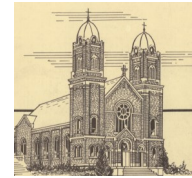




Holy Family Parish, Alma Sacred Heart Parish, Paxico



December 19, 2021

4th Sunday of Advent

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Weekend Masses:

Sunday: 8:15 am, Holy Family, Alma
10:30am, Sacred Heart, Paxico

Daily Masses:

Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri, Sat, 8am, Sacred Heart, Paxico
Thursday, 8am, Holy Family, Alma
Sat before 8am Mass-

Seven Sorrows of our Lady Prayer

Alma Manor Mass: Last Thursday of Month, 9:30am

Celebration of Reconciliation:

Holy Family: Before Sunday Mass 7:30am
Sacred Heart: Before Sunday Mass 9:45am
1st Saturday of Month, 7:15-7:45am

Sacrament of Baptism: Call for appointment.
Sacrament of Marriage: Must notify pastor at least 6 months in advance.

**Remember our Soldiers in your prayers,
and always pray for peace.**

Grant Boucher, Tracy VanStory, Amanda Spetter,
Marjie Durkes, Adam and Chad Koss, Michael Hintz,
Kyle Glotzbach, Chris Seematter, Douglas Darnall-
Austin, Eric Hill, Bryce and Braden Tharman, Joshua
Daigler, Brandon Grant, Evan Rohleder, Emily
Daigler, Thomas Daigler, Nicholas Daigler, Dustin
Smith, Benjamin Pimpl, Joe Hund, Trey Wilson, Kyle
Savage, Brock Richter, and Charles Constantino.

To Register as a Parishioner, pick up forms in the back of church. Thank you and Welcome!!

Meeting Schedule:

Knights of Columbus-SH Parish Hall
1st Thursday of the month, 7pm
Knights Breakfast-SH Parish Hall, 9am til Noon
1st Sunday every month
Pastoral & Finance Council
HF—TBA
SH— Tuesday, February 8, 7pm
Ladies
SH— TBA
HF— 3rd Sunday of each month
Holy Family Breakfast-
2nd Sunday of each month
Holy Family Choir
Every Thursday at 7pm
Eucharistic Adoration-
HF-3rd Wednesday of the month, 3-9pm
SH-1st Wednesday, 6-8pm

Holy Family

Parish Council-Steve Lira	785-765-3849
Ladies Altar Society-Rebekah Bloomfield	785-313-5641
Joyce Pimple	620-803-2570
Liturgy- Susie Orton	785-844-0445
Building Chairman-John Bloomfield	785-969-6895
Hall Rental-Joyce Pimple	620-803-2570

Sacred Heart Contacts:

Council Chairman-Eric Roth	785-221-5935
Funeral Dinners-Beth Glotzbach	785-844-1325
Altar Sodality-Carol Michaelis	785-636-5313
Cemetery Info-Joe Hund	785-210-7165
Liturgy appointments-Theresa Flach	785-617-0228
Knights of Columbus-Wes Garrison	785-806-6156
Hall Rental-Parish Office	785-636-5578
Prayer Chain- Rita Glotzbach	785-636-5581
Walking with Moms contact	785-817-3256
	785-844-2277

Directors of Religious Education:

Holy Family-Dan Deiter,	
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Sacred Heart-Renee Spellman	
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**If you are new to our parishes,
there are Registration forms in the back of
Church**

**Catholic Radio Station-
KSWZ-LP, 105.3 FM on your dial! Or you can visit their
website for live streaming: www.kswzlp.com. Free apps are
also available on the website, at the bottom of the home
page.**

Week of December 19-26

Sun, Dec 19

HF Mass 8:15am HF & SH Parishoners
Advent Movie tonight at 6pm
SH Mass 10:30am Tom Schuetz (+)

***The Christmas play will be on 12/19(today) immediately following Mass.*

Mon, Dec 20

SH Mass 8am Duane & Diane Hund Sp. Int.

