

Holy Family Catholic Church
part of the Catholic Church of Northeast Kansas
Serving the communities of Eudora, DeSoto & Linwood



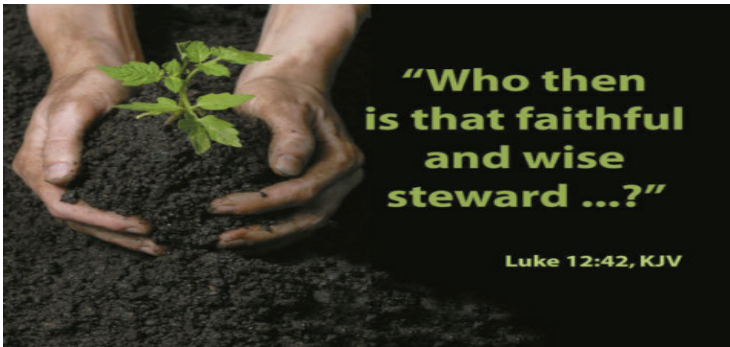
820 Birch Street, Eudora, KS 66025
785-542-2788
holyfamilyeudora.com

HF **Sunday of Advent**

LOVE

Love

DECEMBER 19, 2021



Stewardship: *Returning God's Gifts*

Stewardship numbers were unavailable at the time of printing for this bulletin. All numbers will be reported in the next bulletin. Thanks for your continued support of our parish and our ministries.

BABY JESUS' WISH LIST

Odds are you've got a Christmas list going by now — gift ideas for everyone from your nephew to your goddaughter to your mailman. But what about the birthday boy? What's the gift Jesus gets from you this Christmas?

If you've ever read the Book of Leviticus, you know all about the sacrifices God asks of the Israelites, referred to in the reading from Hebrews today. Leviticus can be a chore to read — a little repetitive, a little intimidating. There's a lot of very specific actions that God asks His Chosen People to complete to make up for whatever they have done wrong. In essence, it's a bit of a wish list for gifts.

But it's a wish list that can really confuse you. What's God going to do with a cereal offering? The kidneys of an animal? If you look closely, what God is doing here is beautiful. He's customized his wish list to only those things He knows the Israelites can give. It's God saying, in what amounts to theological baby-talk for folks who barely know of Him and His ways, exactly how they could be stewards. "Do this, but don't do that. If you do that, do this and you will find My mercy."

Our guide to stewardship — the Gospels of Christ — is less precise because by the time of Christ, God's people have grown in understanding of love and mercy and relationship with the divine. Through Christ, we find out that God's real wish list didn't really consist of cereal offerings and the kidneys of various animals. It's far simpler, but luckily, it's something we still have on-hand. All He wants is our whole heart.



— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS
©LPI



YEAR END GIVING

As we approach the Christmas season, we often ask ourselves "What shall I return to the Lord for all that He has given me?" Psalm 116:12. Please consider the following opportunities as you make your end of year plans:

- This year donations you wish to include for the 2021 Tax Year should be marked "2021 Gift" and should be sent to the parish office by January 5, 2022.
- Place your gift in the collection basket, drop it off at the parish office or drop it in the mail to us.

If you have appreciated stock this year, you may realize a tax break through a donation to Holy Family. Consult your tax advisor for your situation. For donation instructions, please contact Angie Miller in our parish office at frmick@holyfamilyeudora.com or by calling the parish office. Gifts must be dated on or before 12/31/21.

If you are 70 1/2 or older and have a Required Minimum Distribution from your retirement plan, you may benefit from a directed gift to Holy Family. Talk to your tax advisor or plan administrator and let them know if you are interested in the possible tax benefit.

YEAR END GIVING MAKES A DIFFERENCE!



in paradisum

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Donnie Harris, and Larry Harris, brothers of Mike Harris. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

The Solemnity of the Birth of Jesus

December 24/25, 2021

	4:00 pm	5:30 pm	10:00 am
Acolytes High School/ College/Adult	Still need 4 Acolytes	Zach Pippert Still need 3 Acolytes	Still need 2 Acolytes
Cantors/ Organists	Maureen Brogren Debbie Kirschner	Choir Debbie Kirschner	Carmen Bakarich Debbie Kirschner
Greeters	Still need 2 Greeters	Athony Brown Susie Brown	Still need 2 Greeters
Gift Bearers	Brandon & Jessica Robson Family	Still need 1 Family	Still need 1 Family
Ushers	Still need 4 Ushers	Still need 4 Ushers	Still need 4 Ushers
Sacristan	Marla Johnson Still need 1 Sacristan	Still need 2 Sacristans	Still need 1 Sacristan
Lectors	Still need 2 Lectors	Robyne Pippert Still need 1 Lector	Still need 2 Lectors
Eucharistic Ministers	Still need 4 Eucharistic Ministers	Maggie Sieber Still need 1 Eucharistic Minister	Still need 4 Eucharistic Ministers

Ministers are still needed for many of the liturgies of Christmas. Sign-up sheets can be found in the narthex, so if you can help at one of the Christmas liturgies, please sign-up today. Thank you.



