

QUEEN *of the* HOLY ROSARY

7023 W. 71st Street • Overland Park, KS 66204
(913) 432-4616



January 1, 2012 • Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Mass Schedule

Weekend: Saturday 4:00 p.m.
Sunday 7:00, 9:00 & 11:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Weekday: Tuesday-Friday 8:15 a.m.

Communion Service Monday 8:15 a.m.

Holy Day: See inside bulletin

Confession: Saturday 2:30 p.m.—3:15 p.m.

*Those needing hearing assistance,
receivers are available by contacting an usher.*

Parish Office Building (Old Rectory)

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Parish Staff

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Our Mission Statement

Led by the Spirit of God... We are a Catholic faith community dedicated to becoming a dynamic center of worship and Christian involvement. Our enthusiasm and love will fill each member and permeate the larger communities that surround us. We strive to recognize and celebrate our unity. We challenge ourselves to lead lives that will reflect our beliefs.

Pastoral Council

Pastor: Father Don Cullen
 President: Rick Alvarez
 President Elect: Judy Wolf
 Secretary: Mary Beth Summers

Members:

John Paul II School:
 Tim Rafferty
 Religious Education:
 Denise Godinez
 High School Youth Representative:
 rotating position
 Parish Social Activities:
 Kevin Caldwell
 Community Outreach:
 Sue Ryan
 Rick Alvarez
 Parish Administrator:
 Gene Meiners
 Parish Customer Service:
 Carolyn Elder
 Nancy Pullo
 Buildings and Grounds:
 Bill Staudenmaier
 Liturgy & Music :
 Judy Wolf
 Knights of Columbus:
 Matthew Harkins
 Queen's Ladies:
 Sue Ryan
 Issues at Large:
 Terrie Stanker
 At Large:
 Jeff Belgum

Phone numbers for Council members may be found in your copy of the church directory.

Finance Council

Pastor: Father Don Cullen
 Parish Administrator: Gene Meiners
 Chair: Dave Richardson
 Bookkeeper: Ruth Mailand
 Members:
 Marilyn Dugan
 Chris Redmond
 Mike Kerr

The Sacraments

Confession

The Sacrament of Confession: Saturday 2:30-3:15 p.m.

Baptisms

Baptisms are conducted on the first Sunday for each month. Registered parishioners must complete the Baptismal Preparation Class prior to their child's baptism. It is recommended to take this class at least 3 months prior to the birth. To reserve your place in class, please contact Rosalynn Redmond in the Religious Education Office (913) 378-2700, Monday-Thursday from 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., after hours please leave a message, or send an email to: rosallynn@qhr-opks.org. Your child's Baptismal date will be scheduled upon completion of this class. This is a requirement for your first child and we invite you to attend the class for each child hereafter as a refresher course. It is highly recommended, but not required, for your child's Baptismal Godparents to attend this class with you.

Weddings

Weddings require six months notice to fulfill the Archdiocesan marriage program. An appointment with the Pastor is necessary **before a date can be set.**

Anointing of the Sick

If you would like to receive the Sacrament of the Sick, please see Father Cullen after Mass. The sacrament is available to all those who are ailing physically, mentally or spiritually.

Timely Information

Bulletin & Announcement Deadlines

Items for the bulletin are due the Monday prior to publication by 4:30 pm. Please drop your items off at the parish office or e-mail them to QHRBulletin@gmail.com. **Full page notices need to be submitted 2 weeks in advance for consideration and approval.** Questions? Please e-mail the above address.

Please remember that announcements and petitions (i.e. sick list) for masses must be turned into the parish office no later than 5:00 p.m. on the Thursday prior to the weekend masses.

Altar Linens

St. Barbara's Circle is in charge of taking care of the linens for the month of January.

Hospital Reminder

If you are in the hospital and would like to receive Holy Communion, please have a family member contact Sheryl Lickteig at the Parish Office (913) 432-4616 or (913) 722-2250.

Parish Prayer Chain

The Parish Prayer Chain is ready to pray for your intentions. Please contact Doris Kapsch at 642-0410 or Carolyn Pate at 492-7612.

