

Holy Name Catholic Church

Established in 1857

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3rd Sunday of Advent
December 15, 2019



Parish Mission Statement

We, at the Church of the Most Holy Name of Jesus, strive to be a vibrant, welcoming community of faith. We are unified by our participation in the liturgy, the sacraments, and service. We are a diverse family fully alive in Christ. We serve our God, our Church, and our community through effective stewardship of God's gifts of time, talent, and treasure.

PARISH STAFF:

Pastor

Rev. Fr. Theophilus Ebulueme

Deacon

Rev. Mr. Bob Mahoney

Parish Secretary

Renee Szefcyk

Director of Religious Education

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Outreach Coordinator

Elizabeth Fielding

Director of Music

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Maintenance

Orbain Owens

COUNCILS & COMMITTEES

Parish Pastoral Council

Diane McDermott, Chairperson

Finance Board

Joe Gigante, Chairperson

Hospitality Committee

Connie Ransom, Chairperson

Building Committee

Derrell Clem, Chairperson

Haitian Sister Parish Committee

Gwen Blount, Chairperson

Stewardship Committee

Lauren Folk, Chairperson

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Sunday Mass Obligation

Saturday 5:00 pm

Sunday 8:00 am

10:30am

Sudanese 12:00pm

French 5:00pm

Dec. 25

Weekdays

Mondays 8:00am

Communion Service

Tues. - Fri. 8:00am

Daily Mass

*Rosary before 8am Mass
on Sundays.*

Please prayerfully consider Holy Name in your will!

Ministers of the Altar Schedule

Dec. 14 & 15	5pm	8:00am	10:30am
Announcer	C. Auten	K. Caddigan	J. Szeffyck
Lector	R. DeBock	J. Johnson	B. Caldwell
Eucharistic Ministers	R. Szeffyck S. Scumaci	M. Evans M. Gulley	G. Hutchens M. Morton
Altar Servers	A. Wakefield M. Coffman	J. Franck N. Adeeb	S. Cecil O. Simi
Dec. 21 & 22	5pm	8:00am	10:30am
Announcer	R. DeBock	D. Coleman	J. Szeffyck
Lector	P. Novotny	G. Wooten	E. Hutchens
Eucharistic Ministers	M. Coffman S. Scumaci	C. Holloway TBD	S. Hollman TBD
Altar Servers	A. Wakefield	C. Binkley V. Szeffyck	D. Badhera A. Szeffyck

MASS READINGS: Cycle A

1st: *Isaiah 35:1-6,10*

Responsorial: *Psalm 146:6-7, 8-9,9-10*

2nd: *James 5:7-10*

Gospel: *Matthew 11:2-11*



WEEKDAY READINGS: (Year II)

December 16— Monday, Advent Weekday

Reading 1: Numbers 24:2-7, 15-17a

Responsorial: Psalm 25:4-5ab, 6 & 7bc, 8-9

Gospel: Matthew 21:23-27

December 17— Tuesday, Advent Weekday

Reading 1: Genesis 49:2, 8-10

Responsorial: Psalm 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17

Gospel: Matthew 1:1-17

December 18— Wednesday, Advent Weekday

Reading 1: Jeremiah 23:5-8

Responsorial: Psalm 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19

Gospel: Matthew 1:18-25

December 19— Thursday, Advent Weekday

Reading 1: Judges 13:2-7, 24-25a

Responsorial: Psalm 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17

Gospel: Luke 1:5-25

December 20— Friday, Advent Weekday

Reading 1: Isaiah 7:10-14

Responsorial: Psalm 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6

Gospel: Luke 1:26-38

December 21— Saturday, Advent Weekday

[Daily Readings]

Reading 1: Song of Songs 2:8-14

Responsorial: Psalm 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21

Gospel: Luke 1:39-45

4th Sunday of Advent (Cycle A) - 12/22/2019

1st: *Isaiah 7:10-14* **2nd:** *Romans 1:1-7*

Responsorial: *Ps. 24:1-2,3-4,5-6* **Gospel:** *Matthew 1:18-24*

Parish Registration Forms

New parishioner registration forms are available in the vestibule (on the bulletin board) to the right of the main entrance. Registration with the parish is required for programs, such as CCD, and/or for those wishing to celebrate the various sacraments. It helps us to stay in touch with everyone, and properly track contributions.