On behalf of the Holy Family Parish Professional we want to wish you a very Blessed Christmas season. Know that during this time, we offer our gratitude to God for the blessing of His Son, a blessing that is lived out in the lives of so many in our community who work hard to make this season one of fitting praise and honor. We welcome all family members and friends who are gathering with us during these next days of wonder. Thank you for sharing your spirit with us.

As we prepare to enter into this new year, we understand that it is a blessing for us to serve with you all. God has called us together as a family, may we receive the joy of this season into our hearts so that all we do will be touched by the joy of Jesus' birth. May your gatherings with family and friends during this time of joy be a time of blessing and peace.

*In His Love,
Fr. Mick, Deacon Bill Graveman, Angie Miller, Pat Crable, and Maureen Brogren*





During this Advent season we have prepared for the celebration of the Nativity of Jesus, waiting for the amazing gift that God is about to deliver. You chose the Heart of Christmas, Holiday Warmth and the Holiday Blessing Drive as a way to give back to those in our community who needed our assistance to make their Christmas a little brighter. Thanks for sharing all the blessings God has given you with those who truly needed your help

The families and individuals will be able to celebrate Christmas with food, clothing, gas, or toys.

Your generosity and thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated! Thanks for being a part of the "Heart of Christmas".



HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

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

Liturgy will be held in the new church.

Feast of the Epiphany

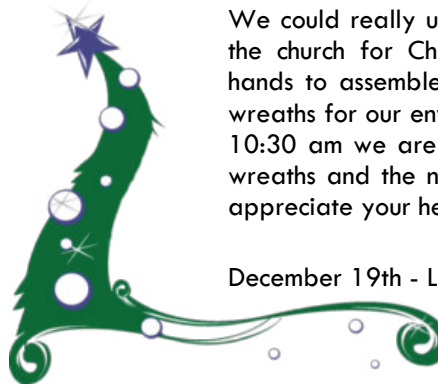
Saturday, January 1st at 4:00pm

Sunday, January 2nd at 9:30 am

LIVING WITH CHRIST

There will be a limited number of *Living With Christ* books available through January 2022. After January you may get a personal subscription to this service by going to <https://bayardfaithresources.com/collections/living-with-christ>.

MAKING READY OUR CHURCH FOR JESUS' BIRTH



We could really use your help to decorate the church for Christmas. We need many hands to assemble and fluff the trees and wreaths for our environment. This Sunday at 10:30 am we are scheduled to set out the wreaths and the nativity. We would really appreciate your help!

December 19th - Last touches

GOSPEL MEDIATION

St. Augustine tells us that a "Christian is a mind through which Christ thinks, a heart through which Christ loves, a voice through which Christ speaks and a hand through which Christ helps." As we look around and out at the world, we do not have to search too far before we come face to face with inequity and injustice. There is so much unfairness, prejudice, anger, hatred, violence, and want. The stories of human heartache, people being hurt, deprived of life's necessities, loneliness, and sickness are far too commonplace. For many of the world's ills, the vices of greed, lust, pride, gluttony, and jealousy are clearly among the more significant root causes. Why doesn't God just step in and fix this mess? After all, God created this world, and one would hope that he would step up and take some measure of responsibility for it! Once we sit with this thinking for a while, we can begin to realize just how flawed it really is. God did take responsibility and God did fix the problem! God sent us Jesus Christ as the divine solution to the world's ills. It is not God who has shirked responsibility, we have. We are the ones who continually fail to set our own personal needs, wants, and securities aside so that One more powerful than us can use us. Mary had to set her needs aside in order for the Son of God to come into the world. Put simply, Mary listened and believed. Having opened herself to being an instrument of the Divine, God could use her as his mind, heart, voice, and hand. She became God's vessel so that God's greatness could reach the ends of the earth and peace could come upon the world. God's fix for the world's difficulties is you and me. We are the ones who confess that Jesus Christ came into the world as the Son of God, the Prince of Peace, and herald of justice. All we have to do is believe, as did Mary, that what has been spoken to us by the Lord will be fulfilled. Then, we can step aside and be the Christians we claim to be. What a difference it would make if every person who professed to be Christian truly understood that their one and only vocation is to be God's instrument. What a beautiful, equitable, and just world it would be. ©LPI

BLESSING OF ITEMS

If you would like items blessed before Christmas please either contact Fr. Mick at frmick@holymfamilyeudora.com or Deacon Bill at bgraveman@archkck.org and they will meet you in the church following daily mass on Tuesday, December 21st or 22nd.