New Parishioners

Please register at the Information Station after any weekend Mass. The Information Station is located in the southeast corner of the church at the top of the steps by the elevator. You may also register in the rectory office Monday through Friday between 8:30 am and 5:00 pm. If you are currently a QHR parishioner but have never registered, please stop by the Information Station or the parish office and fill out an official form.

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Monday, January 2

8:15 a.m. Communion Service

Tuesday, January 3

8:15 a.m. Doreen Quirke-Flynn

Wednesday, January 4

8:15 a.m. Virginia Kerkvliet-Kerkvliet

Thursday, January 5

8:15 a.m. Joseph Munjak-Munjak

Friday, January 6

8:15 a.m. Jimmy Watson-Zawada

Saturday, January 7

8:15 a.m. 1st Saturday Mass:
Immaculate Heart of Mary-Legion of Mary
4:00 p.m. Bill Williams-Kokoruda

Sunday, January 8

7:00 a.m. Eva O'Neill Spaeth-Henderson
9:00 a.m. Dave Brennan-Brennan
11:00 a.m. Charles Vail-Armstrong
5:00 p.m. Finley Marie Clements-Center for
Advanced Fetal Care

For Mass times around the country when you travel,
call 1-734-794-2100 or visit www.masstimes.org.

Readings for the Week

Sunday: Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21
Monday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Jn 1:19-28
Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:29--3:6/Jn 1:29-34
Wednesday: 1 Jn 3:7-10/Jn 1:35-42
Thursday: 1 Jn 3:11-21/Jn 1:43-51
Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-38
or 3:23, 31-34, 36, 38
Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Jn 2:1-11

This Week's Events

We pray the Rosary at 7:50 am Monday-Saturday
before daily Mass or Communion Service.

Sunday, January 1

7:30 a.m.—Coffee & Donuts

Monday, January 2

7:00 p.m.—FZC—Boy Scouts

Tuesday, January 3

2:00 p.m.—C2 — Legion of Mary
5:00 p.m.—FZC—Aerobics
7:00 p.m.—FZC—RCIA
7:00 p.m.—CH—Novena/Benediction
7:30 p.m.—CH—Choir Practice

Wednesday, January 4

5:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m.—JPPII—Children's Choir
6:30 p.m.—Virtus
6:30 p.m.—CH—Divine Mercy

Thursday, January 5

5:00 p.m.—FZC—Aerobics
7:00 p.m.—FZC—Knights of Columbus
7:00 p.m.—C—Liturgy

Friday, January 6

8:15 a.m.—CH—All School Mass
6:00 p.m.—CH—Wedding Rehearsal

Saturday, January 7

8:15 a.m.—CH—1st Saturday Mass
1:00 p.m.—CH—Wedding

BR—Bride's Room • C1-C5-Convent • CH-Church
CGS-Catechesis of the Good Shepherd • CMR-Church Meeting
Room • FZC-Father Zawacki Center (church basement) • REO-
Religious Education Office • RMR-Rectory Meeting Room

Change in Parish Information

Old Information

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

New Information

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

If you are moving out of the parish, please check.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

