

HOISINGTON MASS SCHEDULE FOR Jan. 6th & 7th:

Saturday, Jan. 6th 5:00pm +Milton & +Leona Straub
 Sunday, Jan. 7th 9:00am +Terry Redetzke

HOISINGTON MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND:

5:00pm Saturday

Servers: Jace Riese & Evan Foltz
 Ushers: Shawn & Janet Jonas
 Lectors: Teri Doze & Bob Schreiber
 Euch. Min.: Denise Schreiber, Kenton & Teri Doze

9:00am Sunday

Mallory Reif & Caleb Birzer
 Paul & Brenda Axman
 Alyssa Johnson & Kyle Haxton
 Kayla Schremmer, Leon Steiner, Anita Reif

COUNTERS: Darleen Demel & Gloria Larkin

COLLECTION FOR LAST WEEK:

66 Envelopes.....\$ 3,010.00
 Offertory.....\$ 6,154.46
 On-Line Giving.....\$ 635.00
Total:.....\$ 9,799.46

COLLECTION FOR CHRISTMAS:

65 Envelopes.....\$ 3,104.00
 Offertory.....\$ 572.00
Total:.....\$ 3,676.00

THANK YOU!!!

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE FOR DEC. 31st:

“Whatever you do,” says St. Paul to the Colossians, “...do it in the name of the Lord Jesus. Give thanks to God the Father through him.” And so it is that we offer our gifts in the Eucharist “through Him, with Him and in Him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit....”

FOOD BANK SUNDAY:

Next weekend is Food Bank Sunday. Please bring your non-perishable food items for the Hoisington and Rush County Food Banks to our churches in Hoisington & Olmitz.



Tuesday, Thursday & Friday Masses are held in the Parish Center

OLMITZ MASS SCHEDULE JAN. 7th:

Sun., Jan. 7th 10:30am People & Needs of St. Ann and St. John's Parishes

MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND:

Servers: Ray & Katie Kuhlman
 Lectors: Raymond Gallegos & Daniel Schneider
 Collectors: Gary Straub & Tim Frieb
 Offertory: Chuck & Janice Moore
 Eucharistic Min.: Eric Frieb & Bob & Kathy Schneider

OLMITZ COLLECTION FOR LAST WEEK:

37 Envelopes.....\$ 1,755.05
 Offertory.....\$ 139.00
 Votives.....\$ 85.00
TOTAL.....\$ 1,979.05
 Total Window Restor.....\$ 141,754.43



OLMITZ COLLECTION FOR CHRISTMAS:

32 Envelopes.....\$ 1,157.45
 Offertory.....\$ 450.00
TOTAL.....\$ 1,607.45

TEXAS HOLD 'EM POKER TOURNAMENT:

Everyone 21 & over are invited to a Texas Hold 'Em Poker Tournament on Sat., Jan. 6th at 7:30pm at the Hoisington K-of-C Hall.

LOOKING AHEAD:

FiberSpace 2018 will be held at the Heartland Farm-1049 CR 390—Pawnee Rock, KS on Friday-Saturday, Jan. 19-20 (registration deadline is Jan. 15th) and Feb. 9-10 (registration deadline is Feb. 5th). This year, we we'll offer all fiber skills at both sessions: knitting & crocheting, spinning & weaving—you choose one. More information will be published in future bulletins.

GOT QUESTIONS?

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OLMITZ NOTES:

RELIGIOUS ED. CLASSES: NO class on Dec. 31st. Happy New Year! We will have classes on Sunday, Jan. 7th at 9:15am.

K-of-C MEMORIAL MASS: On Sunday, Jan. 28th, we will celebrate the K-of-C Memorial Mass at the 10:30am Mass. Following this Mass, we will gather in the hall for a pot-luck dinner.

