

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS

8311 West 93rd Street Overland Park, KS 66212 Phone: (913) 381-2755

Dear Holy Cross Parishioners,

As a parish, we come together to worship, to share, and to build relationships.

It is this faith and these relationships that help us move forward, maintaining spaces for prayer, worship, and learning, where we gather to share life's joys and challenges and to support one another. May this directory help you be connected to your parish family.

Fr. Oswaldo Sandoval

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Church Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday and Thursday – 8:30 am to 4:00 pm
Friday, 8:30 am to 12:00 pm

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 pm Sunday: 8:30 am, 10:30 am and 12:30 pm (Spanish)

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday thru Saturday - 8:30am Wednesday 7pm (Spanish)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday at 3:00 until approx. 3:45 Wednesday at 6:00 to 6:45 pm

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptisms are usually celebrated in English each month after the 4:00 pm Saturday Vigil Mass.

Parent preparation classes in English are held every month. Call the office for specific dates and to register.

Los Bautizos en Español se celebran el 1er sábado de cada mes a la 1:00 pm y el 3er domingo del mes, después de la Misa de las 12:30 pm.

Las pláticas pre-bautismales para padres y padrinos se ofrecen el primer sábado de cada mes, a las 9:30 am. Para más información y para inscribirse, llame a la oficina de la iglesia.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Engaged couples should contact the Church Office at least six months prior to their wedding date.

HOLY CROSS CHURCH OFFICE

Pastor:	
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Donna Hogue	(913) 302-1064

HOLY CROSS RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE

Phone: (913) 381-2755 ext. 117

Director, Elementary Religious Education:

Patricia Arguetapargueta@holycrossopks.org

HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

8101 West 95th Street Overland Park, KS 66212 Phone: (913) 381-7408

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Kevin Mason	
Athletic Committee: (CYO)	
Holly Bailey	913-344-6666 or
•••••	baileysfamilymail@gmail.com

HOLY CROSS EARLY EDUCATION CENTER

7917 West 95th Street Overland Park, KS 66212 Phone: (913) 381-7151

Email: preschool@holycrosscatholicschool.com

Director: Stefanie Bridges

HIGH SCHOOLS

Bishop Miege High School	Randy Salisbury	262-2700
St. James Academy	Mr. Andy Tylicki	254-4200
St. Thomas Aquinas High School	Paul Fallon PhD	345-1411

HOLY CROSS PARISH ACTIVITY LEADERS

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Altar Servers	Rich Lundstrom816-941-7921
Art & Environment	
Bible Study	Melissa Radetic 232-8190
•	Kathleen Shea787-1263
Book Club	Betty Edmonds 381-7233
Boy Scouts	
Bridge ClubGeorge &	Nancy Dirnberger642-0585
Catholic Career Roundtable	David McClain 645-5294
Charismatic Prayer Group	Mary Ann Meert 642-3954
Counters	Parish Manager 381-2755
Cub Scouts	Patrick Morrissey816-405-7438
Athletic Committee (CYO)	Jennifer Malone 816-822-1842
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Comm	
	Terry Dressman 599-6997
Eucharistic Ministry to the Homebound	
Fathers Club	
Finance Council	Ken Castinado851-1074
Gardening – Garden Club	Open
Gardening/Meditation Garden M	Iargaret Sweetman341-0092
Gardening – Stewardship Garden	Christy L' Esperance 642-8456
Greeters	Pat Sheldon816-522-1801
Hospital Visitors	
Interfaith Hospitality Network	Shirley Maxwell 897-2127
Knights of Columbus	Richard Warwick 808-7089
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Treasurer

SCRIP: A way to earn money for the parish, without cost to you! Here's how it works. "Scrip" are preloaded gift cards from national and local retailers that the parish can buy at a discount. You buy the gift cards from Holy Cross at face value, then redeem them at your favorite stores for face value. When you do a percentage of your purchase comes back to the parish. Scrip is on sale after Mass most weekends and at the school during weekday office hours.

