



# Holy Family Catholic Church

307 Black Oak Ridge Road  
Seymour, Tennessee 37865

## Diocese of Knoxville

*“The Lord set His heart on you and chose you, the smallest of all  
because He loves you...the faithful God who is true to His covenant.”  
Dt 7:7-9*

### Welcome to our Community!

#### Office Contacts

Pastor—Fr. Gilbert M. Diaz

FrG@hollyfamilyseymour.org

Deacon—Deacon Dean Burry 865-579-9196

Deacon Gil Campos 865-805-9040

Office Manager—Louise De Lucia 865-804-9012

secretary@hollyfamilyseymour.org

Office Assistant—Patricia Hosea 865-573-1203

phosea@hollyfamilyseymour.org

#### Sacramental Ministry

##### Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 5:30pm

Sunday: 8:00am and 10:30am

Mon, Tues, Thurs 8:30am & Wed 7:00pm

Holy Days: 7:00pm Vigil & 8:30am

1st Friday of the Month: Mass 8:30am followed by

Adoration 9:00am-5:30pm & Benediction 5:30pm

##### Reconciliation

Saturday 4:30 to 5:00pm (or by appointment)

**Anointing of the Sick**-Contact the office 865-573-1203

**Communion for the Sick and Home Bound-**

Contact the office 865-573-1203 or Claudia Burton 573-0056

**Baptism**-Contact Deacon Dean Burry (865)579-9196,

one month in advance.

**1<sup>st</sup> Communion**-Contact Office (865)573-1203

**Confirmation**-Contact Office (865)573-1203

**RCIA**- Contact Fr. Gilbert M. Diaz (865)573-1203

**Marriage**-Contact Fr. Gilbert (865)573-1203 or Deacon Dean

Burry (865)579-9196, four months in advance for preparation

and scheduling. \*Annulments: Contact Fr. Gilbert M. Diaz

(865)573-1203, Deacon Gil Campos 865-805-9040,

Victor Whelan, Delegate 577-3100

#### Parish Contacts

Parish Council—Meeting 3rd Monday of every other month

Parish Chair

Erik Preske

Administration 865-607-2209, pcchair@hollyfamilyseymour.org

Education

Juan Rivera

Parish Life

Charlie Robinson

Social Action

Misti DeGroot

Liturgy/Spiritual Life

Communications

Scott Hosea

Family Life

Fr. Gilbert Diaz,

Recorder

Deacon Dean, Deacon Gil

Finance Council

Owen Poveda

Religious Education/CCD

Joyce Guerrero, Chair

Youth Ministry

Misti DeGroot

Facilities Management/Custodial

Bob & Lark Ryan

Religious Education/CCD

Bill Voight

Youth Ministry

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#### Office Information

Mon, Tues, Wed & Thurs-9:00am to 2:00pm

865-573-1203, FAX 865-579-3645

Website: [www.hollyfamilyseymour.org](http://www.hollyfamilyseymour.org)

St Vincent de Paul ----- 865-360-5202

Diocese Office for Young Adult Ministry

Thomas Idzik

tidzik@dioknox.org

## Holy Family Financial Report

07/2015 - 06/2016 Fiscal Year

Yearly Budget	\$380,733.90
Weekly Budget	\$ 7321.81
Last Weeks Collection	\$8991.45
Regular	\$5409.45
Debt Reduction	\$1590.00
Renovate/Repair	\$ 468.00
Charity	\$ 756.50
Year to date:	
Expenditures	\$193,589.73
Surplus/Deficit (\$	5,016.83)
Mortgage Balance	\$155,316.07

## Ministry Schedule

**December 24 5:30 PM—Christmas Vigil Mass**

Reader: Ray Sager

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:

Deacon, Bill, Pat R.

Altar Server: Garrison Holliday

Usher: Robert Ruiz, Dennis Conner, John Casey

**December 25 12:00 AM—Christmas Midnight Mass**

Reader: Leo Seewaldt

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:

Deacon, Sharon, Sherrie

Altar Server: Ava Williamson

Usher: Tracy Staller, Steven Smith

**December 25 10:30 AM—Christmas Morning Mass**

Reader: Tom Mikluscak

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:

Deacon, Connie, Karen B.

