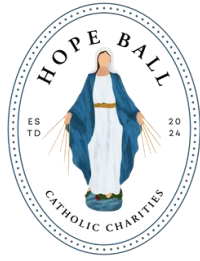


Our Lady of Hope Society



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. Nominations are open and will be accepted through mid-September. Please nominate a student at <https://www.catholiccharitiesball.org/nominate>

Q: What is Hope Ball?

A: The Hope Ball is the annual fundraising event for Catholic Charities of Kansas City – St. Joseph. Held on **March 6, 2027**, at the **Loews Kansas City Hotel**, 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 must have participated in 20 hours of volunteer service with Catholic Charities and be committed to continuing to serve. Nominations are made through this website <https://www.catholiccharitiesball.org/nominate>

Q: What will the honorees wear?

A: All debutantes will wear the same gown to be revealed Nov 12th. All gentlemen will wear the same rented or purchased tuxedo with measurements taken after the Guardians of Hope Mass on November 12th.

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:

Nov 12, 2026	6:00-8:00	Guardians of Hope Mass then Wardrobe Reveal
Jan 24, 2027	6:00-8:00	Debutante/Gentleman & Parent Meet and Greet
Mach 6, 2027	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.

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Q: What does the fee cover?

A: The \$1500 fee covers:

- Gown, gloves, jewelry or tuxedo rental for honorees
- Three Hope Ball tickets for the honoree and their parents
- 4 group dance lessons
- Hope Ball medallion to be presented by Bishop

Q: What is the time obligation?

A: Students will attend Hope Ball as well as participate in 4 2-hour group dance lessons.

Students will participate in an Our Lady of Hope Service Society group volunteer event in mid-January.

Students will be expected to volunteer at the 2027 Driving for Hope Golf Tournament in June OR at the following 2028 Hope Ball.

Students and parents will also be invited to:

Nov 12th 6-8:00 PM Guardians of Hope Mass and Wardrobe Reveal

Q: How do I purchase additional Hope Ball tickets?

A: Tickets are \$250 per person and will be available starting September 14, 2026 on the Hope Ball website www.catholiccharitiesball.org

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

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