



Holy Family Catholic Church

307 Black Oak Ridge Road
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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

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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.

1st 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

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Parish Contacts

Parish Council—Meeting 3rd Monday of every other month

Parish Chair

Erik Preske

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Extraordinary Ministers Of Holy Communion

Deacon Dean Burry

865-579-9196

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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

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Third 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 \$ 4,092.50
Debt Reduction \$ 1,365.00
Renovate/Repair \$ 424.00
Charity \$ 550.00

Year to date:
Expenditures \$ 177,789.27
Surplus/Deficit \$942.53

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

Ministry Schedule

Dec 23 5:30 PM

Reader: **Connie Bigelow**

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:
Deacon, Karen B., Bill

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

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

Dec 24 10:30 AM

Reader: **David Eichinger**

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:
Deacon, Rosemarie, Linda A.

Altar Server: **Andrew Preske, Angelina Delgado**

Usher: **Owen Poveda, Andy Quatrano**

Dec 24 5:30 PM Christmas Vigil

Reader: **Janet Brown**

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:
Deacon, Karen Burry, Sherrie Campos

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

Usher:

Dec 25 8:00 AM Christmas Day

Reader: **Lou Sakacs**

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:
Charlotte Wodja, Dave Burton

Alter Server: **Deacon**

Usher:

Dec 25 10:30 AM Christmas Day

Reader: **Chrystal Moorehead**

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:
Ann Smith, Linda Atchley

Altar Server: **Domonic Burry, Angelina Delgado**

Usher: **Gene Zdonek,**

Mass Intentions

Dec 16 05:30 PM *People of the Parish*

Dec 17 08:00 AM *Bradley James Gattis* †
10:30 AM *Flemming Voisin* †

Dec 18 08:30 AM *People of the Parish*

Dec 19 08:30 AM *People of the Parish*

Dec 20 07:00 PM *Susan O'Donnell* by Mary Irwin

Dec 21 08:30 AM *People of the Parish*

Dec 22 08:30 AM *No Mass*

Dec 23 05:30 PM *Thad Tusinski* †

Dec 24 08:00 AM *No Mass*

10:30 AM *JoAnn Kopp* † by Pabst-Miller Families

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

12/16 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

12/18 Mon: 09:00am Legion of Mary-FLC

12/19 Tues: -----

12/20 Wed: 07:30pm RCIA-FLC

12/21 Thur: -----

12/22 Fri: -----

12/23 Sat: 04:00pm Choir Practice-C

05:00pm Rosary-C

12/24 Sun: 09:30am Choir Practice-C

10:30am Rosary-C



THIRD SUNDAY OF
ADVENT

Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear. Behold, our God will come, and he will save us. ~Psalm 85 :13

He who loves Our Lord Jesus Christ must desire to be with Him...the more we conform ourselves to His example the more perfect will be our lives.

~Blessed Anthony Grassi (1592-1671), Priest, Feast Day December 18



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 Fragapagne, 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 Mугan, Jeanette Ormazabal, Gloria Pizzolongo, Lorraine Quilliams, Joan Renaud, Andrew Renchko, Dorothy Runevitch, Jen Sabol, Judy Sevin, Mary Lu Shipstad, Steve Smith, Rita Stuckerjurgен, Victor Whelan, Ted Zwolinski

Fourth Sunday of Advent Sunday, December 24, 2017

Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12,14a,16
Psalm 89:2-3,4-5,27,29
Romans 16:25-27
Luke 1:26-38

PREPARE *the way*

*Reflections on the Third
Sunday of Advent*



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Testimony to the Light

John 1:6-8, 19-28

At the center of today's Gospel is the question of who John the Baptist is in relation to the Messiah. He admitted he is not the Messiah. The Hebrew term "Messiah," which also appears as "Christ" in Greek, means "anointed one." It was a term used in the Old Testament for several agents of God, anointed for the service of protecting Israel. Kings were anointed, as were priests and some prophets. The belief was that as the oil used in anointing penetrated into the skin of the one anointed, so did

God's Spirit. For the Gospel writers, Jesus was understood to have been completely permeated by God's Spirit.

Jesus says: "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life" (Jn 8:12). John the Baptist was "not the light, but came to testify to the light." Testimony to the light includes doing good works and growing in our relationship with Christ and one another. Like John the Baptist, we are called to be content as witnesses and heralds of

Jesus the Messiah.

