



# Holy Family Catholic Church

307 Black Oak Ridge Road  
Seymour, Tennessee 37865

## Diocese of Knoxville

**Welcome to our Community!**

*"The Lord set His heart on you and chose you, the smallest of all because He loves you ...the faithful God who is true to His covenant."  
Dt 7:7-9*

### Office Contacts

**Pastor—Fr. Gilbert M. Diaz**

FrG@holymfamilyseymour.org

**Deacon—Deacon Dean Burry 865-579-9196**

**Deacon Gil Campos 865-805-9040**

**Office Manager—Louise De Lucia 865-804-9012**

secretary@holymfamilyseymour.org

**Office Assistant—Patricia Hosea 865-573-1203**

phosea@holymfamilyseymour.org

### Sacramental Ministry

#### **Mass Schedule**

Saturday Vigil: 5:30pm

Sunday: 8:00am and 10:30am

Mon, Tues, Thurs 8:30am & Wed 7:00pm

Holy Days: 7:00pm Vigil & 8:30am

1st Friday of the Month: Mass 8:30am followed by

Adoration 9:00am-5:30pm & Benediction 5:30pm

#### **Reconciliation**

Saturday 4:30 to 5:00pm (or by appointment)

**Anointing of the Sick—Contact the office 865-573-1203**

**Communion for the Sick and Home Bound—**

Contact the office 865-573-1203 or Claudia Burton 573-0056

**Baptism—Contact Deacon Dean Burry (865)579-9196,**

one month in advance.

**1<sup>st</sup> Communion—Contact Office (865)573-1203**

**Confirmation—Contact Office (865)573-1203**

**RCIA— Contact Fr. Gilbert M. Diaz (865)573-1203**

**Marriage—Contact Fr. Gilbert (865)573-1203 or Deacon Dean**

Burry (865)579-9196, four months in advance for preparation

and scheduling. \*Annulments: Contact Fr. Gilbert M. Diaz

(865)573-1203, Deacon Gil Campos 865-805-9040,

Victor Whelan, Delegate 577-3100

### Parish Contacts

**Parish Council—Meeting 3rd Monday of every other month**

**Parish Chair Erik Preske**

865-607-2209, pcchair@holymfamilyseymour.org

**Administration Juan Rivera**

Charlie Robinson

Misti DeGroot

**Education**

**Parish Life**

**Social Action**

**Liturgy/Spiritual Life**

Scott Hosea

Fr. Gilbert Diaz,

Deacon Dean, Deacon Gil

Owen Poveda

**Communications**

**Family Life**

**Recorder**

Misti DeGroot

Bob & Lark Ryan

**Finance Council**

Joyce Guerrero, Chair

**Religious Education/CCD**

Bill Voight 865-573-4597

wtvoight@gmail.com

**Youth Ministry**

Call the office 865-573-1203

**Facilities Management/Custodial**

Charlie Robinson 865-983-3448

Office 865-573-1203

### Ministry Contacts

**Liturgy Committee Secretary**

Karen Burry 865-579-9196

**Readers Deacon Gil Campos 865-805-9040**

**Extraordinary Ministers Of Holy Communion**

Deacon Dean Burry 865-579-9196

**Ushers Juan Rivera 865-850-5229**

**Altar Servers Deacon Dean Burry 865-579-9196**

**Music/Choir Consultant-5:30pm, 8am & 10:30am**

Todd 865-573-1203

**Choir Practice: Saturday 4:30 & Sunday 7:30am & 9:30am**

### **Office Information**

**Mon, Tues, Wed & Thurs—9:00am to 2:00pm**

**865-573-1203, FAX 865-579-3645**

**Website: www.holymfamilyseymour.org**

**St. Vincent de Paul —————865-360-5202**

**svdp@holymfamilyseymour.org**

## Second Sunday of Advent

### Holy Family Financial Report

07/2017 - 06/2018 Fiscal Year

Yearly Budget \$393,757.90  
Weekly Budget \$ 7,572.26  
Last Weeks Collection  
Regular \$ 6,345.50  
Debt Reduction \$ 510.00  
Renovate/Repair \$ 478.00  
Charity \$ 643.54  
Year to date:  
Expenditures \$ 170,915.02  
Surplus/Deficit \$787.92

