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**Daily Mass Readings—Dec 23-29\***

Sunday	Mi 5:1-4a/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45
Monday	Is 62:1-5/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25
Tuesday	Is 52:7-10/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18
Wednesday	Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Mt 10:17-22
Thursday	1 Jn 1:1-4/Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Friday	1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Mt 2:13-18
Saturday	1 Jn 2:3-11/Lk 2:22-35

\*Daily Readings (and link to full biblical text) also available on Holy Cross Website:  
[www.holycross-wagoner.org](http://www.holycross-wagoner.org)

# December 23, 2018

## Fourth Sunday of Advent

### Christmas/Advent Schedule

**Christmas Eve Masses** Children's Mass with  
Carols beginning at 5:30 p.m./Mass at 6 p.m.  
&  
**Midnight Mass with Carols beginning at 11:30 p.m.**

**Christmas Day Mass** 8:30 a.m.

**New Year's Eve Mass** 6:00 p.m.

**New Year's Day Mass** 8:30 a.m.


### New Security Alarm System

The new alarm system is active; therefore, anyone who has a key to the doors, but have not been included in the initial training, needs to get in touch with Skip Gordon for training and an entry code. Also, **do not** use your keys to enter the building without training or contacting Skip for the code, as this will set off the alarm and the alarm company and/or the police will be alerted.

Volunteers are needed to assist with decorating the church for Christmas on  
**Sunday, Dec. 23rd, after Mass at 9:30 a.m.**

**Second Collection at the Christmas Masses (24/25)  
For Infirm & Retired Priests**


Collections from Dec. 15-16	
General Collection	\$1,559.00
Capital Improvements	350.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,909.00</b>
Poinsettias	\$98.00



### Reflection of the Week by Fr. Leo

The Spirit of Christmas has been hovering around our cities and homes, and in a couple of hours, the festivity will start. The readings of this Fourth Sunday of Advent also incite the readiness for this great festivity. In the first reading, Prophet Micah wrote about the coming of Jesus. In the Gospel, St. Luke mentioned the infant Jesus in the womb of Mary, and the second reading (a letter to the Hebrews) narrated how Jesus comes to do the will of God. The three readings remind me of the book of John Keane, "CHRISTMAS," where Keane writes about the catalyst of Christmas. The festivity of Christmas is a Blessed one, and that is why every effort to exterminate it had always ended with futility. Emperor Claudius tried and killed a multitude of Christians and never succeeded. Emperor Nero tortured and killed many Christians and ended with ineffectiveness in destroying Christianity and Christmas. Emperor Diocletian went as far as killing notable Christians, such as Saint Agnes of Rome, and Saint Sebastian, and others and never succeeded in destroying the joy of rejoicing for the birth of the Lord. Emperor Decius thought he could achieve it by killing Pope Fabian, and his efforts were futile. The festivity of Christmas has survived many other Christian terrorists such as Stalin, Hitler, Mussolini, and others. No human effort can reduce the message and joy of Christmas. May we continue to celebrate God's love for His children by sending our Lord, Jesus Christ for our salvation! I wish you a Happy Christmas and pray that God blesses our 2019.

Fr. Leo



Dec 22	Dec 23		Dec 29	Dec 30
Kay Rodriguez Laura Rodriguez	Linda Steinheil Richard Steinheil	<b>USHER/GIFT BEARERS</b>	Carolyn Greer Mary Feichtinger	Vicky Schottel Larry Schottel
Theresa Fosburg Mary Feichtinger	Elaine Hall Mike Cucchiara	<b>EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS</b>	Sherri Moe Charlie Moe	Sunny Marsh Jim Marsh
Karol Watson	Chris Holland	<b>READERS</b>	Dorene McMahan	Paul Stuart

**MASS INTENTION**  
12/22/18 +Tony Barker  
+deceased

**Adult Education Classes** being held on Thursday evenings will resume after the holidays

**TOGETHER IN HOLINESS  
MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT  
CONFERENCE**  
**Saturday, Feb. 9, 2019, 11 am—6 pm  
Church of Saint Benedict, BA**  
This one-day Catholic Marriage Conference is designed to inspire spouses and empower parents. It includes dynamic presentations, Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Keynote speakers include Bishop Konderla, Roland Millare, and Patty Schneier. On-site childcare is available and pre-registration is required. Cost: \$59/couple or \$35/individual. More info. is located in the vestibule & on the Holy Cross website.

**Note: The Birthday Brunch usually held on the last Sunday of each month has been cancelled this month due to the holidays.**

**JOIN US**  
Cookies & Coffee are served after Sunday Mass each weekend.  
Visitors Welcome!

*Happy Birthday!*



*Jan Martin 12/1*  
*Hope Watson 12/4*  
*Harold Hutchens 12/5*  
*Janale Harding 12/12*  
*Kenneth Herndon 12/20*  
*Vicky Schottel 12/27*  
*Charlie Moe 12/31*

**To Request Mass Intentions**

1) Fill out info. on intention envelope provided in vestibule, 2) Place donation inside, 3) Give to Theresa, 4) Take a card to send to the recipient.

	<i>Altar Linens</i>	<i>Altar Flowers</i>
<i>Dec</i>	Kathy Gordon	Kathy Gordon
<i>Jan</i>	Kendra Kuehn-Smith	Kendra Kuehn-Smith Elsa Kuehn

**MASS TIMES**

**Saturday Vigil — 5:00 pm**

**Sunday — 8:30 am**

**Tuesday & Wednesday — 5:00 pm**

**Thursday & Friday — 8:30 am**

**First Sat. of Each Month — 8:30 am**

**ADORATION AND BENEDICTION**

**Wednesday following 5:00 pm Mass**

**CONFESSIONS**

**Saturday** 4:30 to 4:50 pm  
**Sunday** 8:00 to 8:20 am  
or by appointment/request

**Bulletin Deadline**

**TUESDAY 8pm**

To place information in the bulletin, contact Karol Watson, karol\_watson@yahoo.com/918-640-5819

**FOR THE SICK AND SUFFERING**

Richard Hickman	Phyllis Thurman
Janale Harding	Charles Hahn
Rilla Sanco Beudin	Tama Wilson
Walt Mazil	Linda Scrimsher
Joe Rafferty	Bertha Ashwood
Christine Peake	Scott Slape
Jan Martin	Nalma Stirling
Faye Hoffman	Mercy Mundadkal
John Spieker	Vonnie Cullen
Sam Sanco	Jean Podeyn



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*Catholic & Holy Cross News/Events*

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**Wagoner OK**

**Rosary**—One-half hour before each Mass

**Weddings**—Please contact the pastor at least 6 months prior to your anticipated date

**Baptisms**—Please contact the Pastor for Preparation

**BIBLE STUDY** is held each Thursday after 8:30 a.m. Mass. Join us for wonderful fellowship and sharing of our Faith as well as learning and understanding the Bible.

**Nimmy**

The Bible Study Club is sponsoring Nimmy, the niece of Fr. John. She lives in India and needs help with school fees. Your donations are appreciated.

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