



# Holy Family Catholic Church

307 Black Oak Ridge Road  
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## Diocese of Knoxville

**Welcome to our Community!**

*“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*

### Office Contacts

Pastor—Fr. Gilbert M. Diaz

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### 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

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Victor Whelan, Delegate 577-3100

### Parish Contacts

Parish Council—Meeting 3rd Monday of every other month

Parish Chair

Erik Preske

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Misti DeGroot

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Deacon Dean, Deacon Gil

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### Ministry Contacts

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Karen Burry

865-579-9196

Readers

Deacon Gil Campos

865-805-9040

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Deacon Dean Burry

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Ushers

Juan Rivera

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Altar Servers Deacon Dean Burry

865-579-9196

Music/Choir Consultant-5:30pm, 8am & 10:30am

Todd

865-573-1203

Choir Practice: Saturday 4:30 & Sunday 7:30am & 9:30am

### Office Information

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

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

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## Fourth Sunday of Advent

### Holy Family Financial Report

07/2017 - 06/2018 Fiscal Year

Yearly Budget	\$393,757.90	
Weekly Budget	\$ 7,572.26	
Last Weeks Collection		
Regular	\$ 7,088.68	
Debt Reduction	\$ 155.00	
Renovate/Repair	\$ 543.00	
Charity	\$ 901.50	
Year to date:		
Expenditures	\$ 193,222.44	
Surplus/Deficit	(1,424.05)	
Mortgage Balance (as of the end of September)		\$52,090.94

### Ministry Schedule

#### Dec 30 5:30 PM

Reader: **Tom Miklusicak**  
 Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:  
**Deacon, Sami, Connie**  
 Altar Server: **Domonic Burry, Toby Miklusicak**  
 Usher: **Dennis Conner, Robert Ruiz, John Casey**

#### Dec 31 8:00 AM

Reader: **Charlotte Wojda**  
 Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:  
**Deacon, Immaculata, Lester**  
 Altar Server: **Michael Boisture**  
 Usher: **Owen Poveda, Andy Quatrano**

#### Dec 31 10:30 AM

Reader: **Cathy McGhee**  
 Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:  
**Deacon, Alice, Ann S.**  
 Altar Server: **Emma DeGroot, Cassidy Glenn**  
 Usher:

#### Jan 01 10:30AM New Years Day

Reader: **Chrystal Moorehead**  
 Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:  
**Deacon,**  
 Alter Server:  
 Usher: **Gene Zdonek, Gene Haffner**



### Pray for the Sick:

Please call Claudia Burton at 573-0056 to be added

Ed Bigelow, Irvin Bromberek, Elaine Shields Bryant, Kevin Evans, Carmen Fernandez, Paula Goan, Warren Hager, Donna Haskett, Lorraine Hendricks, Peggy Hood, Mike Hugh, Dorothy Jenkins, Roger Jessup, John Kruzcl, Lorraine LeCocq, Regina Long, Bella Manna, Hennie & Maggie Mauer, Mike Mugan, Jeanette Ormazabal, Gloria Pizzolongo, Lorraine Quilliams, Joan Renaud, Andrew Renchko, Dorothy Runevitch, Jen Sabol, Judy Sevin, Mary Lu Shipstad, Steve Smith, Victor Whelan, Ted Zwolinski

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### Legion of Mary

Meeting Time: Every Monday 9:00am  
 In the Family Life Center  
 Contact David Burton 865-573-0056

### Mass Intentions

Dec 23 05:30 PM **Thad Tusinski** ✠  
 Dec 24 08:00 AM **No Mass**  
 10:30 AM **JoAnn Kopp** ✠ by Pabst-Miller Families  
 Dec 24 05:30 PM **Carol Ossenmacher** ✠ by the Burry Family  
 Dec 25 08:30 AM **People of the Parish**  
 Dec 25 10:30 AM **People of the Parish**  
 Dec 26 08:30 AM **Communion Service**  
 Dec 27 07:00 PM **People of the Parish**  
 Dec 28 08:30 AM **Rite Stuekerjuergen** ✠ by Legion of Mary  
 Dec 29 08:30 AM **No Mass**  
 Dec 30 05:30 PM **Bob Williams Sr & Jr** ✠  
 Dec 31 08:00 AM **People of the Parish**  
 10:30 AM **Lisa Marie Quatrano** ✠

