

# Our Lady of Hope Society



Our Lady of Hope Society is a service organization at Catholic Charities of Kansas City – St. Joseph. Its purpose is to engage students in actively serving their communities and bringing glory to God through that service. Each year, exceptional juniors and seniors who embody these values may be nominated for recognition and formally presented to the Bishop during Hope Ball. In addition to this presentation, the celebration at Hope Ball includes a seated dinner, powerful mission moment, tributes to student service, beautifully choreographed presentation, parent-child spotlight dance, and an evening of joyful celebration on the dance floor. We hope these FAQ's will answer most of your questions.

**Q: What is Hope Ball?**

**A:** The Hope Ball is the annual fundraising event for Catholic Charities of Kansas City – St. Joseph. Held on **February 28, 2026**, at the **Westin Crown Center**, the evening brings together people of goodwill to support our mission of lifting families out of poverty. Through dinner, dancing, and storytelling, we celebrate hope, community, and the transformative work happening every day at Catholic Charities.

**Q: Who can be nominated as an honoree at Hope Ball?**

**A:** Catholic juniors or seniors in high school who adhere to Catholic social teachings, are committed to acts of charity, and have exemplary character can be nominated. Students will have either already participated in 20 hours of volunteer service with Catholic Charities *or* be committed to serving for 20 hours by the end of the school year.

**Q: What will the honorees wear?**

**A:** All debutantes will wear the same gown to be revealed Oct. 28th. All gentlemen will wear the same rented or purchased tuxedo with measurements taken after the Guardians of Hope Mass on October 28.

**Q: What should guests wear?**

**A:** Tuxedos for gentlemen and floor length gowns for ladies.

**Q: Are parents expected to attend any activities?**

**A:** Yes, parents should plan to participate in 4 events:

Oct 28, 2025	6:00-8:00	Guardians of Hope Mass then Wardrobe Reveal
Feb 27, 2026	6:00-8:00	Ball Eve Rehearsal
Feb 28, 2026	4:00-5:00	Hope Ball Mass
	5:00-10:00	Hope Ball

**Q: What is the financial obligation?**

**A:** The participation fee for honorees is \$1500. Partial scholarships are available for families in need through partnership with the Knights of Columbus. Requests may be indicated on the nomination form and will be considered with care and discretion.

**Q: What does the fee cover?**

**A:** The \$1500 fee covers:

*Hope Ball*

Gown, gloves, jewelry or tuxedo rental for honorees  
Three Hope Ball tickets for the honoree and their parents  
10 group dance lessons  
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**Q: What is the time obligation?**

**A:** Students will attend Hope Ball as well as participate in 10 group dance lessons, Hope Ball Eve, and Hope Ball as follows:

Jan 18 2-4:30 PM	Feb 18 6-8:00 PM
Jan 25 2-4:30 PM	Feb 22 2-4:30 PM
Feb 1 2-4:30 PM	Feb 25 6-8:00 PM
Feb 8 2-4:30 PM	Feb 27 6-8:00 PM
Feb 11 6-8:00 PM	Feb 28 1-10:00 PM
Feb 15 2-4:30 PM	

Students and parents will also be invited to:

Oct 28 6-8:00 PM Guardians of Hope Mass and Wardrobe Reveal  
Dec 9 6-8:00 PM Catholic Charities Christmas Party

**Q: How do I purchase additional Hope Ball tickets?**

**A:** Tickets are \$250 per person and will be available starting September 1, 2025 on the Hope Ball website [www.catholiccharitiesball.org](http://www.catholiccharitiesball.org)

If you have additional questions about participation in Hope Ball, please contact:

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