

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES & INTENTIONS

Sunday, November 28	1st Sunday of Advent
9:00 a.m.	+Carol Ann Bliznak – by Johnny Bliznak
10:30 a.m.	All the People of the Parish
12:00 Noon	+Albert Ntibanditse – by Ntibanditse Family
Monday, November 29	
7:00 a.m.	Jared McMurtrey – by Laura Marlin
Tuesday, November 30	
9:00 a.m.	Bernie & Joan Taylor – by Red Hat Angels
Wednesday, December 1	
7:00 a.m.	+Maria M. Kalafut – by Drs. Ed & Roberta Brandecker
Thursday, December 2	
7:00 a.m.	+Charles Schwertner – by Budd & Jane Hoff Judy Colvin – by Nancy Cantrell
Friday, December 3	
9:00 a.m.	+Albert Ntibanditse – by Doug & Judie Eichorst +Barbara Voit – by Louis Voit
Saturday, December 4	
4:00 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:30 p.m.	+Jesse Bishop – by Ron & Marie Bishop
Sunday, December 5	2nd Sunday of Advent
9:00 a.m.	+Carol Ann Bliznak – by Carol L. Michel
10:30 a.m.	All the People of the Parish
12:00 Noon	+Albert Ntibanditse – by Ntibanditse Family

THE SACRIFICIAL GIVING report for the weekend of November 27-28, 2021, was not available at the time this bulletin was sent for printing due to the Thanksgiving holiday. It will be included in the next bulletin.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, November 28	
12:10-2:10 p.m.	PK-6 RE
5:00-6:00 p.m.	No Children’s Choir Practice
3:00-5:00 p.m.	Altar Server Training
Monday, November 29	
6:45 p.m.	Celebration Choir Practice
Tuesday, November 30	
6:30 a.m.	Men’s Spirituality Group
8:30 a.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation
12:30-2:30 p.m.	Ladies Share Group
6:15-8:15 p.m.	Adult Scripture Study
7:00-8:30 p.m.	RCIA
Wednesday, December 1	
6:30 p.m.	Men’s Spirituality Group
6:30-8:00 p.m.	7-12 RE
7:00-9:00 p.m.	Parish Choir Practice
Thursday, December 2	
9:15-11:30 a.m.	Women’s Scripture Study
7:00 p.m. – 12:00 a.m.	Nocturnal Adoration
Friday, December 3	
8:30-9:00 a.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturday, December 4	
4:00 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation
4:45-5:15 p.m.	Sabbath Choir Rehearsal
Sunday, December 5	
12:10-2:10 p.m.	PK-6 RE
5:00-6:00 p.m.	Children’s Choir Practice
3:00-5:00 p.m.	Altar Server Training

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 28 – DECEMBER 4

Sunday	Jer 33:14-16; Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14; 1 Thes 3:12-4:2; Lk 21:25-28, 34-36
Monday	Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4B, 4CD-5, 6-7, 8-9; Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday	Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11; Mt 4:18-22
Wednesday	Is 25:6-10A; Ps 23:1-3A, 3B-4, 5, 6; Mt 15:29-37
Thursday	Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 1-21. 25-27A; Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday	Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31
Saturday	Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mt 9:35-10:1, 5A, 6-8

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Chad Bartosh, Veronica Bartosh, Joe Bayer, Ken Boutell, Rita Bozarth, Harold Bush, Darold Calk, Judy Colvin, Hunter Davis, Rhys Galinak, Jim Gallagher, Manuel Hernandez, John Higuera, Jeff Hood, Roberta Lambert, Jim Lessin, Robert Leucht, Jim Luyet, Donna Martin, Angie Nelson, Terry Novak, Paul & Patricia O’Brien, Claudette Perry, Tim Phillips, Mary Pizzorno, Pamela Poole, Fe Santos, Joey Schaefer, Reynaldo Simone, Frances Sooter, Dick & Joann Vestal, Antonio Villanueva, Octaviano Villanueva, Randy & Rosie Watson, Maureen White, Laverne Yarborough. *Names are removed from the prayer list after four weeks unless the office is notified.*

OUR FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2022 CONTINUES. Please remember to return your Estimate of Giving Card to the parish office before the end of this year. Your prayerful consideration and timely response to our annual stewardship appeal is sincerely appreciated.

FILIPINO “SIMBANG GABI” CELEBRATION! Simbang Gabi is a Filipino tradition that prepares the people for the celebration of Christmas. As per their tradition, this year, at Holy Family Church in Abilene, nine consecutive Novena Masses will be celebrated for nine days, from December 15 – December 23, 2021 from 6:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M., leading up to the Christmas 2021. It is the spiritual preparation for the birth of Our Lord, Jesus Christ. This tradition is being practiced every year in the Philippines and in many countries by the Filipino communities. A Potluck dinner will be served after the Mass. Please bring your favorite dishes to share with everyone. Everyone is invited. For more information, please call Nora Halzhauer 325-513-2170.

