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# 3rd Sunday of Advent

# JOY

DECEMBER 12, 2021

## STEWARDSHIP:

RETURNING GOD'S GIFTS



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 '21-'22 Income to Date ..... \$195,686.84

### New Church Construction

Cost..... \$3,578,947.39  
 Paid to date..... \$3,106,564.52  
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### THE WELL THAT NEVER DRIES UP

Depending on how your mood is today, the words of Paul will hit you differently. "Rejoice always," he tells us. Well, if your football team is poised to win this weekend or next, maybe you're really feeling this vibe. But if you've got a long slog at work ahead of you this week and a to-do list that only seems to grow and never shrink, it may make you grumble. "Rejoice always? Always? When I'm tired? Cranky? When I'm sick of doing and giving? Thanks, Paul. I'll be sure to scribble that phrase on a Post-It and stick it to my dashboard for when some entitled punk inevitably cuts me off on tomorrow's morning commute."

When we feel this way, we know it's time to head back to the well. Think of all the places in Scripture where God compares His love, His mercy, His salvation to water. And not just any water — living water, water that moves. God's strength is not a stagnant puddle sure to evaporate and disappear. It's water you can keep coming back to. It's water that never dries up.

Which is good news for us, because we never stop failing to do what we should, never stop failing to feel the joy and the compassion and the selflessness we are called to. We need a source of living water if we are going to 'rejoice always.' To be everyday stewards, we need a well that never empties.

The fountain of salvation never dries up. There is always more there for us to draw from. It's a sign of His commitment — so let us, in turn, be committed to Him.



— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS  
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### YEAR END GIVING

As we approach the end of the calendar year, we are called to look at the blessings that we have been given and are called to offer a measure of that back to the God of all blessings. If you would like to make a year end gift to the parish, please have the check into the parish office by December 25th marked "2021 Gift."



### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

You are invited to come to the Religious Education Christmas Program on Wednesday, December 15th at 6:00 pm. Our children have been working very hard learning the songs for the program. Please come by and show your support of our young children and their teachers who have given their time and talent to teach our kids.



★ Children's ★  
 Christmas Program

### ARCHBISHOP NAUMANN THANK YOU

This is an invitation to join in an appreciation gift to Archbishop Naumann from Archdiocese for his faithful and courageous service as the Chair of the USCCB Pro-Life Committee. All parishes are asked to join in this gift by offering a dedicated hour or more in Eucharistic Adoration, in thanksgiving for Archbishop's service, and for the protection of the unborn in Kansas and throughout the country. This Sunday, December 12th, the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, please consider an hour in adoration in the Old Stone Church between 8:00 am and 3:00 pm. There will be a card in the back that you may sign that will be sent to the Archbishop in gratitude for his example and service. If you would like to pray with others, you can gather at 2:00 pm.

### ST. THERESA'S HOSTS ECUMENICAL CAROLING

If you like to sing Christmas carols and joining in community fun, consider coming with the family to the Old Stone Church this Sunday, December 12th beginning at 5:00 pm. St. Theresa's hosts the event for all of the churches in Eudora and will serve cookies and drinks following. This is an Advent celebration looking forward to the birth of our Savior.



### LIVING WITH CHRIST

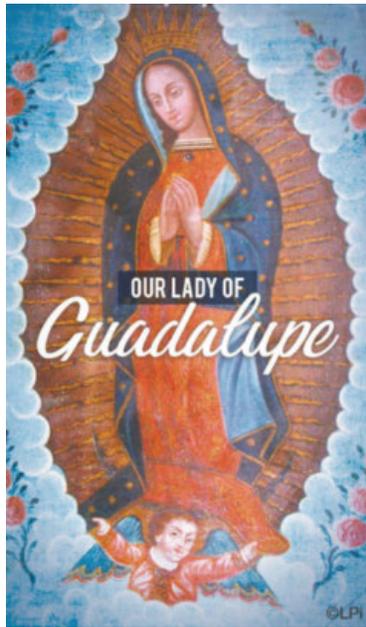
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## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

### OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE, PRAY FOR US!

The feast Day for Our Lady of Guadalupe is today, the 12th of December. We will be celebrating the feast as a parish and with our RE Program. Our Lady is known as the Mother of the Americas. We will celebrate today during liturgy. Younger students will be carrying flowers to the altar. After the liturgy, there will be a reception in the Parish Hall. Everyone in the parish is invited to come to the parish hall and celebrate.



