

## HOISINGTON MASS SCHEDULE FOR DEC. 5th—DEC. 10th:

Tuesday, Dec. 5th	5:00pm	+Joseph M. Hickel	Tuesday, Thurs-
Wednesday, Dec. 6th	10:00am	+Loretta Morgenstern (at CPL)	day & Friday
Thursday, Dec. 7th	10:00am	+Mary Lou Degenhardt	Masses are held
Friday, Dec. 8th	<b>7:00pm</b>	+Mayme K. Smith (Immaculate Conception)	in the Parish
Saturday, Dec. 9th	5:00pm	+Lawrence Demel	Center Chapel.
Sunday, Dec. 10th	9:00am	+Herman Zecha	

### HOISINGTON MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND:

#### 5:00pm Saturday

Servers: Jordyn Boxberger & Khloe Schneweis  
 Ushers: Milton Staudinger & Tom Polzin  
 Lectors: Jim Schneweis & Rhonda Boxberger  
 Euch. Min.: Patty Quade & Shawn & Janet Jonas

#### 9:00am Sunday

Chase & Legend Robinson  
 Tom Demel & Mark Demel  
 Neil Ochs & Marion Oborny  
 Marion Oborny, Neil Ochs, Kayla Schremmer

**COUNTERS:** Anita Meade & Evelyn Hoffman

### COLLECTION FOR LAST WEEK:

65 Envelopes.....\$ 2,481.00  
 Offertory.....\$ 144.00  
 On-Line Giving.....\$ 150.00  
 Total:.....\$ 2,775.00  
 L. Morgenstern Mem.....\$ 767.50  
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Thank  
You!

**RCIA:** Due to no inquirers at this time, we will be meeting monthly for on-going **INQUIRY**. We will meet the 2nd Thursday of each month at 7:00pm in the Parish Center. Next session will be on **December 14th**.

### MINISTERS FOR FRIDAY, DEC. 8th at 7:00pm—Immaculate Conception Mass:

Servers: Shellamae Farmer & Caleb Birzer  
 Ushers: Jay Steinert & Tom Polzin  
 Lectors: Kathy McGinnis & Mary Ann Behr  
 Euch. Min.: M. & M. Oborny, Patty Quade

### STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE FOR

**DEC. 3rd:** We are the servants of God, each with his or her own task. We will be judged good stewards if, at His coming, He finds us ready and conscientiously pursuing the tasks to which we have been called.

**HOLY DAY:** Friday, Dec. 8th is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, a Holy Day of Obligation. Vigil Mass will be Thursday, Dec. 7th at 7:00pm in Olmitz and Mass of the Day will be on Friday at 7:00pm in Hoisington.

◆ **TEXAS HOLD 'EM POKER TOURNAMENT:**  
 This will be held on Sunday, Dec. 10th at 7:30pm at the K-of-C Hall. Everyone 21 & older is welcome to join us.

**PARISH OFFICE** will be closed on Friday, Dec. 8th due to the Holy Day of Obligation, the Immaculate Conception.

**RETRouvaille**...”Tens of thousands of struggling marriages headed for cold, unloving relationships or divorce have successfully overcome their marriage problems. Retrouvaille offers tools needed to rediscover a loving marriage. By attending this program, which begins with a Weekend Experience that is followed by a series of follow-up sessions to help keep your healing on track & further develop the tools. Visit our website at: [www.HlepOurMarriage.com](http://www.HlepOurMarriage.com) for more information about the upcoming Wichita weekend program beginning on Dec. 8th. Register quickly!  
 For more information about the Dec. 8th Retrouvaille Program for couples, contact Dacia & Kieran (800) 470-2230 or visit the website at: [HelpOurMarriage.com](http://HelpOurMarriage.com) More details can be found on Facebook at “Retrouvaille Wichita”



**FATHER MURPHY** has been moved to:  
**River Bend Assisted Living**  
**3820 Broadway—Room #23**  
**Great Bend, KS 67530**  
 He would appreciate cards and visits.