Stewardship of Treasure

Offertory	\$4,342.59
Special Donation: Blessed Women	500.00
Bldg. Maintenance Fund	1,036.00
Star Tree— Charity Fund	681.00
Christmas Flowers	268.00
Coffee & Donuts	25.00
Avg. Weekly Expenses	5,855.00

Thank you for your support!

Mass Intentions

Saturday, 12/14
- *For Brennan Bullie, baptized this evening into our parish family.* (Holy Name) **5:00p**

Sunday, 12/15
- *Eternal repose of Sue Chandler.* (Fr. Theo & Staff) **8:00a**
- *Eternal repose of Dr. Oscar Iwourah.* **10:30a**
- *For the prayer intentions of Holy Name parishioners.* **Noon**

Monday, 12/16
- *Communion Service.* **8:00a**
No prayer intentions.

Tuesday, 12/17
- *For the intentions of Bishop Spalding, clergy & religious.* **8:00a**

Wednesday, 12/18
- *For those who are alone during this holiday season.* **8:00a**

Thursday, 12/19
- *For the repose of the soul of Mark Blaylock.* **8:00a**

Friday, 12/20
- *For a peaceful celebration of Christmas.* **8:00a**

Sacraments

Baptism

Parents & Godparents are required to attend a Baptism class. Parents must also be a parishioner for at least three (3) months. For more information please contact the parish office.

First Communion

Children are prepared for First Holy Communion by participating in the CCD program. Students must be enrolled for at least one (1) year prior to enrolling in the sacramental preparation class.

Reconciliation

Confessions are heard on Wednesdays after the 8am daily mass, Saturdays from 4:15 to 4:45pm, Sundays before Mass or by appointment.

Confirmation

Preparation classes are conducted through our CCD program. Candidates must be enrolled for at least one (1) year prior to enroll in the Confirmation class.

Matrimony

Preparation is conducted by parish clergymen and the Diocese of Nashville. You must be a registered parishioner for at least six (6) (months) and then contact the parish office at least six (6) months before the proposed date.

Anointing of the Sick

Anyone may request for major or minor health problems. If you anticipate surgery or a stay in the hospital, request the sacrament before (surgery).

PRAYER LIST

Erin Worsham
Anniece Tisdale
JoAnn Coffey
Laura Hoffman
Constance Guerrier
Betty Pettaway
Gerald Johnson
Catherine Halima Bungulu
Pam Clinard
Barbara Harding
Earlene Johnson
Jim McGinley
Jerry Dortch
Maureen Boyd
Jeff Drifmeyer
Michelle O'Malley

"Almighty and Eternal God, You are the everlasting health of those who believe in You. Hear us for Your sick servants for whom we implore the aid of Your tender mercy, that being restored to bodily health, they may give thanks to You in Your Church. Through Christ Our Lord. Amen."

Source: Catholic Prayers for the Sick

SUNDAY CONNECTION.

Loyola Press, 12/15/19

The third Sunday of Advent is traditionally called *Gaudete Sunday*. *Gaudete* is the Latin word meaning "rejoice." This Sunday is so named because "Rejoice" is the first word in the entrance antiphon for today's Mass taken from Philippians 4:4,5: "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice! The Lord is near." Some people mark this Sunday on their Advent wreath with a pink candle instead of a purple candle. This Sunday is a joyful reminder that our salvation is near.

This week's Gospel Reading continues our Advent reflection on the person and message of John the Baptist. Last week we heard John speak about his relationship to the coming Messiah, Jesus. This week, we hear Jesus' message to John the Baptist, now in prison, about the signs of the kingdom found in Jesus' ministry and Jesus' assessment of John's role in the Kingdom of God.

