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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.

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Dear Parishioners,

Many of our parishioners have been alarmed because of fake news reports which have been circulating and because of possible changes in government immigration policies. Because of these concerns, our parish recently hosted an informational program put on by El Centro. The program was called Conozca Sus Derechos, Know Your Rights. A large number attended, about 250. Information was given out on the proper way to respond to Immigration Service agents. This is part of our parish's responsibility as Christians. We are reminded of the words of Christ, "I was a stranger and you welcomed me."



Fr. Mike

**Readings for Next Sunday:**  
Exodus 17:3-7 ; Romans 5:1-2, 5-8;  
John 4: 5-42

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**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)  
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

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

- Monday**  
9:00 a.m. Teodoro Braceros
- Tuesday**  
6:30 a.m. Spec Int—Mary Beth Gray
- Wednesday**  
9:00 a.m. Howard Mischlich  
7:00 p.m. In Thanksgiving (Span)
- Thursday**  
6:30 a.m. Ruth Adams
- Friday**  
9:00 a.m. Joe Hernandez
- Saturday**  
7:30 a.m. Don Tillett  
5:00 p.m. Tim Carnody  
7:00 p.m. For World Leaders (Spanish)
- Sunday**  
7:30 a.m. People of the Parish  
9:00 a.m. Howard Mischlich  
11:00 a.m. Spec Int-Luis & Ana Martin  
1:00 p.m. Peace and Unity in the Church (Spanish)



**Please Pray for Those Asking for Prayers:**  
Lew Anderson, Mary Beth Gray, Gloria Planas,  
Helen Rzemnyk and George Vogel



The **acoustical upgrade** to the church continues! The **weekday** Masses will be **held in the church hall**. This will have **NO** impact on the weekend Masses!

**Finance Update**

Weekly Collection Report for February 26, 2017

	<u>Feb. 26</u>	<u>FYTD (2/28)</u>	<u>FYTD Budget</u>
Weekly Offering	\$26,010	\$974,114	\$999,700
Capital Campaign	\$3,893	\$226,642	\$120,000
Special Donations	\$346	\$23,556	\$25,050

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

Lent at Holy Cross

Stations of the Cross: 5:30 pm Fridays in Lent

Lenten Dinners: in Lickteig Hall except March 31

- March 17 K of C Fish Fry 5:00 pm
- March 24 Hispanic Community Fish Tacos 5:00 pm
- March 31 PTO Fish Dinner (at school) 5:00pm
- April 7 Soup and Salad Dinner by PTO 5:00 pm

Reconciliation

Every Wed in Lent from 6-7 pm

Communal Parish Service: Mon, April 3 at 7:00pm



Knights of Columbus

Fish Fry

Friday, March 17

Come enjoy fried Pollock fish and baked Tilapia fish along with delicious assorted side dishes and beverages. Suggested donation is \$10 adults and \$7 children.

Stewardship Reflection March 12, 2017

Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you." Genesis 12:1

The journey of Abraham to a new land is really the beginning of the Jewish-Christian story. Abraham's willingness to step out in faith and persistence encourages us to do the same as we journey through this season of Lent.

Stewardship Opportunities ... Check them out!



IHN (Interfaith Hospitality Network) is an interfaith homelessness intervention program that helps restore stability to situationally homeless families in Johnson County. We have fed,

housed, educated and empowered hundreds of wonderful people, thanks to our network of 35 congregations and individual supporters. Holy Cross is one of the congregations which support IHN.

Training for working with the homeless in the IHN (Interfaith Hospitality Network) program will be Tuesday, March 21, 6:30-8:30, at Old Mission United Methodist Church, 5519 State Park Rd, Fairway, KS. For more info call Shirley Maxwell, 913-897-2127.



Do you love houseplants and flowers? We are looking for a volunteer to water and care for the indoor potted plants at Holy Cross. Time commitment is approximately 20 minutes each week, and you can pick the day and time that works for you. We have the basic watering supplies and would be happy to show you what needs to be done. If interested, please call Gayle Pucci at 913-341-0379, or the church office.

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](http://www.holycrossopks.org) to register online.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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The **Sunshine Club** Social Hour Dinner will be held at Houlihan's, 4900 W. 119 St, on Wed., Mar. 22, 4:00 pm. Please call Marie Spies at 381-8923 for reservations. Thank you!

**St. Helen's Circle** will meet on Tuesday, Mar. 14, 7:00 pm, in Sharon O'Neill's home, 11011 W. 96 Terrace. Thinking about joining a Circle? Come visit. Call Thais at 341-1184 for more information.