## OLMITZ MASS SCHEDULE DEC. 7th-10th:

Thurs., Dec. 7th	7:00pm	People & needs of St. Ann and St. John's Parishes
Sun., Dec. 10th	10:30am	People & needs of St. Ann and St. John's Parishes

### MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND:

Servers: Ray & Katie Kuhlman  
 Lectors: Sr. Jane Belanger & Jane Goodheart  
 Collectors: Dale Kuhlman & Gary Straub  
 Offertory: Kindergarten & 1st Grade Youth  
 Eucharistic Min.: Mark Goodheart, Mel & Donave Yarmer

### OLMITZ COLLECTION FOR LAST WEEK:

42 Envelopes.....\$ 1,120.00  
 Offertory.....\$ 30.50  
 Votives.....\$ 65.00  
 TOTAL.....\$ 1,215.50  
 Window Restoration.....\$ 0.00  
 Total Window Restor.: \$ 139,079.43

Thank  
You!

### DOES GRIEF EVER TURN TO JOY?

Join us for an Advent Retreat at the Motherhouse, 3600 Broadway, Great Bend on **Saturday, Dec. 2nd from 9:00am—4:30pm**. Presenters are Marcia Berchek, OPA and Sr. Renee Dreiling, OP. We'll explore how our holidays are affected by the grief in our lives, and how, as in the Paschal Mystery, death can open the door to new life & joy. There will be a time during the retreat to meet with a spiritual director or treat yourself to a 30 minute massage. Cost is \$50.00 which includes lunch; 20 minute Spiritual Direction Session (\$15); 30 minute massage (\$25). If you'd like to extend your retreat, please feel free to stay overnight Friday or Saturday. You may register online at [www.heartlandspirituality.org](http://www.heartlandspirituality.org) (Upcoming Programs/Advent Retreat) or call 620-792-1232 or email Ann Axman at [ann@heartlandspirituality.org](mailto:ann@heartlandspirituality.org)

**CORPORATE COMMUNION:** D-of-I will celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception with a Corporate Communion on Fri., Dec. 8th at 10:30am in the Convent Chapel. Group lunch for those interested following the Mass, destination to be announced.

**D-of-I CHRISTMAS PARTY** will be Sunday, Dec. 10th at 2:30pm in the St. Pat's Parish Center. Hostesses are the officers. A potato bar will be served, along with other snack items. Business meeting will precede the party. Dues of \$20 may be paid, year-books & raffle tickets will be available. Prayer Partners will be revealed, members may bring a gift valued at \$10-\$15. New Prayer Partners will be chosen.

### OLMITZ NOTES:

**RELIGIOUS ED. CLASSES:** We will meet on Sun., Dec. 3rd & Dec. 10th at 9:15am.

**COMMITTEE PICTURES:** We will be taking group pictures on Sunday, **Dec. 10th** immediately following Mass for Altar Society, Finance Council, Servers, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, & Pastoral Council members. Please plan to stay after Mass if you are included in the above ministries or councils.

### JOIN US FOR BREAKFAST:

Everyone's invited to join us for a breakfast made by the Olmitz K-of-C at the K-of-C Hall after Mass on Sunday, Dec. 10th. A free-will offering will be accepted. We will also be taking orders for smoked sausage and breakfast sausage.

For more information or to order, please call Bob Schneider at 620-786-4509 or Karl Frieb at 620-923-3213.



### MINISTERS for Thurs., Dec. 7th-7pm:

Servers: Jeanna Hlavaty & Trent Bitter  
 Lectors: Raymond Gallegos & Linda Bahr  
 Collectors: Mark Pechanec & John Schneider  
 Offertory: The Daniel Schneider Family  
 Eucharistic Min.: Janet Pechanec, Janice Moore & Cindy Sohm

### 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. 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](mailto:gkirmer@dcdiocese.org)

## HOISINGTON NOTES:

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES:** There will be classes on Wednesday, Dec. 6th.

Grades K-5.....4:00-5:00pm and grades 6-12.....7:00-8:00pm.

