

*“You ... must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect,
the Son of Man will come.”*

— Matthew 24:44



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*Holy Cross is a diverse community, welcoming and accepting, united in Catholic faith,
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Dear Parishioners,

Recently, something unexpected happened at Holy Cross. Someone accidentally drove a car into the flagpole outside the church and knocked it over.

We are in contact with the involved parties so that they can either repair or replace the pole. This may take some time, so please be patient.



Fr. Mike

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday

9:00 a.m. Spec Int– Lauren Wiedt

Tuesday

6:30 a.m. Dick Obert

Wednesday

9:00 a.m. Robert Paul

7:00 p.m. Taylor Jackson (Span)

Thursday

6:30 a.m. Mary Ann Bockelman

Friday

9:00 a.m. Edward Pelot

Saturday

4:30 p.m. Mike Peterson (downstairs)

4:30 p.m. Tony Smigin (church)

8:00 p.m. Tony Rinella

9:30 p.m. Bob Klewitz

11:00 p.m. People of the Parish (Spanish)

Sunday

10:00 a.m. Bunny Goetz Ingalls



Readings for Next Sunday:

Isaiah 52: 7-10; Hebrews 1:1-6; John 1: 1-18

PARISH STAFF

- Pastor: Rev. Mike Stubbs
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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) Sunday 7:30, 9:00, 11:00 AM and 1:00 PM (Spanish)

Daily Masses: Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9:00 AM Tuesday and Thursday 6:30 AM and 8:15 AM (At the school during the school year) Saturday 7:30 AM

Baptism: Usually the 4th weekend of the month during the 5:00 PM and 11:00 AM Masses. Parent classes are every other month.

Reconciliation: Saturday, 3:30-4:30 PM and Wednesday, 6:00-7:00 PM

Matrimony: Six months notice required. Call the office for more information.

Anointing: Individually by appointment, scheduled during Mass in the fall and of the Sick spring

Please Pray for Those Asking for Prayers: Lorene Campbell, Frank Hauber, Pene Havens, John Manning, and Mary Ann Meert.

REST IN PEACE: Prayers are requested for Francisco Javier Franco, Dennis Gerrity and Don Hopson all of Holy Cross.

Finance Update
Weekly Collection Report for Dec. 4, 2016
Table with 4 columns: Category, Dec 4, FYTD (11/30), FYTD Budget

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



Dec 24, Christmas Eve:
 4:30 pm (church & basement)
 8:00 pm
 9:30 pm
 11:00 pm (Spanish)
Dec 25, Christmas Day
 10:00 am

Come early! Get a good seat and enjoy 30 minutes of music before each Mass.



What do Catholics and Muslims believe about Mary? Join us **Mon, Dec 19** at **7:00pm** in the **church hall**. A speaker from the Dialogue Institute and Fr. Mike Stubbs

will present what each faith believes about Mary. Questions will follow. All are welcome!



The Church Office will be closed :

Fri, Dec 23
 Mon, Dec 26
 Mon, Jan 2.



Funeral Luncheon Ministry

As a service to grieving families, Holy Cross will prepare and serve a luncheon after a funeral. **We are in need of volunteers** to continue this ministry. We need volunteers to provide salads and desserts as well as to help set up and serve the meal. To be added to the list of volunteers, please call Norma McCall at 913-648-4058.



Will My Donation Count for 2016?

YES, if is received in the mail and postmarked on or before Dec. 31 or received in the collection on or before

Saturday, Dec. 31st.

NO, if it is postmarked after Dec. 31 or received in the collection on Sunday, Jan. 1, or later.



Bulletin Announcement Deadline: Due to the holidays, announcements for the **Dec 25 and Jan 1** bulletins are due **Mon, Dec 19 at 9:00 am**. Email announcements to cmorris@holycrossopks.org or drop off at the church office.

ENCOUNTER & SERVE
The Church of the Holy Cross

PARISH UPDATE:

I am pleased to share with you that over 35% of all parishioners responded with increased giving levels during our nine week offertory program. The current tally of increased offerings stands at \$172,887 over last year. I am grateful to each and every one who has made a commitment.

Response cards continue to arrive in the office, so there is still time to join this effort to strengthen our parish life.

Again, accept my thanks for your generosity and prayers.

Fr. Mike



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.

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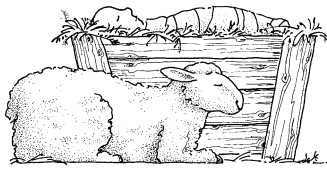
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We collect Box Tops for Education and Best Choice UPC Labels all year round! Please keep clipping! You can drop them off at the school office or leave them in the box outside the church office. Thank you for your support!



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!



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There will be **NO** classes Tues, Dec 20 and 27. Classes start back on Tues, Jan 3. Have a wonderful Christmas break!



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 December 18, 2016

“They will call him Emmanuel”, which means ‘God is with us’. Matthew 1:22

God’s presence in our lives is a constant power of love and compassion. We celebrate it at Christmas in a special way, but it continues on throughout our lives.



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.



Buy Your Tickets Now!

Celebration tickets are now on sale! Come join us for an evening of bidding, winning and fun! Early Bird cost is \$40/person until Dec 18. Cost will go up after Dec 18 to \$50/person or \$45/person for over 55. For more info or to buy a ticket contact Brandi Garcia 913-358-8898 or bcarroll619@gmail.com.