January 7 - January 8

	Lector	Sacristan	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server	Usher	Greeter	Children's Liturgy
Saturday, 4:00 PM Epiphany	Luchi, Robert (1) Hoffman, Rita (2)	Lacy, Nan	Anderson, Marcie Borelli, Jim Krieg, Bruce Maloney, Bill Maloney, Patrice Ruffin, Sue Ryan, Sue Ryan, Steve	Boling, Olivia Manning, Madalyn Manning, Josh	Bossing, John Dalton, Bill Manning, Aaron Manning, Patricia Relic, Clarence	Boling, Renee Hurley, Sara Maloney, Morgan	
Sunday, 7:00 AM Epiphany	Brown, Mike (1) Kolarik, Tom (2)	Finnerty, Jeff	Carter, Bruce DePlato, Bill Falcon, Daniel Haase, Kristi Kolarik, Michelle Lacy, Nan Maher, Tom	Carroll, Liam Marquez, Marco Young, Noah	Holmes, Joe Rodriguez, Rod Ryan, Lori Stubbs, John	Lacy, Nan Pate, Carolyn Pate, Dick	
Sunday, 9:00 AM Epiphany	Coakley, Norm (1) Simmonds, Susan (2)	Green, Karen	Debus, Pete/Helen Hickox, Gary Mahr, Steve Mentzer, Joe Oswald, Don Oswald, Delores Sanchez, Kathy	Matos, Emily Matos, Janet Zawada, Bryan	Crutchfield, Lee Bodner, Drew Mahr, Michael Zawada, Anthony	O'Shea, Sherri Peregrina, Hilda Robinson, Frieda	Corkill, Karen (1) Murphy, Brigid (2)
Sunday, 11:00 AM Epiphany	Dillingham, Susan (1) Snodgrass, Dan (2)	Kirchner, Janelle	Davila, Jessie Davila, Nick Dillingham, Mary Kay Dombrowski, Nick Garrison, Laura Osborn, Amy Schmidt, Teri Wilkinson, Mary	Owsley, Melissa Schmidt, Collin Sharpton, Maria	Godinez, Victor Kirchner, Bill Rodriguez, John Rodriguez, Benina	Carr, Rich Hahn, Mary O'Connor Meador, Doris	Clement, Linsie (1) Clement, Zach (2)
Sunday, 5:00 PM Epiphany	Mathews, Mike (1) DeBauge, Joan (2)	Amor, Mary	Amor, Mary Brown, Leah Brown, Patricia Mikols, Paul Roche, Tina Scalzi, Ann Scalzi, Howard Schulte, Scott	Laughlin, Tyler Schulte, Megan Zipt, Peyton	Dean, Tom Gouviou, Linda Huynh, Huey Karlsen, Beth	Barrick, Mary Newbanks, Mary Roche, Tina	

Cantor/Accompanists:

Saturday 4:00 p.m. Monica McCarthy/Wally Drone
Sunday 11:00 a.m. Mary Canhan/Parish Choir

Sunday 9:00 a.m. Children's Choir
Sunday 5:00 p.m. Saints Alive!

PLEASE REMEMBER THE SICK

Due to privacy laws, we will not be able to put a name on the sick list unless we have been asked to do so a family member. To keep the Prayer List manageable, names will be dropped after *3 months* unless they are requested to be left on. Please call Sheryl Lickteig (913-722-2250) if you wish to have someone put on this list. Names must be received before 4:30 p.m. on Monday to appear in the next bulletin, names received after that time will be held until the next bulletin.

Rita Austin	Mary Elaine Conrad	Anne Hendricks-	Gene Parisse	Gregory Tate
Don Armstrong	George Curry	Darnell	Alex Perez	Betty Tyler
Caroline Batson	Ted Domanski	Mary Anne Hickox	Megan Prince	Chris Whittier
Steve Broaddus	Jim Elwell	Farrell McGinnis	Jim Russell	Tristan Wiesing
Craig Bruenger	Lois Evans	Gerry Mermis	Joe Sanches	Vincent Wiesing
Vera Byrnes	Richard Gibbs	Carole Murdoch	Joanne Schmidt	Anna Marie
Rod Caldwell	John Gualtieri	Terry Navickas	Hayden Scraggs	Wilkinson
Colette Canchola	Barbara Harper	Tony Navickas	Al Schweers	
Jackson Coleman	Donilita Hasty	Pat Nolan	Dan Sullivan	



Please remember in your prayers, those serving in the military...

Kenneth Young, spouse of Perry Young
 Capt. Albert Garcia IV, son of Melinda Krautmann
 Capt. Zackary Wilkes, grandchild of Tom & Theresa Wilkes
 Corp. Thomas R. Wilkes, grandchild of Tom & Theresa Wilkes
 Msgt. Timmothy Graves, son of Denny & Kathy Graves
 AIC David A. Bellis, nephew of Robin and Scott Mills
 SSGT Matthew A. Crawford, nephew of Robin and Scott Mills
 2nd LT Jacob Jeffcoat, son of Ruth and Steven Mailand
 Boatswains Mate Michael Price, grandchild of Mary Alice Price
 Cpl. Kenneth Clark, grandson of Bob & Karen Wormington

SSGT John Ternus, nephew of Jean Ternus

Corp. Michael Wentline, nephew of Carole Saunders

Sr. Airman Michael Lopez III, great nephew of Elise Barbosa

LT Charlie Bennett, nephew of Dave & Mary Lou Richardson

SGT 1st Class William Nash, father of Rebecca Nash

SGT Michael Dowd, nephew of Michael & Judy Dowd

AIC Jonathan Van Ryn son of Mary Van Ryn

Major Christopher Thoendel son of Barbara Thoendel

If you are a parishioner of Queen of the Holy Rosary Parish and have a relative serving in active duty please call Margi or Nancy at the Parish Office (913-432-4616), if you wish to have them listed in the bulletin.

