

Holy Angels Church

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Office Hours

Monday thru Thursday 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

Friday 9:30 am - 2:30 pm

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15440 Leavenworth Road

Daily Mass - Mon. - Fri. at 8 am and at 9 am on civil holidays. There will not be a daily Mass when there is a funeral. **With severe weather on weekdays, consult our website or Facebook page to see if public daily Mass is cancelled that day. For those not on the internet, please phone Therese Horvat at 816-225-5773.**

Confessions welcomed by appointment and Saturdays, 3:45 - 4:15 pm.

Weekend Masses— Saturday at 4:30 pm, Sunday at 8:00 and 10:30 am

Advent Confessions will be heard before 8 am daily Masses, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, & Thursdays, 7 am to 7:50 am, each week of Advent, and 1 pm Sun. Dec 17 in the parish hall

Fourth Sunday of Advent Mass Times:

4:30 pm Saturday Vigil Mass, December 23

7 am & 9 am Sunday Masses, December 24

Christmas Mass Times:

4:00 pm Saturday Vigil Mass, December 24

12:00 am Midnight & 9 am Masses, December 25



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MASSSES THIS WEEK



Monday, December 11 St Damasus I

8:00 am † Betty Stunkel—PI

Tuesday, December 12 Our Lady of Gaudalupe

8:00 am † James Yanos—JY

Wednesday, December 13 St. Lucy

8:00 am † Tom Johnson—JJ

Thursday, December 14 St. John of the Cross

8:00 am † Dorothy Borden—LM

Friday, December 15

8:00 am † Mary Durham—JB

Saturday, December 16

4:30 pm All parishioners of Holy Angels

Sunday, December 17

8:00 am † Ken Enneking—CR

10:30 am † Samuel Cortright—BC

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16 - 4:30 PM

Servers: Grace Brandenburg & Matthew Bartkoski

Lector 1 Jeri McDonnell

Lector 2 Linda Masters

EMHC (4) Jeri McDonnell, Rich Dixon, 2 volunteers

Ushers (4) Richard Kiblinger, Ron Masters, Ben Wano, volunteer

Sacristan: Linda Masters

MC: Tim McDonnell

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17- 8:00 AM

Servers Madelyn & Wilson Lueck

Lector 1 Dan Clegg

Lector 2 Tracy Clegg

EMHC(4) Ruth Gore, Linda Gottschalk, Richard Dreiling, Lynne Stallbaumer

Ushers (4) James Murphy, Charlie Rees, David Walsh, Rodney Ashley

Sacristan Tracy Clegg

MC: Heath Cartwright

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17- 10:30 AM

Servers Eva England & Ilyas Foehrweiser

Lector 1 Tiffany Lynch

Lector 2 Jane Brandenburg

EMHC (4) Jane Brandenburg, Jacqueline Cortright, John Tripp, volunteer

Ushers (4) Ron McMillian, Keith Mark, Mike Eskina, John Blinzler

Sacristan Yvonne Tripp

Collection Counters:

December 11—Beverly Brown, Marlene Goll, and Ed Church

December 18—Janet Johnson, Maria McBratney, and Linda Land

The Long Weekend, Super Sunday, or Double Christmas — how will you celebrate two Masses in the coming extended Christmas Weekend?

This year Christmas falls on a Monday, immediately following the Fourth Sunday of Advent. With Advent shrunk to the shortest possible count of days, Catholics get a little less time for seasonal anticipation, but they also get a back-to-back call to the festive celebration of Mass.

Christmas Day is a Holy Day of Obligation, and **the fact that Christmas falls on a Monday doesn't change the usual Sunday precept for Catholics to attend Mass the day before.**

While there are a lot of different times, including vigil Masses the day before, **at which Catholics can attend Mass and fulfill their obligations**, it's not — never — possible to fulfill them both with a single Mass. **Two obligations means 2 Masses, those are the rules.**

Most Catholics, hopefully, don't primarily think of going to Mass in terms of an "obligation," but the domestic Christmas calendar can be packed — so, with Christmas coming on a Monday, what are the expectations, and options, for getting to church over the long weekend?

Option 1: Tea for Two, and Two for Two

Many, maybe most Catholics, will opt for simply going to their usual morning Mass on successive days — first on December 24 for the Fourth Sunday of Advent and then, again, the next day for Christmas. However, **Holy Angels' Fourth Sunday of Advent Masses are not at usual Sunday Mass times** due to various valid reasons. So, if you opt for this solution, **Fourth Sunday of Advent Masses Dec 24 at Holy Angels are at 7 am and 9 am.**

It's easy to remember, simple to plan around, and the no-nonsense solution. Two obligations, two Masses, two days, Sunday and Monday.

Option 2: 'Vigil' All the Way

There is, of course, more than one way to go to Mass twice in two days — especially at Christmas when a lot of people prefer to go to midnight Mass.

Anticipatory Masses can take place the day before a Sunday — and "vigil" Masses the day before a feast.