The Gospel of Matthew tells the story of John's arrest in chapter 14:3-12. In today's Gospel, John sends word to Jesus from prison, asking if Jesus is the Messiah for whom he has been waiting. Jesus responds by pointing to the miracles that he has worked and invites John and the other hearers to make their own determination. In his next breath, however, Jesus praises John for his role in preparing the way for Jesus. Then Jesus says that all of those who work for the Kingdom of God will be as great as John and even greater.

Jesus' message to John about the signs of the kingdom being performed recalls the salvation described by the prophet Isaiah. This passage is a reminder that the beginning of salvation is already mysteriously present to us, but also yet to be fulfilled. Salvation is already in our midst as manifest in the miraculous deeds of Jesus and in the Church. But salvation is also to be fulfilled in the coming reign of God. Even as we observe our world today, we can find glimpses of God's work among us. Even more, we help to prepare the way for God's kingdom by our words and our deeds. This message is indeed a cause for rejoicing.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK

This Sunday's 2nd Collection is for the Retirement Fund for Religious.

Children's Choir Practice. Today from 9:15-9:25am for children in grades K-12. Please gather in the choir section of the church to practice the music for the Christmas Eve Family Mass.

Altar Server Christmas Lunch. Our annual pizza party will be on Sunday, December 22, after the Noon Mass in the rectory. Altar servers and their parents are invited. Please RSVP to the parish office by this Wednesday, December 18.

Church Envelopes. This weekend the 2020 boxes are available for those parishioners who receive collection envelopes. If you do not use envelopes but would like to start, please contact the parish office and we will prepare a box for you.

Fr. Wil Thank You & New Address. Fr. Wil would like to thank everyone for the generous outpouring of love, prayers and support since the announcement of his move. Effective January 1, 2020, his new address is: 4085 Glenmary Trace, Fairfield, OH 45014. Telephone number: (615) 426 9506

Condolences. We extend our sympathies to the families of Sue Chandler and Mark Blaylock who passed away last weekend. The funeral Mass for Sue was held on Friday night, December 13, and the funeral Mass for Mark will be on Wednesday, December 18, at 10am in Gallatin at St. John Vianney Catholic Church. A Celebration of Life for Mark will take place on January 11, at 11am in the Alexander Funeral Home, Gallatin.

SPECIAL ATTENTION

Christmas & New Year's Mass Schedule.

Christmas Eve, 12/24: Family Mass with Children's Choir @ 5p; Vigil Mass @ 9p with Carol service by Christmas Choir @ 8:30p. **Christmas Day, 12/25:** 10a with Sunday Choir; Noon, with Sudanese Choir; 5p, with Francophone Choir. **New Years Eve, 12/31:** 5p; **New Year's Day, 1/1:** 10a

HOME OR AWAY? Use Online Giving! Holy Name offers a **convenient and secure** way to support our parish through Online Giving with no hassle; home or away! Visit our website and click on "*Make a Gift*" in the menu bar.

Adoration/Benediction. Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament begins after the 8am Mass on Wednesdays. Benediction and Closing Prayer begin at 7pm. Come and pray with Our Lord in silence for 30 minutes or 1 hour.

Bible Study meets this Wednesday, December 18. Our topic will be: Sacraments of Anointing of the Sick and Holy Matrimony. All are welcome. Bring your Bible.

Join Us On Flocknote. Holy Name is using Flocknote to send messages via email and text about upcoming events and ministry programs. Flocknote is a safe and confidential app. You don't have to set up an account, nor a password, and you can unsubscribe at any time. Signing up is easy and free. Text to 84576, the letters "HN", or online www.flocknote.com/HolyNameCatholicChurch/5 Questions? Please contact the parish office.

Parking for Titans Games. Today, Sunday, December 15, two hours prior to kick-off, which is at Noon against the Houston Texans. Parking is \$15 per automobile. Thank you for your support!

Men's Faith Sharing Group will meet this Wednesday December 18 at 7pm in the parish office conference room. All men are welcome.