### Box Tops for Education

We collect Box Tops year round! Keep on clipping! You can drop them off at the school office or the church.



### UPDATED Information!!!

**Early Registration deadline extended and cooking begins on Fri, April 21!** The 1st Holy Cross BBQ Competition is **Sat, April 22!** Team entry fee is \$150. Register early

and save! Only **\$100 per team** if register **before March 31!** Contact Jennifer Jones [jmjones050@gmail.com](mailto:jmjones050@gmail.com) for questions!



### BE A HORNET!!!

**Enrollment is now open for Holy Cross Catholic School for the 2017-2018 school year.** The registration fee is \$200.00/child, not to exceed \$450.00. For more information on how to enroll, call the school at 381-7408.



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## RECONCILIATION AND THE GIFT OF PEACE

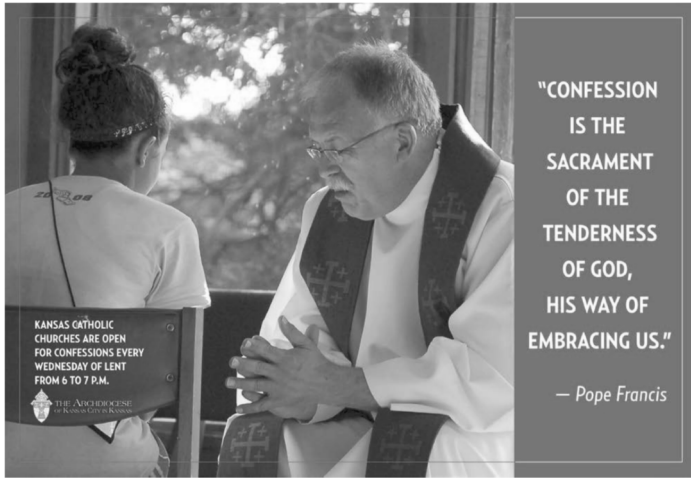
The season of Lent reminds us of the need for reconciliation. If the word reconciliation means anything in our lives, it means peace; such as the peace we experience after a difficult encounter when an apology is offered and accepted. There is also the peace of sitting in a church in the presence of the Lord and proclaiming to ourselves prayerfully that we are truly forgiven.

Each of us experiences a drift from our ideals. We have done foolish things in the past, been neglectful, said things out of anger or resentment. Perhaps we've even done dreadful things. Maybe we recognize that we have not been good stewards of our lives. We are not at peace. But peace can come to us if we sincerely present ourselves before the Lord and know that we are accepted and forgiven.

The Lord never tells us: "First, demonstrate your worth, and then I will reach out to you." The reality is that who we are now is who the Lord loves and accepts. Indeed, there is a sacrament available to us, a gift that expresses our desire for reconciliation with the Lord, and with each other. It is a gift that brings peace.

Good stewards proclaim the Gospel, and seeking reconciliation with the Lord, others and within ourselves is such a proclamation. The woman who came into the dining room where Jesus was having a meal, came not to proclaim her sinfulness, but to proclaim her gratitude for having been forgiven. She brings "alms" and performs a great act of generosity, kindness and service. She rubs expensive, perfumed oil into Jesus' hair (Matt. 26:11-13). The Lord's gifts of reconciliation and peace are meant to be proclaimed and shared by our own almsgiving and acts of forgiveness.

During Lent, let's reflect on forgiveness as a gift from the Lord that brings peace. Let's be good stewards of this gift by taking steps to seek peace for ourselves, and by our own generosity and kindness, bring peace to others. If we imitate the woman who anointed Jesus, we will be, as the Lord said, "known as long as the Gospel is preached." Christ's peace can be experienced in a special way this Lenten season. We need only take the first steps.



"CONFESSION IS THE SACRAMENT OF THE TENDERNESS OF GOD, HIS WAY OF EMBRACING US."  
 — Pope Francis

**Come to Confession**

Pope Francis once said, "Confession is the sacrament of the tenderness of God. It is His way of embracing us." Our parish invites you to experience God's tender embrace through the sacrament of reconciliation. During Lent, confession will be available at Holy Cross and in the churches throughout the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas on **Wednesdays from 6-7 pm**. Experience God's embrace. Come to Confession.



