



# Holy Family Catholic Church

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## Diocese of Knoxville

### Office Contacts

**Pastor—Fr. Gilbert M. Diaz**

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**Deacon Bob Denne 865-384-1318**

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### Sacramental Ministry

#### **Mass Schedule**

Saturday Vigil: 5:30pm

Sunday: 8:00am and 11:00am

Mon, Tues, Thurs 8:30am & Wed 6:30pm

Holy Days: 6:30pm Vigil & 8:30am

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

Adoration 9:00am-4:00pm & Benediction 4:00pm

#### **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 (865)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 Deacon Gil Campos (865)805-9040

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

Burry (865)579-9196, four months in advance for preparation and scheduling \*\*registered parishioners only

**Annulments**—Contact Deacon Gil Campos (865)805-9040

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### Parish Contacts

#### **PARISH COUNCIL**

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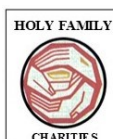
**Monday - Thursday 9:00am to 2:00pm**

**PHONE (865) 573-1203 FAX (865) 579-3645**

**Website: www.holymfamilyseymour.org**



**MyParishApp: text APP to 88202, enter 37865**



**Holy Family Charities**

**865-573-1203**

**Call for appointment**



## Second Sunday of Advent

### Holy Family Collections Report

Registered Families	429
Parishioners	921

### Last Weeks Collections

Regular	\$ 10286.00
Renovate/Repair	\$ 700.00
Charity	\$ 285.00
Online Giving	\$ 605.00



**Welcome, Visitors!** We extend a warm welcome to all the visitors who are celebrating Mass with us this weekend.

We are blessed with many "visitors" who regularly attend our liturgies and generously contribute to our offertory. We would like to extend an invitation to "officially" register with Holy Family. Registration forms are available in the magazine rack in the vestibule or on our webpage [holyfamilyseymour.org](http://holyfamilyseymour.org). You may drop your completed forms in the collection basket or bring to the office. By registering, you will be included in all communications and invitations that pertain to Holy Family Parish.

### Pray for the Sick:

Please call Claudia Burton at 850-4153 to be added

Lyman Blanton, Steve Collier, Rudy Croft,  
Dorothy Diesing, Roseanne & William Durham,  
Bruce & Terri Gaps, Tim Manna, Donna Haskett,  
Peggy Hood, Denise & Donald Graph, Pam Hultstrand,  
Carol Kuzma, Aryn McAndrews, Bob & Julie N.,  
Jeanette Ormazabal, Sharon Perry, Bill Shipstad,  
Steve Smith, John S. Waszak, Ted Zwolinski,



**Legion of Mary**  
Meeting Time: Every Monday 9:00am  
In the Family Life Center

### 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.



**Would you like an easy way to get the latest news/updates from Holy Family?**



**Download the Holy Family Parish App**

**Please Text App to 88202 to download.**

**Enter 37865 after opening,**



### C.hristians R.eaching O.ut S.erving S.eymour

There is always a need at CROSS to help stock their shelves with food for local families. Would you like to be a volunteer or do you need assistance? Go visit C.R.O.S.S. at 406 Boyds Creek Hwy, Seymour, TN 37865 or call 865-579-6192 and see all the good works they do. Open M-W 10-2, Th&F 10-12



### Mass Intentions

Dec 09 05:30 PM **Nicklaus Joseph De Groot (D)**  
Dec 10 08:00 AM **Lorraine Smorecky(D)** by Chaarlotte Wojda  
11:00 AM **People of the Parish**  
Dec 11 08:30 AM **Steve Collier (L)** by M/M Bicer  
Dec 12 08:30 AM **Henri B. Elzinga (D)**  
Dec 13 11:00AM **Funeral - George Lovell Sr.(D)**  
06:30 PM **Nicklaus Joseph De Groot (D)**  
Dec 14 08:30 AM **Linda Sager (D)** by Ray Sager  
Dec 15 08:30 AM **NO MASS**  
Dec 16 05:30 PM **Thad Tusinski & JoAnn Tusinski (D)**  
Dec 17 08:00 AM **John Gazdziak Sr. (D)** by Chaarlotte Wojda  
11:00 AM **People of the Parish**  
May the souls of all our Faithful departed through the Mercy of God rest in peace. Amen  
According to Canon Law 901, a priest is free to apply the Mass to anyone living or deceased, however the person must be named.  
(D) Deceased (L) Living

### Parish Calendar

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

12/09 Sat:	04:30pm	Choir Practice-C
	05:00pm	Rosary-C
12/10 Sun:	09:15am	CCD (pre-K-5)-GL
	10:00am	Choir Practice-C
	10:35am	Rosary-C
	12:00pm	Breakfast with Santa-FLC
	05:45pm	NO Youth Group-FLC
12/11 Mon:	09:00am	Legion of Mary-FLC
12/12 Tues:	09:30am	NO Crafty Ladies-FLC
12/13 Wed:		
12/14 Thurs:	11:00AM	Confessions-C
	07:00PM	Confessions-C
	07:00PM	Knights Meeting-FLC
12/15 Fri:		
12/16 Sat:	04:30pm	Choir Practice-C
	05:00pm	Rosary-C
12/17 Sun:	09:15am	CCD (pre-K-5)-GL
	10:00am	Choir Practice-C
	10:35am	Rosary-C
	05:45pm	NO Youth Group-FLC

### SAINT OF THE WEEK

To love is to be transformed into what we love. To love God is therefore to be transformed into God.