Mortgage Balance (as of the end of September) \$52,090.94

### Ministry Schedule

**Dec 16 5:30 PM**

Reader: **Bill Voight**

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:

**Deacon, Luci, Pat R.**

Altar Server: **Domonic Burry, Toby Miklusicak**

Usher: **Dennis Conner, Robert Ruiz, John Casey**

**Dec 17 8:00 AM**

Reader: **Mary Lu Shipstad**

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:

**Deacon, Don T., Kathy T.**

Altar Server: **Michael Boisture, Keelyn Evans**

Usher: **Paul Scrudder, Don Taylor**

**Dec 17 10:30 AM**

Reader: **Michelle Newton**

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:

**Deacon, Anita, Ann S.**

Altar Server: **Bryson Hager, Angelina Delgado**

Usher: **Jason Davis, Joe Pascarella**

*Readers, Ministers of the Eucharist, Altar Servers & Ushers:* If you ever know ahead of time that you will be unable to serve on your scheduled week please let the Mass coordinator know or ask someone in your group to trade with you.

\*\*\*Also, check in with the Mass coordinator when you arrive.



### Pray for the Sick:

Please call Claudia Burton at 573-0056 to be added

Ed Bigelow, Irwin Bromberek, Elaine Shields Bryant, Kevin Evans, Carmen Fernandez, Leo Frapagnane, Paula Goan, Warren Hager, Donna Haskett, Lorraine Hendricks, Peggy Hood, Mike Hugh, Dorothy Jenkins, Roger Jessup, John Kruzal, Lorraine LeCocq, Regina Long, Bella Manna, Hennie & Maggie Mauer, Mike Mugan, Jeanette Ormazabal, Gloria Pizzolongo, Lorraine Quilliams, Joan Renaud, Andrew Renchko, Dorothy Runevitch, Jen Sabol, Judy Sevin, Mary Lu Shipstad, Steve Smith, Rita Stuekerjuergen, Victor Whelan, Ted Zwolinski



### Legion of Mary

Meeting Time: Every Monday 9:00am  
In the Family Life Center  
Contact David Burton 865-573-0056

### Mass Intentions

Dec 09 05:30 PM *People of the Parish*  
Dec 10 08:00 AM *Arthur Wojda* ☩  
10:30 AM *Jennie Sperolongo* ☩ by Holy Family  
Dec 11 08:30 AM *People of the Parish*  
Dec 12 08:30 AM *People of the Parish*  
Dec 13 07:00 PM *Jerry Finn* ☩ by M/M Edwards  
Dec 14 08:30 AM *People of the Parish*  
Dec 15 08:30 AM *No Mass*  
Dec 16 05:30 PM *People of the Parish*  
Dec 17 08:00 AM *Bradley James Grattis* ☩  
10:30 AM *Fleming Voisin* ☩

*May the souls of all our Faithful departed through the Mercy of God rest in peace. Amen* ☩deceased

### Parish Calendar

C=Church, GL= Garden Level, FLC= Family Life Center, P=Pavilion

12/09 Sat: 10:00am St. Vincent de Paul-FLC  
04:00pm Choir Practice-C  
05:00pm Rosary-C  
12/10 Sun: 09:30am Choir Practice-C  
10:30am Rosary-C  
12/11 Mon: 09:00am Legion of Mary-FLC  
12/12 Tues: -----  
12/13 Wed: 07:30pm RCIA-FLC  
12/14 Thur: -----  
12/15 Fri: -----  
12/16 Sat: 04:00pm Choir Practice-C  
05:00pm Rosary-C  
12/17 Sun: 09:30am Choir Practice-C  
10:30am Rosary-C  
12:00pm Breakfast with Santa-FLC



SECOND SUNDAY OF  
**ADVENT**

The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase  
~Psalm 85 : 13

Never give up prayer, and should you find dryness and difficulty, persevere in it for this very reason. God often desires to see what love your soul has, and love is not tried by ease and satisfaction.