They come after the praying of vespers and are an "anticipated celebra-tion" of the following day's feast. In the first centuries, early Christians would often gather the night before Sunday to pray through the night in preparation for the coming Eucharist.

Holy Angels' vigil Mass for Fourth Sunday of Advent is the usual Saturday time of 4:30 pm, Saturday, Dec. 23. Our Christmas Eve Vigil Mass for Christmas Obligation is at the usual 4 pm we have had for years.

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Option 3: The Long Weekend

Maybe there are some persons who'd like to take the whole day before Christmas – Sunday, Dec. 24 – for leisurely coffee drinking, meal preparation, or even some cross-country travel. Or maybe some parishioners and friends of Holy Angels live dangerously, like my dear ol' dad did, and buy all their Christmas presents on Dec. 24 – although he would never do that when Christmas Eve fell on a Sunday!

For some, getting the whole family dressed and to Mass on time for successive mornings or evenings is a tall order.

In those cases, you could opt for a Saturday, anticipated Mass for the Fourth Sunday of Advent, and then go for morning Mass on Christmas Day, essentially giving yourself a day off in between celebrations.

Option 4: Super Sunday

While the Chiefs are sadly decreasingly looking probable of returning to be a contender in Super Bowl Sunday this next year, one can still make Christmas weekend a Super Sunday time! **Not for the faint-hearted, but instead of spreading your Eucharistic obligations across three days, you could opt to pack them all into one Super Sunday.**

To do that, you would go to Sunday morning Mass for the Fourth Sunday of Advent, and then to Mass again, later that afternoon or evening, for a Christmas Vigil Mass.

Option 5: Double Christmas Liturgies

If you really want to maximize your carol singing chances, and double down on nativity narratives for the Gospel reading, you could opt for two Christmas Masses.

The Sunday obligation — that Catholics attend weekly Masses on the Lord's Day — is one of those cases in which "liturgical time" and of-the-clock-time don't exactly overlap, at least sometimes.

Catholics are obliged to attend Mass every Sunday, including the Fourth Sunday of Advent. And they are obliged to go to Mass for the Solemnity of Christmas. Those two obligations are distinct, and have to be met separately — but there's no rule mandating that the Mass Catholics attend for their Sunday obligation actually be celebrated liturgically for the Fourth Sunday of Advent.

So you could attend back-to-back vigil Masses for Christmas on Sunday evening, or a vigil Mass in the evening, followed by midnight Mass or Mass on Christmas Day, and have satisfied both your Sunday and Christmas Day obligations.

Of course doing so would mean missing out on the final Advent liturgy, and trim your anticipatory experience of Advent back even further than the calendar already is — but that's absolutely a valid option.

Whatever your plans for Christmas, please, pick one of the options above, and get to Mass. Twice. We'll see you there – with bells on!



A HUGE THANK YOU to Keith and Jeanne Mark for bringing the Catholic actor and activist, Jim Caviezel, to Holy Angels for his Saturday, Dec. 2nd presentation! I have heard from so very many people how very moved they were by this talk. We are all very grateful for your magnanimous generosity in bringing this event to fruition! May God reward you abundantly for this kind act!

3:00 pm SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17

ADVENT LESSONS AND CAROLS

Holy Angels Adult Choir will team up with Schola Cantorum from Christ the King parish in Kansas City, KS, and do a service of readings, song and prayer that pertain to the Advent season. Come to hear scripture readings and beautiful music of the season. Reception following the prayer service in the Narthex.

TRADITIONAL ADULT CHOIR. Calling all singers...old and new! NEW SINGERS WELCOME!!! NEW SINGERS NEEDED!!! PLEASE COME IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN POSSIBLY JOINING THE GROUP!

This choir sings at the 10:30 Mass three times each month. Rehearsals are on Thursday evenings at 6:45pm. They will sing in December at 10:30 mass on December 10 and 17. They will also sing at the 4:00pm Christmas Vigil Mass on December 24 and the 12:00am Midnight Mass on December 25.

Knights of Columbus Men's Choir sings at the 8:00 Mass on the 2nd Sunday of each month. They will sing next on December 10. Rehearsal at 7:15am on the morning of.

Contemporary Choir sings at the 4:30 Mass on one Saturday of each month. Rehearsal will be on the day of at 3:30pm.

Youth Choir-Come Sing with Cindy Reynolds! -Open to all school age children.

This is a youth choir that sings once a month at the 8:00 Mass. Open to school age youth. They will sing next on December 17. Rehearsal will begin promptly at 7:00am on the morning of.

CATHOLIC ACADEMY OF SACRED MUSIC

Monday mornings 9:00-11:00am in basement of little church.

Take part in the ultimate Catholic sacred music choral experience, open to very young children through 12th grade. Open to students in the Leavenworth, Wyandotte and Johnson Counties and surrounding areas. Students will learn the rudiments of music reading, healthy vocal technique and expressive singing, all while engaging with some of the greatest music ever written.