Star Tree Fundraiser. During the season of Advent, we have our annual Star Tree available at the back of the church to help benefit the parish Charity fund. Please choose an ornament from the tree, put the dollar amount on it in an envelope, marked with your name, and then place it in the basket. You may keep the ornament and hang it on your tree at home. See Gwen Blount if you have any questions.

Christmas Flowers for the Altar. Please feel free to turn in your flower offering envelopes any time during the month of December. If you do not use envelopes, you may use an envelope from home and put "Altar flowers" on the outside of it. We thank you for your help in preparing the altar for the coming of Our Lord at Christmas!

Offerings and Stipends. Unless the Bishop of the Province determines otherwise, the offering for a Mass shall be \$5, and the stipend for administering other sacraments shall be \$25 (Canon 1264). Portions in excess of these amounts may be considered a gift to the priest (Diocesan norm #124).

Mass Intentions. Please contact the parish office if you wish to schedule a Mass. You are welcome to book Masses for various intentions.

Pilgrimage to Israel Discovery. Join Holy Name and St. Lawrence Churches as we celebrate Father Theo's 25th Anniversary of Ordination with a pilgrimage to Israel next October, 2020. Brochures are in the vestibule. You may also contact the parish office.



Parish Information and Sponsors

Religious Education

Christmas Break begins on Sunday, December 22. Classes will resume on Sunday, January 4, 2020.

Have a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Chris Stefanick at Our Lady of the Lake in Hendersonville on February 18, 2020 from 7:00 – 9:30 pm. His new tour, REBOOT! is the fun, inspiring and practical experience of applying the beauty and genius of the heart of the Gospel to every aspect of your life. Chris will lead you to rediscover God and the life you are made for, living life to the fullest, becoming all God created you to be. Tickets are on sale online at reallifecatholic.com/reboot. Cost is \$25/ticket.

SEARCH is taking applications. SEARCH is a retreat for 11th and 12th grade students who want to experience Christ. SEARCH will assist them in living a Christian life as they enter young adulthood. The retreat is held at Camp Marymount in Fairview, TN. The cost is \$150.00 for the weekend. More info at <https://soundscatholic.com/searcher>.

Youth 2000 This is a 3-day retreat for grades 8th – 12th, February 14-16, 2020. Not an overnight event, so transportation is required daily. Cost for the weekend is \$70 per student. This covers the cost of entrance for the three days, snacks, lunch & dinner on Saturday, and an event t-shirt. Where: Catholic Pastoral Center (2800 McGavock Pike). Visit <https://goo.gl/forms/9LU2zyzBHpKpCCHv2> to register. Fees will be collected at Holy Name on January 12, 2020.

Your assistance needed: We are still in need of volunteers who would like to participate in Children's Liturgy during the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Please contact Mary Evans at 615-554-7131/maryevans206@gmail.com or stop by upstairs between Masses.

2019 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL
for MINISTRIES

Whom much is given, much will be required.
- Luke 12:48

Estate planning?

Bequests to Holy Name will help the parish continue sharing the Gospel for generations to come.

*"The right to life is the first among human rights."
Pope Francis*

Interested in joining the Knights of Columbus?

The K of C is a Catholic fraternal benefits organization. Holy Name is represented by Council #9211. For more information on how they serve our parish and community, as well as to get involved please see one of our Knights or you may also contact the Holy Name parish office to leave a message.



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Please join us every Wednesday beginning at 8:30am. Benediction & Closing Prayer at 7:00pm. **Note:** Bible Study takes place at 6pm in the auditorium.



Father Theo's Parish Email

Do you have a question for our pastor? Would you like to ask for prayers or schedule an appointment? Please feel free to contact Father at pastorHN@comcast.net

Holy Name Church Rentals

The church is available for special masses such as weddings and funerals, funeral home visitations, memorial services and a variety of other related events. Please contact Elizabeth in the office.



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The Holy Father's Prayer Intention

December 2019

The Future of the Very Young

That every country take the measures necessary to prioritize the future of the very young, especially those who are suffering.



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