- Last call for Toys-4-Tots collection for all grades K-12!
- 10th Grade Confirmation Christmas Party at Country Place Living on Wed., Dec. 6th
- 11th & 12th Grade: Shopping for Toys-4-Tots in Great Bend on Wed., Dec. 6th



**CATHOLIC LEAGUE BASKETBALL:** We will host Prince of Peace at the Hoisington Activity Center this Sunday, Dec. 3rd. Games begin at 1:15pm.

**CHRISTMAS FOOD BASKETS:** It's that time of year that we begin gathering food and donations for the 2017 Christmas Food Baskets given from our parish. Please bring your non-perishable food items to the church or to the Parish Center where the baskets will be assembled. Monetary donations may be placed in the collection baskets marked "Food Baskets" (*Please make out checks to our church*). Suggested items: Canned vegetables & fruit, peanut butter, jelly, cranberry sauce, cereals, oatmeal, microwave popcorn, muffin & cake mixes, Jello, pudding, noodles, macaroni, canned tuna or chicken, soups, spaghetti & sauce, sugar, flour, oil, powdered milk, and potato flakes. Thank you for your support and generous action of lived Eucharist. Applications for the baskets will be at the Parish Office. Baskets will be distributed on Thurs. Dec. 21st.

**DID YOU LOSE A JACKET?** One of the ladies who was at the Parish Center to help make cinnamon rolls on Friday, Nov. 17th left a jean jacket here. Please stop by the office to claim.



**PRAYERS & SYMPATHY:** St. John's parish extends our deepest sympathy to **Dan Esfeld and Bob Glynn** at the loss of **Sherie Esfeld**, their wife & daughter. Please continue to pray for Sherie, as well as her family. May she and all the souls of the faithful departed, rest in peace.

**NEW SCHEDULES:** Loretta will soon be working on new schedules. Please call her at 653-2963 with any changes you need made **by Wednesday, December 13th.**

**BIBLE STUDY:** Madonna Oborny is leading a Bible Study in her home, exploring the Sunday readings on Tuesday afternoons at 1:30pm. If you would like to join them or have questions, feel free to call her at 620-897-7981. (314 E. 5th St.-Hoisington) Everyone is welcome.

**MEETINGS:** Hoisington K-of-C meeting will be Monday, Dec. 11th at 7:30pm at the **PARISH CENTER!!!** We will sack candy for the youth's Christmas goodie bags after our meeting.

**COFFEE & ROLLS:** Join us in the Parish Center after the 9am Mass on Sunday, Dec. 3rd for coffee, rolls, blood pressure checks and blessings for December birthdays and anniversaries.

### BIRTHDAYS DEC. 1—DEC. 10th:

- 1st: Michele Hitschmann, Bernard Wondra
- 2nd: Ginny Axman, Gene Mooney
- 3rd: Corrine Boor, Christie Brungardt
- 4th: Gladys Byers, Kurt Williams
- 5th: Doug Dolechek
- 6th: Tracey Knapp
- 7th: Michael Davis, Derrick Kaiser, Maleigha Schmidt, Tyann Schremmer
- 8th: Taylor Boxberger, Dennis Trapp
- 9th: Mike Aylward, Jr., Becca Harmon
- 10th: Mark Crawford



**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 ~

**Parish Center Office:**  
122 E. 5th St. - Hoisington, KS 67544  
**Parish Center Phone:**  
(620) 653-2963  
Website: stjohnevangelistparish.com

**Rectory:**  
108 E. 5th St.—Hoisington, KS 67544  
Phone: (620) 653-2695 or 2963  
Email: stjohnevangel@dc.kscoxmail.com  
For Relig. Ed: stjohreligious@dc.kscoxmail.com

**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT—YEAR B**  
**December 3, 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](mailto: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!

**GOT QUESTIONS?** We’ve got Catholic Answers. Tune in weekdays from 5:00-7:00pm or call in with your question at 1-888-31-TRUTH, Divine Mercy Radio 88.1. Listen on your radio, our app, or on [dvmercy.com](http://dvmercy.com)!

**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:

- Carenet/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](mailto: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](mailto:afalcon@CatholicCharitiesSWKS.org) for more information and/or to schedule an appointment.

**NEW?** Are you new in our parish? Please take a few minutes and stop by the parish office and 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