HOLY CROSS MINISTRIES AND ACTIVITIES

Adult Formation

Throughout the year various opportunities are offered for adult religious education and formation. Information about upcoming programs at Holy Cross, as well as at neighboring parishes, is announced in the bulletin and on the parish website. Parishioners are invited to help plan a program or serve as a presenter.

Contact: Deacon Tim McEvoy, 381-2755

Altar Servers

Any child in Holy Cross parish who is in 5th to 12th grade is encouraged to join the Altar Servers. Servers are trained to assist the priest in the celebration of the Mass.

Contact: Rich Lundstrom, 816-941-7921

Art & Environment

Altar decorations, banners and flowers, designed to reflect the seasons of the liturgical year, enhance the worship services at Holy Cross. Parishioners with talent in art, interior design, floral arrangement or sewing are needed.

Contact: Linda Baca 726-0201

Bereavement Support

Contact: Kay Spaniol, 383-1157

Book Club

Do you love reading a good book and enjoy discussing it with others? You are always welcome to participate in the Holy Cross Book Club, which meets on the first Tuesday of the month, 9:30-11:00 am, in Room 1.

Contact: Rosemary Maher, 230-3558

Boy Scouts - Cub Scouts

Meetings are held on Monday evenings. A camp-out is held one weekend a month, and a week-long camp takes place during the summer.

Contact: Rich Lundstrom, Scoutmaster, 816-522-1090 or Julie Nielson,

787-7214......troop251opks@gmail.com

Contact: Patrick Morrissey, 816-405-7438 or leaders@pack3251.org

Bridge Club

The Holy Cross couples Bridge Group meets monthly, usually the second Saturday. Two tables play at different members' homes each month, September through April. During the evening, members rotate partners. The last session in May is a dinner and awards night.

Contact: George and Nancy Dirnberger, 642-0585

Building and Maintenance

Occasional help is needed for maintenance projects on the church property and small repairs to the building.

Contact: Richard Warwick, 381-2755

Bulk Mailing

When the church sends out large mailings, volunteers are needed to fold items, put them in envelopes, seal the envelopes and apply address labels. The whole process usually takes two hours.

Catholic Career Roundtable

Catholic Career Roundtable (CCR) is about people finding people jobs. It is a collaborative effort of several parishes, including Holy Cross. Meetings are on Saturday mornings from 8:30 to 10:00 am. Meeting information can be found online at www.catholiccareerroundtable.org.

Contact: David McClain, 645-5294

Charismatic Prayer Group

The Charismatic Prayer Group meets every Monday at 1:30 am.

Contact: Mary Ann Meert, 220-1797

Collection Counters

Counting the Sunday collection begins after the 8:30 am Mass and continues until after the 10:30 am Mass. Counters serve about once every three months.

Contact: Richard Warwick...381-2755

Confirmation

Holy Cross Confirmation Program is a two-year process. Formation typically begins in the 7th Grade, but can start anytime through 10th Grade. The Confirmation Program also allows for Religious Education for all students 7th-12th Grades, including preparation for First Reconciliation and First Communion. Classes meet on a weekly basis September through May.

Contact: Patricia Argueta, 381-2755

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Parishioners, 16 years of age or older, may assist the priest with the distribution of Communion. Training is required. Training sessions are held periodically during the year and are announced in the parish bulletin. Some Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are also trained to bring Communion to the homebound.

Contact: Terry Dressman, 599-6997



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Finance Council

The Finance Council serves the parish and the pastor as consultants on financial decisions. The group meets monthly throughout the year.

Contact: Ken Castinado 851-1074

Food for the Hungry

Holy Cross and the surrounding Catholic parishes of Johnson County supply food for the Catholic Charities Food Pantry at 9720 W. 87th St. in Overland Park. Please donate nonperishable grocery items on the fourth Sunday of each month. Bring your donations with you when you come to Mass and take them to the Catholic Charities truck.

Contact: Church Office, 381-2755

Food Kitchen (St. Mary's)

Members of our parish are involved in preparing a casserole and/or serving a hot lunch to about 400 people on the third Friday of each month at St. Mary's Food Kitchen in Kansas City, Kansas. The time commitment can vary between 1-4 hours each month.