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=Pavillion

12/23 Sat: 04:00pm Choir Practice-C  
 05:00pm Rosary-C  
 12/24 Sun: 09:30am Choir Practice-C  
 10:30am Rosary-C  
 12/25 Mon: \_\_\_\_\_  
 12/26 Tues: \_\_\_\_\_  
 12/27 Wed: \_\_\_\_\_  
 12/28 Thur: \_\_\_\_\_  
 12/29 Fri: \_\_\_\_\_  
 12/30 Sat: 04:00pm Choir Practice-C  
 05:00pm Rosary-C  
 12/31 Sun: 09:30am Choir Practice-C  
 10:30am Rosary-C



## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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

~Isaiah 7:14

Who shall resist Anti-Christ when he comes if we show such  
 patience towards the vices and crimes of his precursors? By  
 such leniency, we encourage kings to become tyrants and tempt  
 them to withdraw every privilege and all jurisdiction from the  
 Churches.

~Thomas Becket (1118-1170), Martyr, Bishop, Feast Day December 29

### The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Sunday, December 31, 2017

Genesis 15:1-6;21:1-3  
 Psalm 105:1-2,3-4,5-6,8-9  
 Hebrews 11:8,11-12,17-19  
 Luke 2:22-40

# PREPARE *the way*

Reflections on the Fourth  
Sunday of Advent

## Saying Yes to God

Luke 1:26-38

**T**his Gospel passage is the account of the annunciation to Mary by the angel Gabriel that she is to be the mother of Jesus. The angel announces God's desire that Mary bear a child, who will be great — the Messiah, the holy Son of God. The messenger greets Mary, "Hail, favored one! The Lord is with you." Mary is blessed because God has chosen her to be part of God's saving plan. The phrase "the Lord is with you" is a frequent expression throughout sacred Scripture for God's assurance. No matter what obstacles Mary faces, God's indwelling in her will be realized.

Gabriel tells Mary: "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore the child to be born will be called holy, Son of God." The point of the Spirit's coming upon and overshadowing Mary is to place this woman in deep, attentive relation to God. We, like Mary, are challenged to be open to God's Holy Spirit coming upon us, for it is the oxygen we need to live our faith.

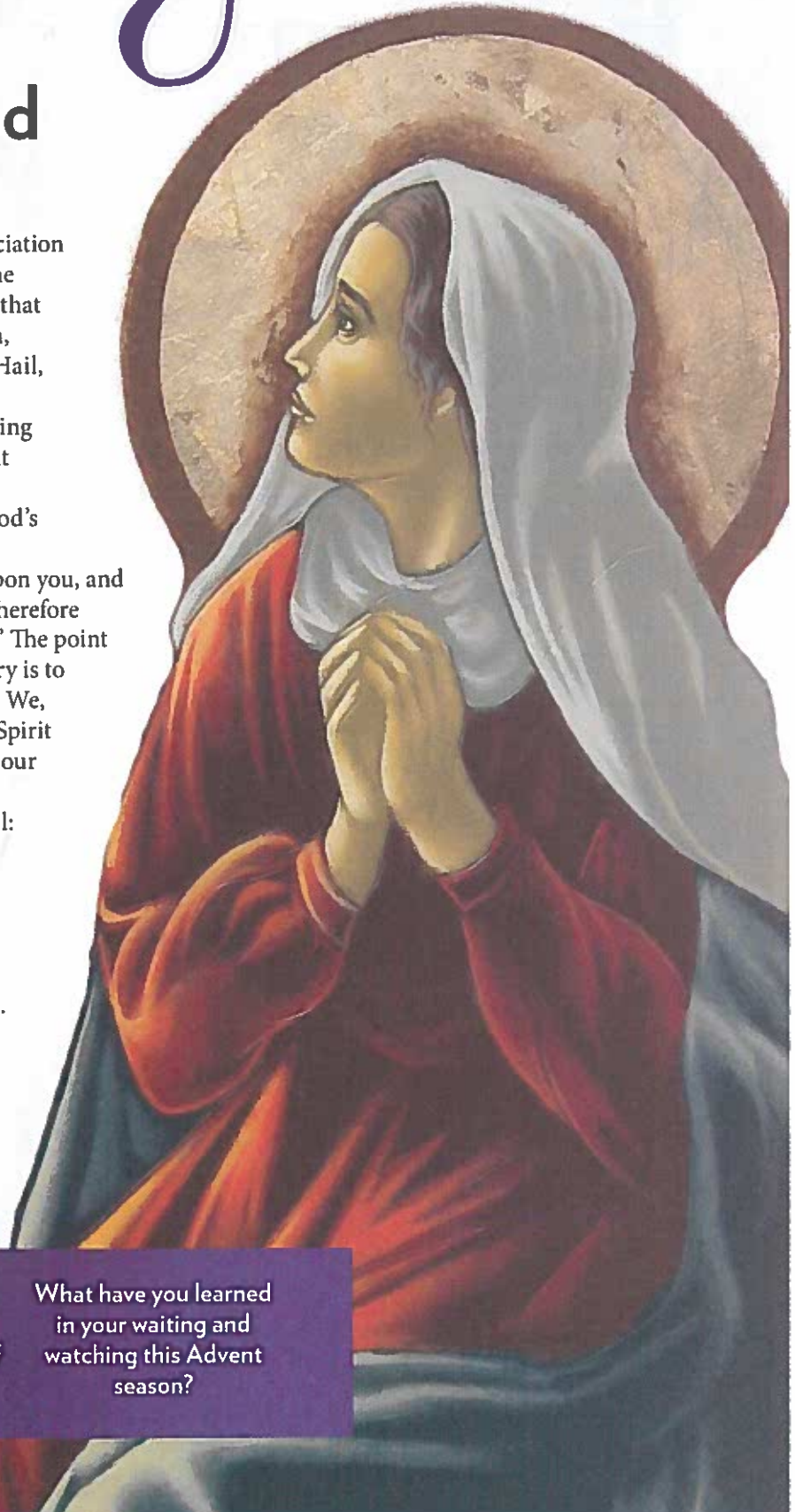
Mary's response needs to be our response as well: "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." Gabriel's departing words ring with assurance: "Nothing will be impossible for God." They echo Jesus' later declaration, "What is impossible for mortals is possible for God" (Lk 18:27). A virgin can conceive. The Lord can enter into human history as a child. From a tomb can come the Resurrection. It is a promise in the future tense, providing hope for the rest of Advent and forever.