Altar Server: Cassidy Glenn, Toby Mikluscak

Usher: Owen Poveda, Andy Quatrano

*Readers, Ministers of the Eucharist, Altar Servers & Ushers:* If you ever know ahead of time that you will be unable to serve on your scheduled week please let the Mass coordinator know or ask someone in your group to trade with you.

\*\*\*Also, check in with the Mass coordinator when you arrive.



## Pray for the Sick:

Please call Claudia Burton at 573-0056 to be added

Ed Bigelow, John Krugel, Dorothy Rumevitch, Steve Smith, Mary Lu Shipstad, Lorraine LeCocq, Carmen Fernandez, Joan Renaud, Hennie & Maggie Mauer, Gloria Pizzolongo, Mary Alice Schweb, Leo Frangepagne, Lorraine Hendricks, Elaine Shields Bryant, Lorraine Quilliams, Bella Manna, Paula Coan, Jen Sabol, Donna Haskett, Warren Hager, Dorothy Jenkins, Victor Whelan, Roger Jessup, Mike Hugh, Mary Sheahan, Andrew Renchko, Betty Boyer, Mike Mrgan, Jeanette Ormazabal, Peggy Hood

## Mass Intentions

- Dec 17 05:30 PM *Mildred Banks* †
- Dec 18 08:00 AM *People of the Parish*
- 10:30 AM *Fleming Volsin* †
- Dec 19 08:30 AM *Delmar & Marian Miller* †
- Dec 20 08:30 AM *Sr. Rose Menke* †
- Dec 21 07:00 PM *Deneen P. Gibson* † by M/M Gibson
- Dec 22 08:30 AM *People of the Parish*
- Dec 23 08:30 AM NO MASS
- Dec 24 05:30 PM *Normand Renaud* † by Wife
- Dec 25 12:00 AM *People of the Parish*
- 10:30 AM *Carol Ossemacher* †

by Deacon & Mrs. Burry & Family

*May the souls of all our Faithful departed through the Mercy of God rest in peace. Amen †deceased*

## Parish Calendar

C=Church, GL=Garden Level, FLC= Family Life Center, P=Pavilion

- 12/17 Sat: 09:00am St. Vincent de Paul Meeting-FLC
- 04:30pm Choir Practice-C
- 05:00pm Rosary-C
- 12/18 Sun: 07:30am Choir Practice-C
- 09:00am CCD-GL & FLC
- 09:30am Choir Practice-C
- 10:05am Rosary-C
- 10:30am Breakfast with Santa-FLC
- 12/19 Mon: \_\_\_\_\_
- 12/20 Tues: 06:30pm Legion of Mary-FLC
- 12/21 Wed: 07:30pm RCIA-FLC
- 12/22 Thurs: \_\_\_\_\_
- 12/23 Fri: \_\_\_\_\_
- 12/24 Sat: 04:30pm Choir Practice-C
- 05:00pm Rosary-C
- 12/25 Sun: 09:00am NO CCD
- 09:30am Choir Practice-C
- 10:05am Rosary-C

Fight all error, but do it with good humor, patience, kindness, and love. Harshness will damage your own soul and spoil the best cause. ~St. John of Kanty (1390-1473 AD), Feast Day December 23

Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son; and his name will be called Emmanuel.

~Isaiah 7:14

## Christmas Eve & Midnight

Sunday, December 24, 2016

Isaiah 9:1-6

Psalm 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13

Titus 2:11-14

Luke 2:1-14

## Christmas Morning-Sunday, December 25, 2016

Isaiah 52:7-10

Psalm 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6

Hebrews 1:1-6

John 1:1-18



## Legion of Mary

Meeting Time: Every Tuesday at 6:30pm

In the Family Life Center

Contact David Burton 865-573-0056



In today's Gospel, we hear that Jesus will be named Emmanuel, which means "God is with us." The mystery of the birth of Jesus is supremely a mystery of love. May each Christmas find us more and more like him: more humble, more holy, more happy and more full of God.