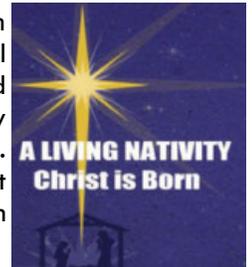
### MAKING READY OUR CHURCH FOR JESUS' BIRTH

Each year the church is transformed during the Advent Season as we move closer and closer to the birth of Jesus. The Liturgical Commission helps to plan the seasons art & environment as called for by the USCCB. We have established the schedule for this month and seek the help of this community of faith. Many hands are needed to assemble and fluff the trees and wreaths. This Sunday following liturgy we are scheduled to set up the trees. Please consider offering a hand. Our schedule is as follows:

December 12th - Wreaths & Nativity  
December 19th - Last Touches

### LIVE NATIVITIES

On December 12th from 5:00-8:00 pm visit a live nativity, pray the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary, sing carols, and hear the proclamation of the Nativity gospel reading according to St. Luke. There will be live animals, cookies, and hot chocolate. The location is Guetterman Farm, 11036 W 223 St., Bucyrus, KS.



# The "O" Antiphons



The Roman Church has been singing the "O" Antiphons since at least the eighth century. They are the antiphons that accompany the Magnificat canticle of Evening Prayer from December 17-23. The predominant theme is messianic, stressing the hope of the Savior's coming.

One of our opening songs during Advent, Come, Lord Jesus, Come and the hymn O Come, O come Emmanuel are songs that are based on the "O" Antiphons. Each verse of the hymn parallels with one of the antiphons and they add a mood of eager expectation to the liturgy that builds throughout these seven days and climaxes at Christmas.

The antiphons are, in fact, a collage of Old Testament types of Christ. Jesus is invoked by various titles, mainly taken from the prophet Isaiah. The sequence progresses historically, from the beginning, before creation, to the very gates of Bethlehem. Each O Antiphon begins with an invocation of the expected Messiah, followed by praise of him under one of his particular titles. Each ends with a petition for God's people, relevant to the title by which he is addressed, and the cry for him to "Come" which embodies the longing of all for the Divine Messiah.

The seven titles attributed to Jesus in the antiphons are Wisdom (Sapientia in Latin), Ruler of the House of Israel (Adonai), Root of Jesse (Radix), Key of David (Clavis), Rising Dawn (Oriens), King of the Gentiles (Rex), and Emmanuel. In Latin the initials of the titles make an acrostic which, when read backwards, means: "Tomorrow I will be there" ("Ero cras"). Therefore, the Lord Jesus, whose coming we have prepared for in Advent and whom we have addressed in these seven Messianic titles, now speaks to us, and brings intensity to our Advent preparation, but bring it to a joyful conclusion.



Advent is a season of waiting and preparation for the celebration of the Nativity of Jesus; a time to prepare our hearts for the coming of our Savior. These four weeks are a time of expectant waiting, knowing fully the amazing gift that God is about to deliver.

As we approach the holidays we turn our hearts not only to the goodness of God in our lives, but our call to give that goodness away to others. Our way to answer this call is to give to THE HEART OF CHRISTMAS.

We are so grateful for the overwhelming response during this season. 10 families were helped by your benevolence to “The Heart of Christmas” outreach and countless other families and individuals by your giving to the Holyday Blessing Drive the Holiday Warmth giving.

May the blessings that you have given sent into the world find their way back to you and your family at Christmas.