WE NEED YOUR HELP - IT'S TIME TO MAKE ROOM

On Sunday, December 19th following the 9:30 am liturgy, we ask for all those that can to stay and help us bring chairs into the church so that we have room for all of our family and friends. The two Christmas Eve liturgies will be busy, and we want to make room for everyone so that no one has to find a stable. Many hands will make for quick work. If you can spare a few minutes to help get the church ready it will be greatly appreciated.



CHRISTMAS CONCERT IN BASEHOR

Holy Angels Church in Basehor, KS invites you to a Christmas Concert featuring legendary singer/songwriter, Michael Martin Murphy, on Tuesday, December 21st, 2021 in their main church located at 15408 Leavenworth Road. Doors will open at 6 p.m., and the concert will begin at 6:30 p.m. The concert will begin with the Holy Angels Adult Choir performing, followed by Mr. Murphey singing a selection of songs from his Christmas album, as well as some of his early hits, including "Wildfire," "Carolina in the Pines," and "What's Forever For." Tickets are available for a suggested donation of \$25 per ticket, and can now be purchased online by going to holyangelsbasehor.org. For more information, please contact Paul Rittorf, at 913-724-1665.

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19TH

Sunday Liturgy at 9:30 am
 Religious Education Classes at 10:30 am
 Decorating in Church following the liturgy

MONDAY, DECEMBER 20TH

No Women's Bible Study

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21ST

Daily Liturgy at 9:00 am
 Choir Practice at 3:00 pm

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22ND

Parish Office Closed
 Daily Liturgy at 9:00 am
 Setting up the poinsettias in church.
 No Women's Bible Study

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23RD

Parish Office Closed
 No Liturgy or Communion Service

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24TH

Parish Office Closed
 Solemnity of Christmas at 4:00 pm
 Solemnity of Christmas at 5:30 pm

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25TH

Solemnity of Christmas at 10:00 am
 No 4:00 pm liturgy

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26TH

Sunday Liturgy at 9:30 am
 No Religious Education Classes

PRAYERS FOR HEALING

Please pray for...Susan Pelzel, Veet Cleveland, Bernice Born, Tina Jinkens, Al Miller, 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@holyfamilyeudora.com and we will add them to the list of those in need of God's healing.



LITURGY INTENTIONS

FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 19, 2021

Tuesday, 12/21 **Advent Weekday**
 9:00 am † Cletus & Mary E. Grosdidier

Wednesday, 12/22 **Advent Weekday**
 9:00 am † Ann Fees

Thursday, 12/23 **Advent Weekday**
 9:00 am No Liturgy or Communion Service

Friday, 12/24 **Solemnity of Christmas**
 4:00 pm † Pauline Gilroy
 5:30 pm † Blake & Rose Ann Mulvany

Saturday, 12/25 **Solemnity of Christmas**
 10:00 am People of the Parish

Sunday, 12/26 **Solemnity of the Holy Family**
 9:30 am † Rick Dougherty

DECEMBER 26, 2021

Time	9:30 am
Music Ministry	Carmen Bakarich Debbie Kirschner
Sacristan	Cheryl DeVillier
Greeter	Tonya Bolte
Acolytes	Lydia Brown Ryan Osburn
Lectors	Aly Harris John Conrad
Eucharistic Minister	Beth Crutchfield
Gift Bearer	Stephanie Norris
Ushers	Anthony Brown David Norris



Advent - Season of Love

ADVENT WEEK 4



Sunday
December 19

A new command I give you: *Love* one another. As I have loved you, so you must *Love* one another.
-John 13:34

ADVENT WEEK 4



Monday
December 20

Anyone who does not *Love* does not know God, because God is *Love*.
-1 John 4:8

ADVENT WEEK 4



Tuesday
December 21

So now faith, hope, and *Love* abide, these three; but the greatest of these is *Love*.
-1 Corinthians 13:13

