



# Holy Family Catholic Church

307 Black Oak Ridge Road  
Seymour, Tennessee 37865

## Diocese of Knoxville

*"The Lord set His heart on you and chose you, the smallest of all because He loves you ...the faithful God who is true to His covenant."  
Dt 7:7-9*

### Welcome to our Community!

#### Office Contacts

Pastor—Fr. Gilbert M. Diaz

FrG@holyfamilyseymour.org

Deacon—Deacon Dean Burry 865-579-9196

Deacon Gil Campos 865-805-9040

Office Manager—Louise De Lucia 865-804-9012

secretary@holyfamilyseymour.org

Office Assistant—Patricia Hosea 865-573-1203

phosea@holyfamilyseymour.org

#### Sacramental Ministry

##### Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 5:30pm

Sunday: 8:00am and 10:30am

Mon, Tues, Thurs 8:30am & Wed 7:00pm

Holy Days: 7:00pm Vigil & 8:30am

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

Adoration 9:00am-5:30pm & Benediction 5:30pm

##### 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 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 Fr. Gilbert M. Diaz (865)573-1203

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

Burry (865)579-9196, four months in advance for preparation

and scheduling. \*Annulments: Contact Fr. Gilbert M. Diaz

(865)573-1203, Deacon Gil Campos 865-805-9040,

Victor Whelan, Delegate 577-3100

#### Parish Contacts

Parish Council—Meeting 3rd Monday of every other month

Parish Chair Erik Preske

865-607-2209, pcchair@holyfamilyseymour.org

Administration Juan Rivera

Charlie Robinson

Misti DeGroot

Education

Parish Life

Social Action

Scott Hosea

Liturgy/Spiritual Life

Fr. Gilbert Diaz,

Deacon Dean, Deacon Gil

Owen Poveda

Communications

Family Life

Recorder

Misti DeGroot

Bob & Lark Ryan

Finance Council

Joyce Guerrero, Chair

Religious Education/CCD

Bill Voight 865-573-4597

wvoight@bellsouth.net

Youth Ministry

Call the office 865-573-1203

Facilities Management/Custodial

Charlie Robinson 865-983-3448

Office 865-573-1203

#### Ministry Contacts

Liturgy Committee Secretary

Karen Burry 865-579-9196

Readers Deacon Gil Campos 865-805-9040

Extraordinary Ministers Of Holy Communion

Deacon Dean Burry 865-579-9196

Ushers Juan Rivera 865-850-5229

Altar Servers Deacon Dean Burry 865-579-9196

Music/Choir Consultant-5:30pm, 8am & 10:30am

Todd 865-573-1203

Choir Practice: Saturday 4:30 & Sunday 7:30am & 9:30am

St Vincent de Paul ----- 865-360-5202

Diocese Office for Young Adult Ministry

Thomas Idzik

tidzik@dioknox.org

### Office Information

Mon, Tues, Wed & Thurs—9:00am to 2:00pm

865-573-1203, FAX 865-579-3645

Website: www.holyfamilyseymour.org

## Holy Family Financial Report

07/2015 - 06/2016 Fiscal Year

Yearly Budget \$380,733.90  
Weekly Budget \$ 7321.81

Last Weeks Collection \$5750.30  
Regular \$4906.34  
Debt Reduction \$ 180.00  
Renovate/Repair \$ 547.00  
Charity \$ 116.96

Year to date:  
Expenditures \$172,744.10  
Surplus/Deficit (\$ 4,789.71)

Mortgage Balance \$161,951.30

## Ministry Schedule

**December 10 5:30 PM**

Reader: **Karen Burry**  
Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:  
**Deacon, Sami, Ray**  
Altar Server: **Garrison Holliday**  
Usher: **Robert Ruiz, Dennis Conner, John Casey**

**December 11 8:00 AM**

Reader: **Immaculata Barndt**  
Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:  
**Deacon, Charlotte, Lester**  
Altar Server: **Ava Williamson**  
Usher: **Scott Hosea, Patricia Hosea**

**December 11 10:30 AM**

Reader: **Michelle Newton**  
Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:  
**Deacon, Ann S., Anita**  
Altar Server: **Andrew Preske, Hannah Preske**  
Usher: **Steve Smith, Eric Preske**

**Readers, Ministers of the Eucharist, Altar Servers & Ushers:** If you ever know ahead of time that you will be unable to serve on your scheduled week please let the Mass coordinator know or ask someone in your group to trade with you.

\*\*\*Also, check in with the Mass coordinator when you arrive.