Contact: Wayne Guelbert, 492-1857

Funeral Dinners

Upon request, Women of Holy Cross provide food for families of deceased members of the parish. The funeral luncheon may be served in Lickteig Hall or food can be delivered to the home. An entrée is provided by WHC and volunteers provide salad, vegetable dish or dessert. If you would like to be on the volunteer list, please contact the WHC Funeral Dinner Chairperson. Donations are also accepted.

Contact: Ginny Wietharn, 851-3365

Gabriel Project

The Gabriel Project provides spiritual, emotional and material support to women in crisis pregnancy. If you feel called to pro-life work, please join us to decide if this ministry is for you. Whether you have an hour a month or an hour a day, we can find a place for you to help in this amazing ministry to women. Contact Archdiocese of Kansas City Kansas, 602-0306.

Gardening – Garden Club

Volunteers plant flowers around the entry of the church and care for them during the growing season. Work sessions are scheduled 3-4 times each year and generally last 3-4 hours.

Contact: Open

Gardening - Meditation Garden

Volunteers help with periodic planting, weeding, mulching and general upkeep of the Meditation Garden. Work sessions are scheduled 6-8 times each year and generally last 3-4 hours.

Contact: Margaret Sweetman, 341-0092

Gardening - Stewardship Garden

Volunteers give of their time & talents to grow several vegetable gardens to benefit the poor. All produce is donated to the local Catholic Charities Food Pantry.

Contact: Christy L' Esperance, 642-8456

Gift Bearers

Parish families and individuals are welcome to carry the gifts of bread and wine to the altar during the Offertory. There is a sign-in sheet on the sacristy door in the church narthex. Simply sign your name and/or let one of the ushers know that you are interested.

Greeters

Any parishioner or family can play a special part in the Sunday liturgy by welcoming other parishioners and guests as they enter the church for Mass. **Contact:** Pat Sheldon, 816-522-1801 or pat.sheldon@yahoo.com

Hispanic Ministry

The primary goal of Hispanic Ministry is to bring all Hispanic Catholics into enthusiastic participation in the life and mission of the parish, while strengthening the unity of the One Body of Christ. This is accomplished by developing leadership opportunities for Hispanic parishioners and supporting the expansion of the ministerial capacity of our parish to respond to the growing Hispanic presence within our community.

Contact: Fr. Oswaldo Sandoval, 381-2755

Holy Cross Catholic School and Preschool,

A cornerstone of faith and education since 1986, Holy Cross Catholic School offers a fully licensed, self-contained preschool with a transitional kindergarten and a childcare facility open 7:30 am until 6:00 pm. Our Catholic school for Pre-kindergarten through 8th grade offers full-day kindergarten, before and after school care, as well as summer programs and camp. Holy Cross Catholic School is accredited by Cognia and the State of Kansas and has been awarded the Kansas Governor's Achievement Award. Enrichment programs include art, music, band, vocal choir, technology (1:1), Science Technology Religion Engineering Arts, and Mathematics (S.T.R.E.A.M), Broadcasting, Mathletics, Battle of the Books, F.I.T. Club, Chess Club, and foreign language. We infuse our faith in every aspect of our students' lives. Our faith is not just a subject in school; it is a seamless connection to the world around us.

Contact: Mrs. Melissa Wagner, Principal 381-7405

Hospital Visitors

Volunteers from Holy Cross visit Catholic patients at Advent Health Shawnee Mission Ks each month. Special training is required. This is a very rewarding ministry for both the patient and the visitor.

Contact: Vicki Bronson, 484-9593

Interfaith Hospitality Network

Join other Holy Cross parishioners in partnering with area churches to provide meals and/or visits with homeless families as they regain their independence. This involves a time commitment of a few hours or more, once a quarter. Training is required.

Contact: Shirley Maxwell, 897-2127

Knights of Columbus

Be a part of a Catholic, Family, Fraternal and Service organization that offers a variety of programs and activities for the entire family. Members are asked to attend a one-hour meeting once a month. Participation in other activities is optional.

