

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES & INTENTIONS

Sunday, December 19	4th 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	+Rhonda Albus – by Joe & Betty Hudson
Monday, December 20	
7:00 a.m.	+ Trinell Couch – by Dolores Bachmeyer
Tuesday, December 21	
9:00 a.m.	+Charles Schwertner – by Budd & Jane Hoff
Wednesday, December 22	
7:00 a.m.	+Albert Ntibandetse – by Budd & Jane Hoff
Thursday, December 23	
7:00 a.m.	+Maria Kalafut – by Edward & Roberta Brandecker
Friday, December 24	Christmas Eve
5:30 p.m.	+Bartholomew Thien Bui & Elizabeth Hoa Bui – by Dam & Chi Nguyen
8:00 p.m.	+Olibeb & Elizabeth Rojas – by Elmer & Eena Calingo & Family
Saturday, December 25	Christmas Day
12:00 a.m. midnight	Angie & Robert Nelson – by Jerry & Barbara Griffin
11:00 a.m.	Rhys Galinak – by Deacon Gary & Suzanne Rhodes
	+Charles Schwertner – by Kaye Schwertner
5:30 p.m.	Vigil – Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
	+Celia Johnson – by Budd & Jane Hoff
Sunday, December 26	Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
9:00 a.m.	+Carroll Landry – by Kathy Leving
10:30 a.m.	All People of the Parish
12:00 Noon	+Becky Smothers – by Ron & Marie Bishop

SACRIFICIAL GIVING: December 11-12, 2021 with 1300 families:	
Regular Weekend Collection	\$13,425.00
(Envelopes and loose checks)	
Loose Plate.....	\$4,433.25
Mailed in Envelopes.....	\$17,134.00
Other Receipts.....	\$2,108.00
Building Fund	\$222.00
Grand Total =	\$37,322.25
* Various Other Second Collections.....	\$4,736.50

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, December 19	5:00-6:00 p.m.	Children’s Choir Practice
Monday, December 20	6:45 p.m.	Celebration Choir Practice
Tuesday, December 21	8:30 a.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation
Wednesday, December 22	7:00-9:00 p.m.	Parish Choir Practice
Friday, December 24		Christmas Eve – Office Closed at 12:00 p.m.
Saturday, December 25		Christmas Day

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED Friday, December 24, at noon, and Monday, December 27. Normal office hours will resume at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, December 28.

A SECOND COLLECTION FOR THE POOR AND NEEDY in the Abilene area will be taken up at all the Christmas Masses. This collection will be given to St. Vincent De Paul Society to help those who are in financial difficulty, especially during this time of year.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS the soul of Sister Marie Malachy Griffin, OP. The wake service will be streamed on Monday, December 20, at 6:30 p.m. On Tuesday, December 21, her funeral Mass will be broadcast at 10:30 a.m. If you wish to view please go to sinsinawa.org/live.

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.

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.

READINGS FOR THE SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS)

Holy Day of Obligation	Vigil & Midnight Mass: Is. 62:11-12; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25
	Youth Mass: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14
	Christmas Day Mass: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Chad Bartosh, Veronica Bartosh, Joe Bayer, Ken Boutell, Rita Bozarth, Harold Bush, Manuel Calderon. 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, 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, Marian Zett *Names are removed from the prayer list after four weeks unless the office is notified.*

Christmas Blessings



We wish you the gift of faith, the blessing of hope, and the peace of Christ’s love at Christmas and always!

**You are in our Prayers.
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.
- Pastor & Parish Staff**

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS

MASS SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS:

Friday, December 24th

Children’s Christmas Mass: 5:30 p.m.
 Music Prelude & Christmas Eve Mass: 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 25th

Music Prelude & Midnight Mass: 12:00 a.m.
 Christmas Day Mass: 11:00 a.m.
 Feast of the Holy Family – Vigil Mass: 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, December 26th

Feast of the Holy Family Mass: 9:00 a.m.
 Mass: 10:30 a.m.
 Mass: 12:00 p.m.

NEW YEAR:

Friday, December 31st

Mary, Mother of God – Vigil Mass: 6:30 p.m.
 (New Year’s Eve)

Saturday, January 1st

Mary, Mother of God – Mass: 11:00 a.m.
 (New Year’s Day)
 The Epiphany of the Lord – Vigil Mass: 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, January 2nd

The Epiphany of the Lord Mass: 9:00 a.m.
 Mass: 10:30 a.m.
 Mass: 12:00 p.m.

THANK YOU TO OUR PARISH YOUTH! The youth of our parish did a superb job of supporting the Dyess-AFB Chief’s Group annual Christmas visit to 130 Veterans at the Veterans Hospital and the Lumun-Lusk-Sanchez Nursing Home in Big Spring, Texas. We have been supporting this annual event for over 20 years. We turn to different groups to help build the gift packages and write messages in the cards. This year’s cards were the most moving and inspiring we have ever seen. Our hats off to the youth of our Holy Family Church, Penn Pope, and Angela Garcia who donated their time and talents to add a touch of class and love to each card! We are blessed to have such talented and thoughtful youth in our parish. Congratulations!

FILIPINO “SIMBANG GABI” CELEBRATION! Simbang Gabi is a Filipino tradition that prepares the people for the celebration of Christmas. This year, at Holy Family Church in Abilene, nine consecutive Novena Masses is being 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.

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 11:30 a.m. Younger children wishing to play the parts of angels and shepherds simply arrive at 4:45 p.m. on Christmas Eve. All costumes are provided. Please contact Judy Phaneuf 325-665-2424 for more information.

THE MEN’S SPIRITUALITY GROUP DONATES BOOKS! The Holy Family Men’s Groups are donating some 600 books to our parish families. The title of the book is: “The Bible is a Catholic Book.” Those who would like to receive a copy of the book, you may contact the representatives of the groups after this weekend Masses. We thank the donors and the members of our men’s groups for their dedication and generosity.

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>DATE OF BAPTISM</u>
January 22, 2022	January, 29, 2022
February 12, 2022	February 19, 2022
March 19, 2022	March 26, 2022
April 23, 2022	April 30, 2022
May 21, 2022	May 28, 2022
June 18, 2022	June 25, 2022
July 23, 2022	July 30, 2022
August, 20, 2022	August 27, 2022
September 17, 2022	September 24, 2022
October 22, 2022	October 29, 2022
November 19, 2022	November 26, 2022
December 10, 2022	December 17, 2022

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.
- * **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.