Tues, Dec 21

SH Mass 8am Stanley Vopata(+)

Wed, Dec 22

SH Mass 8am Gary Diffley(+)

Thurs, Dec 23

HF Mass 8am Joe Flerlage(+)
Alma Manor Mass 9:30am For Manor Residents

Fri, Dec 24

No Morning Mass
Christmas Eve Mass
HF Mass 5pm Lyle Baird (+)
SH Mass 7pm Jane & Eldon Clark(+)

Sat, Dec 25

No Morning Mass

Sun, Dec 26

HF Mass 8:15am Jim Robinson(+)

**Please pray for the members of
our Parishes who suffer illness**

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Bill and Virginia Glotzbach,
Carolyn Wurtz, Beth Frank,
Don Deiter, Marilyn Poovey,
Merle Glotzbach, Billy Layton,
Dwayne Seematter, Glenn
Herbic, Sheila Walton, Rose
Steck, Virginia Schmidt, Louise
Glotzbach, Elizabeth Adams,
Elizabeth King, Teresa Ander-
son, Steve McConnell, Jim
Zeller, Marty Hiegert, Linda
Bond, Mona Roth, Fr. Earl
Dekat, Darlene Murray, Larry &
Greg Anderson, Sue Flach,
Duane & Diane Hund and any
others you may be aware of. Al-
so, pray for their caregivers as
well.

For All Parishioners...

Father Swamy's Message The paradox of blessedness:

"The Paradox of Blessedness" is a significant insight, which William Barclay writes about in his Commentary on the Gospel of Luke 1:39-45.

Mary visits her relative Elizabeth. Both are expecting an important child; Elizabeth, John the Baptist and Mary, Jesus. Led by the Holy Spirit Elizabeth speaks twice about Mary being blessed. We read, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the child you will bear! Then she says, Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord would fulfill His promises to her!

What does it mean to be blessed in this sense? There is the tremendous joy of being the mother of the Son of God, Jesus, who brings God's grace and salvation to all the world. There are many blessings in believing the Lord God. Yet there is also deep sorrow involved in faith. There is the suffering of Jesus dying on that cruel Roman cross. The calling of God is not an invitation to a life that is easy or comfortable. There is the cost of carrying the cross as one lives in faith. And so, faithful people experience great joy and profound sorrow.

Blessedness is both a joy and a challenge. Although there is a crown of glory, there is also a rugged cross. Angels announce Jesus' birth, yet the Savior is born in a stable because there was no room in the inn. When Jesus calls us to follow Him there is joy and purpose but there is also challenge and suffering as we become one with Him. We see both in the Christmas story.

MAY GOD'S PEACE & JOY BE WITH YOU!

Father Swamy Nannam MSFS

Penance Services...Reconciliation services will be held Sunday, Dec 19th, 3pm at St. Marys and 7pm at Rossville.

Scam...People have been getting scam emails from Fr. Swamy (and Renee Spellman), but they are NOT legit. Please don't open them!

Advent Family Movie Night...Holy Family parish is having a family movie night on Sunday, December 19th. Movie is "The Fourth Wiseman". It is a 70 minute movie, will start at 6pm and we will furnish popcorn. All parishioners from **both** parishes are invited and welcome!

Holy Family

Collection— Dec 12, 2021

Envelopes \$1545, Plate \$78, Candles \$23, Cemetery \$200, Immaculate Conception \$130, Religious Retirement \$700, Education \$105, Water & Education \$2350, Water \$1505, Flowers \$350, Building Fund \$200

Total \$7186 Thank You!

Holy Family Liturgy Assignments-

December 24, 5pm— Christmas Eve Mass

Greeters/Gifts—Steve & Wendy Lira

Music—Choir

Lector—Joyce Pimple

Communion—Patrick Schutter, Keith Siebert

Servers—Kara Hafenstine, Carson Reves

Advent Project...The Holy Family Altar Society is undertaking a service and evangelization project during Advent to aid in the completion of the Drinking Water Plant completion in C.N.Kota, AP India (Fr. Swamy's home community), as well as assisting in the education of the youth. If you would like to participate, please **enclose your money in an envelope indicating where you wish your funds to be directed (water/education)**. No amount is too small. If writing a check, it should be made payable to Holy Family Catholic Church. The funds will then be distributed through the proper channels. Thank you for your prayers and contributions.

No Religion classes on December 22, 26, 29th and January 2nd for Christmas break.

Harvesters—Thursday, December 30 at 10:00 am is the next Mobile Harvesters food distribution. It is Holy Family's turn to volunteer and help with distributing food. Please be there by 9:30 am to help.

Sacred Heart

Collection— December 12, 2021

Envelopes \$1111.20, Plate \$67, Religious Retirement \$1085, Flowers \$265, Ladies Ed \$350, Swede Anderson Mem \$125, Repairs \$375, Ladies Funeral \$450, Holy Day \$189

Total \$4017.20 Thank you!