MARCH FOR LIFE—TOPEKA 2018:

The Pro-Life Pilgrimage to Topeka will be held on Monday, Jan. 22, 2018. This is open to High School & College-age youth. The bus will depart from the Cathedral in Dodge City at approximately 5:30am and will return at 10:00pm. Cost is just \$35.00 per person. We have learned that Melissa Ohden, nationally known speaker & abortion survivor will be speaking at 3:00pm. The day will include Mass at the Topeka Performing Arts Center, the March to the Capitol, rally, lunch, and tours of the Capitol. There will be a dinner stop in Salina on the way home. Checks should be submitted by Jan. 15th & made payable to the Diocese of Dodge City & mailed to: Gayla Kirmer-Catholic Diocese of Dodge City-P.O. Box 137-Dodge City, KS 67801. If you have questions, call 620-227-1525, or email her at: gkirmer@dcdiocese.org

ORGAN: St. John's Parish has an organ that was donated to us and we'd like to pass it along to someone that will use it. If you would like more information, please call the Parish Office.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

The Hoisington Knights will hold a Texas Hold 'Em Champion Bounty Poker Tourney on Sat., Feb. 10th at 8:00pm. \$100 donation—no rebuy, knock out a champion & win their \$100 bounty—one bounty per 10 players. 80% Pay out! There will also be a Steak/Shrimp/Steak & Shrimp dinner served from 5:30—7:30pm that evening at the Hoisington K-of-C Hall. Everyone is invited to attend the dinner!

VMA TAX DONATIONS:
 Please have all VMA (Vibrant Ministries Appeal) donations must be into our Parish Office in Hoisington ON OR BEFORE 3:00pm on JANUARY 2nd so we can have them to the Diocese by January 5th to receive tax credit for 2017.

THANK YOU! I want to thank everyone for their generous gifts I received for Christmas. I appreciate them all so much and will keep you all in my prayers. God bless you, Fr. Anselm

THEO 1003 Intro to Old Testament—

Instructor: Sr. Joan Wolf. A study of the law, prophets, historical books, & wisdom literature of the Old Testament using analytical methods of contemporary scholarship. Each book will be studied within its own socio-political & cultural context, as a product of the Jewish faith community & expression of Yahweh's revelation. Class Times: Jan. 20, 27, Feb. 3, 10, 17, Mar. 3, 10, 17, 24. Saturday mornings from 8:30am—12:00pm at the ITV sites in the diocese. Cost: 3 hr. course for college credit=\$150. 3 hr. course for personal enrichment=\$75. Prices do not include books.

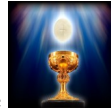
D-of-I: We will meet at St. Pat's Parish Center on Monday, Jan. 8th at 7:00pm. Hostesses are Marilyn Petty & Lorita Berens.

HOISINGTON NOTES:

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES: There will be no classes Wed. January 3rd.

We will resume on Wed., January 10th.

ATTENTION PARENTS & YOUTH FOR 1st RECONCILIATION and 1st COMMUNION: We will gather on Wed., Jan. 3rd at 6:30pm in the Parish Center. A reminder to be



sure to bring a copy of your child's Baptismal Cert. if they were baptized in a parish other than St. John's.

MEETINGS:

- **RELIGIOUS ED COMMISSION MEETING:** 7:30pm on Wed., Jan. 3rd in the Parish Center.
- **YOUTH COUNCIL MEETING:** 6:00pm (serving pizza) on Wed., Jan. 10th in the Parish Center.
- **HOISINGTON K-of-C MEETING:** Monday, Jan. 8th at 7:30pm in the K-of-C Hall.

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! We are so appreciative to the following people who so graciously stayed on Christmas Eve day to help decorate our beautiful church for Christmas. We had such a wonderful response, it took less than an hour! God bless each one of you. (If we have left anyone out, please accept our apologies as it certainly isn't intentional!!) **Ray & Connie Seib, Paul & Brenda Axman, Donna, Jordan & Neal Bates, Dwight & Donna Nett & family, Clayton Lincoln, Loretta Finger, Gene, Marla, Braden, Mallory, Leyton & Xander Mooney, Pam Willis and family, Pat Haberman, Margaret Evers, Terry, Anita, Mallory & Gabrielle Reif, Dick & Nancy Kirmer, Monica Warnken, Richard Neidhart, Bob Ney, Mary, Brody, & Braylin Rossman, & Keith & Loretta Kinman.**

THANK YOU! "Thank you and God bless you!" We heard it over and over as 18 families came to the Parish Center on December 21st to pick up the Christmas groceries provided by the generosity of St. John's Parish. Thanks, once again, to the Christmas Spirit of our parish, they will have delicious, nutritious food plus some extra treats. Thank you to those who sorted groceries, sacked groceries and provided carried-out service for our families.

