



HIGHWAY 4 CATHOLICS



St. John the Evangelist *Herington* ✠ St. Phillip *Hope* ✠ St. Columba *Elmo*
Fourth Sunday of Advent · Three parishes · One family in Christ

Fourth Sunday of Advent - December 20, 2026

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Whether you're in Herington or Elmo, Hope is always on the horizon. Many of us have domicile near State Highway 4; hence the name of our website: highway4catholics.org

Let It Be*



Dear Parishioners,

The Gospel is the Annunciation. Gabriel greets Mary. She asks one question, and then she consents: let it be done to me according to your word.

Christmas Eve is Thursday. The times we know are Elmo at 4:30 PM and Hope at 6:30 PM. Herington's times on Thursday and Friday are still to be announced.

Four candles. A short week. Make room.

Fr. Saji*

* Tentative draft - replace with Fr. Saji's write-up.

SUNDAY READINGS

Reading I: 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 89:2-5, 27, 29

Reading II: Romans 16:25-27

Gospel: Luke 1:26-38

MASS TIMES

Monday, December 21

St. Peter Canisius
No Mass

Tuesday, December 22

Late Advent

Hope 5:30 PM - TBD*

Wednesday, December 23

St. John of Kanty
Herington 7:30 AM - TBD*

Thursday, December 24

Christmas Eve

Elmo 4:30 PM - TBD*

Hope 6:30 PM - TBD*

Herington, time to be announced*

Friday, December 25

The Nativity of the Lord

Herington, time to be announced*

Saturday, December 26

St. Stephen

Herington 4:30 PM - TBD*

Hope 6:30 PM - TBD*

Sunday, December 27

The Holy Family

Elmo 8:30 AM - TBD*

Herington 10:30 AM - TBD*

* Mass intentions TBD - confirm with Deacon Dick.

THIS WEEKEND'S LITURGICAL ASSIGNMENTS

Herington: 12/19, 4:30 PM

Lector: M. Stenstrom

Usher: D. Matile

Altar Server: M. Diekmann

Rosary: S. Wirtz

Hope: 12/20, 8:30 AM

Lector: J. Dillon

Usher: J. Lorson

Rosary: L. Morgan

Cleaning: D. Geisert

Herington: 12/20, 10:30 AM

Lector: E. Kickhaefer

Usher: M. Kickhaefer

Rosary: V. Hammersmith

Elmo: 12/19, 6:30 PM

Lector: M. Lorson

Ushers: K. & K. Kroupa

Cleaning: N. & A. Barten

NEXT WEEKEND'S LITURGICAL ASSIGNMENTS

Herington: 12/26, 4:30 PM

Lector: M. Stenstrom

Usher: D. Matile

Altar Server: M. Diekmann

Rosary: S. Wirtz

Elmo: 12/27, 8:30 AM

Lector: T. Lorson

Ushers: N. Lorson/Balcony

Cleaning: N. & A. Barten

Herington: 12/27, 10:30 AM

Lector: S. Stroda

Usher: L. Floyd

Rosary: V. Hammersmith

Hope: 12/26, 6:30 PM

Lector: L. Morgan

Usher: D. Lorson

Rosary: E. Davidson

Cleaning: R. Hoffman



Christmas Masses*

Elmo Thu 4:30 PM. Hope Thu 6:30 PM. Herington Thu (T. Hardwick, D. Matile, M. Diekmann) and Fri (E. Kickhaefer, A. Stuart, rosary M. Hardwick): times not on the sheet.

 **WHEN** Thu., Dec. 24 and Fri., Dec. 25

 **WHAT** Herington times to be announced*



Mary, Mother of God

Elmo Thu., Dec. 31, 5:30 PM (D. Barney; L. Donnelly/R. Brunner). Hope Fri., Jan. 1, 8:30 AM (D. Schwindt; Schwindt Family). Herington Friday time is not listed (M. Stenstrom, D. Matile, rosary T. Roth).

 **WHEN** Thu., Dec. 31 and Fri., Jan. 1

 **WHAT** Herington time to be announced*



Please Pray For

Our sick and deceased (names TBD*) and all the Holy Souls.



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* tentative – update from Deacon Dick

 St. John December so far 43% \$2,583* of \$6,000  Last weekend \$861*  Needed this weekend \$1,500	 St. Phillip December so far 128% \$2,553* of \$2,000  Last weekend \$851*  Needed this weekend \$500	 St. Columba December so far 96% \$1,535* of \$1,600  Last weekend \$512*  Needed this weekend \$400
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