### POINTS TO PONDER

How is being pregnant and waiting for the birth of a child an apt description for Advent?

How is Mary an ideal disciple and a model for your own practice of faith?

What have you learned in your waiting and watching this Advent season?



**SIGNS  
OF THE SEASON**

# Celebrate Mary's Hope



This week, in addition to lighting the fourth candle of your Advent wreath, light a candle for Mary to celebrate her steadfast faith and hope in the darkness. You

can even decorate it. Choose a white pillar and place it in a glass candleholder. Then cut and glue an image of Mary to the outside. Your family can add beads, stickers, and other decorations to make the candle as joyful as Elizabeth and Mary were when they met.

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## Model of Faith: Saint Joseph

If anyone had to rely on a feeling that things will turn out for the best, it was Saint Joseph. He took in Mary, risking his reputation and accepting a responsibility that he at first didn't understand. But he had hope and faith, and he forged on to serve as the father and protector of the Savior. Saint Joseph's trust was called upon again when Jesus was a baby. An angel appeared to him in a dream and told him to take Mary and Jesus to Egypt to escape King Herod, who was seeking to kill the newborn king (see Mt 2:13-18). Joseph didn't call up his friends in Jerusalem to confirm plans or Google places to stay in Egypt. He fled with faith, believing that what he desired — safety for his family — would be fulfilled. *St. Joseph, pray for us!*

*"It is Christmas every time you let God love others through you."*

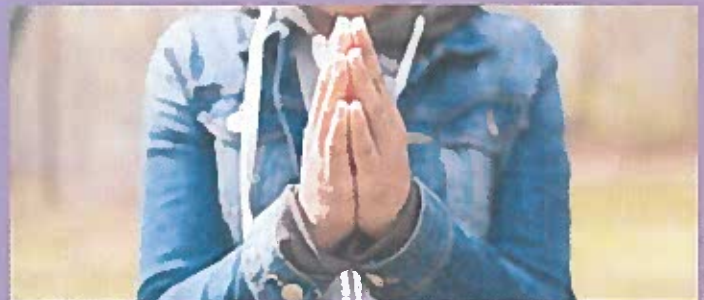
— SAINT MOTHER TERESA OF CALCUTTA



### Catechism CONNECTION

**T**hough already present in the Church, Christ's reign is nevertheless yet to be fulfilled 'with power and great glory' by the king's return to earth."  
— *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 671

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### ADVENT PRAYER

Lord God, thank you for your never-ending grace!  
"The Virgin today brings into the world the Eternal  
And the earth offers a cave to the Inaccessible.  
The angels and shepherds praise him  
And the magi advance with the star,  
For you are born for us,  
Little Child, God eternal!"

— Kontakion of Romanos the Melodist, CCC 525



Imagine how Mary felt at the birth of Jesus: excited, awed, frightened. Deep faith was her light in the darkness, for Jesus was born during the night of the year when darkness is the longest.

