

# Church of The Holy Cross

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La información en español  
se encuentra en la página 4.

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Allison Carney, 244-5970

## MASSES:

**Saturday** 7:30 a.m., 5:00 p.m. (Sunday Mass)  
**Sunday** 7:30, 9:00, 11:00 a.m., and 2:00 p.m. (Spanish)  
**Nursery** - 9:00, 11:00 a.m., and 2:00 p.m. Masses  
**Weekdays** Mon., Wed., Fri. 9:00 a.m.  
Tues. & Thurs. 6:30 a.m.  
Tues. 6:00 p.m. (Spanish)  
Tues. & Wed. (School days only): 8:15 a.m. in the school

**RECONCILIATIONS:** Saturday, 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. and Wednesday, 5:30-6:30 p.m.  
**SACRAMENT OF THE SICK:** Semi-annually, Fall & Spring, and by appointment  
**BAPTISMS:** 4th Sunday each month  
(Parent classes 3rd Tuesday each month. Call the office to register.)  
**MARRIAGES:** Six months notice required. Call the office for information.

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



**FROM FR. ROBERT:**

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,  
Praised be Jesus Christ!

It gives me great joy to be able to address these words to you, and I pray that the Lord will unite us in faith as we begin this journey together. I am very grateful to Archbishop Naumann for appointing me to serve the Parish of Holy Cross as pastor. There are still some boxes left for me to unpack(!), but I am feeling more and more settled with the passing of each day. Thanks to all of you for making me feel so welcome.

I am indebted to Fr. Mark for his assistance in making this transition as smooth as possible. As most of you are aware, Fr. Mark and I have known each other for over 20 years. He was in the pre-theology program at St. Meinrad when I was in the college – we were “diocesan brothers”, as they said back then, before we were priests. He has left big shoes for me to fill, which is why I have chosen to wear sandals these first months in the parish! May the Good Lord continue to watch over him, and Fr. Tom Kearns, at Blessed Sacrament.

These first days have left me somewhat overwhelmed by the sheer size of the parish, the many varied activities, and the different groups. If by the end of the first month I am able to arrive at the right building, at the correct time, for the scheduled appointment or meeting...I will be very happy!

Let us pray for each other. May the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary be our constant consolation and strength.

In Christ, Fr. Robert Conroy

**READINGS & FAITH SHARING QUESTIONS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, The 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time:**

Wisdom 18:6-9; Hebrews 11: 1-2, 8-19; Luke 12: 32-48.  
**Questions for Adults:** What qualifies you to be counted among the servants whom the Master can leave in charge of the household? **For Children:** What is one thing you hope God will do for you?

**PERPETUAL ADORATION:** Jesus is asking all of us the question, “Could you not watch one hour with me?” Please consider spending one hour a week with Jesus in the adoration chapel; it will be the best hour you spend all week. The following times need permanent adorers: Sun. 4am, 5am, 9am, 5pm; Mon. 2am, 3am, 1pm; Wed. 3pm; Thurs. 4am; Fri. 4pm; Sat. 8am, 5pm, 11pm. Call Lu, 744-1921.

**STEWARDSHIP:** Have you ever taken a moment to figure out how much time, on the average, you spend a week volunteering in your church or in your community?

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE:**

	July 25, 2010	Fiscal YTD
Needed	\$28,800	\$115,200
Collected	21,092	97,826
Over/(Under)	(7708)	(17,374)
Special Donations	684	

Please join us to pray the **ROSARY FOR LIFE** every Friday at 8:30am in church before Mass.

Monthly meeting of **ACT bereavement support group** will meet this month at the home of Anne Lawrence, 8415 W 90th St. (663-3387), For more info about this group, call Lu Sheehan, 232-9183, or Pete Obert, 451-3374

**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.

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.

**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 who would like to know more about becoming Catholic?** Our Fall Inquiry series begins in September. It’s an opportunity for people who are not Catholic to gather with others who are interested in learning more about the Catholic faith. Invite your friends or family members to contact Robert Bacic by phone (381-2755) or email [rbacic@holycrossopks.org](mailto:rbacic@holycrossopks.org). Contacting him does not obligate a person to participate.

Looking to get more out of Sunday readings? Come join a group of Holy Cross men to read and discuss scripture each week. We meet at 8pm at church every Sunday. Relaxed / informal. Questions? Call Joe Kincaid, 901-0445.

**SUNSHINE CLUB** will hold monthly meeting & breakfast following 7:30am Mass, Sun., Aug.1. Meeting is in Pflumm Hall at Holy Cross School.

**BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP** will meet Tues., Aug.3, 9:30am at main Johnson County Library on 87th St. across from Catholic Charities. For more info call Beverly, 648-6814.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** have moved their meetings to second Thursday of month. If you have had a conflict in past and are interested in learning more about us, come to our next meeting Thurs., Aug.12.

**Please Pray for Those Asking for Prayers:** David Ferguson, Kevin Haeusser, Gerry Halfman, Mason Kempf, Rhonda Martin, Ginny Shepard, Donald Tillett, and Marcia Werp.

## Religious Education

**Religious Education for Families with Children in Gr. K-6:** Enrollment for next school year takes place now until Aug.15.. We are in narthex Tues. & Wed. 4-7pm for enrollments. Enrollment form is available from parish website. Payment of half the fees must accompany the form. Contact Rel. Ed. Staff by calling 913-461-0726 or emailing [jdresser@holycrossopks.org](mailto:jdresser@holycrossopks.org), 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](mailto:sschluter@holycrossopks.org) for registration information or to update address information.

## Youth Ministry

Sandy Schluter, 381-2757, ext.18  
[sschluter@holycrossopks.org](mailto:sschluter@holycrossopks.org),

**Contact during our construction...** For questions regarding Middle and High School Rel. Ed or Youth Ministry, Sandy can be reached quickly & easily by email at [sschluter@holycrossopks.org](mailto:sschluter@holycrossopks.org) or call 205-0825. Your call will be returned asap if you leave message.

**Project Uplift...** an outreach to those homeless in KC. We need adults and teens 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.

## CAPITAL CAMPAIGN CORNER

“Our Family, Our Future”

### UPDATE:

Total Pledged: \$2,084,592

Total Received: \$1,423,538

**Members of Holy Cross:** Interfaith Hospitality would not exist without loving support of congregations. We are so grateful to Holy Cross for supporting our families the week of June 20, 2010. We know that providing this help requires a big commitment from your congregation. Please convey our gratitude to all involved and let them know their efforts make a difference to people who need a helping hand.  
Sincerely, Your IHN Family

**The SISTERS, SERVANTS OF MARY, will visit Holy Cross the weekend of Aug.7 & 8.** The Sisters will be present at all of our masses. They will speak to the parish about their mission of caring for the terminally ill in their own homes free of charge, their vocations, and the upcoming “Serving from the Heart Gala.” Mike and Mary Sullivan, committee chairs will be present at the masses along with Jim and Doris Wilson from Holy Cross Parish and other Serving from the Heart committee members. They will be selling raffle tickets for the opportunity to win \$5000 in cash. Tickets are \$20 each or 3 for \$50. 100% of the sales go to the Sisters, Servants of Mary.

**FATHER/DAUGHTER DANCE:** Mark your calendar for the Father/Daughter Dance which will be on Sat., Aug.28, 6:30-8:30pm in Parish Activity Center. The dance which has been a popular event at Holy Cross for several years, is being organized by St.Mary’s Circle. Watch Aug.8 bulletin for registration information.

**2010 CYO VOLLEYBALL & FOOTBALL:** If you are interested in playing CYO Volleyball or Football this season, and are entering 3rd –8th grade this school year. Please visit [www.holycrosscatholicschool.com/sports.html](http://www.holycrosscatholicschool.com/sports.html) to find out more info, or contact Mike Miranda at [mamirandam2004@yahoo.com](mailto:mamirandam2004@yahoo.com). If you are interested in coaching volleyball this season, please contact Mike.

## Mass Intentions For The Week



<b>Monday</b>	9:00 a.m.	Huy Nguyen
<b>Tuesday</b>	6:30 a.m.	Lourdes Mendoza
	6:00 p.m.	Spec. Int. - Pauline Boyd (Spanish)
<b>Wednesday</b>	9:00 a.m.	Stella Seamands
<b>Thursday</b>	6:30 a.m.	Charles J. Haas
<b>Friday</b>	9:00 a.m.	Colette Huerter
<b>Saturday</b>	7:30 a.m.	Marilyn Bockelman
	5:00 p.m.	Tom Jaskot
<b>Sunday</b>	7:30 a.m.	People of the Parish
	9:00 a.m.	Billie Hauber
	11:00 a.m.	Spec. Int. - Kathy Armbright
	2:00 p.m.	Josep Mai (Spanish)