Silent Auction

Silent Auction is part of the event with various rooms setup with different themes (Ladies, Men, Kids, Sporting Goods, Home & Garden, etc.) We are need of donations! Don’t forget while you are shopping for Christmas gifts, to pick up an item to donate! You can drop the item off at the school office or for pick up, contact Pat Sheldon at 816-522-1801 or pat.sheldon@yahoo.com

Volunteers Needed

It takes over 100 volunteers to make Celebration happen! We still need help! To sign up, go to www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0449A5A823AA8-celebration or call Pat Sheldon at 816-522-1801.



Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas exists because there is need. Because of our generosity, they are able to meet this need every day. Our help is someone’s hope. Please give generously to this year’s Christmas Collection.



JoCo IHN (Interfaith Hospitality Network) benefit from a community shopping event at Ten Thousand Villages, 7947 Santa Fe Dr, on **Sunday, Dec 18, 12PM-4PM**. IHN will receive 15% of sales from the event.



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Adoration Chapel FAQ

What is Adoration? Adoration is the first attitude of man acknowledging that he is a creature before his Creator. It exalts the greatness of the Lord who made us and the almighty power of the Savior who sets us free from evil. Adoration is homage of the spirit to the "King of Glory," respectful silence in the presence of the "ever greater" God. Adoration of the thrice-holy and sovereign God of love blends with humility and gives assurance to our supplications.

—Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 2628

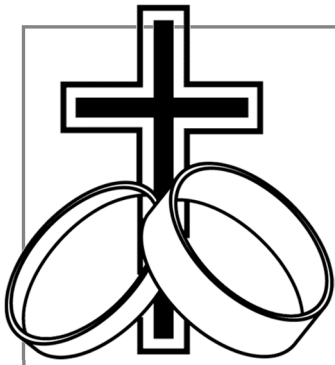
Where can I go for Adoration? Holy Cross has an Adoration Chapel located on the southeast corner of the Church.

What are the Adoration Chapel Hours? We have adoration 24 hours a day every day of the week! The doors are usually open from 8:00 am – 9:00 pm Mon-Fri and Sat-Sun from 8:00 am– till the end of the last Mass for the day. You can drop by during these times! If you wish to come at another time, you will need to commit to an hour of adoration.

How do I sign up for an Adoration Hour? If you wish to commit to an hour of Adoration, contact Ruth Kuse at ruthkuse@gmail.com or 913-258-5008 or 913-963-3700 (can send a text at this number) to volunteer or for more info.



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



Marriage Minute

It's almost here, but not yet! This 4th Sunday of Advent is so tough for our children. They can hardly wait to open the gifts that are taunting them under the tree. Children can think, "If only I can open those gifts, I would be so happy." Unfortunately, this attitude fails to recognize that happiness is not dependent upon some future event no matter how far or near in the future it lies or how joyous the particular event will be, and Christmas gift opening is pretty joyous!

Happiness is experienced in the present moment. We married couples can sometimes fall into the same trap. We think that some future event will transform our marriage. "If we had more money, we would be happy" (or something similar).

What if we seized the opportunity for a more joyful marriage by giving the gift of marriage enrichment for Christmas? Discover your blueprint for a more joyful marriage at www.JoyfulMarriageProject.com.



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Holy Cross is on Facebook! "Like" our page "Holy Cross -Overland Park, KS." We post things happening around the parish!

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:

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

BAUTISMOS:

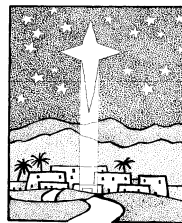
Usualmente el 4º domingo del mes, después de la misa de la 1:00 pm. Comuníquese con la oficina para confirmar fechas y para registrarse.

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)



Misa de Gallo en Nochebuena sábado, 24 de diciembre

Esté presente con Jesús en su nacimiento, ¿qué mejor manera de mostrarle nuestro amor? De nuevo, el Padre Saiki celebrará la Misa de Gallo en Nochebuena aquí en Holy Cross para nuestra comunidad hispana a las 11:00 pm. Le invitamos a que nos acompañe. ¡Hagamos un sacrificio por Él, quien dio su vida por nosotros!

Misa de Navidad en Español en JOCO:

12:15pm Buen Pastor (Shawnee)
12:30pm St. Paul (Olathe)

Estimados Feligreses,

Recientemente, algo inesperado sucedió en Holy Cross. Alguien accidentalmente condujo un automóvil al asta de la bandera fuera de la iglesia y lo derribó. Estamos en contacto con las partes involucradas para que puedan reparar o reemplazar el poste. Esto puede tomar algún tiempo, así que por favor sea paciente.

Fr. Mike



Padres y Madres Orantes viernes, 30 de diciembre - 7:00pm.

Un nuevo ministerio de la Parroquia de San Pablo, Olathe, viene a Holy Cross, Padres y Madres Orantes. Este ministerio consiste de una Hora Santa para orar por la familia y los hijos. Les invitamos a unirse con nosotros en oración para estas causas que tienen un lugar muy especial en nuestros corazones.



ENTRENAMIENTO para Monaguillos **CAMBIO DE FECHA y HORARIO**

Tendremos entrenamiento para monaguillos el **sábado, 7 de enero de 9:00 - 10:00 am** en la iglesia. ¡Se anima a los servidores actuales que asistan para renovar sus habilidades de servicio! ¡Niños y niñas que tengan por lo menos 9 años de edad e interesados en servir, por favor acompañenos para el entrenamiento!



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NO habrá clases el martes 20 y 27 de diciembre. Las clases reanudan el martes, 3

de enero. ¡Que tengan unas maravillosas vacaciones de Navidad!



Flocknote

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!



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Convalidación

¿Parejas, se han preguntado como Dios bendiciera su unión por medio del Sacramento de Matrimonio? Comuníquense con el Padre Saiki para una consulta.

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!



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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