- NOTES FROM FATHER CULLEN - Catholic Info / Trivia... Tell Me More —THANK YOU—

Thank you for all of your prayers, cards, and good wishes during my surgery and recovery. I am looking forward to seeing all of you at Mass. I appreciate the visiting priests who helped with Masses and confessions and the good work of the staff to keep everything going. I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Many thanks for your Christmas cards, kind words, sweets and gifts.

God Bless!

-Father Cullen

STEWARDSHIP

Holiday collection totals for December 25-January 1 will be posted in the January 8th bulletin.

God Bless!

Father Cullen & The Financial Council

Marilyn Dugan, Mike Kerr, Ruth Mailand, Gene Meiners, Dave Richardson, and Chris Redmond

Eucharistic Adorers We are in need of adorers, especially during the overnight hours and Saturday evenings. If you have been thinking about spending special time before Our Lord, please consider one of these now.

	AM	PM
Sunday	12-1-2-4-6	3
Monday	1-2-3	10
Tuesday	12-1-2-3	5-11
Wednesday		11
Thursday	12-1-2	10
Friday		10-11
Saturday	12-2-3-5	3-6-7-8-9-10-11

Call Virginia at 642-3506 or Judy at 362-7893

Baby Shower Collection The Parish PRO-LIFE Committee and the Knights of Columbus are again collecting items for babies with our Baby Shower for Life. We will have a playpen set up in the back of the Church thru-out the month of January. There will be an envelope for cash or checks (payable to K of C). Items and money will be donated to the Advice and Aid Center.

The Pro-Life Committee has partnered with the Knights of Columbus to sponsor the Roses for Life Campaign. This project will raise awareness of our pro-life beliefs and desire to end abortion. At mass on January 14 and 15, you will receive the opportunity to sign a paper rose in support of life. All roses from Queen of the Holy Rosary and neighboring parishes will be hand-delivered to Topeka on January 23rd, the 40th Anniversary of Roe vs. Wade. Thank you for supporting life, please continue to pray for our leaders and the upcoming election.

Do you want to personally stand up for life? There will be a group of people driving to Topeka on January 23rd for the March for Life. If you would like to join the March, contact Judy at 362-7893 for more details.

STEP UP TO AEROBICS!!

Start out the new year with some good exercise at a new aerobics session beginning January 3rd in the church hall at Queen. The class meets every Tuesday and Thursday from 5:15 - 6:15 pm and consists of aerobic exercise (with or without a step), the use of light weights, and some stretching and strengthening exercises. The session will end on March 8th and the cost is \$50.00 for the 10 week session. For more information or to register call Sue (913-831-1792) or Andrea (913-381-0264), or just come to our first class to observe, to see if you like it.



BAPTISMS DECEMBER 2011

OLIVIA GRACE HART

Daughter of Edwin and Alicia Staudenmyer Hart

CARSON WILLIAM HULL

Son of William and Danae Erb Hull

AUBREY ELLYN MICK

Daughter of Curtis and Elaine Cobb Mick

KACEY LEANN TURNER

Daughter of Gregory and Kimberly Butler Turner

DEATHS DECEMBER 2011

CAROL M. KOEHLER

WILMA B. BOYLE

Food Pantry: Thanks to all who contribute to help others less fortunate especially during this Christmas season. We need Rice-a-Roni, Ramen noodles, and pastas (noodles, macaroni, etc.) most of all. We are low on applesauce, Jell-O, toilet paper and cream of-soups (chicken, mushroom, celery, etc.). Special thanks to the people who help in the food pantry with sorting, sacking and other duties. Happy New Year!