~ John of the Cross (1542-1591), Priest. Patron of Contemplatives, Feast Day December 14

### Third Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 17, 2017

Isaiah 61:1-2a,10-11  
Luke 1-46-48,49-50,53-54  
Thessalonians 5:16-24  
John 1:6-8,19-28

# PREPARE the way

Reflections on the Second  
Sunday of Advent

## John's Invitation

Mark 1:1-8

The English word “gospel” in Greek is translated as *euangelion*. It means “good news” or “joyful tidings” and historically often referred to a festive occasion such as the birth of an emperor. Mark’s announcement of the beginning of the Good News is a resounding proclamation that now, in Jesus, the long-promised visitation of God has begun. God has sent a messenger, John the Baptist, to “prepare the way.” If a liturgical season were to have a patron saint, John the Baptist would be the patron saint of Advent. John the Baptist diverted attention from himself to Jesus. His ministry was not about himself but about the “one mightier than I [who] is coming after me.” Our own Advent journey calls us to walk in the sandal prints of John the Baptist and become forerunners of Jesus — people who draw attention away from themselves and toward Jesus.

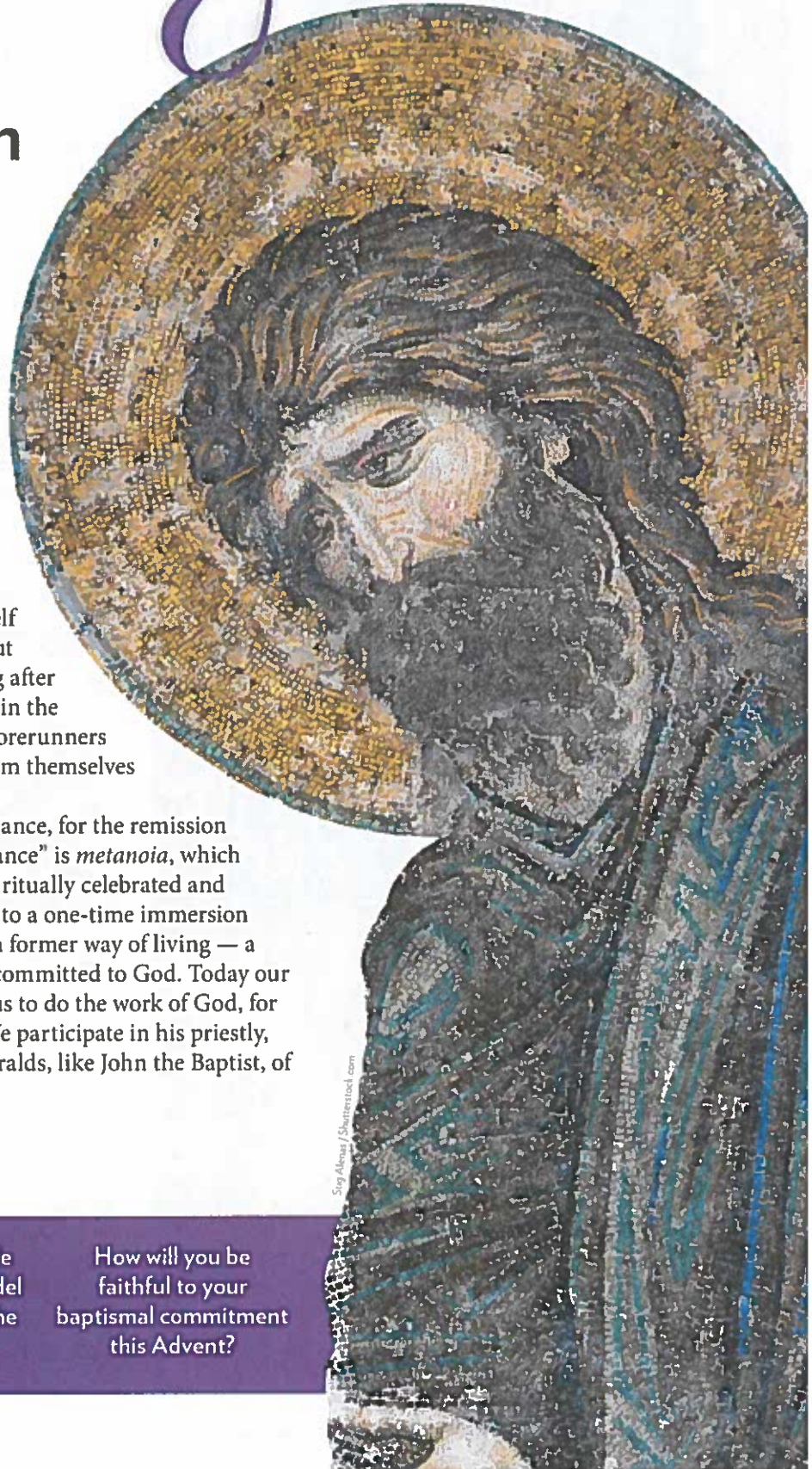
John appears, preaching a baptism of repentance, for the remission of sin. The Greek word for the English “repentance” is *metanoia*, which means “an about-face or conversion.” This was ritually celebrated and confirmed by being baptized. John’s invitation to a one-time immersion in the Jordan River was a rite of passage from a former way of living — a conversion — to a new lifestyle of living a life committed to God. Today our being baptized “with the Holy Spirit” enables us to do the work of God, for in baptism our lives are grafted onto Christ. We participate in his priestly, prophetic, and kingly ministry. We become heralds, like John the Baptist, of Christ’s redeeming presence in the world.