Contact: Richard Warwick, 808-7089 or Cesar Argueta for Hispanic, 645-0921

Lectors

Lectors proclaim the Word of God at Mass once every 6-8 weeks. Training is necessary for interested parishioners, who are 15 years of age or older. **Contact:** Kathy Gellings, 341-2990

Liturgical Musicians

Any singer or instrumentalist interested in sharing the gift of music will find a variety of opportunities for ministry, including the Adult Choir, Cantor and Accompanist

Contact: Church Office, 381-2755

Marriage Encounter

Marriage Encounter emphasizes improving communication between a husband and wife, away from the distractions of everyday life in a loving, private atmosphere. Marriage Encounter is for good marriages and for any couple desiring to better their marriage.

Marriage Preparation Lead Couples

Married couples are needed to help provide Marriage Preparation for engaged couples seeking the Sacrament of Matrimony.

Contact: Fr Oswaldo or Fr. Mersmann, 381-2755

Nursing Home Visitors

Volunteers from Holy Cross visit Indian Creek Nursing Center. Volunteers host Bingo every fourth Thursday evening and assist with activities such as games, music, and birthday parties. Occasionally, a rosary is prayed and a Mass is celebrated. There is a great need for one-on-one visits. At Christmas, we adopt residents without families. Our goal is to show the residents that Holy Cross cares.

Contact: Carol Reardon, 244-6443 Margi Foley 381-8145

In home & Nursing Home Visits

If you or a loved one are unable to make to Mass on Sunday we will bring Communion to you.

Contact: Margi Foley, 381-8145



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Parish Festival

The Parish Festival is celebrated in September on the Saturday nearest the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross. The afternoon begins with Mass and continues into the evening with festival activities that include ethnic food, bingo, carnival games, crafts and music. Volunteers are needed to help run booths and set up the festival. *Contact:* Carol Reardon, 244-6443

Pastoral Council

The purpose of the Holy Cross Pastoral Council is to offer sound, practical and prayerful advice to the pastor regarding our parish's spiritual and community life. The Pastoral Council learns about the parish, identifies areas for growth and considers ways of responding to these identified needs.

Perpetual Adoration

Perpetual Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament was begun at Holy Cross on May 7, 1989. An hour in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament each week promises great blessings. Your committed hour each week assures us of a continuation of Perpetual Adoration.

Contact: Ruth Kuse, 258-5008

Physical Plant Committee

The Physical Plant Committee consults with the pastor and parish manager on facilities maintenance and projects.

Contact: Richard Warwick, 381-2755

Quilters & Crafters

This group meets once a week on Tuesday, 9:30 am until 2:30 pm, in Room 3. They do crafts and handiwork to sell in order to raise funds for the parish and other charities.

Contact: Jan Keegan, 599-6061

Religious Education for Children (Grades K-6)

Families with children in grades one through six can choose between our Afternoon Program or our Family Program. Children in the Afternoon Program gather by grade level in classes that meet on Tuesdays from 5;00-6:00 pm, beginning in September and continuing through late April. Classes are taught in English. Children in Grades K-6 in our Family Program are joined by one or more parents or guardians. The Family Program meets on alternating Tuesday evenings from September through April. Children's classes are taught in English. Both Spanish and English are spoken for adults. In both options, children participate in learning activities, prayer services and preparation for the Sacraments of First Eucharist and First Reconciliation, under the guidance of volunteer ministers called Catechists. Parents, youth and other adults receive training and support in this ministry. Besides catechists, other volunteers are needed in support roles as childcare providers, music ministers, hall monitors and in other ways. Enrollment for these programs opens in June and closes in August.

Contact: Religious Education Office, 381-2755 ext. 117. Virtual classes are available.

Contact: Patricia Argueta, pargueta@holycrossopks.org

Respect Life

The Respect Life Committee at Holy Cross works to educate the parish members on respect life issues, including information on abortion, euthanasia, and capital punishment. There are monthly meetings plus special projects.

Contact: Becky Dixon, 961-5538

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

Any adult interested in becoming Catholic is asked to participate in the RCIA. An inquirer can call the Church Office to make an appointment. Reception into the Church takes place when the person is ready. Those who are unbaptized may have a slightly longer process than those who are baptized Christians. Sessions are held on Sunday mornings. Those who are already Catholics, who wish to renew their faith, may also participate as a sponsor or in another role.