## **CHRISTMAS LITURGY SIGN-UP**

Many families and individuals in the parish community will be travelling for the Christmas season. Therefore, we would ask that you decide on the liturgy that you will be attending, and then sign up in the narthex of the church for the ministries that you can serve on Christmas eve at either 4:00 or 5:30 pm, or on Christmas Day at 10:00 am. Remember that we need everyone to pitch in to make sure that we have all of the ministers needed to celebrate the birth of our Savior. Thank you .



## Holiday Liturgy Calendar

### Christmas Liturgy Schedule

Friday, December 24th at 4:00 pm

Friday, December 24th at 5:30 pm

Adult Choir begins Lessons and Carols at 5:10 pm

Saturday, December 25th at 10:00 am

### Solemnity of the Holy Family

Sunday, December 26th at 9:30 am

### Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Saturday, January 1st at 9:00 am

### Feast of the Epiphany

Saturday, January 1st at 4:00pm

Sunday, January 2nd at 9:30 am

### HOLIDAY BLESSING DRIVE

As we prepare to celebrate the holiday calling us to give thanks, we are invited to share some of our blessings with those who have not had the same year that we have had. During these next weeks where we will celebrate Thanksgiving, Advent and Christmas, we are invited to bring to church with us on the weekends any non-perishable food items and place them in the narthex of the church. In addition to food items (canned vegetables and fruit, cereal, canned meats, peanut butter, soup, baby food, etc.) items for hygiene can also be brought during this time. Soaps, shampoo, tooth paste and toothbrushes, floss, wipes, toilet paper, deodorant, feminine products, shaving cream, razors, etc. are all welcome and needed. All donations will be donated to local charities and pantries between now and Christmas.



### ACOLYTE TRAINING

An acolyte is a person who serves in a ministry "that assists the deacon and priest during liturgical celebrations." It is a ministry that historically has been known as 'altar servers' in many parishes. An acolyte serves an important role in the community and in the weekly Eucharistic celebrations. The ministry is open to anyone 4th grade on up. We like to have High School/College Age or adults acolyte for the biggest liturgies of the year, or when the Archbishop is present. **We will have a training for all current acolytes on Sunday, January 23rd following the Sunday liturgy. And any NEW acolytes can also be trained that day beginning at 11:00 am.** If you are enrolled in the Religious Education program, you will be excused for the session that you need to attend.



### HOLIDAY WARMTH

As part of the Holiday Blessing Drive, you may wish to donate a blanket to help keep others warm. Any throw or blanket will help our sisters and brothers during these cold months.



### RESPECT LIFE

I would like to rebuild the pro-life committee at Holy Family. This would encompass working to protect the lives of the most vulnerable among us including the unborn, disabled, or seriously ill, and we also support the work of Care Portal for families who are involved in foster care or families trying to stay together and out of foster care. If interested, a meeting will be held tomorrow, December 13th at 7:00 pm in the Fr. Pat Riley Education Center. I look forward to sharing prayer and ideas with you! For further information call Tina Jinkens at 785-615-8373.

### CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS AND DECORATIONS

Each year the poinsettias and Christmas decorations are underwritten in part by those who wish to have loved ones remembered throughout the Christmas season. You may use the envelope that is included in your monthly packet, use an envelope on the Narthex table or fill out this form and return it in an envelope with your donation in the collection or to the office. The memorials will be published in the Christmas and New Year bulletins. The bulletin deadline is Wednesday, December 15th. Please email or call if you have any questions about the Christmas memorials.

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of person(s) to be remembered: Please print.