### POINTS TO PONDER

Have you ever lost your way? What was it like? How did you find your way back?

Who are the people in your life who model living the “way of the Lord”?

How will you be faithful to your baptismal commitment this Advent?



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*“Advent’s intention is to awaken the most profound and basic emotional memory within us — namely, the memory of the God who became a child. This is a healing memory; it brings hope.”*

—POPE EMERITUS BENEDICT XVI

## SIGNS OF THE SEASON

# The Legend of the Poinsettia

The brilliant red leaves of the poinsettia are a common decoration this time year. Its association with Christmas began many years ago when the story developed of Pepita, a poor Mexican girl who had no gift for the Christ Child at Christmas. Her cousin Pedro told her that even the most humble gift given in love is a welcomed present. So, Pepita gathered a handful of weeds into a small bouquet. As she laid it at the foot of the crèche, it burst into blooms of red. From that day on, the poinsettia has also been known as the *Flor de Nochebuena*, or Flower of the Holy Night (Christmas Eve).

## HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

# The Immaculate Conception

During the Second Week of Advent we celebrate one of the holy days of obligation — December 8, the Immaculate Conception. Commemorating Mary’s conception without the stain of original sin, this feast is an ideal time to renew our baptismal promises — and to remember that through our baptism, we, too, are brought into new life with Christ.



## ADVENT PRAYER

Loving God and Father,  
I know that I have sinned against you in  
thought, word, and deed.

This Advent season, forgive me, wash  
away my sins, and make me whole again.  
Amen.