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*Immersing oneself in silent Eucharistic adoration is the secret of knowing the Lord.*  
 ~Pope Francis

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE™**

Are you looking for a great way to observe Lent and help save babies' lives? The Campaign for 40 Days of Life will be March 1 - April 9. Only experience needed is to know how to pray! It takes place at The Center for Women's Health at 4840 College Blvd, every day 7am-7pm. Volunteer one hour a day, week or even month. Holy Cross has adopted Mon, March 27, but you are needed anytime. You can sign up at [www.40daysforlife.com/overlandpark](http://www.40daysforlife.com/overlandpark). Questions or to sign up, contact Lisa Fernholz at [elisa.fernholz@gmail.com](mailto:elisa.fernholz@gmail.com) or 913-515-9493.



The Catholic Career Roundtable (CCR) job club will host its weekly workshop on Saturday, 8:30-9:30 AM, at Good Shepherd Catholic Church, 12800 W. 75th St, Shawnee, KS.

This is an informal meeting to help support people in their search for meaningful work. In these workshops attendees discuss the fundamentals of transitioning to new careers and techniques for finding jobs in today's business climate.

For more information send an email to [catholiccareerroundtablekc@gmail.com](mailto:catholiccareerroundtablekc@gmail.com) or call Dave McClain at 645-5294. You can also visit [catholiccareerroundtable.com](http://catholiccareerroundtable.com).

Holy Cross is a collaborative partner in CCR.

**Adoration Chapel News**

**We have hours open!**

**Can you help?**

**Sun:** 1-2am, 3-4am, 4-5am, 5-6am

**Mon:** 2-3am, 10-11am      **Tues:** 12-1am

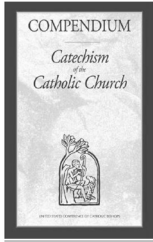
**Wed:** 12-1am, 1-2am, 3-4am      **Thurs:** 3-4am

**Fri:** 12-1am, 1-2am, 2-3am, 3-4am, 10-11am need partner

**Sat:** 4-5am, 7-8am, 12-1pm, 3-4pm, 6-7pm

If you can commit to one of these hours, please fill out the to the right or call Ruth Kuse 258-5008 or 963-3700





## Catechism Corner

### What are the characteristics of faith?

Faith is the supernatural virtue which is necessary for salvation.

It is a free gift of God and is accessible to all who humbly seek it. The act of faith is a human act, that is, an act of the intellect of a person - prompted by the will moved by God - who freely assents to divine truth. Faith is also certain because it is founded on the Word of God; it works "through charity" (Galatians 5:6); and it continually grows through listening to the Word of God and through prayer. It is, even now, a foretaste of the joys of heaven.

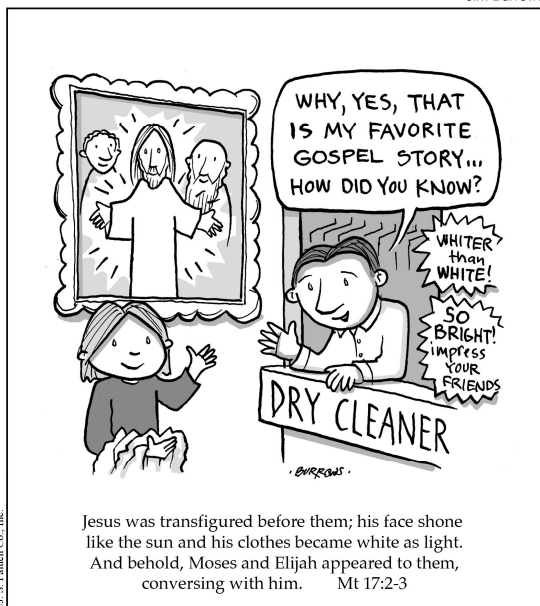
Further reading: CCC 153-165, 179-180, 183-184

*Excerpt are from the Compendium of the CCC.*

**Host Families** wanted for **high school exchange students for the 2017-2018 academic year.** Open your home, heart, and life to a high school student from another country. Families provide a bed, three meals and willing to live a new experience. Don't assume your family wouldn't be perfect for this! For more information, call Gladys Maldonado at 913-230-7145 or email her at [hermene.gladys25@gmail.com](mailto:hermene.gladys25@gmail.com).

The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



# 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)

## 40 DÍAS POR LA VIDA

¿Estás buscando una gran manera de hacer un sacrificio esta Cuaresma y ayudar a salvar vidas de bebés? **La Campaña de Primavera de 40 Días por la Vida será del 1º de marzo al 9 de abril.** La única experiencia necesaria para participar es saber orar. Se lleva a cabo en el Centro para la Salud de la Mujer, 4840 College Blvd., todos los días de 7am – 7pm. Sea voluntario por una hora al día, a la semana o incluso al mes. Holy Cross ha adoptado el lunes 27 de marzo, pero se necesitan voluntarios en cualquier momento. Usted puede inscribirse visitando [www.40daysforlife.com/overlandpark](http://www.40daysforlife.com/overlandpark). Para preguntas, comuníquese con Elisa Fernholz 913-515-9493 o [eliza.fernholz@gmail.com](mailto:eliza.fernholz@gmail.com).