Contact: Dave West 816-560-7853 or Samuel Amaro 314-5767

Sacristan

Sacristans perform several different roles in the parish. They assist the priest in preparing the church for liturgical celebrations like baptisms or funerals. They oversee the care of liturgical vestments, linens and sacred vessels. They help clean the church. These roles are filled by several different sacristans. Let us know if you would like to help in one of these areas. Time commitment varies accordingly.

Contact: Jean Murry 488-8558 or Pat Sheldon 816-522-1801

St. Monica's Mom's Group

This group seeks to bring together a community of moms with young children for fellowship, friendship, and fun!

Contact: Rebecca Heiman, 568-7122

Sunshine Club

Open to parishioners age 50 and over, the Sunshine Club meets the first Sunday every month for breakfast and a business meeting. Monthly social activities include picnics, potlucks, outings, dinners and holiday celebrations. The Sunshine Club provides support to its members during times of illness through the telephone and prayer committee.

Contact: Carol Domville, 940-1125

Ushers

Ushers provide a climate of hospitality during Mass and attend to the practical needs of the assembly. Training is necessary for interested parishioners, who are 15 years of age or older. Ushers serve for one month at a time, usually 3-4 times a year.

Contact: Ken Castinado 851-1047

Women of Holy Cross Circles

Women of Holy Cross (WHC) functions as a support group for the parish both spiritually and physically. Activities include funeral dinners, monthly Coffee & Donuts after Mass and managing the church kitchen. WHC also sponsors spiritual and social events for the women of the parish. WHC is funded by donations, Circle contributions and individual dues, which are collected in September through a parish envelope. All women of the parish are members and can become active by joining a Circle of Friends or by volunteering for a particular project. There are six Circles. Each Circle meets monthly and has its own officers, goals and projects. New members are welcome in any stage of life. Both daytime and evening Circles are available. WHC will be happy to help you find a Circle that is right for you.

Contact: Pat Sheldon, 816-522-1801

DEDICATED FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES AT HOLY CROSS

The following five funds are designed for people who would like to make a financial gift to Holy Cross in memory of a special person or event or would like their gift dedicated for a specific purpose.

The Holy Cross Parish Endowment Fund

The Holy Cross Parish Endowment Fund is intended to provide a perpetual stream of income to the parish for generations to come, so that Holy Cross can continue to carry out its mission. Contributions to the Fund are invested by the Catholic Foundation of Northeast Kansas and only the profit earned on the Fund may be spent for a specific purpose. Currently, all earned profits are reinvested.

The Holy Cross Memorial Fund

The Holy Cross Memorial Fund is dedicated to care of the parish altar. Donations to this Fund are used to purchase materials like altar cloths, wine, bread, candles, and for special items like the Paschal (Easter) Candle, vessels, vestments, and ritual books.

The Holy Cross Catholic School Endowment Fund

The Holy Cross Catholic School Endowment Fund is intended to provide a perpetual stream of income to our Catholic school for generations to come. Contributions to the Fund are invested by the Catholic Foundation of Northeast Kansas and only the profit earned on the Fund may be spent for a specific purpose. Currently, all earned profits are reinvested.

The Guardian Angel Fund

The Guardian Angel Fund provides tuition assistance for Holy Cross parishioners, who are in financial need, but would like their child to attend Holy Cross Catholic School. The names of the recipients are kept confidential.

The Meditation Garden Fund

The Meditation Garden is a special place where parishioners and people from the neighborhood can come to pray and reflect in the midst of God's creation. Donations in any amount will be used for the upkeep of the garden.

Leave a Legacy

Remember the Church of the Holy Cross in your will or trust. For more information contact the Parish Manager.

DOUBLE YOUR DONATION

Many employers match donations made by their employees to charitable organizations, like Holy Cross School's Guardian Angel Fund or School Endowment Fund, dollar for dollar. To find out if your employer has such a program, contact your company's Human Resources Department. A listing of eligible companies is also available on the parish website under "Stewardship/Make-a-Donation/Matching Gifts."