

HOISINGTON MASS SCHEDULE FOR DEC. 12th—DEC. 17th:

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| Tuesday, Dec. 12th | 5:00pm | +Brian Bailey | Tuesday, Thurs- |
| Wednesday, Dec. 13th | 10:00am | +Clem & +Anna Lamatsch (at CPL) | day & Friday |
| Thursday, Dec. 14th | 10:00am | +Virginia Kaiser | Masses are held |
| Friday, Dec. 15th | 10:00am | +Mary Brown | in the Parish |
| Saturday, Dec. 16th | 5:00pm | +Alvin Haberman | Center Chapel. |
| Sunday, Dec. 17th | 9:00am | +Jerome & +Betty Mae Axman | |

HOISINGTON MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND:

5:00pm Saturday

Servers: Paul Rziha & Xavier Robinson
 Ushers: Chris Kinman & Richard Neidhart
 Lectors: Teri Doze & Francis Demel
 Euch. Min.: Martha Wondra, Kenton & Teri Doze

COUNTERS: Kenny & Linda Bieker

COLLECTION FOR LAST WEEK:

69 Envelopes.....\$ 2,678.00
 Offertory.....\$ 959.00
 On-Line Giving.....\$ 100.00
 Total:.....\$ 3,737.00

Thank
You!

9:00am Sunday

Alek Brack & Alex Schremmer
 Rob Unrein & Leon Steiner
 Mary Ann Behr & Kyle Haxton
 Duane Koester, Bob & Jan Morgenstern

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

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES:

- Olmitz—4:00pm—Sunday, Dec. 17th
- Hoisington—7:00pm—Sunday, Dec. 17th

VIBRANT MINISTRIES APPEAL UPDATE As of 12/5/17:

Hoisington—\$148,146.00 sent, 52% of goal met
 Olmitz—\$65,323 sent, 44% of goal met

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.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP:

We'll meet at St. John's Parish Center at 7:00pm on Tuesday, Dec. 19th. We offer help & encouragement after the death of a spouse, child, family member, or friend. These sessions will involve fellowship, sharing & prayer. No counseling will be offered & confidentiality will be respected. Each session is "Self-contained", so you are welcome to start at any time.

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. 17th:

Sun., Dec. 17th 10:30am People & needs of St. Ann and St. John's Parishes

MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND:

Servers: Blake & Abbi Bahr
 Lectors: Kay Fitzsimmons & Chelsea Pechanec
 Collectors: Jim Bartonek & Daniel Schneider
 Offertory: The Travis Starr Family
 Eucharistic Min.: Linda Bahr, Jim & Dee Bartonek

OLMITZ COLLECTION FOR LAST WEEK:

44 Envelopes.....\$ 1,787.41
 Offertory.....\$ 55.00
 Church Donation.....\$ 1,500.00
 Votives.....\$ 85.00
TOTAL.....\$ 3,427.41
 Food Basket Donations.\$ 25.00
 Window Restoration.....\$ 100.00
 Total Window Restor...\$ 139,179.43

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 (Upcoming Programs/Advent Retreat) or call 620-792-1232 or email Ann Axman at ann@heartlandspirituality.org

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.

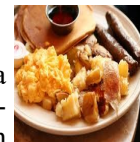
OLMITZ NOTES:

RELIGIOUS ED. CLASSES: We will meet on Sun., Dec. 10th & 17th 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 Friebe at 620-923-3213.



OLMITZ K-of-C: We'll meet on Thursday, Dec. 21st at 7:00pm in the K-of-C Hall.

THANK YOU:

Thank you to St. Ann's Parish for your donation to the Hoisington Community Food Bank. It was greatly appreciated!

The family of **Harvey Linn** wishes to say thank you to for the many prayers, Masses, memorials, and comforting words during this sad time. Your kindness will not be forgotten. May God bless you all.

- The Harvey Linn Family

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.

Have a blessed



HOISINGTON NOTES:

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES: There will be classes on Wednesday, Dec. 13th. Grades K-5.....4:00-5:00pm and grades 6-12.....7:00-8:00pm. There will be Reconciliation for grades 3-5 on this day.

CATHOLIC LEAGUE BASKETBALL: We will be playing in the League Tournament in Ellinwood this weekend. Sunday's games will be at 2pm for B Boys (3rd place), 3:00pm B Boys championship, 5:15pm A boys (3rd place) and 6:30pm A Boys championship. These games will be played at the Ellinwood High School, east entrance.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR: Please plan to stay after the 9:00am Mass on Sunday, Dec. 24th to ready our church for Christmas! We understand this isn't the best time as everyone has company, but with the 24th being the last Sunday of Advent, we cannot decorate until after that Mass. Please help out so just a few people aren't having to stay for several hours. It would be greatly appreciated!

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. Baskets will be distributed on Thurs. Dec. 21st.

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

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....with Sunday readings is held on Tuesday afternoons at 1:30pm at 314 E. 5th St. Feel free to come when you can. Questions? Call Madonna Oborny at 620-897-7981. Everyone is welcome. (**However, due to a previous commitment, we will NOT meet this Tuesday, Dec. 12th**)

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.

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

PRO-LIFE PRAYER: *Lord God, I thank you today for the gift of my life, and for the lives of all my brothers and sisters. I know there is nothing that destroys more life than abortion. Yet I rejoice that you have conquered death by the Resurrection of Your Son. I am ready to do my part in ending abortion. Today, I commit myself never to be silent, never to be passive, never to be forgetful of the unborn. I commit myself to be active in the pro-life movement, and never stop defending life, until all my brothers and sisters are protected. And our nation once again becomes a nation with liberty and justice not just for some, but for all. Through Christ our Lord. Amen!*

K-of-C CHRISTMAS PARTY:
All members and families as well as the wives of deceased members are invited to join us on **Saturday December 9th at 6:00pm** at the K-of-C Hall for the annual K-of-C Christmas Party. This is a pot-luck dinner and bring a gift if you wish to participate in the gift exchange.

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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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT—YEAR B
December 10th, 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 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!

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!

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:
Caretnet/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