We are all called to an active faith — not only choosing good and avoiding evil but also feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, and advocating for the poor and the marginal. Practicing good works includes attentively listening to those who are hurting and visiting those who may have been forgotten. This type of witness and proclamation is the work of Advent and our whole Christian lives. We shine the light of Christ through service to others.

POINTS TO PONDER

Are you witnessing to others how important your faith is by the way you live?

What are some of the ways in which you can bring the light of Christ to your family, coworkers, and friends this Advent?

How will you continue to prepare for the continued and constant arrival of God in your life?

“The liturgy of Advent ... helps us to understand the fullness of the value and meaning of the mystery of Christmas. It is not just about commemorating the historical event, which occurred some 2,000 years ago in a little village of Judea. Instead, we must understand that our whole life should be an ‘advent,’ in vigilant expectation of Christ’s final coming.”

— POPE ST. JOHN PAUL II

SIGNS OF THE SEASON

What Is Gaudete Sunday?

Deep purple is the liturgical color for Advent — except for the third Sunday, which is Gaudete Sunday. This week the liturgical vestments and the candle in the Advent wreath are a rosy pink to highlight the joy that the Lord’s coming is almost here. The name derives from the Latin words of the Introit to the Mass: *“Gaudete in Domino semper; iterum dico, gaudete”*: “Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice!”

ADVENT PRAYER

Be with me, Lord, as I continue in this waiting season of Advent.

With anticipation, preparation, and hope, I look forward to the arrival of your son, Jesus, the Light of the World.

Amen.



Model of Faith: Saint Lucy

Feast Day: December 13

Saint Lucy is one of only eight women saints mentioned by name in the Mass. Her name, Lucia, comes from the Latin word for light. Before the reform of the Gregorian calendar in the Middle Ages, her feast fell on the winter solstice, the shortest day of the year, and heralded the return of longer, lighter days. Even now, she is associated with light and fire. In the Scandinavian countries, especially Norway and Sweden, on Saint Lucy’s feast day the youngest daughter of the family wears a crown of lighted candles (now often battery powered) and serves special rolls and cookies to her family at dawn. In parts of Italy, her feast is commemorated with homemade pasta and a dessert called *cuccia*, made of wheat berries in hot chocolate. *St. Lucy, pray for us!*

Catechism CONNECTION

“At the announcement that she would give birth to ‘the Son of the Most High’ without knowing man, by the power of the Holy Spirit, Mary responded with the obedience of faith, certain that ‘with God nothing will be impossible’: ‘Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be [done] to me according to your word.’ Thus, giving her consent to God’s word, Mary becomes the mother of Jesus.” — *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 494



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In today's Gospel John the Baptist says, "I am the voice of one crying in the desert; make straight the way of the Lord." Let us ask for the grace to help others to know the love of the Lord.

Christmas is a time of love and gift giving...please give to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that those who do not have clothes and food can share in the blessings of Christmas.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul 865-360-5202
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. Follow us on Facebook to see updates and announcements from the mobile clinic. Thank you for your support!



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

St. John Neumann Family & Parish Life is partnering with the Diocesan Office of Marriage Preparation & Enrichment to offer Divorce Support. Divorce & Beyond is a support group for Catholic men and women who have experienced or are experiencing divorce. You will find a safe environment to explore the myriad of feelings that divorce brings. Join us as you experience hope and healing simply by listening and sharing experiences and insights with others. Divorce & Beyond support helps you to understand what you are going through and learn from others who have gone through the same things. Divorce and Beyond will help to make divorce a growth experience.

We invite each one of you with a need for healing and help to move beyond the hurt and to participate in this 9-week Catholic-based program beginning Sunday, January 7 from 4:00-5:30 p.m. Meetings will be held at St. John Neumann parish. Cost for supplies is \$15.00. For more information, contact your facilitator, Mary Coffey at [865-966-3237](tel:865-966-3237) or mccoffey86@gmail.com

Registration deadline is Sunday, December 31, 2017. Contact Marilyn Derbyshire, Family & Parish Life Ministry Coordinator, at [865-777-4312](tel:865-777-4312) or mderbysire@sinknox.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.

Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University classes will be held at All Saints Catholic Church, beginning at 7p.m. on Monday, Jan. 8. Cost of this nine-week course is \$130 per family. Register online at www.daveramsey.com. Contact G. Alan Sieve, [865-405-0273](tel:865-405-0273), gasieve@gmail.com, for more information.

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 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 **Self-Harm** at 1-800-DONTCUT (800)366-8288, info@selfinjury.com or 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.



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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.

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 the Office at 865-573-1203
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