

HOISINGTON MASS SCHEDULE FOR DEC. 30th—JAN. 1st:

Saturday, Dec. 30th 5:00pm +Pat (Mrs. Jim) Steiner
 Sunday, Dec. 31st 9:00am People and needs of St. Ann & St. John's
 Parishes
 Monday, January 1st 9:00am +Alvin Haberman

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

HOISINGTON MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND:

5:00pm Saturday

Servers: Jordyn Boxberger & Shellamae Farmer
 Ushers: Jay Steinert & Milton Staudinger
 Lectors: Rhonda Boxberger & Jim Schneweis
 Euch. Min.: Patty Quade & Shawn & Janet Jonas

9:00am Sunday

Caleb Birzer & Tricia Schremmer
 Trenton Schremmer & Tyler Schremmer
 John Moshier & Neil Ochs
 Neil Ochs & Paul & Brenda Axman

COUNTERS: Mary Beth Higgins & Carolyn Sekavec

COLLECTION FOR LAST WEEK:

74 Envelopes.....\$ 4,883.00
 Offertory.....\$ 945.00
 On-Line Giving.....\$ 275.00
Total:.....\$ 6,103.00

HOISINGTON MINISTERS FOR 9:00am on Monday, Jan. 1st, 2018:

Servers: Faith Beck & Jared Batchman
 Ushers: Glen Bieberle & Ron Batchman
 Lectors: Diane Harmon & Francis Demel
 Euch. Min.: Diane Harmon & Leonard and Linda Moeder

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED:
 We will be closed for the Christmas break on Monday & Tuesday, Dec. 25th & 26th.

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE FOR DEC. 24th:

In the first reading, God promises King David that his house and his kingdom will endure forever. It is through Mary's "Yes" - "I am the handmaid of the Lord. Let it be done to me as you say" - that the promise finds fulfillment

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.



May the Christmas spirit be with you and your family today and throughout the New Year. God's blessings on you all. ~ Fr. Anselm & the Staff

OLMITZ MASS SCHEDULE DEC. 31st-JAN. 1st:

Sun., Dec. 31st 10:30am +Harvey Linn
 Mon., Jan. 1st 10:30am People & Needs of St. Ann and St. John's Parishes

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

OLMITZ COLLECTION FOR LAST WEEK:

39 Envelopes.....\$ 1,338.00
 Offertory.....\$ 103.00
 Votives.....\$ 143.00
TOTAL.....\$ 1,584.00
 Harvey Linn Mem. To Church \$ 1,480.00
 Harvey Linn Mem. To Windows: \$ 75.00
 Total Memorials.....\$1,555.00
 Total Window Restor.....\$ 141,754.43



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.

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OLMITZ NOTES:

RELIGIOUS ED. CLASSES: 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: Lisa is working on the new minister's schedules so please call her if you have any changes that you need her to make.

WELCOME! St. Ann's Parish extends a warm welcome to **Rick Meis** who recently registered in our parish. Welcome Rick, we are happy to have you as part of our parish family!

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.

HOISINGTON NOTES:

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES: There will be no classes Wed. Dec. 27th or January 3rd.

ATTENTION PARENTS & YOUTH FOR 1st RECONCILIATION and 1st COMMUNION: We will gather on Wed., Jan. 3rd at 6:30pm in the Parish Center. Just a reminder to be sure to bring a copy of your child's Baptismal Certificate if they were baptized in a parish other than St. John's.



HELP DECORATE CHURCH: Please plan to stay after the 9:00am Mass today, 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!

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.

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.

THEO 4881—Get Equipped. "Get equipped" supports the spiritual life & the practical ministry of those who serve during Eucharistic Liturgy. Focusing on hospitality, proclamation, prayer & mission, it is for greeters, lectors, minister of Holy Communion, music ministers, and all who gather for Eucharist. This course is one of the elective courses needed to obtain the Diocesan Certification in Liturgical Ministry. Presenters are Fr. Frank Coady, Dolores Martinez, Fr. Robert Schremmer, and others to be announced.
Class dates are: Fri., April 27 & Sat., April 28. This begins with registration on Friday at 4:00pm and ends on Saturday at 1:30pm. It is being held at the Heartland Center for Spirituality, 3600 Broadway, Great Bend, KS. Cost is \$57.00 for room & meals, commuter fee is \$22.00. Additional \$50.00 for 1 hr. college credit—contact Coleen at cstein@dcdiocese.org or 620-227-1538.

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

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
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~ Father Anselm Eke, MSP, Pastor ~

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT—YEAR B
December 24th, 2017



Merry Christmas

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