A big thank you to the ladies who came to the Queen's Ladies Christmas Luncheon and gave baby gifts, towels (used and new) and all kinds of toiletries (keep on saving these items for us). Many many thanks!

-Queen's Ladies Committee

Christmas Collection Thank You: On behalf of the 85,000 served annually by Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas, thank you for your generous support of the annual Christmas Collection. We wish you and your family a blessed New Year filled with good health and happiness.



This is Our Faith...
Praising God

Religious Education Office—

Our parish is so blessed to have so many wonderful children and families who receive their religious education through either the School of Religion program or through John Paul II school! This past year, we have seen growth in the numbers of students in both school programs.

Our **Sacrament Preparation** classes have grown both in numbers and ages of the those preparing.

We have 47 **Altars Servers** who are top quality and we have 21 currently going through training.

The **Protecting Children VIRTUS** program continues to bring forward volunteers and parents who want to be informed and have the ability to help watch over our parish children.

Our **Crusader's** high school youth group has worked hard on all their projects and the parish has supported them with generosity beyond expectations.

Our **School of Religion** program continues to grow both in student numbers (128) and in volunteers. (17 volunteer Catechists and 12 volunteer Aides). Parents do not hesitate to step up to help in the planning and participating with their children in many classroom and family activities....here are just a few snapshots.....



Making Burritos !

Singing Praise to God through Music with Michael



Protecting God's Children
VIRTUS training
Wednesday, January 4
6:30 p.m.—Parish Hall

Go online to the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas website to sign up.



Sacrament Preparation 2012



First Communion ~

Thursday, January 18, 7:00—8:00 pm, Church
- Sacrament meeting with Father Cullen -

Wednesday, April 11, 6:30—7:30 pm, Parish Hall
- First Communion banner making night, Child & Parent -

Saturday, April 21, 9:30—10:30 am, Church
- Practice for the Readers and Gift Bearers for the First Communion Mass -

Saturday, April 21, 5:00 pm, Church
- Practice for **all** First Communion candidates -

Sunday, April 22, 2:00 pm, Church
- First Communion Mass, followed with reception

Confirmation ~

Sunday, January 8, 6:30—7:30 pm, Parish Hall
- Year II Candidates and Sponsors
Confirmation workshop with Father Andrew Strobl

Sunday, February 12, 6:30—7:30 pm, Parish Hall
- Year I Candidates and Sponsors
Confirmation workshop

Sunday, February 26, All Day
- Year II Candidates attend the Archdiocese's Youth Rally Retreat at Prairie Star Ranch

Sunday, April 4, 6:30—7:30 pm, Parish Hall
- Year I and Year II Candidates and Sponsors attend Sacrament workshop with Father Cullen

Wednesday, May 2, 7:00 pm, Church
- Confirmation Practice with Year II Candidates and Sponsors

Thursday, May 3, 7:00 Church
Confirmation With Archbishop Joseph Naumann

QHR SAINTS MEMBERSHIP – Anyone 50 and older is welcome to join the Queen's Saints. Activities are planned each month (membership is not required to attend.) If, however, you wish to become a member, contact Joan at 381-0670 for information.

MONTHLY MEETING – Fri., January 13 Anyone 50 and older is welcome to join us for the monthly planning meeting on Friday, January 13, at 9:15 a.m. in the Church Hall. Refreshments will be served.

LUNCH BUNCH – January 18. For January let's imagine we are in warm Mexico at **Jose Pepper's Border Grill & Cantina**. The restaurant is located at 10316 Metcalf, on the west side of Metcalf and the south side of 103rd St. It features the Mexican favorites at reasonable prices, many under \$10. We'll meet on Wednesday, January 18 at 1:00pm. Rides are available. Please call Annette at 649-5868 for reservations and rides.

Book Club – Jan 2 - 1:00 pm in the convent. We will be discussing **Day After Night** by Anita Diamant.

TOUR OF THE NERMAN ART MUSEUM FRIDAY, JANUARY 27, 2012

On Friday, January 27, 2012 we will go to the Nerman Art Museum, JCC College, Quivira and College Blvd, Overland Park. We will meet at the museum at 10:00 for a guided tour. We can have lunch at the Museum Cafe after the tour if you wish. All are welcome to join us. Please call Patti or Frank at 956-7720 to make reservations or if you have any questions.