*In the month of December, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to help the poor and suffering to face their hardships and fears, by assisting local families.*

*Society of St. Vincent de Paul 865-360-5202*

*The Society of St. Vincent de Paul meetings are every second and fourth Saturday of the month at 9:00am in the Family Life Center.*

**COOKIES FOR C.R.O.S.S.**

December will always be a month that I deviate from selecting items that cannot be purchased with food stamps. I am again asking for Christmas Cookies for CROSS Kids. It is a worldwide tradition to leave cookies and milk for Santa on Christmas Eve. Please help make this Christmas a special occasion for our local children. Please donate a box/package of Christmas cookies so that every CROSS client can leave cookies and milk for Santa.

Last year, I shared the origin of this custom in the United States [the great depression era]. This year, I am visiting Ireland and France. Santa can expect a pint of Guinness along with his cookies when delivering toys in Ireland. French children will leave a glass of wine for Père Noel and fill their shoes with hay, carrots and other treats for his donkey, GUI (French for "mistletoe"). As always, CROSS is always in need of food donations and plastic bags. Please remember CROSS when you do your food shopping and keep their clients in your prayers.

**Ladies of Charity—Volunteer Needs**

How can you help us serve the poor? We are ALWAYS in need of volunteers! Our Current needs:

- ◆ Receptionists
- ◆ Food packers for the pantry
- ◆ Clothing sorters
- ◆ Cashiers for Thursday mornings and afternoons
- ◆ Staffers for the upcoming Christmas store.

Please call us with questions or offers to volunteer! Ladies of Charity-120 W. Baxter Avenue-Knoxville, TN 37917 Phone: 865-247-5790, E-mail: ladiesofcharityknox@gmail.com

\*\*\*Want unique gift giving ideas visit Ladies of Charity and browse their selection, there is always different items, some new, some old, some vintage.

**Need a gift for the person who has everything?**

Ladies of Charity has the perfect gift for you! For a \$20.00 investment, a beautiful gift card with an enclosure stating that you have honored the recipient with a "Feed a Family of Four" for a family in need of an emergency assistance food package. The card is also appropriate for a memorial donation.

Each 3 day food package has nutritious food & beverages including eggs, fresh fruit, meat & bread as well as dry & canned foods.

The gift is thoughtful and you will be spreading the love of Christmas throughout the Knoxville community and surrounding county.

The gift cards are available at Ladies of Charity thrift store, 120 W. Baxter Avenue, Knoxville, TN 37919. Please call: 865-247-5790 for questions regarding the gift cards



**Christmas Mass**

Saturday, December 24

Vigil Mass—5:30 PM—Family/Children's Mass

Carols—11:30 PM—Mass at Midnight

Sunday, December 25

Morning Mass—10:30 AM

**Holy Day of Obligation**

**Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God**

Saturday, December 31

Vigil Mass—5:30 PM

Sunday, January 1

8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

**A great BIG "thank you" to the parishioners at Holy Family Catholic Church.**

Your donations of 83 coats, 17 hats, 7 scarfs, 11 pair of mittens and some shirts and socks are all well received.

The generosity of the Parish will help many children to have a warm safe winter. And especially the timing so close to Christmas.

Peace and Blessings to all.

**LET'S CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENT AND COMMITMENT OF MATRIMONY!**

*Bishop Sika to celebrate bilingual Mass in honor of the sacrament of matrimony*

Couples will have the opportunity to reaffirm their vows during Mass and continue to celebrate with family and friends at a luncheon following the Mass.

• Saturday, January 28, 2017 at 11:00 a.m.  
Register by Thursday, January 19

Our Lady of Fatima Church  
858 Louisville Road  
Alcoa, TN 37701-1838

Register by due date and receive free gifts from the Office of Marriage Preparation and Enrichment, a commemorative certificate and one professional photo with Bishop Sika

To register contact: Marian  
Christiana mchristiana@dioknox.org or 423-892-2310  
Karen Byrne kbyrne@dioknox.org or 865-584-3307

At time of registration provide:

- your names as you want them to appear on the certificate
- how many years you have been married
- how many people in your party for the luncheon

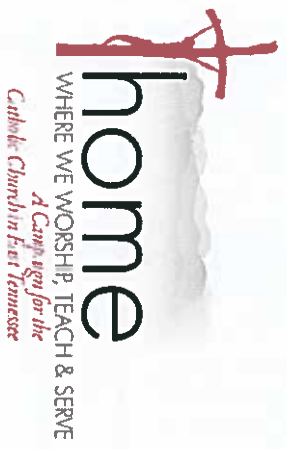
**Christmas Flower Donation Envelopes can be found in the church pews.**





