturday, Dec 3**, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. The theme of our day is "**Jesus, the Healer.**" Fr. Dennis Wait will give two presentations, followed by personal reflection time, recitation of the Rosary and the celebration of Mass. We will finish with lunch. Suggested donation is \$30/individual and \$50/couple. Please contact us at 913-321-4673 to register or e-mail Julie@sanctuaryofhope.org



Ladies Night Out/Christmas Boutique
Wednesday, Nov 30 @ St James Academy
 24505 Prairie Star Parkway, Lenexa
 Shopping will be **5:00-8:30 pm** and the Ladies Night begins at 6:00
FREE - includes beer & wine (after 6:00) & snacks. There will be over 40 vendors! All are invited!



Lighthouse Catholic Media CDs and Books

There are many wonderful books and CDs about the Catholic faith and prayer. Check out the Lighthouse kiosk in the narthex. Questions? Call Brenda Scruggs 302-8430.



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!**

Name _____

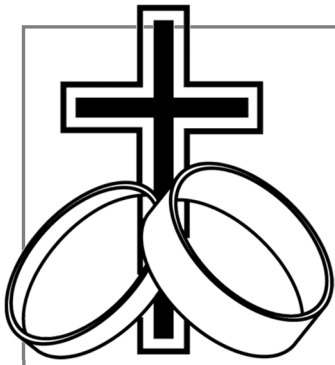
Phone _____

Email _____

Time _____

Drop off form at the church office.

For questions or list of open hours, call Ruth Kuse 258-5008 , 963-3700 or ruthkuse@gmail.com



Marriage Minute

We all have plenty of time. If that seems like a crazy statement, think about what you'd do if you found out there was a huge wildfire coming toward you. Suddenly, your schedule would open up, and you'd be able to do what you needed to do to secure your home and family.

In today's Gospel, Jesus challenges us to be prepared before disaster strikes. One of the best things we can do on an ongoing basis to keep our family secure is to fortify our marriages. Often, since our marriages seem to be "okay," we turn our time and attention elsewhere. But our marriages are our vocation, **our life's work!** Don't we owe it to our spouses to invest time in making them great?!

This Advent, why not adopt one small practice that will bring more joy to your marriage? See www.joyfulmarriageproject.com for ideas.

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.– 12:45p.m.

MATRIMONIOS:

Llamen a la parroquia 6 meses antes de la fecha en que desean casarse para tener la primera entrevista con un sacerdote.

BAUTISMOS:

Usualmente el 4º 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)

November 2016

NATIONAL HOSPICE & PALLIATIVE CARE MONTH

Know Your Options!

NOVEMBER IS NATIONAL HOSPICE MONTH – Have you ever thought about end-of-life care for you, a spouse or aging parent? What would it look like? Would your faith play a role? **Catholic Community Hospice**, a ministry of the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas, is the only Catholic hospice in the Kansas City area. Guided by the Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholic Health Care, the multidisciplinary team provides compassionate, end-of-life care to support the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of patients and their families. If you or a loved one is facing a life-limiting illness, please call 913-621-5090 or visit catholiccommunityhospice.com to learn more.



FLOCKNOTE

¡Mantente en contacto con Holy Cross!

¿Ya estas inscrito con Holy Cross en **FLOCKNOTE**? Este medio nos permite enviarte correos electrónicos y mensajes de texto, manteniéndote al tanto de los eventos, actividades y noticias dentro de nuestra comunidad. Si enviaste mensaje de texto "**hcop**" al **84576**, recibiste el enlace para completar tu registración. ¡Hazlo hoy y selecciona los ministerios de los que deseas recibir avisos!

Estimados Feligreses,

El fin de semana pasado, ayudé a presentar un fin de semana del Encuentro Matrimonial. Aunque dudo en estar ausente de nuestra parroquia, juzgo que este es un ministerio muy importante. He estado involucrado en esto por más de 30 años. Durante ese tiempo, he visto muchas cosas maravillosas suceder a través de ella. Si usted nunca ha experimentado un fin de semana del Encuentro Matrimonial, le invito a considerar ir en uno.

Fr. Mike



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Abrigos para Niños es una colecta de abrigos para proporcionar abrigos nuevos para los niños que no tienen. Los Caballeros de Colón están colectando donaciones. Si gusta hacer una donación monetaria, haga su cheque a nombre de “Knights of Columbus Council 11534” y entregue en la oficina de la iglesia o con cualquier miembro del grupo. Donaciones serán colectadas hasta enero. Comuníquese con la oficina con cualquier duda o pregunta.

facebook 

¡La Parroquia Holy Cross tiene una nueva página de Facebook! Denle un “Like” a nuestra página Holy Cross-Overland Park, KS. ¡Esta es otra manera de estar enterado de lo que está sucediendo en la iglesia!



Flores de Navidad para el Altar

Todos los años decoramos nuestro altar con bellas flores navideñas, donadas por nuestros feligreses, en memoria de nuestros queridos fieles difuntos. Con un donativo de \$15, usted también puede recordar a sus seres queridos en el altar. Pase por la oficina de la iglesia o llame para hacer su reserva, 381-2755.



Celebration

Marque sus calendarios. **Celebration** será el **sab, 21 de enero, 2017**. Este es el recaudador de fondos más grande del año tanto para la escuela como para la Iglesia. Celebration requiere más de 100 voluntarios para ayudar a que nuestro evento sea un éxito, por favor ayúdenos. Para registrarse como voluntario o para averiguar cómo puede apoyar este evento, comuníquese con la oficina de la iglesia durante los horarios de español.



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Una vez más, esta año, queremos asegurarnos que todos miembros de las familias de Holy Cross tengan un regalo que abrir y una comida para disfrutar esta Navidad. ¿Conoces a alguien en nuestra parroquia que necesitará ayuda esta Navidad? Por favor, pídele que llamen a la Oficina de la Parroquia lo antes posible para avisarnos, incluso si ese alguien eres tú. Toda la información se mantendrá en confidencia. Familias o individuos quienes no son feligreses de Holy Cross serán referidos a Catholic Charities. Proporcionaremos asistencia en base a la información que se nos transmita y los recursos disponibles. Espere más información acerca del Árbol de Ángeles de St. Benedict's Circle.