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Donation Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

# HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

## CALENDAR

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12TH

Eucharistic Adoration in Old Stone Church 8:00 am - 3:00 pm  
 Sunday Liturgy at 9:30 am  
 Our Lady of Guadalupe Reception at 10:30 am  
 Church Decorating at 10:30 am  
 Ecumenical Christmas Caroling in Old Stone Church at 5:00 pm

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 13TH

SET Meeting at 6:00 pm  
 Women's Bible Study at 7:00 pm

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14TH

Daily Liturgy at 9:00 am  
 Finance Council at 9:00 am  
 Choir Practice at 12:00 pm

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15TH

Daily Liturgy at 9:00 am  
 Women's Bible Study 10:00 am  
 Religious Education Christmas Program at 6:00 pm

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16TH

Daily Liturgy at 9:00 am

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17TH

Daily Liturgy at 9:00 am

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18TH

Reconciliation at 3:00 pm  
 Liturgy at 4:00 pm

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19TH

Sunday Liturgy at 9:30 am  
 Church Decorating at 10:30 am  
 Sunday Coffee at 10:30 am

## PRAYERS FOR HEALING

Please pray for...Susan Pelzel, Veet Cleveland, Bernice Born, Tina Jinkens, Al Miller, Tom Pyle, Tony Schwager, Carolyn Miller, Allan Beck, Karen Heinen, Catherine Eggers, Tim King, Bill Miller, Henrietta Juneman, Joyce Weis, Carol Moore, Tim Mulvany, Chris Huston, Ray Cates, Meta McInroy, Jan Benz, Jed McKee and Linda Bruce.

If there is someone that is need of our prayer, please email [angiem@holymfamilyeudora.com](mailto:angiem@holymfamilyeudora.com) and we will add them to the list of those in need of God's healing.

## in paradisum

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Mary Ann Schopper, mother of Annette Bock and Tom Pyle, father of Joe & Pat Pyle, Rose House and Roberta Lehmann. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

## LITURGY INTENTIONS

### FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 12, 2021

**Tuesday, 12/14** **St. John of the Cross**  
 9:00 am † Laverne Kern

**Wednesday, 12/15** **Advent Weekday**  
 9:00 am † Mary Delene Born

**Thursday, 12/16** **Advent Weekday**  
 9:00 am † Judy Godell

**Friday, 12/17** **Advent Weekday**  
 9:00 am † Monte Evans

**Saturday, 12/18** **Fourth Sunday of Advent**  
 4:00 pm † Mark Nicolay

**Sunday, 12/19** **Fourth Sunday of Advent**  
 9:30 am People of the Parish

## DECEMBER 18/19, 2021

Time	4:00 pm	9:30 am
<b>Music Ministry</b>	Maureen Brogren Michael Flax	Choir Debbie Kirschner
<b>Sacristan</b>	Terri Long	Robyne Pippert
<b>Greeter</b>	Jamie Smith	Linda Bruce
<b>Acolytes</b>	Aaron Stadler Joshua Stadler	Liam Karleskint Ben Karleskint
<b>Lectors</b>	Marla Johnson Amy Stadler	Alexander Vonderbrink Lizabeth Mueting
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Josh LaTour Joe Stadler	Laura Pope Scott Wagner
<b>Gift Bearers</b>	Mindy Dechant	Jeannie Vonderbrink
<b>Ushers</b>	Steven Brown Bruce Nunn	Peter Bock John Vonderbrink



# Advent - Season of Joy

ADVENT WEEK 3



*Sunday*  
**December 12**

But now I am coming to you, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my *Joy* fulfilled in themselves.  
-John 17:13

ADVENT WEEK 3



*Monday*  
**December 13**

Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and *Joy* are in his place.  
-1 Chronicles 16:27

ADVENT WEEK 3



*Tuesday*  
**December 14**

These things I have spoken to you, that my *Joy* may be in you, and that your *Joy* may be full.  
-John 15:11

ADVENT WEEK 3



*Wednesday*  
**December 15**

I have no greater *Joy* than to hear that my children are walking in the truth.  
-3 John 1:4

ADVENT WEEK 3



*Thursday*  
**December 16**

Until now you have asked nothing in my name. Ask, and you will receive, that your *Joy* may be full.  
-John 16:24

ADVENT WEEK 3



*Friday*  
**December 17**

And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great *Joy* that will be for all the people.  
-Luke 2:10

ADVENT WEEK 3



*Saturday*  
**December 18**

And the disciples were filled with *Joy* and with the Holy Spirit.  
-Revelation 3:12



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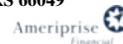
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