A MUSICAL AFFAIR TO REMEMBER WEDNESDAY, FEB. 8, 2012

On Wednesday, February 8, 2012 we will go to Atonement Lutheran Church at 9948 Metcalf, Overland Park, for "A Musical Affair To Remember". The cost is \$12.00 and includes lunch. The show starts at noon. We will meet in the parking lot of the Lutheran church at 11:30. Money and reservations are due no later than Friday, Jan. 13, 2012. All are invited to join us. For questions or more information please call Patti or Frank at 913-956-7720.

POTLUCK – January 25- Bring a favorite dish to share with friends on Wednesday, January 25, at 5:30 p.m. in the Church Hall. Turkey, ham, and drinks will be provided. Please bring a salad, a vegetable dish, or a dessert. Calling ahead is not necessary. Please call Delores at 432-7255 for information.



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Susie English, Principal

School Art Class News

We are on break now, but we have been very busy in all the art classes preparing for Christmas. We worked with paint, collages, lots of glitter and even some construction! The students have painted poinsettias, collaged Nativity scenes, cut and glittered Christmas bells. We've water colored beautiful angels and accented them with glitter and jewels. Students built gingerbread houses with graham crackers and lots of sugary additions. These are never as easy as you think! The school looks quite festive during the blessed season of Christmas!

School News

With the beginning of a new year we begin the steady progress towards next year's enrollment. Our first big event is always Open House which is the last Sunday in January. Please take some time with your family and discuss the possibilities of giving your family the benefits of a Catholic education. John Paul II has many things to offer and we would love to share them with you. Please mark your calendars now to attend, take a walk through the building, meet some of our teachers and administrators, and see first hand why John Paul II continues to lead by example.

Schedule

December 21-Jan 3 - Christmas Break!
January 29 - John Paul II Open House

As we welcome the new year, we want to say
THANK YOU, THANK YOU
for all the contributions, all the prayers, all the kind words and all the donations that have come our way from our parishioners. We know you work hard to support the school and we appreciate you! Our prayer is for a happy and healthy 2012 for all of you!

38th Annual Snow Ball

Celebrate with us! The 38th Annual Snow Ball benefiting Catholic Charities Foundation of Northeast Kansas will be held Saturday, January 14, 2012 at the Sheraton Kansas City Hotel, formerly the Hyatt Regency. The funds raised from this black tie gala will help provide the most basic needs, such as food and utilities, to children and families in our community. Guests will enjoy an evening with a cocktail reception and formal dinner, followed by dancing. Reserve your table or seat before this historic event sells out. Visit www.catholiccharitiessnowball.org or call 913.433.2046.

Support our Seminarians The 19th annual "Support our Seminarians" Benefit Dinner is scheduled for Friday, January 27, 2012. This event benefits seminarians from the Archdiocese of Kansas City, Kansas, the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph and Conception Seminary College. It promises to be an evening filled with fun and laughter, celebrating our Catholic faith, dining on wonderful food, and socializing with our priests and seminarians! SOS will be held at the Marriott Allis Plaza, 12th and Wyandotte, Kansas City, Missouri. The ticket price is \$150.00 per person at tables of ten people. To reserve your place, or an entire table, or donate an item to the marketplace, please contact: Martha Hodes (913) 207-9893 or mmmh66@sbcglobal.net.

Advice and Aid Pregnancy Centers, Inc. is in need of volunteers and will be offering a Volunteer Informational Meeting on Monday, January 9, 2012 (7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.). The meeting will be held at 11031 W. 75th Terrace, Shawnee, KS. For more information on volunteering in this ministry or to RSVP, please contact Mary Newcomer at 913-962-0200 or email volunteer@adviceandaid.com.

Marriage for Keeps: Do you and your spouse need help with improving your communication skills? Marriage for Keeps, a program of Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas, offers support and resources for married couples seeking to improve their marriage and strengthen their family. Our workshops, held over eight sessions, help couples develop strategies that enable them to communicate more positively. Open to couples of all faiths, we are a skills-based program.

Classes begin, Wednesday, 1/11/12 at St. Benedict's Early Education Center in Kansas City, KS. Call 913.621.5775 ext. 1403, or email us at marriage@catholiccharitiesks.org. Hurry, space is limited!