Estimados Feligreses,

Muchos de nuestros feligreses se han alarmado debido a los falsos informes de noticias que han estado circulando y debido a los posibles cambios en las políticas de inmigración del gobierno. Debido a estas preocupaciones, nuestra parroquia recientemente presentó un programa informativo puesto por El Centro. El programa se llamó Conozca Sus Derechos. Un gran número asistieron, alrededor de 250. Se dio información sobre la manera adecuada de responder a los agentes del Servicio de Inmigración. Esto es parte de la responsabilidad de nuestra parroquia como cristianos. Nos recuerdan las palabras de Cristo: "anduve como forastero, y me dieron alojamiento".

Fr. Mike

## La Cuaresma en Holy Cross

**Estaciones de la Cruz:** 6:30 pm los Viernes durante Cuaresma

**Cenas de Cuaresma:** Empiezan a las 5:00 pm en el sótano de la iglesia (excepto el 31 de marzo)

**Mar 17** Caballeros de Colón – Cena de Pescado

**Mar 24** Comunidad Hispana Tacos de Pescado

**Mar 31** PTO – Cena de Pescado (en la escuela)

**Abr 7** PTO – Sopa y Ensalada

**Reconciliación:** todos los miércoles durante la Cuaresma de 6-7 pm

**Servicio Parroquial Comunal:** lunes, 7 de abril a las 7:00 pm (bilingüe)



### CONFERENCIA SOBRE MATRIMONIO Y FAMILIA

La Conferencia sobre Matrimonio y Familia se llevara a cabo en Ottumwa, IOWA el sábado 12 de agosto. La oficina del Ministerio Hispano tiene disponibles 200 boletos para el evento. El costo es de \$30 por cada persona mayor de 13 años. Niños menores de 5 años entran con los padres, cuidado de niños de 5 a 12 años y comida por \$5 por cada niño. Se está explorando la posibilidad de contratar camiones (Kansas City, Emporia, Topeka) para facilitar el transporte. Para más informaciones llamen a Padre Giani al 913 634 1480.



### Cena Cuaresmal de la Comunidad Hispana

¡Ricos Tacos de Pescado!

**viernes, 24 de marzo de 5:00-7:30 pm**

Lickteig Hall (en el sótano de la iglesia)

Acompáñenos para la Cena Cuaresmal patrocinada por la Comunidad Hispana de Holy Cross. Tendremos tacos de pescado, pizza para los niños y más. Próximamente encontrará un folleto en el boletín con más detalles sobre el proyecto que será apoyado con las ganancias de este evento.

### Retiro de la Escuela de Evangelización San Andrés

Están invitados al retiro Nueva Vida del grupo San Andrés el **10 al 12 de marzo** en la Parroquia San Pablo de Olathe. El costo es de \$20 por persona y \$30 por pareja. Habrá cuidado de niños. Para más información, llamar a Veronica Lopez al 913-972-2787 o Maria Guadalupe Torres al 913-279-8586.

### EL VIAJE DE LA TRANSFIGURACIÓN

“Solíamos ser tan buenos amigos. ¿Por qué te has alejado tanto?” un hombre le preguntó a otro. “Quizás”, le respondió el otro “tú te has alejado al quedarte quieto”. Este diálogo bien podría haberse dado entre Pedro y Jesús si a Pedro se le hubiera permitido armar tiendas para quedarse en el monte de la Transfiguración. Casi sucumbió a la tentación de quedarse en un lugar de maravilla y luz. Pero Jesús sabía la difícil verdad: estamos en un viaje continuo cuando transitamos los caminos de la voluntad de Dios. No es bueno que nos quedemos en un lugar en nuestro viaje de fe. Es igualmente malsano estancarnos en los momentos de alegría y milagros para evitar las dificultades de la vida que ensimismarnos en nuestros sufrimientos y tentaciones para evadir ser buenos compañeros de nuestras hermanas y hermanos que también están sufriendo; ¡o celebrar! La Iglesia peregrina debe hacer una cosa en su viaje de Cuaresma: caminar continuamente con Cristo como su Cuerpo nacido del agua y del Espíritu, buscando la voluntad de Dios, ayudando a que se conozca en la tierra el Reino de Dios, siendo guiada al final de nuestro viaje, transfigurada para siempre en la compañía del cielo.

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