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### Home Campaign Parish Update



Through December 1, 2016

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Parish: Holy Family

Number of Donors: 153

Level 1 Goal: \$324,065

Committed to Date: \$375,298

% of Goal (Committed): 116%

Received to Date: \$143,550

% of Goal) Received: 44%



Dear Friends in Christ –



Three years ago, we embarked on an important journey together – a journey looking toward the future of our vibrant and growing Diocese.

I knew that together we would be successful if we simply put our trust in God, offering our prayer, time, and generous hearts to Him. What I didn't know is how profoundly you would respond to this call... and indeed, your response has been *historic*.

I AM DEEPLY INSPIRED BY YOUR RESPONSE, KNOWING IT WILL ALLOW US TO LIVE OUR MISSION INTO THE FUTURE – CONTINUING TO WORSHIP, TEACH, AND SERVE IN CHRIST'S NAME.

I am so excited to share with you the many blessings made possible by the *Home* campaign, and I offer my most sincere gratitude to each of you who has helped make this a truly transformational time in the history of our Catholic Church in East Tennessee.

In grateful appreciation,

*Richard F. Stika*

Most Reverend Richard F. Stika  
Bishop of Knoxville



The *Home* Campaign is the most significant fundraising achievement in Diocese of Knoxville history and demonstrates what is possible through unity and sacrifice. This sacrificial giving will...

+ Propel our parishes and ministries into the future, making possible:

- New and improved worship spaces and parish facilities
- New and expanded parish ministries
- New churches and future land purchases
- Debt-free and improved balance sheets

+ Expand our works of charity, creating the Pope Francis Charitable Trust Fund

+ Bolster funding for Catholic Education

+ Fund priest retirement

+ Build a new 'Mother Church' for the Diocese – our new Cathedral

PROJECTED FINAL RESULTS  
as of October 31, 2016

Initiative	Budget	Parish Campaigns	SHC and Other Parish Designated Gifts	Diocesan Major Gifts	Total
Parish Initiatives	\$12,500,000	\$13,759,047	\$963,046		\$14,722,093
Pope Francis Charitable Trust	\$2,500,000	\$2,087,716	\$143,236		\$2,230,952
Priests' Retirement	\$2,000,000	\$1,670,173	\$117,327		\$1,787,500
Catholic Education Trust Fund	\$1,500,000	\$1,252,630	\$86,712		\$1,339,342
Cathedral Project	\$24,500,000	\$3,757,889	\$9,639,268	\$9,617,527	\$23,014,684
Expenses	\$2,000,000	\$1,670,173	\$86,913		\$1,757,086
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$45,000,000</b>	<b>\$24,197,629</b>	<b>\$11,036,502</b>	<b>\$9,617,527</b>	<b>\$44,851,657</b>

COMPARISON TO OTHER DIOCESES

Comparison Diocese	Number of Parishes	Number of Catholics	Number of Households	Dollars Raised
Diocese A	115	86,000	27,000	\$21,000,000
Diocese B	107	66,000	28,700	\$26,000,000
Diocese C	165	200,000	71,000	\$51,000,000
Diocese D	88	46,000	20,000	\$16,400,000
Diocese E	114	131,000	39,000	\$25,000,000
Diocese F	147	227,000	84,000	\$53,000,000
Average of Comparison Set	123	126,000	44,950	\$32,200,000
<b>Diocese of Knoxville</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>67,300</b>	<b>22,000</b>	<b>\$44,800,000</b>



OUR GOAL  
\$45 MILLION

80%

60%

40%

20%



A HISTORIC ACHIEVEMENT  
*for the Diocese of Knoxville*

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**\$44.8 Million Raised**

8 gifts of \$500,000+  
222 gifts of \$20,000+  
1,319 gifts of \$5,000+

**41%**

of Registered  
Households Participated

**8,864**

Donors

**30%**

of donors are  
first-time givers

**1/2** of all parishes  
surpassed goal

**\$2,000**

per Household  
AVERAGE  
CONTRIBUTION

**800+**

parish volunteers

**2X**

average giving  
of other National Diocesan Campaigns

The Home Campaign has been acknowledged by  
the International Catholic Stewardship Conference  
with the **2106 Award for Excellence**  
in a Capital Campaign



**ICSC**

By nearly any measure,

The Home Campaign has been the most successful  
diocesan campaign we've been a part of."