December 24, 7pm—Christmas Eve Mass

Greeters— David and Michelle Stuhlsatz Family

Cantors— Choir

Music— Diane Gros

Gifts— Ruff and Gertrude Garcia

Lector— Kathy Michaelis

Communion— Renee Spellman, Pat Wike

Servers— Baylie Tharman, Calvin Magette, Trent Flach

Ushers— Pat and Rosalie Wike, Dan and Lisa Zeller

Rosary— JoAnn Vopata

Religious Ed notes...The Christmas play will be on Dec. 19th immediately following Mass! A reminder that all entries for the KofC poster and essay contests are due to Wes Garrison by Dec. 19th! Winners in their respective age category will receive \$25. There will be no class 12/26 or 1/2 for Christmas break.

KofC News...As part of the Knights of Columbus culture of Life funds, local Knights Council #1392 will be placing a donation “pack & play” crib in the foyer of Sacred Heart for the month of December. Baby items such as diapers, wipes, bottles and toys are appreciated. Donated items will go to Birthright to help mothers in need. Contact Wes Garrison if you wish to make a monetary donation or for more info. Thank you for your generosity.

We are happy to announce the Joe Flerlage Knights of Columbus Scholarship Fund for the Fall 2022 school year. Applications can be obtained at the Kansas Rural Community Foundation website.

Christmas Giving...We encourage all parishioners who are able, to give to a worthwhile charity. There were a few flyers in the bulletin recently from Mary's Choices, the Ladies sponsored Education Fund for Fr. Swamy's home parish, Right to Life (through the KofC) and so many others that need our support. Wherever your heart leads you, please give what you can to those less fortunate than us.

Ladies Altar Sodality...We are needing new officers for 2022. We will need a President, a couple Circle leaders. If you are interested in keeping your current leadership job for 2022, please let Carol (844-2277) know as soon as possible. The President's job is not time consuming, but without a volunteer we will have to resort to team leaders and not an organized Sodality. Please consider it!

Parish Gathering...Instead of a customary Ladies Christmas Party and KofC Christmas party, we would like to offer a “parish gathering”, an old-fashioned Pot Luck on January 8th, Sat evening at 5pm., for the entire parish! We are hoping to encourage our older and younger parishioners to come show us how to have fun and enjoy the comradarie of our fellow parishioners at a PotLuck dinner, and to come welcome the new families and newly married families to our parish as well. Besides the pot luck, we would like to offer card tables for those wanting to enjoy cards, games such as Corn Hole, etc. Any other ideas would be gladly considered. We simply want this to be a fun time for ALL parishioners, new and old, of every age! Of course, this will all be dependent upon the weather and Covid. Put it on your calendar!

Want to keep *Christ* in Christmas?

Feed the hungry, clothe the naked,
forgive the guilty, welcome the stranger and the unwanted child,
care for the sick, love your enemies!

Looking ahead...

Christmas Mass Schedule-

Holy Family, Dec. 24th, Christmas Eve, 5pm

Sacred Heart, Dec. 24th, Christmas Eve, 7pm

There will be no Christmas morning masses in our parishes, but our neighboring parishes will have the following:

St. Bernard, Wamego, Christmas morning, 10:45

Immaculate Conception, St. Marys, Christmas morning, 10:00

More Archdiocese News...

Are you looking for a way to go deeper? Do you want to start the New Year off with a bang? The youth office is offering four retreats, on four different days, with four different themes. It isn't necessary to attend each one, but they will build off each other to allow for a deeper encounter. Join us January 7th and 8th at Forest Park Retreat Center in East Topeka for day one: "Recognizing a Need for God." Cost of the retreat will be \$20 and includes overnight lodging and food. Friday night, beginning at 6:00pm, is open to any high school student wanting to make it an overnight retreat, including confession, adoration, and a time of prayer. If you cannot make it Friday, you are welcome to attend the main retreat, which will be Saturday from 9:30-4. Sign up here: www.archkckyouth.org under retreats. A confirmation email will be sent after signing up.

Suicide prevention...If you or someone you know is suffering from suicidal thoughts, call the National Suicide prevention Lifeline 800-273-8255 or text TALK to 741741. For more mental health resources call 913.647.3054 or visit <https://archkck.org/special-needs/mental-health/>

December 19-today-SH

Greeters-Steve & Stephanie Tharman

Cantors-Jerry, Marilyn and LuAnn

Musician-Marissa Hund

Gifts-Steve Flach, Beth Glotzbach

Lector-Linda Bond

Communion-Tony Conrad

Servers-Alaster Compton, Austin Spellman, Reese Michaelis

Ushers-Bill & Tracy Vanstory, Curtis & Connie Wagers

Rosary-Gertrude Garcia

December 19-Today- HF

Greeters/Gifts- Juanita Hedges, Rosa Hendricks

Music-Choir

Lector-Brian Boucher

Communion-Mike Anderson, Steve Lira

Servers-Caden Frank, Cameron Frank