**St. John of the Cross (1542-1591)**

**Priest - Feast Day December 14**



### Next Weeks Readings...

#### Third Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11

Luke 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

John 1:6-8, 19-28

December 10, 2023

HOLY FAMILY



CHARITIES

In today's Gospel John the Baptist urges us to "Prepare the way of the Lord." We are called to help prepare the way of the Lord by making the real meaning of Christmas come alive in our own hearts, in our family and to reach out to those in need.

**Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please have them contact Holy Family Charities so that together we can help the suffering and poor to celebrate Christmas.**

## 2023 Holiday Season Schedule

**Saturday, Dec 23**

*Regular Sat. Vigil Mass @ 5:30pm*

**Sunday, Dec 24**

*4th Sunday of Advent Mass @ 8:00am & 11:00am*

**Christmas Eve Mass @ 5:30pm**

**Monday, Dec 25**

**Christmas Day Mass @ 8:00 & 11:00**

**Tues. Dec 26 - Fri. Dec 29**

**NO MASSES**



**Monday, Jan 1**

**Solemnity of Mary - Mass @ 8:30am  
(NOT Holy Day of Obligation)**



If you would like to donate toward the Christmas Flower display, in memory of a loved one, the envelopes are available in the church vestibule. Return envelopes to the collection basket at Mass



**DECEMBER REQUEST  
\*\* CANNED MEATS \*\***



## Daily Mass Inclement Weather



With the winter season fast approaching, it is time to start thinking about if there will be weekday Mass during Winter Weather Days. During inclement weather, if the local roads are clear, there will be daily Mass—regardless of local school closings. Please use caution and good judgement when traveling to church. We want safety first!

**\*\*\* ONLINE GIVING \*\*\***  
is available through our parish webpage or  
by texting *HolyFamilySeymour* to 73256  
from your smart phone.



SCAN ME

## Second Sunday of Advent

*The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish but all to come to repentance. (2 Peter 3:9)*

*With whom could you be more patient this week, as God has been patient with you?*



## Advent Confessions

**Thursday, December 14th**

**11:00AM & 7:00PM**

**Beginning immediately,**

**ALL Vigil & Evening Masses**

**(EXCEPT Saturday evenings, Christmas Eve and Easter Vigil)**

**Will now begin at 6:30pm!**

**Please take note for future dates**

## 2024 Calendars

*are now available in  
the vestibule for pick  
up. Please take  
yours today.*



The Diocese of Knoxville is seeking a new Head of School for Notre Dame High School located in Chattanooga, Tennessee. We are committed to providing a supportive learning environment for our students rooted in the love of Christ.

**Job Description:** The Head of School will serve and be responsible for the operational vitality of the school, including advancement, enrollment, marketing, finances, and future projects. This position will lead and articulate the school's mission and vision, create and implement strategic plans, and build and nurture relationships on and off campus. The position bears the responsibility for fostering and being a proponent of Catholic identity.

Please go to <https://dioknox.org/school-job-postings> for more information.

## 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 holiday memorial gift for a loved one.



### 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** Dial 988 or 1-800-273-TALK (8255)

**Self-Harm Line** 1-800-DONTCUT (800)366-8288 or

[www.selfinjury.com](http://www.selfinjury.com), [info@selfinjury.com](mailto:info@selfinjury.com)

Substance Abuse problem? Prescription Addiction problem?

For help and free confidential information and referrals contact

**Tennessee REDLINE at 1-800-889-9789.**



### Diocesan Safe Environment Requirements:

In addition to all parish employees, ALL volunteers, catechists, choir members, extra ordinary ministers of Holy Communion, ushers, etc. are required by the **Diocese of Knoxville's Safe Environment Policies** to comply with the diocesan Safe Environment program's requirements, which include, consenting to a background check and maintaining a CMG Connect online account. For more information or to register, please visit <https://Knoxville.cmgconnect.org/>

### CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF EAST TENNESSEE COUNSELING SERVICES

Counseling is for individuals and couples coping with concerns such as depression, relationship problems, grief, anxiety, and life transition/adjustment issues. Fees are based on a sliding scale, determined by income and other variables. Services are available to clients regardless of religious affiliation. The contact for Knoxville counseling is Fr. Michael Maples, PhD, at **865-314-8870**.

### Procedure for reporting sexual abuse

**Involving a bishop:** Anyone who has actual knowledge of or reasonable cause to suspect an incident of sexual harassment, abuse, or misconduct by a bishop should report their allegation to **ReportBishopAbuse.org** or call **(800) 276-1562**. This reporting service is operated by Convercent, Inc., an independent, third-party entity that provides intake services to private institutions for reports of sensitive topics such as sexual harassment through a secure, confidential and professional platform.

**Involving a priest, deacon, religious, or layperson:** Anyone who has actual knowledge of or who has reasonable cause to suspect an incident of sexual abuse should report such information to the appropriate civil authorities first, then to the Diocesan Victims' Assistance Coordinator, **(865) 321-9080**.

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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 -Housing for Special Populations- Outreach to those in Hardship -Counseling & Education.

For information or help, go to [www.cctn.org](http://www.cctn.org) for services  
And contact information in your community.



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\*At your home**

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Notary?**  
We have a Notary in the office.  
**Please stop by during  
office hours for all of your  
Notary needs.**

**Please contact Anita if you  
are in need of purchasing  
any Religious Items.**

**Anita Miller-Parishioner**  
**(865)712-8252**

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