NIC PRENGER, President, The Steier Group


We give thanks to God for His abundant blessings  
and to all who have shared those blessings  
through the *Home* Campaign

Father, God of Love, by the power of your Holy Spirit  
You sent your Son into the world to reveal to us


Your Kingdom in our midst:  
as He taught from mountainside and seashore;  
as He fed the hungry and cured the sick;  
as He empowered his Apostles to spread the Good News;  
as He often spent nights in prayer.

Give us, your daughters and sons,  
the wisdom and courage and energy  
to continue to spread that Kingdom  
as we share your gifts:  
ministering to those in need,  
instructing those hungry for Truth;  
and providing spaces to gather  
as your Kingdom here on earth  
to worship you in Truth and Beauty.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior,  
Amen

  
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WHERE WE WORSHIP, TEACH & SERVE

*Grace and Gratitude Report*  
December 2016

  
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May Our Lady of Fatima Statue Come into Your Home?  
 Parishioners speak of miracles, both little and large, happening when her statue has been present in their homes. Our lady has brought feelings of peace, possibilities and hope where there was confusion, chaos and despair. A beautiful novena booklet accompanies her to be prayed during each of the nine days she is in your home. To receive "OUR LADY" into your home, please contact Claudia Burton at 573-0056.

\*\*\*PLEASE continue to bring your aluminum cans and deposit them in the trailer out in the parking lot next to the dumpster. \*\*\*Please put large bags next to the garage.



### Christians Reaching Out Serving Seymour

There is always a need at CROSS to help stock their shelves with food for local families. C.R.O.S.S. volunteer schedule is located on the stand in the vestibule. Would you like to be a volunteer or do you need assistance call 865-579-6192 or go visit C.R.O.S.S. at 406 Boyds Creek Hwy Seymour TN 37865 and see all the good works they do.



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 865-577-1992



Pregnancy & Adoption services, including post-abortion counseling, available 24/7/365 by calling 1-877-990-4673  
**Empowering and protecting the poor and vulnerable through:**  
 -Columbus Home Children's Services  
 -Outreach to those in Hardship  
 -Housing for Special Populations  
 -Counseling & Education  
 For information or help, go to [www.ccectn.org](http://www.ccectn.org) for services  
 And contact information in your community.



(865) 932-3532  
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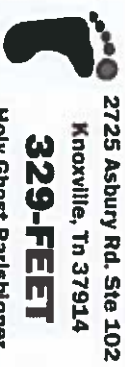


**Knights of Columbus**  
 George S. Kurtz Council 12961  
 Contact: Gene Haffner (419)944-7590  
 Business Meeting: First Thursday of every month, 7p.m. Church - lower level

**Holy Family Giving Tree**  
 You can honor a loved one by purchasing a leaf, acorn or stone on the Holy Family Giving Tree in the Family Life Center. They make a great birthday, anniversary, and/or a memorial gift for a loved one.



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 122 Peacock Court, Seymour, TN 37865  
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Interested in discerning a possible vocation of service within the Church?  
 Interested in supporting the work of vocation promotion in the Church? Check out the Diocese of Knoxville Office of Vocations Facebook and Twitter pages:  
 Facebook - <http://www.facebook.com/DOKVocations>,  
 Twitter - [www.twitter.com/DOKVocations](http://www.twitter.com/DOKVocations).



Jesus, Mary and Joseph,  
 I love you very much.  
 I beg you to spare the life  
 of the unborn child  
 I have spiritually adopted,  
 who is in danger of abortion.  
 Amen.  
 Please cut this prayer out  
 and pray it daily.

**Would you like to have your fellow parishioners to patronize your business? Why not advertise in the church bulletin!**  
**For information call or email the Office at 865-573-1203**  
[secretary@holyfamilyseymour.org](mailto:secretary@holyfamilyseymour.org)