COFFEE, ROLLS & CAKE: Please join us for coffee, rolls, cake & blessings for January birthdays and anniversaries on Sunday, January 7th after the 9:00am Mass in the Parish Center. Blood pressures will also be taken.

THEO 1003 Introduction to the Old Testament: Instructor is Sr. Joan Wolf. This course is designed to bring the Old Testament to life & thrill its readers with the story of one people's journey into faith. These ancient people's experiences may reveal the truth of our own journeys in that we can see ourselves in their life experiences, in their growth as well as in their backsliding, in their discoveries of the nature of God and in their misreading what was the will of God, in their frustration when life's troubles were overwhelming & when they had to trust God when important questions remained unanswered. It's a story which covers 2,000 years, a story of real flesh & blood people searching for God & of God's loving self-revelation over the centuries. Class times are: Jan. 20, 27, Feb. 3, 10, 17, Mar. 3, 10, 17, 24 on Saturdays from 8:30am—12:00pm. Locations: ITV sites in the Diocese. Cost is \$150 for a 3 hr. course for college credit \$75 for a 3 hr. course for personal enrichment. Prices do NOT include books.

NEW MINISTER SCHEDULES ARE IN THE VESTIBULE....please pick them up.

JANUARY ALTAR SOCIETY CO-CHAIRS: Toni Schneweis & Monica Warnken

FREE-THROW CONTEST: The local K-of-C Council 1521 will hold our annual Free-Throw Contest on Sunday, Jan. 14th at 1:00pm at the Hoisington Activity Center. This is for boys & girls ages 9-14. Must bring a birth certificate for proof of age. If you have questions, you may call Chris Kinman at 620-786-7123.

2018 ENVELOPES ARE HERE! St. John Parishioners are asked to please stop in the vestibule and pick up your 2018 Contribution Envelopes.

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST
5th & Main Streets
Hoisington, KS 67544

ST. ANN'S CHURCH
115 Cleveland St.
Olmitz, KS 67564

~ **Father Anselm Eke, MSP, Pastor** ~

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HOLY FAMILY SUNDAY—YEAR B
December 31st, 2017

OFFICE HOURS: Tuesday—Thursday, 9:00am—12:00pm and 1:00pm—4:00pm
Fridays: 8:00am—2:00pm

Bulletin Announcements: Due by noon on Wednesday. May be submitted by email a at the above address

Parish Secretary: Loretta Kinman

Director of Religious Education: Pam Willis (Hoisington); Lisa Starr (Olmitz)

Pastoral Council Pres.: Cindy Wilborn (Hoisington); Bob Schneider (Olmitz)

Weekend Masses: Saturday, 5:00pm (Hoisington)
Sunday, 9:00am (Hoisington); 10:30am (Olmitz)

- **Sacrament of Penance:** 4:15pm—4:45pm on Saturdays (Hoisington)
First Sunday of the Month after Mass until Noon (Olmitz)
Reconciliation is also available by appointment.
- **Sacrament of Baptism:** Call rectory to schedule an appointment for the Baptismal preparations.
- **Sacrament of Marriage:** Contact the pastor 4 to 6 months prior to proposed date of marriage.
- **Sacrament of Sick:** Call rectory in case of emergency or prior to medical procedures or hospital stay
- **PRAYER NETWORK:** To call a prayer intention in to our Prayer Network, call Nancy Kirmer at 653-2466.

DID YOU KNOW? Did you know that some employers will donate to your church or non-profit organization by matching donations that you give? There is usually a limit on how much per year they will match per employee. There are some area businesses that will do this. Ask your employer and “get more bang for your giving buck” as well as helping out your church and/or favorite non-profit organization.



HELP IS AVAILABLE: Help is available for people experiencing a financial hardship due to cancer diagnosis and treatments. Apply online for a grant to assist with: shelter, utilities, or medical supplies. Golden Belt Community Foundation—222.goldenbeltcf.org Heartland Cancer Patient Care & Support Fund—Individuals must reside in Barton, Pawnee, Rush, or Stafford County, KS.