**Week 18 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, arms bending and flexing, fingers 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 was squinting & swallowing, over an inch long, and moving quickly. **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. Placenta was providing nutrition. **By Week 12** Chris slept, awakened, and exercised muscles energetically, opening & closing mouth while "breathing" amniotic fluid to help develop respiratory system. **By Week 13** Chris had all 20 teeth buds, was almost 3 inches long, and weighed one ounce. Vocal cords began to form, and Chris will use them for first cry after birth! **By Week 14** my taste buds were working! I drank sweet tasting amniotic fluid. My skin was very transparent and was very sensitive to pain except for my back and the top of my head. **By Week 15** I had my own unique fingerprints, fingernails & toenails growing, adult's taste buds, eyebrows & hair on my head sprouting, probably to change color & texture after birth. **By Week 16** I was getting a little baby fat and my heart was pumping as much as 6 gallons a day. I weighed almost 6 oz., & was about 3" long. **By Week 17** I have REM (rapid eye movements) which means I dream, but can't remember. My vocal cords have formed but make no sound because no air in here. Isn't it amazing I breathe "underwater," inhaling & exhaling small amounts of amniotic fluid? **HERE IN WEEK 18 I can hear mother's heartbeat and some other funny noises she makes. I'm beginning to know her voice. My umbilical cord (where I get my food from) is an engineering marvel. It transports 300 quarts of fluid/day and completes round-trip of fluids every 30 seconds. Wow! I like sucking my thumb. Mother is probably starting to "show" now.**

Next week will again bring something new for Chris.

**Bishop Miede Soccer Skills Clinic** for boys & girls Grades K-8 will be held evenings Aug.2-5. Info and registration forms may be obtained from Bishop Miede Athletic Web page under "Summer Athletic Clinics."

**Singles of Nativity (SON) Dog Days of Summer Dance** Sat., Aug.14, 7-11pm Nativity Parish Hall 119th Mission \$10 members \$15 guests, tropical attire. Questions email [www.SON-Ministry.org](http://www.SON-Ministry.org); [www.wingleskc.org](http://www.wingleskc.org) or Kathy 913-645-2046.

## 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 anticipa-  
 ción, llamando a la ofici-  
 na 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

Muy Estimados Hermanos y Hermanas en Cristo,

Saludos en el Señor.

Ahora hace unas pocas semanas en que yo llegué aquí a la Parroquia de Santa Cruz, y estoy feliz de poder dirigirles estas pocas palabras. El tiempo está pasando y todavía no he sacado todas mis cosas de las cajas que traje de Topeka. Como todos Uds. saben, es difícil cambiar casas...dejar amigos y familiares para empezar de nuevo.

Estoy agradecido a nuestro Arzobispo, Mon. José Naumann, quién me nombró para asumir esta responsabilidad. Me parece que la comunidad parroquial está en buenas condiciones y el P. Mark ha trabajado duro en todo aspecto durante sus 12 años de servicio aquí. No sé si Uds. saben que el P. Mark y yo nos conocemos ya hace como 20 años. Estábamos juntos por unos años en el Seminario de St. Meinrad en el estado de Indiana. P. Mark es una persona excelente y pidamos que el Señor lo bendiga, al P. Tomás también, en la Parroquia de Blessed Sacrament.

Hermanos y Hermanas, últimamente me ha sorprendido el tamaño de la parroquia, las múltiples actividades, y los distintos grupos. Me va a costar tiempo para ubicarme bien. ¡¡¡¡Por favor tengan paciencia conmigo!!!!

Pídan por mí y yo les prometo de recordarles diariamente en la Sta. Misa.

Que Dios les bendiga. En Cristo, P. Roberto

### **LECTURAS Y PREGUNTAS PARA COMPARTIR LA FE EL PRÓXIMO**

**DOMINGO: Agosto 8, 2010 - 19° Domingo Ordinario**

Sabiduría 18: 6-9; Hebreos 11: 1-2, 8-19; Lucas 12:32-48.

**Preguntas de Adultos semanales para Compartir la Fe:** ¿Qué requisitos tiene usted para ser contado como servidor quién el Maestro puede dejar encargado de su casa?

**Preguntas para los Niños:** ¿Qué cosa esperan que Dios haga por ustedes?

**INTENCIONES PARA LAS MISAS:** Martes, 8/3, 6:00 p.m.: Spec.Int. - Pauline Boyd  
 Domingo, 8/8, 2:00 p.m.: Josep Mai

### **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, hasta Agosto 15, 2010.**

**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](mailto: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](mailto:sschluter@holycrossopks.org).**

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., Aug.5, 7pm, Sacred Heart Chapel at Rockhurst High School.