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## Model of Faith: Saint Juan Diego

Feast Day: December 9

Saint Juan Diego never expected to see the Virgin Mary as he walked the fifteen miles to attend Mass on December 9, 1531. Much to his shock, a beautiful young woman dressed like an Aztec princess appeared to him and, speaking in his own language, told him to go to the bishop and request that a chapel be built on the hill where she was standing. When the bishop resisted, the young woman gave Juan Diego a sign — roses blooming in winter — which he gathered into his *tilma*, a long cloak. When he presented them to the bishop, an image of Our Lady miraculously appeared on the *tilma*. The image, which has not deteriorated over the centuries, is called Our Lady of Guadalupe. *St. Juan Diego, pray for us!*



In today's Gospel John the Baptist urges us to "Prepare the way of the Lord." We are called to help prepare the way of the Lord by making the real meaning of Christmas come alive in our own hearts, in our family and to reach out to those in need.

Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can help the suffering and poor to celebrate Christmas.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul 865-360-5202

[svdp@hollyfamilyseymour.org](mailto:svdp@hollyfamilyseymour.org)

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul meetings are every second and fourth Saturday of the month at 10:00am in the FLC

### St. Mary's Legacy Clinic

Is looking for CDL drivers who would be willing to donate 1 or 2 weekdays a month to drive the mobile clinic out to the partnership sites. If you would like to know more about this opportunity please call our office at [865-212-5570](tel:865-212-5570). You can view the clinic's travel schedule by visiting our website at [www.stmaryclinic.org](http://www.stmaryclinic.org) Follow us on Facebook to see updates and announcements from the mobile clinic. Thank you for your support!



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|----------------------|---------|-------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Dec 23 <sup>rd</sup> | 5:30pm  | Mass              | Does not fulfill Christmas Obligation |
| Dec 24 <sup>th</sup> | 10:30am | Mass              | Does not fulfill Christmas Obligation |
| Dec 24 <sup>th</sup> | 5:30pm  | Christmas Vigil   |                                       |
| Dec 25 <sup>th</sup> | 8:00am  | Christmas Mass    |                                       |
| Dec 25 <sup>th</sup> | 10:30am | Christmas Mass    |                                       |
| Dec 30 <sup>th</sup> | 5:30pm  | Mass              |                                       |
| Dec 31 <sup>st</sup> | 8:00am  | Mass              |                                       |
| Dec 31 <sup>st</sup> | 10:30am | Mass              |                                       |
| Jan 1 <sup>st</sup>  | 10:30am | Solemnity of Mary | Holy Day not of Obligation            |

### Father Greg Cleveland, OMV,

Will be the keynote speaker at the Diocese of Knoxville's Office of Consecrated Life appreciation dinner on Friday, Dec. 15 from 6-8 p.m. at The Foundry at World's Fair Park in Knoxville. The dinner is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. Father Cleveland is a noted retreat master and author. He will also lead a half-day mini-retreat on Saturday, Dec. 16 from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the All Saints Church Family Life Center in Knoxville. Mass will be celebrated and Reconciliation will be available. Tickets for Friday's dinner and keynote at The Foundry are \$20 per person. Tickets for Saturday's retreat at All Saints, which includes lunch, are \$10 per person. Tickets can be purchased by contacting Sr. Mary Charles Mayer, Director of the Office of Consecrated Life at [865-862-5760](tel:865-862-5760) or by email at [srmary.charles@dioknox.org](mailto:srmary.charles@dioknox.org).

### Need a Christmas Gift Idea? Choose "Feed a Family"

For that hard-to-buy-for person (or in honor of someone), consider purchasing a "Feed a Family" card for \$20 which will provide a three-day meal for a family of four. Or, purchase a card in an amount you specify. Both cards are tax deductible.

An acknowledgment is sent to the gift recipient and the donor. Cards may be purchased from the office at Ladies of Charity.



Christmas Flower Donation Envelopes can be found in the church pews.