SIGN-UP SHEETS FOR EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND LECTORS for the Christmas and New Year’s Masses are posted in the sacristy. If you would like to serve at one of these Masses, please write your name on the sign-up sheet.

NOCTURNAL ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT begins at 7:00 p.m. Thursday, December 2, and last until 12:00 a.m. (midnight). What better time to pray for our country and for world peace. You may come at any time. If you would like to sign up for a set time each month, please contact Gerald Phillips at (325) 518-5674.

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

Christmas:

Fri. Dec. 24 th	Children's Christmas Mass	5:30 p.m.
	Music Prelude and Candlelight Mass	8:00 p.m.
Sat. Dec. 25 th	Carol singing	11:30 p.m.
	Midnight Mass	12:00 a.m.
	Christmas Day Mass	11:00 a.m.

New Year:

Fri. Dec. 31 st	Vigil - Mary, Mother of God	6:30 p.m.
	Mass (New Year's Eve)	
Sat. Jan. 1 st	Mary, Mother of God –	11:00 a.m.
	Mass (New Year's Day)	

CALLING ALL 5th AND 6th GRADERS: Your help is needed for the Nativity dramatization at the 5:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass. Older children playing the main characters must attend a rehearsal on Saturday, December 18, at 10:00 a.m. Younger children wishing to play the parts of angels and shepherds simply arrive between 5:00-5:15 p.m. on Christmas Eve. All costumes are provided. Please contact Judy Phaneuf 325-665-2424 for more information or to sign up for the rehearsal.

HOLY FAMILY PARISH CHRISTMAS PARTY will be held on Sunday, December 5, 2021, from 11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. All parishioners are welcome! If you would like to contribute to the meal, please follow the guideline below according to the first letter of your Last Name.

- * Water - Last name beginning with A-E
- * Kid drinks – Last name beginning with F-J
- * Cookies – Last name beginning with K-O
- * Cakes/Brownies – Last name beginning with P-U
- * Pies – Last name beginning with V-Z
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We ask that you please bring your items by the Church Office starting December 1, from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. You may also bring them by Saturday, December 4, from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Hope to see you all at the party!

BAPTISM

The sacrament of Baptism will be administered at Holy Family Church on the following dates; and the baptismal preparatory classes will be offered one week prior to the date of Baptism. For more information, please call the Parish Office.

<u>CLASS DATE</u> <u>at 10:00 a.m.</u>	<u>DATE OF BAPTISM</u> <u>at 10:00 a.m.</u>
December 4, 2021	December 11, 2021

Dear Padre

November 28, 2021

What do Advent-wreath candles signify?

Most Advent wreaths have three purple candles and one rose candle to echo the liturgical colors of the Church's Advent celebrations.

Whether the wreath is being used at home or in a church, the lighting of the candles should follow the liturgical colors of the Sundays of Advent. The vestments at Mass are purple during the first two weeks of Advent, so we light a purple candle on the first and second Sundays of Advent.

On the third Sunday, the Church celebrates *Gaudete* Sunday or Rejoice Sunday, named after the first word of the day's traditional entrance verse (Philippians 4:4-5). The priest wears rose vestments at Mass as a sign of our brightening hope and joy, and on the Advent wreath we light the rose candle to reflect the theme of the liturgy. The fourth Sunday of Advent sees the lighting of the last purple candle.

Some churches and families add a fifth candle to their Advent practices by placing a white candle in the center of the wreath. They light this at Christmas, again echoing the Church's liturgical color for the season and rejoicing in Christ our Lord, whose birth brings light and life to our world.

Fr. Matthew Allman, CSsR

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HOLY FAMILY CHILDREN'S CHOIR: All children in 1st through 6th grades are invited to participate in the Children's Choir at Holy Family Church. Practices for the 5:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass will begin October 31, from 5:00-6:00 p.m. and continue to be held every Sunday until Christmas Eve. Please contact Melissa Benoit at 325-370-7937 for further information.

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

The pastor has appointed the in-charges for the following events. Please give them your full support.

- * **Pastoral Council Election Committee:** Chloe Garces (chair), Grayson Hurst (vice-chair), and Susan Englerth (secretary).
- * **Parish Festival 2022:** Rochelle Johnson (chair), Parish Council and Finance Council members.
- * **Christmas Party:** For all parishioners, including all the volunteers: Sunday, December 5, 2021: Kerry and Susan Hibbitts (chairs), Susan Englerth, Stephanie Hammer, Kena Jones, and Mary Kossbiel (members).
- * **Mardi Gras Party:** Saturday, February 26, 2022: Pastoral Council, Finance Council, and Men's Spiritual Groups, headed by Dennis O'Connell, Mike Awtry, and Al Dunlap.