Your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul brought light into the darkness surrounding the heart of those living in poverty bringing them the real, lasting, and deep joy of Christmas.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul 865-360-5202  
svdp@holymfamilyseymour.org

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul meetings are every second and fourth Saturday of the month at 10:00am in the FLC

Holy Family, Seymour  
Thank you for your support!



Parish Goal: \$23,100.00  
Total Committed: \$27,651.24  
Collections to Date: \$24,982.74  
Collections Needed to Reach Goal: \$0.00

From Bishop Stika: "Congratulations on a job well done! Holy Family has exceeded the 2017 Bishop's Appeal Goal!"

**Christmas Mass Schedule**

Sunday, December 24th

Vigil Mass—5:30 PM

Monday December 25th

Christmas Day Mass - 8:00AM & 10:30 AM

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

Monday January 1st

10:30 AM



**The Fourth Sunday of Advent**



Today we light again the candles of hope, love, and joy, and the fourth PURPLE candle, the candle of peace. Christ is the Prince of peace, come to reconcile us with God and others. Christ helps us to see that peace is possible.



St. John Neumann Family & Parish Life is partnering with the Diocesan Office of Marriage Preparation & Enrichment to offer Divorce Support. Divorce & Beyond is a support group for Catholic men and women who have experienced or are experiencing divorce. You will find a safe environment to explore the myriad of feelings that divorce brings. Join us as you experience hope and healing simply by listening and sharing experiences and insights with others. Divorce & Beyond support helps you to understand what you are going through and learn from others who have gone through the same things. Divorce and Beyond will help to make divorce a growth experience.

We invite each one of you with a need for healing and help to move beyond the hurt and to participate in this 9-week Catholic-based program beginning Sunday, January 7 from 4:00-5:30 p.m. Meetings will be held at St. John Neumann parish. Cost for supplies is \$15.00. For more information, contact your facilitator, Mary Coffey at

865-966-3237 or mccofoev86@gmail.com

On This Holy Night

- On this holy night Your Son, our savior was born in human form.
- On this holy night Christians around the world are celebrating His birth.
- On this holy night there was no room at the inn, but there was room in a stable.
- On this holy night our Christ came down as a shining light in the darkness.
- On this holy night shepherds heard good tidings of joy, and the angels sang "Peace to God's people on earth".
- On this holy night strangers found the Holy Family and saw the baby Jesus lying in a manger.
- On this holy night Heaven came down to earth and earth raised to Heaven.
- On this holy night we give thanks, we wish all a very Merry Christmas, may the love of our sweet Jesus be with you always

Pilgrimage to Shrines of Mexico

Join Fr. Steve Pawelk and others on a pilgrimage to Our Lady of Guadalupe and the shrines of Mexico on April 9 - 18, 2018. We will have Mass and pray the rosary every day. Among the sites visited will be The Cathedral of Guadalajara, the Shrine of San Toribio Romo, martyr and patron of immigrants, San Juan de los Lagos, site of many miracles, Cristo Rey and the city of Guanajuato, Queretaro, where Junipero Sierra began his missionary activity, concluding in Mexico City and the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe. St. John Paul II, patron of the diocese of Knoxville visited most of these sites in his eight journey's to Mexico. All inclusive package, air and land \$1990.00. Registration deadline: December 15, 2017. For more information contact Lisa Morris 865-567-1245 or lisam@select-intl.com Group Pilgrimage Coordinator/Select International Tours.

**HELP is only a phone call away**

If you have thoughts of suicide or have been involved in self-harm or injury there is National support groups, Suicide support at:

**Suicide Help Line** 1-800-273-TALK (8255) or www.suicideforum.com

**Self-Harm** at 1-800-DONTCUT (800)366-8288, info@selfinjury.com or www.selfinjury.com

**Holy Days Of Obligation 2018**

The following are days other than Sundays that Catholics are obligated to attend Mass:

- April 1 \_\_\_\_\_ Easter
- May 10 \_\_\_\_\_ Ascension is observed on the 7th Sunday of Easter May 13th
- August 15 \_\_\_\_\_ The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- November 1 \_\_\_\_\_ All Saints
- December 8 \_\_\_\_\_ Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- December 25 \_\_\_\_\_ The Nativity of the Lord



### 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.

**\*\*\*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. Open M,T,W, 10-2 Th, F, 10-12



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/DofKVocations](http://www.twitter.com/DofKVocations).



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We have two Notaries in the office.

Please stop by during office hours for all of your Notary needs.



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.

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