### Breakfast with Santa

You better watch out, you better not cry, better not pout, I'm telling you why



Santa Claus is coming to Holy Family FLC on Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup> after the 10:30 mass

Join Fr. Steve Pawelk and others on a pilgrimage to Our Lady of Guadalupe and the shrines of Mexico on April 9 - 18, 2018. We will have Mass and pray the rosary every day. Among the sites visited will be The Cathedral of Guadalajara, the Shrine of San Toribio Romo, martyr and patron of immigrants, San Juan de los Lagos, site of many miracles, Cristo Rey and the city of Guanajuato, Queretaro, where Junipero Sierra began his missionary activity, concluding in Mexico City and the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe. St. John Paul II, patron of the diocese of Knoxville visited most of these sites in his eight journey's to Mexico. All inclusive package, air and land \$1990.00. Registration deadline: December 15, 2017. For more information contact Lisa Morris

[865-567-1245](tel:865-567-1245) or [lisam@select-intl.com](mailto:lisam@select-intl.com) Group Pilgrimage Coordinator/Select International Tours.

### HELP is only a phone call away

If you have thoughts of suicide or have been involved in self-harm or injury there is National support groups, Suicide support at:

**Suicide Help Line** 1-800-273-TALK (8255) or [www.suicideforum.com](http://www.suicideforum.com)  
**Self-Harm** at 1-800-DONTCUT (800)366-8288, [info@selfinjury.com](mailto:info@selfinjury.com) or [www.selfinjury.com](http://www.selfinjury.com)

### Holy Days Of Obligation 2018

The following are days other than Sundays that Catholics are obligated to attend Mass.

April 1— Easter

May 10— Ascension is observed on the 7th Sunday of Easter May 13th

August 15—The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

November 1— All Saints

December 8— Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

December 25— The Nativity of the Lord



May Our Lady of Fatima Statue Come into Your Home?  
 Parishioners speak of miracles, both little and large, happening when her statue has been present in their homes. Our lady has brought feelings of peace, possibilities and hope where there was confusion, chaos and despair. A beautiful novena booklet accompanies her to be prayed during each of the nine days she is in your home. To receive "OUR LADY" into your home, please contact Claudia Burton at 573-0056.

\*\*\*PLEASE continue to bring your aluminum cans and deposit them in the trailer out in the parking lot next to the dumpster. \*\*\*Please put large bags next to the garage.



**Christians Reaching Out Serving Seymour**

There is always a need at CROSS to help stock their shelves with food for local families. C.R.O.S.S. volunteer schedule is located on the stand in the vestibule. Would you like to be a volunteer or do you need assistance call 865-579-6192 or go visit C.R.O.S.S. at 406 Boyds Creek Hwy Seymour TN 37865 and see all the good works they do. Open M,T,W, 10-2 Th, F, 10-12

**Interested in discerning a possible vocation of service within the Church?**  
 Interested in supporting the work of vocation promotion in the Church? Check out the Diocese of Knoxville Office of Vocations Facebook and Twitter pages:  
 Facebook - <http://www.facebook.com/DOKvocations>, Twitter - [www.twitter.com/DofKVocations](http://www.twitter.com/DofKVocations).

**Catholic Charities of East Tennessee, Inc.**  
 Pregnancy & Adoption services, including post-abortion counseling, available 24/7/365 by calling 1-877-990-4673  
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**Knights of Columbus**  
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 Meeting: First Thursday of every month, 7p.m.Church - lower level

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**Foot Clinic Forks of the River**  
 Carol A. Akerman, D.P.M.  
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 Knoxville, Tn 37914  
**329-FEET**  
 Holy Ghost Parishioner

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 Mon-Sat 9:30-7 pm  
 865-609-0080

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**Holy Family Catholic Church, Seymour TN**

**Do you have a need for a Notary?**

We have two Notaries in the office.

Please stop by during office hours for all of your Notary needs.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph,  
 I love you very much.  
 I beg you to spare the life of the unborn child  
 I have spiritually adopted, who is in danger of abortion.  
 Amen.

Please cut this prayer out and pray it daily.

**Would you like to have your fellow parishioners to patronize your business? Why not advertise in the church bulletin!**

For information call or email the Office at 865-573-1203  
[secretary@holyfamilyseymour.org](mailto:secretary@holyfamilyseymour.org)