

# Holy Name Catholic Church

*Established in 1857*

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## 4th Sunday of Advent

## December 22, 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**

Mary Evans

##### **Outreach Coordinator**

Elizabeth Fielding

##### **Director of Music**

Thomas Habib

##### **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

<b>Dec. 21 &amp; 22</b>	<b>5pm</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	<b>10:30am</b>
<b>Announcer</b>	R. DeBock	D. Coleman	J. Szeftcyk
<b>Lector</b>	P. Novotny	G. Wooten	E. Hutchens
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	S. Scumaci TBD	C. Holloway TBD	S. Hollman TBD
<b>Altar Servers</b>	A. Wakefield	C. Binkley V. Szeftcyk	D. Badhera A. Szeftcyk

<b>Dec. 28 &amp; 29</b>	<b>5pm</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	<b>10:30am</b>
<b>Announcer</b>	R. DeBock	D. Coleman	G. Hutchens
<b>Lector</b>	G. Drifmeyer	P. Novotny	L. Yankee
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	S. Scumaci TBD	M. Gulley C. Holloway	M. Morton C. Svitek
<b>Altar Servers</b>	A. Wakefield H. Chavez	C. Binkley E. Campbell	D. Badhera O. Simi

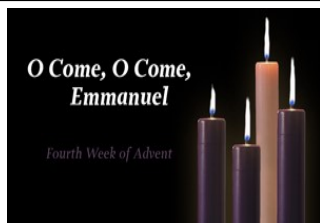
### MASS READINGS: Cycle A

**1st:** *Isaiah 7:10-14*

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

**2nd:** *Romans 1:1-7*

**Gospel:** *Matthew 1:18-24*



### WEEKDAY READINGS: (Year II)

**December 23— Monday, Advent Weekday**

Reading 1: Malachi 3:1-4, 23-24

Responsorial: Psalm 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 & 14

Gospel: Luke 1:57-66

**December 24— Tuesday, Vigil of The Nativity of The Lord**

Reading 1: Isaiah 62:1-5

Responsorial: Psalm 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29

Reading 2: Acts of the Apostles 13:16-17, 22-25

Gospel: Matthew 1:1-25

**December 25— Wednesday, The Nativity of The Lord**

Reading 1: Isaiah 52:7-10

Responsorial: Psalm 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6

Reading 2: Hebrews 1:1-6

Gospel: John 1:1-18

**December 26— Thursday, St. Stephen (Feast)**

Reading 1: Acts of the Apostles 6:8-10; 7:54-59

Responsorial: Psalm 31:3cd-4, 6 & 8ab, 16bc & 17

Gospel: Matthew 10:17-22

**December 27— Friday, St. John the Evangelist (Feast)**

Reading 1: 1 John 1:1-4

Responsorial: Psalm 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12

Gospel: John 20:1a & 2-8

**December 28— Saturday, The Holy Innocents (Feast)**

[Daily Readings]

Reading 1: 1 John 1:5—2:2

Responsorial: Psalm 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8

Gospel: Matthew 2:13-18

### The Holy Family (Cycle A) - 12/29/2019

**1st:** *Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14* **2nd:** *Colossians 3:12-21*

**Responsorial:** *Ps. 128:1-2, 3, 4-5* **Gospel:** *Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23*

### 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	\$5,338.10
Immaculate Conception	61.00
Retirement Fund for Religious	625.50
Bldg. Maint. Fund	75.00
Star Tree— Charity Fund	673.00
Christmas Flowers	20.00
Titans Parking	840.00
Coffee & Donuts	20.00
<b>Avg. Weekly Expenses</b>	<b>5,855.00</b>

*Thank you for your support!*

### Mass Intentions

<b>Saturday, 12/21</b>	<b>5:00p</b>
- For the prayer intentions of Holy Name parishioners.	
<b>Sunday, 12/22</b>	<b>8:00a</b>
- Eternal repose of John M. Allison Jr. on 100th birthday. (R. Szeftcyk)	
	<b>10:30a</b>
- Eternal repose of Mark Blaylock. (Fr. Theo & Staff)	
	<b>Noon</b>
- For Oturo Celso on the occasion of baptism.	
<b>Monday, 12/23</b>	<b>8:00a</b>
- Communion Service. No prayer intentions.	
<b>Tuesday, 12/24</b>	<b>5:00p</b>
- Christmas blessings for our children & families.	
	<b>9:00p</b>
- Eternal repose, Sue Chandler. (C. Ransom)	
<b>Wednesday, 12/25</b>	<b>10:00a</b>
- Christmas peace & blessings upon all.	
	<b>Noon</b>
- Blessings upon the marriage of Alizabeth Lado & Makuag Ali.	
<b>Thursday, 12/26</b>	<b>8:00a</b>
- No Mass.	
- No Communion Svc.	
<b>Friday, 12/27</b>	<b>8:00a</b>
- No Mass.	
- No Communion Svc.	