## Pray for the Sick:

Please call **Claudia Burton** at 573-0056 to be added



Ed Bigelow, John Kruzal, Dorothy Runevitch, Steve Smith, Mary Lu Shipstad, Lorraine LeCocq, Carmen Fernandez, Norman & Joan Renaud, Hennie & Maggie Maurer, Gloria Pizzolongo, Mary Alice Schweb, Leo Fragapagne, Lorraine Hendricks, Elaine Shields Bryant, Lorraine Quilliams, Bella Manna, Paula Goan, Jen Sabol, Donna Haskett, Warren Hager, Dorothy Jenkins, Victor Whelan, Roger Jessup, Mike Hugh, Mary Sheahan, Andrew Renchko, Betty Boyer, Mike Mugan, Jeanette Ormazabal, Peggy Hood

## Mass Intentions

Dec 03 05:30 PM **Normand Renaud** † by Ann Spinks  
Dec 04 08:00 AM **People of the Parish**  
10:30 AM **Sir Knight Rev. Victor Whelan-living intention**  
by K of C #127961  
Dec 05 08:30 AM **People of the Parish**  
Dec 06 08:30 AM **People of the Parish**  
Dec 07 07:00 PM **Shirley Roberts** † by Evelyn Hamilton  
Dec 08 08:30 AM **People of the Parish**  
Dec 09 08:30 AM **NO MASS**  
Dec 10 05:30 PM **Thad Tusinski** †  
Dec 11 08:00 AM **People of the Parish**  
10:30 AM **Claire Haupt** † M/M Craft

*May the souls of all our Faithful departed through the Mercy of God rest in peace. Amen †deceased*

## Parish Calendar

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

12/03 Sat: 04:30pm Choir Practice-C  
05:00pm Rosary-C  
12/04 Sun: 07:30am Choir Practice-C  
09:00am CCD-GL & FLC  
09:30am Choir Practice-C  
10:05am Rosary-C  
12/05 Mon: \_\_\_\_\_  
12/06 Tues: 06:30pm Legion of Mary-FLC  
12/07 Wed: 07:30pm RCIA-FLC  
12/08 Thrs: 07:00pm Knights of Columbus Meeting-GL  
12/09 Fri: 05:00pm Parents Night Out-FLC  
12/10 Sat: 04:30pm Choir Practice-C  
05:00pm Rosary-C  
12/11 Sun: 07:30am Choir Practice-C  
09:00am CCD-GL & FLC  
09:30am Choir Practice-C  
10:05am Rosary-C

## Holy Day Of Obligation

**The Immaculate Conception  
of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

**Vigil Mass-Wednesday, December 7, 2016**  
7:00 pm

**Holy Day Mass-Thursday, December 8, 2016**  
8:30 am



But who are the two or three gathered in the name of Christ in whose midst the Lord is? Does he not by the 'three' mean husband, wife, and child?

-St. Clement of Alexandria (d. 217 AD), Bishop, Feast Day December 4

**Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from God.**

-Baruch 5:5:36

**Third Sunday of Advent  
Sunday, December 11, 2016**

**Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10**  
**Psalms 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10**  
**James 5:7-10**  
**Matthew 11:2-11**



## Legion of Mary

Meeting Time: Every Tuesday at 6:30pm  
In the Family Life Center  
Contact David Burton 865-573-0056



In today's Gospel, John the Baptist urges us to "Prepare the way of the Lord." This is what Advent is all about, for 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 call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can help the suffering and poor to celebrate Christmas.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul 865-360-5202

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul meetings are every second and fourth Saturday of the month at 9:00am in the Family Life Center.

COOKIES FOR C.R.O.S.S.

December will always be a month that I deviate from selecting items that cannot be purchased with food stamps. I am again asking for Christmas Cookies for CROSS Kids. It is a worldwide tradition to leave cookies and milk for Santa on Christmas Eve. Please help make this Christmas a special occasion for our local children. Please donate a box/package of Christmas cookies so that every CROSS client can leave cookies and milk for Santa.

Last year, I shared the origin of this custom in the United States [the great depression era]. This year, I am visiting Ireland and France. Santa can expect a pint of Guinness along with his cookies when delivering toys in Ireland. French children will leave a glass of wine for Père Noel and fill their shoes with hay, carrots and other treats for his donkey, GUI (French for "mistletoe"). As always, CROSS is always in need of food donations and plastic bags. Please remember CROSS when you do your food shopping and keep their clients in your prayers.

CROSS needs volunteers one Thursday a month from 10am to noon.