**PRAY, MEET, EAT EVENT:** You are invited to join almost 30 Archdiocesan seminarians for Vespers, Benediction, and a reception where they will introduce themselves. The event is *SUNDAY, AUGUST 15, 4-6pm at Cure of Ars Church, 9360 Mission Rd., Leawood, KS.* This is a special opportunity for individuals and families to meet and get to know all the seminarians studying to become priests for our Archdiocese. Please join them for this time of prayer and fellowship before they return to seminary for the year. *Donations may be made for seminarian travel to World Youth Day in August 2011.*

**Outing at 'The K' with Committee of Young Patrons:** Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas' Committee of Young Patrons (CYP), a group of people in their 20s through 40s that supports Catholic Charities, invites you to spend an evening at "The K!" Join us on Sat., Aug.21, for the 6:10pm Royals vs. Chicago White Sox game. Get your special CYP rate tickets at [www.royals.com/groupevents](http://www.royals.com/groupevents) and visit us for our CYP tailgate in lot N. Visit [www.catholiccharitiesks.com](http://www.catholiccharitiesks.com) for more information.

**SAVE THE DATE:** The **Holy Cross Parish/Jack Weitkamp Memorial Golf Tournament** will take place Mon., Sept.13, at Brookridge Golf & Country Club. Check future bulletins beginning in August for more details.

**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](http://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.

Save the Date for **ALEXANDRA'S HOUSE 2nd Annual Bow Ties for Babies Gala Dinner and Silent Auction** on Sept.11, at The InterContinental Kansas City at the Plaza Rooftop Ballroom. \$150/person. For more info visit [www.bowtiesforbabies.com](http://www.bowtiesforbabies.com) or call 816-931-5378. The Friends of Alexandra's House thank you in advance for your consideration and help.

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, call the Ignatian Spirituality Center at 816-523-5115 x 212, email [khodel@ignatiancenterkc.org](mailto:khodel@ignatiancenterkc.org) or visit Web site at [www.ignatiancenterkc.org](http://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, [tkbutditt@hotmail.com](mailto:tkbutditt@hotmail.com) or 451-3680.

At **CRISTO REY KANSAS CITY**, we can offer our students a Catholic, college prep education because of our Corporate Work Study Program. Students gain professional experience and financially contribute to their education. All of our students work in entry-level positions at a wide variety of businesses and organizations, including law offices, hospitals, banks, insurance companies, architectural and engineering firms, nonprofits and other corporations.

To achieve our goal of truly breaking the cycle of poverty, students need to be prepared for gainful, professional employment. During the 2010 academic year, our students worked at over 115 locations! But the number of students we serve is growing, and we need your company to join our group of Sponsors. Do you have a job or lead for us?

Please contact Sharon Townsend, Director of Corporate Work Study, at 816-457-6044 or via email at [stowndsend@cristoreykc.org](mailto:stowndsend@cristoreykc.org). Learn more online at [cristoreykc.org](http://cristoreykc.org). Please join us as we work to break the cycle of poverty and change lives!

## *Extend an Invitation:*

**Invite someone you know to become part of Holy Cross Parish!**

People join the Catholic Church for a variety of reasons, but the majority of new members join our Church, because they know someone who is Catholic through work, sports, neighborhood or family life. You could be that someone! If you know a person who is curious about the Catholic faith, take time to share this information with him or her.

## **If You Don't, Who Will?**

Becoming Roman Catholic is a lifelong faith journey, which takes into consideration each individual's previous religious background and present needs. Adult Christian initiation at the Church of the Holy Cross takes place in the midst of the Catholic community, whose prayers and support are continually asked and given. The entire process generally lasts nine months to one year, depending on each person's situation.

### **Inquiry is the first step and begins in September!**

Each weekly session provides inquirers with basic information about the Catholic faith as well as an opportunity to ask questions about Catholics and their Church. At the conclusion of inquiry, those interested in continuing are invited to celebrate the **Rite of Welcome or Acceptance**.

The **Catechumenate** is the next step in the initiation process. It is a time for further study, prayer and participation in our community's life. A Catholic sponsor supports each *Catechumen* or *Candidate* with her or his prayers and presence during the fall and winter months.

During the first week of Lent, Archbishop Naumann affirms the desire of those who wish and are able to enter into the fullness of the Catholic faith during the **Rite of Election**. During the remaining weeks of Lent, the Church celebrates special prayers of **purification and enlightenment** with those preparing to join the Church at Easter, now called the *Elect*.

During the **Easter Vigil**, the Church glories in Christ's new life. One concrete expression of this Easter miracle is the celebration of the sacraments of initiation. Through the waters of Baptism, the oil of Chrism and the bread & wine of Christ's Body & Blood, the Elect become one with us in Christ.

In the weeks following Easter the Church **reflects on the mysteries** of Christ's life, death and resurrection in our lives.

**Sessions are held weekly on Sunday mornings,  
9:00 to 10:30 a.m., followed by Mass.**

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