Start the New year with Taizé prayer; open to the community You are invited to participate in Taizé prayer on Thursday, Jan. 5 at 7 p.m. in Annunciation Chapel on the campus of the Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth Mother House, 4200 S. 4th Street, Leavenworth, Kan. For more information about this meditative, candlelit service, visit www.marillaccenter.org or call 913-758-6572.

School of Faith Presents

THE BOOK OF REVELATION

The Message Will Surprise You!

Thursday, January 5th 7-8 PM

Holy Spirit Church, 11300 W. 103rd St., Overland Park, Theologian, Mike Scherschligt will explain the real meaning of the Book of Revelation. Join us for a Catholic night out, Thursday, January 5th and find out how you participate with Christ in his victory over Satan. No Registration Required, No Admission Fee Free Will Offering, All Are Welcome

Questions?

Contact Cari Hillyer

913-310-0014 or Cari@SchoolofFaith.com

8th Grade Placement Test

Bishop Miege High School

Saturday, January 7th

8:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

- Cost \$15
- NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED
- Bring No. 2 pencils
- No calculators allowed
- Miege will treat all test-takers to a pizza after the exam

Miege test-takers who score well can qualify for scholarships A residual test will be given on Saturday, January 14th. Please direct any questions to Patti Marnett @ 913-262-2701 x226

Other High Schools offering Placement Exams:

St. James Academy

www.sjakeepingfaith.org

Bishop Ward High School

www.wardhigh.org

Saint Thomas Aquinas

www.stasaints.net

Use Facebook and Twitter to support Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas

Catholic Charities is seeking volunteers who are active on social networks such as Facebook and Twitter and are willing to send messages for a good cause. These volunteers will help Catholic Charities launch its new Give.Hope. campaign – giving hope cards to those in need. If you are interested in raising hope in the next couple months, please contact 913-433-2028 or info@catholiccharitiesks.org.

2011 Tax Saving Tips

We are approaching the end of the year and it is time to advise the parishioners about the tax advantages of giving to the church for end-of-year tax planning ideas.

Gifts of Cash

This is the most common and simplest way people make a charitable gift. Contribution of cash is fully deductible up to 50 percent of your adjusted gross income, with a five-year carryover allowed for any excess deduction.

Gifts of Securities

The best stocks to donate are those that have increased in value. In order to preserve tax advantages, it is critical that you transfer the securities to charity rather than the proceeds from the sale.

Appreciated Securities – When you give publicly traded stocks held long term (more than a year) to a charitable organization such as ours, you avoid all capital gains taxes. In addition, you may take the full fair market value of the stock gift as a charitable deduction on your income taxes up to 30 percent of your adjusted gross income, carrying any excess deduction forward for up to five additional years.

Depreciated Securities – If you have stock losses, sell the stock to realize the loss and take the allowable deduction for tax purposes. Then generate a charitable deduction by donating the cash proceeds from the sale to us.

Gifts that Give you Income

Life income gifts allow you to receive an income as a result of making a charitable gift. Depending on the type of plan you choose, including charitable gift annuities, charitable remainder and lead trusts; the income can be fixed or variable, and it can be for you or other beneficiaries you choose.

In addition to the regular payments, these gifts entitle you to an immediate income tax deduction based on the present value of your future gifts to us, and you can reduce your capital gains tax liability, depending on the type of asset used to make the gift.

Gifts of Life Insurance

You can make a gift using life insurance by naming us as either the owner or the beneficiary. If you make us owner of the policy, you can claim an income tax deduction for the amount equal to the lower of the fair market value or cost basis. In addition, if you continue to pay premiums on a policy we own, you can deduct the ongoing premium payments.

Gifts of Real Estate

If you own un-mortgaged property that has appreciated in value, a charitable gift may be an attractive option. You can claim an income tax deduction based on the fair market value of property, avoid all capital gains taxes and remove the asset from your taxable estate. Or you can transfer your home or farm to us now and continue to use the property for life. You will be entitled to an income tax deduction based on your age and the value of your property. We encourage you to contact us beforehand if you are considering a gift of real estate.

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