Ladies of Charity, Please join us! December 8

9:30 AM - Rosary at Holy Ghost Church 10:00 AM - Mass

Followed by:

Enthronement of The Sacred Heart of Jesus, and our Christmas luncheon and general membership meeting.

At the Christmas luncheon, we'll feature delicious lasagna from Olive Garden, salad and garlic bread. We'd love for you to bring your favorite holiday treat to share. Please RSVP

to ladiesofcharityknox@gmail.com with the number of guests. All are welcome!

Ladies of Charity—Volunteer Needs

How can you help us serve the poor? We are ALWAYS in need of volunteers! Our Current needs:

- Receptionists
Food packers for the pantry
Clothing sorters
Cashiers for Thursday mornings and afternoons
Staffers for the upcoming Christmas store.

Please call us with questions or offers to volunteer! Ladies of Charity-120 W. Baxter Avenue-Knoxville, TN 37917 Phone: 865-247-5790, E-mail: ladiesofcharityknox@gmail.com

We are in still in desperate need of 1 or 2 additional parishioners to help clean the Church and Family Life Center.

Contact Peggy Barnes 865-809-4461

Parents Night Out

Enjoy an evening out, while we entertain the kids.

When: Friday, December 9, 5pm - 9pm

Where: Holy Family Catholic Church-Family Life Center

Cost: Pre-Registered- \$10 per child, Max \$25 per family At the Door- \$15 per child, Max \$30 per family

Ages: 3 to 9 year olds

Reservations: Misti (865)405-5229/mistidegroot@yahoo.com

Misit & Todd DeGroot are the adult chaperones

Pizza, Drinks, Crafts and Fun will be provided

This is a fund raiser for the Confirmation Class' Group Project

Call or email Misti at (865)405-5229 / mistidegroot@yahoo.com

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

You better watch out, you better not cry, better not pout, I'm telling you why

Santa Claus is coming to Holy Family FLC on Sunday, December 18th at 11:30am

Please check next weeks bulletin for more information.



Christmas Mass



Saturday, December 24

Vigil Mass—5:30 PM—Family/Children's Mass

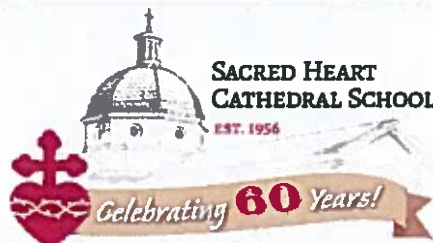
Carols—11:30 PM—Mass at Midnight

Sunday, December 25

Morning Mass—10:30 AM

Christmas Latin Mass: Traditional Latin Mass of Christmas will be offered again this year at Holy Ghost Church (Knoxville) at 12:00 noon on Christmas Day. At 11:30 am preceding the Mass, the Knoxville Latin Mass Schola will present a program of traditional Christmas music. The Mass itself will be accompanied by the variable proper parts sung in Gregorian chant and the fixed ordinary parts (Kyrie, Gloria, Sanctus, etc.) in the polyphonic setting of Victoria's Missa O Magnum Mysterium, plus motets in sacred polyphony by Renaissance composers such as Palestrina and Victoria. In recent years this special Latin Mass of Christmas has attracted worshipers from a variety of parishes throughout the diocese. All area Catholics and their friends are invited to share this festive celebration of the Nativity of Our Lord.

Admissions OPEN HOUSE



Tuesday December 6, 2016 Admissions Open House 6:30 pm

Wednesday February 1, 2017 Admissions Open House 10:00 am

Touching the Heart! Inspiring the Mind!

Join us for our K-8 Open Houses to tour the school and meet our community.



# Parents Night Out



Enjoy an evening out, while we entertain the kids.

When: Friday, December 9, 5 p.m.-9 p.m.

Where: Holy Family Catholic Church Family Life Center

Cost: Pre-registered- \$10 per child Max \$25 per family

At the Door- \$ 15 per child Max \$30 per family

Ages- 3-9

Todd and Misti DeGroot are the adult chaperones

Pizza, Drinks, Crafts and Fun will be provided

This is a fund raiser for the Confirmation Class' Group Project

Call or email Misti at (865) 405-5229 or [mistidegroot@yahoo.com](mailto:mistidegroot@yahoo.com) for reservations



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December 4, 2016

OFFICE OF THE BISHOP  
DIOCESE OF KNOXVILLE

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This weekend, as the Church universal celebrates the Second Sunday of Advent, I want to address some of the concerns and fears that may have arisen during the 2016 presidential campaign and since the election on Nov. 8.

