

HOISINGTON MASS SCHEDULE FOR DEC. 19th—DEC. 25th:

Tuesday, Dec. 19th	5:00pm	+Mary Ann Wondra	Tuesday, Thurs-
Wednesday, Dec. 20th	10:00am	+Mary Lou Degenhardt (at CPL)	day & Friday
Thursday, Dec. 21st	10:00am	+Loretta Morgenstern	Masses are held
Friday, Dec. 22nd	10:00am	+John Luebbers & Liv./+Dec. Relatives	in the Parish
Saturday, Dec. 23rd	5:00pm	+Lawrence Demel	Center Chapel.
Sunday, Dec. 24th	9:00am	People & Needs of St. Ann & St. John's Parishes	
Sunday, Dec. 24th	5:00pm	The William Maneth Family	
Monday, Dec. 25th	9:00am	People & Needs of St. Ann & St. John's Parishes	

HOISINGTON MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND:

5:00pm Saturday

Servers: Gracie & M.J. Aylward
 Ushers: Marcia Schremmer & Miriam Wilborn
 Lectors: Bob Schreiber & Alicia Steiner
 Euch. Min.: Madonna Oborny, Jeanne Steiner, and Denise Schreiber

9:00am Sunday

Nicolas & Zach Rubio
 Terry Reif & Duane Polzin
 Marion Oborny & Madonna Oborny
 Annie Riese, M. & M. Oborny

COUNTERS: L. & L. Moeder

COLLECTION FOR LAST WEEK:

67 Envelopes.....	\$ 3,116.00
Offertory.....	\$ 167.00
On-Line Giving.....	\$ 380.00
Total:.....	\$ 3,737.00
Dec. 8th	\$ 398.00

FIVE MINUTES WITH THE WORD:

Please pick up your copy of the Advent Five Minutes with the Word book in the vestibule.

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE FOR

DEC. 17th: All of the people in today's readings—the prophet Isaiah, the Virgin Mary, St. Paul, St. John the Baptist—seemed to understand clearly and rejoice in what God was calling them to be and to do. Do I?

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES:

- **Sunday, Dec. 24th—5:00pm in Hoisington**
- **Sunday, Dec. 24th—7:00pm in Olmitz**
- **Monday, Dec. 25th—9:00am in Hoisington**
- **Monday, Dec. 25th—10:30am in Olmitz**

NOTE: The Sunday evening Masses do NOT fulfill your weekend obligation. They are purely for Christmas.



OLMITZ MASS SCHEDULE DEC. 24-25th:

Sun., Dec. 24th	10:30am	+Genevieve Bartonek
Sun., Dec. 24th	7:00pm	+Sharon Royer & Marguerite Schneider
Mon., Dec. 25th	10:30am	+Betty Mae Axman

MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND:

Servers: Luke Higgason & Seth Hoopingarner
 Lectors: Al Heustis & Kathy Schneider
 Collectors: Travis Starr & Mark Hlavaty
 Offertory: Kevin Bahr Family
 Eucharistic Min.: Dan Frieb, Pat Swob, Lisa Starr

MINISTERS FOR CHRISTMAS EVE:

Servers: Molly & Clayton Schneider
 Lectors: Lisa Starr & Janice Moore
 Collectors: Mike Sharkey & Dan Axman
 Offertory: Gary Wondra Family
 Eucharistic Min.: Camie Hlavaty, Bob & Kathy Schneider

MINISTERS FOR CHRISTMAS DAY:

Servers: Trent Bitter & Kendall Dalton
 Lectors: Bob Schneider & Donave Yarmer
 Collectors: Dale Stoss & Gary Wondra
 Offertory: Tim Frieb Family
 Eucharistic Min.: Ed Maneth, Dale & Glenda Stoss

OLMITZ COLLECTION FOR LAST WEEK:

37 Envelopes.....	\$ 755.00
Offertory	\$ 57.00
Donations.....	\$ 600.00
Votives.....	\$ 80.00
Nex-Tech Cap Credits ..	\$ 125.90
TOTAL	\$ 1,617.90
Window Restoration	\$ 2,500.00
Total Window Restor...\$	141,679.43
Pledged Money yet to be given:	\$4,410.00

Thank You!

COLLECTION FOR DECEMBER 8th:

24 Envelopes.....	\$ 509.05
Offertory	\$ 53.00
TOTAL:.....	\$ 562.05

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OLMITZ NOTES:

RELIGIOUS ED. CLASSES: We will meet on Sun., Dec. 17th at 9:15am. NO class on Dec. 24th or 31st. Have a Merry Christmas!

BIRTHRIGHT TREE: The Birthright Tree is once again up in the back of church. Please feel free to pick a paper off the tree or take an envelope and give a monetary donation. This is a very worthwhile organization and they need our help. Thanks so much!



CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS TREE: The children will decorate the Children's Christmas Tree on Christmas Eve & Christmas morning during Mass. Ornaments will be provided.

NEW SCHEDULES: Lis a is working on the new minister's schedules so please call her if you have any changes that you need her to make.

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

THANK YOU: The Dominican Sisters of Peace want to express their gratitude to Lisa Starr & her helper as well as the young people from St. Ann's in Olmitz for helping with the Employees' Banquet at the Sisters' motherhouse last Sunday. The young people were so kind, polite, and hard-working. They really helped to make the evening a wonderful experience for all who attended.

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 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

HOISINGTON NOTES:

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES: There will be **no 4:00pm sessions** on Wednesday, Dec. 20th. The 6-12 grade 7:00pm sessions will be in the church for Advent Reconciliation. The 2nd Poinsettia delivery will also be December 20th.

CATHOLIC LEAGUE BASKETBALL: Congratulations to all the youth from our parish that participated in the Catholic League this year. The Girls A team got 2nd in the tournament and tied for 1st place in the league. The Girls B team tied for 2nd in the league and got 3rd in the tournament. The Boys A team got 3rd in the league & the tournament and the Boys B team also got 3rd in the league & the tournament. Thanks so much to **Tyler Schremmer, Alan Hoffman, Keith Reif & Chris Kinman** who coached the youth, it is greatly appreciated! Also thanks to **Taylor Boxberger and Bailey Sanders** for helping out Coach Schremmer this year.

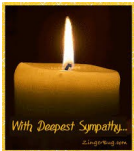


HELP DECORATE CHURCH: Please plan to stay after the 9:00am Mass on Sunday, Dec. 24th to ready our church for Christmas! We understand this isn't the best time as everyone has company, but with the 24th being the last Sunday of Advent, we cannot decorate until after that Mass. Please help out so just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

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.

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.

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.



PRAYERS & SYMPATHY: St. John's Parish extends our deepest sympathy to **Roberta Prosser** at the loss of her daughter-in-law, **Sally Prosser**, whose funeral was held December 14th. Please keep Sally and all her family in your prayers and may her soul, and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

NEW MINISTER SCHEDULES ARE IN THE VESTIBULE....please take a moment and pick up your new schedule.

DAILY MASS: Just a reminder about daily Masses:

- If there is a funeral in Hoisington on Tuesday morning—Friday morning, there will be **NO** Mass at 10am or 5:00pm.
- If there is a funeral in Olmitz on First Friday, there will be **NO** 8:30am Mass that day.
- If there is a funeral in Olmitz on a Tuesday, there **WILL** still be a Mass in Hoisington at 5pm.

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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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT—YEAR B
December 17th, 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