ADVENT WEEK 4



Wednesday
December 22

Your steadfast *Love*, O LORD, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds.
-Psalm 36:5

ADVENT WEEK 4



Thursday
December 23

"But God shows his *Love* for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.
-Romans 5:8

ADVENT WEEK 4



Friday
December 24

Finally, brothers and sisters, rejoice! Strive for full restoration, encourage one another, be of one mind, live in peace. And the God of *Love* and peace will be with you.
-2 Corinthians 13:11

CHRISTMAS



Saturday
December 25

Let all that you do be done in *Love*.
-1 Corinthians 16:14



24-Hour Emergency Service

Anything Electric Service and Repair

Residential or Commercial

Get Lynn On The Line.

785.843.LYNN

www.lynnelectric.com

Patrick E. Jankowski, D.D.S.



Comprehensive Dentistry

Accepting New Patients

826 Iowa, Lawrence, KS
785-843-9122



Parishioner

GATEWAY AUTO SERVICE

STEVE DIEKER
COMPLETE AUTO CARE

534 Gateway Dr.

841-5700



913-856-7699



David Norris
Parishioner



Weddings • Get Well
Anniversaries • Sympathy
Holidays • Memorials

2152 North 700 Rd, Eudora, KS 66025
785-883-4944 | country-floral.com



901 Mississippi Street • Lawrence, KS 785-842-4450
1801 W. 23rd St. • Lawrence, KS 785-331-4242

Strength. Stability. Service. And me.



Anthony Brown
101 W 10th St Ste A, Eudora, KS
785.615.0516
anthonybrown.fbfsagents.com



Auto | Home | Life | Annuities | Business | Farm & Ranch

Securities & services offered through FB Marketing Services, LLC, 5400 University Ave., West Des Moines, IA 50266, 877-868-2904. Member SIPC. Farm Bureau Property & Casualty Insurance Company. * Western Agricultural Insurance Company. ** Farm Bureau Life Insurance Company. *** West Des Moines, IA. **Affiliate. *Company providers of Farm Bureau Financial Services. PB 50-A (11-20)

The Solomon family is proud to support Holy Family



Scott Solomon, CRPC®

Private Wealth Advisor

Solomon & Associates

A private wealth advisory practice of Ameriprise Financial Services, LLC

3220 Mesa Way, Suite D, Lawrence, KS 66049

785.841.2985

www.solomonandassoc.com



Ameriprise Financial Services, LLC. Member FINRA and SIPC. ©2021 Ameriprise Financial, Inc. All rights reserved.

3780361ACMR1021

Knights of Columbus

Helping God's special people and doing God's work.

For more information, Contact Steven Neis, GK

785-393-8703



SUSIE BROWN

Associate Broker/Real Estate Specialist

8001 College Blvd., Suite 100
Overland Park, KS 66210



ReeceNichols REAL ESTATE 785.691.9967 | 913.266.6632

Celebrating 20



gambinospizza.com

You're Gonna Love It!

Free drinks with Sunday dine-in purchase.

1402 Church Eudora, KS 785-542-2121

Bird, Pet, & Livestock Feed
Lawn & Garden Products



913-583-1112
desotofeed.com



Richard R. Valbuena, DDS



Kelly A. Joice, DDS

(785) 856-8600

www.RiverRockDental.com



Knights of Columbus
INSURANCE
YOUR SHIELD FOR LIFE

Luke Henry, FICF

Field Agent

Cell: 913-568-6518 / Office: 913-884-3390

luke.henry@kofc.org

Council # 12932

Life Insurance • Long-Term Care Insurance
Retirement Annuities • Disability Income Insurance

AVAILABLE FOR A LIMITED TIME!

ADVERTISE HERE NOW!

Contact **Tim NeSmith** to place an ad today!
tnesmith@4LPi.com or (800) 950-9952 x5863

McDonald's

Proudly serving the De Soto and Lawrence communities.

Start Earning Free McDonald's Today!



1402 Church Street
Eudora, KS 66025
785-542-2727

eudora.heartlandfoodsstores.com

JASMIN RESTAURANT

CHINESE & MEXICAN FOOD

719 Main ~ Eudora, KS
(785) 542-1111

Mon-Sat 10:30AM - 9:00PM



Lawrence & Eudora

785.843.1120

www.warrenmcelwain.com



For ad info. call 1-800-950-9952 • www.4lp.com

Holy Family, Eudora KS

A 4C 02-0849