First, as your Bishop, I want to remind you that we are all a pilgrim people and we share a common life together as brothers and sisters in Christ. Even though we are citizens of the United States of America, our true citizenship is in Heaven. Indeed we are members of the same body. As St. Paul says, "Now you are Christ's body and individually parts of it" (1 Corinthians 12:27).

The Scriptures tell one long story of migration: Abraham migrating from Chaldea to Canaan, Jacob and his family migrating from Canaan to Egypt in a time of famine, Moses leading the people out of this land of slavery, and Joshua leading them into the Promised Land. Israel was exiled in Babylon and returned from exile. Because of the chosen people's experiences of being a stranger in a strange land, the Scriptures constantly command them and us to not mistreat the immigrant in our midst, "for you were once strangers in the land of Egypt."

The Catholic Church is not a national church. We are catholic, international, and universal. Every nation and race is a brother and sister in Christ. While we have a right and a responsibility to have an orderly immigration process, that can never excuse treating anyone as a lesser person. Our human dignity comes from God, not from a law or nation. The Catholic Church is our home and we all have our citizenship in Heaven. And the one language we must all strive to be fluent in is the language of faith, spoken in love.

As a nation, the United States of America has been the beneficiary of so many immigrant groups that had the courage and fortitude to come to America. They came fleeing horrific conditions and harboring a dream of a better life for their children. They were some of the most industrious, ambitious, and enterprising citizens of their own countries and brought enormous energy and goodwill to their new homeland. Their hard work and sacrifices have made this country great. Each person's presence and contributions are needed today as well. From the beginning of our country, the Catholic Church has been here to welcome new people who come with the dream of freedom and progress. It is part of our identity as the Church to be a place of hospitality and welcome.

While uncertainty can lead to confusion and fear, we know that nothing can separate us from the love of Christ. I want to assure you that our Church family is here to walk with you in these times of uncertainty and fear. Through our parishes and Catholic Charities, we will continue to serve you and all of our brothers and sisters in Christ. We know that whenever we serve the most vulnerable among us, we are in fact serving Christ himself.

When Pope St. John Paul II visited Mexico in 1999, he declared Our Lady of Guadalupe to be the Patroness of all of the Americas. Our Lady's words to Juan Diego are also for us today. "... Let your face and your heart not be troubled, don't be afraid... Am I not here, I who am your Mother? Are you not under my shadow and my bosom...?"

As we hear in our second reading today, "May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to think in harmony with one another." May God bless you and your families and may He grant you peace.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Richard F. Stika  
Bishop of Knoxville



### 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. To receive "OUR LADY" into your home, please contact Claudia Burton at 573-0056.

**\*\*\*PLEASE continue to bring your aluminum cans and deposit them in the trailer out in the parking lot next to the dumpster. \*\*\*Please put large bags next to the garage.**



### Christians Reaching Out Serving Seymour



There is always a need at CROSS to help stock their shelves with food for local families. C.R.O.S.S. volunteer schedule is located on the stand in the vestibule. Would you like to be a volunteer or do you need assistance call 865-579-6192 or go visit C.R.O.S.S. at 406 Boyds Creek Hwy Seymour TN 37865 and see all the good works they do.



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And contact information in your community.



(865) 932-3532  
[www.greatsmokiesfleamarket.com](http://www.greatsmokiesfleamarket.com)



### Knights of Columbus

George S. Kurtz Council 12961

Contact: Gene Haffner (419)944-7590

Business Meeting: First Thursday of every month, 7p.m.Church - lower level

### 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 birthday, anniversary, and/or a memorial gift for a loved one.



### Atchley Funeral Home, Seymour & Seymour Memory Gardens

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### Foot Clinic Forks of the River

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**Holy Family Catholic Church, Seymour TN**



### Interested in discerning a possible vocation of service within the Church?

Interested in supporting the work of vocation promotion in the Church? Check out the Diocese of Knoxville Office of Vocations Facebook and Twitter pages:

Facebook - <http://www.facebook.com/DOKvocations>,

Twitter - [www.twitter.com/DofKVocations](http://www.twitter.com/DofKVocations).



Jesus, Mary and Joseph,  
I love you very much.  
I beg you to spare the life  
of the unborn child  
I have spiritually adopted,  
who is in danger of abortion.  
Amen.

Please cut this prayer out  
and pray it daily.

**Would you like to have your fellow parishioners to patronize your business? Why not advertise in the church bulletin!**

**For information call or email the Office at 865-573-1203 [secretary@holymfamilyseymour.org](mailto:secretary@holymfamilyseymour.org)**