### 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  
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**

### **Pastor's Corner.**

On this 4th Sunday of Advent, I wish to thank all of you for the journey of faith we embarked upon together. It remains two days until Christmas. Speaking of Christmas, it reminds me that it is the one day of the year that carries with it real hope and promise for all mankind with the torch of reconciliation that accompanies it. A day when most of us grow big of heart and broad of mind. Above all it comes with joy and peace.

It is the single day when most of us are as kind and thoughtful of others as we can be. When most of us are as gracious and generous as we would always like to be. Sometimes, the stress of this season can take away the joy and peace of the new born child, Jesus.

Amidst all the joyful stress this season the story of Christmas lays credence to the fact that God, in His infinite wisdom, works in ways different from the wisdom and ways of man. So, the story did not end with prophecies but in fulfillment. All the same, our preparation will not be endless but in joyful celebration of the Nativity of the Lord. In that celebration that is when the joy of home or family gives way to the busy office schedule in pursuit of material acquisition. It is when people of all class, race and the like speak and cheer up one another. Don't be left alone in this joyous and awesome celebration.

A celebration of the Incarnate Word. You might even call His way sneaky. Take for instance, the most important person in the history of this world sneaked into town late one night and definitely did not stay in a five-star hotel. It is no gain saying that Jesus was actually smuggled into Bethlehem through the womb of a teenage girl, who gave birth in a manger. We are all familiar with the story in the gospels.

Thus, as we finalize our preparation, remember the story of Christmas: the baby, the inn keeper, the angel, the manger, the shepherd and three wise men from the East. Thanks to Mary and Joseph! Hidden inside that familiar story is the surprising revelation that God can ignore the high and mighty of this world and smuggle Himself not in a five star hotel but in a manger, a lesson in humility. May you humbly celebrate your family with joy as I wish you and your loved ones Merry Christmas.

*God Bless, Father Theo*

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK**

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

**Altar Servers Christmas Lunch.** We will gather in the rectory TODAY, Sunday, December 22, at 1pm.

**Church Decorating for Christmas.** Please join us TODAY, Sunday, December 22, after the Sudanese Mass (around 1pm) to decorate the church for Christmas.

**Advent Gifts.** Fr. Theo would like to give every family a special gift again this year. On the table in front of the family room are copies of the book "Rediscover the Saints" by Matthew Kelly. Please take one (1) per family.

**Church Envelopes.** 2020 boxes are available for those parishioners who receive collection envelopes, on the tables in front of the family room.

**Church Calendars for 2020** will be available beginning the weekend of December 28 & 29 at the Masses.

**Thank You.** We wish to thank everyone who volunteered their time and talents in addition to those parishioners who attended our annual parish Christmas Party last Saturday evening. It was a very festive and enjoyable evening.

**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.

### **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 will resume on Wednesday, January 8, due to the Christmas and New Years holidays.

**Loaves & Fishes.** Our parish group is off this month but will resume serving on Wednesday, January 22, 2020.

**Bible Study** will resume in February 2020.

**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](http://www.flocknote.com/HolyNameCatholicChurch/5) Questions? Please contact the parish office.

**Parking for Titans Games.** Today, Sunday, December 22, two hours prior to kick-off, which is at Noon against the New Orleans Saints. Parking is \$15 per automobile. This is the last regular season home game for 2019.

**Parish Office Holiday Schedule.** For Christmas: 12/24, Closing at Noon; 12/25-26 CLOSED. For New Year's: 12/31, Closing at Noon; 1/1-2 CLOSED.

**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.

**Invitation from our Sudanese Community.** Holy Name parishioners are invited to join the Sudanese after their Christmas Day Mass in the parish center for holiday dinner and prayer (around 1:15pm on 12/25).

**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 TODAY, Sunday, December 22. Classes will resume on Sunday, January 4, 2020.**

**Have a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!**

**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.

**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](http://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>.

**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](mailto:maryevans206@gmail.com) or stop by upstairs between Masses.

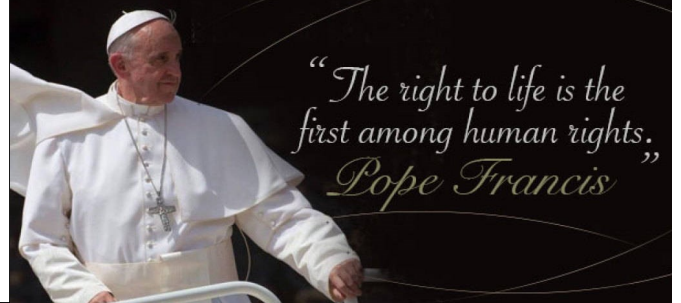


**MERRY CHRISTMAS**

*Thanks be to God for his unspeakable gift. Jesus is here!*

### 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](mailto: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.



### Christmas & New Year's Masses

#### Christmas Eve, 12/24:

Family Mass w/  
Children's Choir @ 5p.

Vigil Mass @ 9p w/ Carol service by  
Christmas Choir @ 8:30p.

#### Christmas Day, 12/25:

10a w/ Sunday Choir  
Noon, w/ Sudanese Choir  
5p, w/Francophone Choir

**New Years Eve, 12/31: 5p**

**New Year's Day, 1/1: 10a**

### 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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