Instructor, Dr. Lucas Tappan, DMA.

Please contact Dr. Tappan for questions or if you wish to enroll: ltappan@mphm.com



GIFTS FOR GOD

Weekly (Regular) Collection Needed\$14,615.00
 December 2/3.....\$15,329.25
 Excess (Shortfall).....\$714.25
Maintenance Fund (Dec. 2/3).....\$310.00

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tues., Dec. 12—CWO meeting, 6:30, little church basement
Tues., Dec. 12—Book Study, 7 pm, parish hall
Sat., Dec. 16—Women's Advent Retreat, 8:30 am, hall
Sun., Dec. 17—1 pm Confessions, hall
Sun., Dec. 17—3 pm Advent Lessons and Carols
Tues., Dec. 19—Book Study, 7 pm, parish hall
Sun., Dec. 24—**4th Sunday of Advent, Masses at 7 & 9 am**
Sun., Dec. 24—**4pm Christmas Vigil Mass**
Mon., Dec. 25 —**12:00 am Midnight and 9 am Christmas Masses**

CWO will hold its monthly meeting on Tuesday, December 12 at 6:30pm in the **basement of the small church**. We will have a cookie exchange and a gift exchange. If you would like to participate, please bring a \$15 gift and 3+ dozen cookies. Inspirational reading will be by Barbara Randolph. All ladies of the parish are invited to join us. ****Please note change in location.****

THANK YOU – On behalf of Council on Aging (COA), BLAS and myself, I would like to thank everyone who purchased an Angel gift for our children and seniors. We provided over 20 large bags and packages of gifts to COA and 15 large bags of gifts to BLAS. Once again, the generosity of our Holy Angels parishioners was overwhelming. May God bless you all. Merry Christmas!



IN OUR PRAYERS

Please pray for the following people listed on the prayer chain... Barbara Workman, Max Theel, Palmer Swafford, Bill Kirchner, Steve Mulcahy, Don Ash, Jim Enneking, Michael T, Larry McAfee, Ed Mullins, Joyce Oswald, Mary Beth Schrader, Linda Mulcahy, Ruthanne Kirby, Donna Baker, Mary, Donna, Jack Bohanon, Dorothy Dirksen, Audrey Savner, Danny Brooks, Jerilyn Gregory, Linda Seay, Grant, Brook Hardy, Tom Sweet, Mariann, Jalisa, Mary Anne, Loretta, Randall Stevenson, Virginia Svatos, Judy Gaume, Margaret Baker, Fred Randolph, Pat Hinkle, Melissa Heinen, Karen Stubler, Judy Rodina, Kim Kasper, Cameron Ernzen, Christie Coy, Traci, Veronica Kincaid, Meade Moran, Cohen Peterson, and all who serve in the military

Prayer Chain Requests

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This weekend, we mark completion of the 5th full month of the updated adoration program at Holy Angels. Each month we continue to add adorers. With two (2) new adorers in November, the total number of people in the program is 244! This is an incredible response from our parish! Here are a few statistics about the Adoration Program:

- Of the 244 registered adorers, 205 have regular adoration commitments.
- 153 of 168 total hours each week are filled with at least one (1) adorer.
- 15 hours remain open each week with no scheduled adorers:

In November:

- 1015 total visits were made in adoration.
- 115 of these were guest visits.
- 19 visits were made by substitute adorers (someone who is a registered adorer filled in for another who needed help covering an hour).
- There were 26 formal requests for substitute adorers.
- 11 of these requests were unfulfilled.

Thanks to all in the parish who are part of the adoration program. If you are not yet part of the program and would like to join – even as a substitute – please contact one of the following adoration leaders who can help you get connected:

- Jason (913-522-5478) and Tessa (913-522-4763) Siemsen
- Brett and Jackie (913-271-5010) Cortright
- Judy Beck (913-727-1039)
- Mike (402-462-0305) and Ginny (402-984-1128) Skoch
- Jimmie Kirkland (913-620-4433)
- Christie Zoch (913-724-1665 - Church Office)

As winter approaches, please be safe in your adoration commitment. If inclement weather prevents you from getting to your adoration hour, do not worry. There is no need to inform anyone. If we anticipate a stretch of weather that will disrupt adoration hours, we will attempt to notify by email and/or text message that the chapel will be closed. As is ALWAYS the case, if you have completed your hour and no one is in the chapel as you leave, please take a moment to close the tabernacle door and turn down the lights. Jesus must not be left exposed (door open) with no one in the chapel.

Let your door stand open to receive Him, unlock your soul to Him, offer Him a welcome in your mind, and then you will see the riches of simplicity, the treasures of peace, the joy of grace. Throw wide the gate of your heart, stand before the sun of the everlasting light. -St. Ambrose

A blessed Advent to you all! Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, pray for us!

David Land is the Knight of the month for November. David and Linda Land are the Knights of Columbus family of the month for November.

The Knights of Columbus would also like to thank the parishioners for their donations to BLAS.