FRUIT OF THE VINE—WORK OF HUMAN HANDS:

In the late 1990’s and early 2000’s, the Diocese sponsored a program called “God’s Little Green Acre”, a program to support seminarian education in the Diocese of Dodge City. The program has recently been resurrected, but with a few more options. The program is now called “Fruit of the Vine—Work of Human Hands” and offers two ways to participate.

Fruit of the Vine is for individuals who would like to pledge profits from their earthly labors, such as profits from crop production, sale of livestock, oil production, wind generation profits...etc.

Work of Human Hands is designed for individuals or businesses who would like to pledge a portion of their business profits, annual income or simply give a cash donation to support our seminarians, but we will provide you with a plaque or yard sign as a reminder to others to pray for vocations, and will encourage others to participate as well. For more information about this, please contact Mark W. Roth, Dir. Of Development-Diocese of Dodge City—P.O. Box 137—Dodge City, KS 67801 or call 620-227-1535 or you may email him at mroth@dcdiocese.org.

PRAYER FOR THE MILITARY: Lord Jesus Christ, please hold our troops in Your loving arms. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts that they perform for us in our time of need. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen!

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2017 NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK:

Did you know that in our country, compared to 50 years ago, there are 20,000 fewer priests and 130,000 fewer religious sisters? At the same time, the Catholic population has continued to grow steadily. Many factors have contributed to the decline: growing secularism, a lengthened period of adolescence, attitudes about celibacy, etc. During Vocation Awareness week, please pray that young people in today’s society will hear and respond to God’s call. And do your part to encourage them to consider the priesthood and religious life.

JUST A REMINDER: If you belong to St. Ann’s or St. John’s Parishes, feel free to drop your envelope in either church’s collection basket and know that you will receive credit for it from your parish as long as it is marked accordingly.

HELP LINES: Any woman who is pregnant and in need can turn for help to the pro-life movement. She never has to feel that abortion is the only option. People anywhere in the country can find assistance at the following numbers:
Caret/Heartbeat.....1-800-395-HELP (4357) Birthright.....1-800-550-4900
Crisis Pregnancy Helpline.....1-888-4-OPTIONS National Life Center.....1-800-848-LOVE (5683)
Bethany Christian Services.....1-800-238-4269

WINE TASTING EVENT: The 2018 Wine Tasting Event will be at the Great Bend Event Center on Friday, April 20th., 2018. Mark your calendars now & plan on coming for a good time and a good cause!

PRAYER TO ST. ANTHONY FOR THE RETURN OF CATHOLICS TO THE CHURCH:

Almighty Father, You desire not the death of sinners, but that they may be converted and live. Pour out upon us Your mercy and hear the prayers of Your servants. Through the intercession of St. Anthony of Padua, who through his bold and powerful preaching, inspired so many “Careless Catholics” to return to the Church, soften the hearts of those we pray for who have strayed from the faith into which they were baptized. They are now forgetful of their duties as Catholics and pursue other ways. Grant that they may quickly return to the practice of the faith they once professed, so that their lives may again shine with the integrity of belief, the fervor of piety, and the ardor of charity. Restore them to Your sacraments & to the life of Your grace. We pray this in the name of Your Son Jesus and in union with St. Anthony and all the saints. Amen!

HEARING AID ASSISTANCE:

The Starkey Hearing Foundation provides hearing aid assistance for those with financial need. There is an application processing fee of \$150.00 per hearing aid request; contact Hear Now to discuss eligibility before completing an application for assistance: 1-800-328-8602, or Hear-now@starkey.com. When an application is approved, aids are given to the applicant at no additional cost.

NEED HELP? No one needs to go through life’s most difficult challenges alone. Catholic Charities of Southwest Kansas is offering free professional counseling services in Dodge City, Garden City and Great Bend for adults, children, couples, families and seniors, regardless of race, religion or socioeconomic status. Contact Amy Falcon at 620-227-1590 or afalcon@CatholicCharitiesSWKS.org for more information and/or to schedule an appointment.

NEW? Are you new in our parish? Please take a few minutes to call or email us at the parish office to fill out a Census form so we can enter you in our computer and welcome you into our parish!

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SUPPORT & LISTEN TO CATHOLIC RADIO: Tune in to Divine Mercy Radio..... 88.1 KVDM-Hays & KRIT-Great Bend

