

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH
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December 13/14, 2025
3rd Sunday of Advent

Is 35:1-6,10; Ja 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11



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CONFESSIONS

Blackwell: On Saturdays at 4:30 pm or any time by appointment.

Tonkawa: On Sundays 15-20 minutes before Mass or after.

ADORATION

Blackwell: Weekly on Thursdays
9:00 am – 10:30 am.

Tonkawa: Weekly on Tuesdays
8:30-9:30 am.

ROSARY

25 Minutes before all the Masses.



St. Joseph Church, Tonkawa
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Blackwell	
Sat., Dec. 13, 5:30 pm	OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE & Blessing of the Chapel
Sun., Dec. 14, 9:00 am	NO MASS
Wed., Dec. 17, 5:30 pm	NO MASS
Thu., Dec. 18, 9:00 am	
Sat., Dec. 20, 5:30 pm	†Cassie Leatherman
Sun., Dec. 21, 9:00 am	†Ken Wilkey
Tonkawa	
Sun., Dec. 14, 11:00 am	For the Parish
Mon., Dec. 15, 8:15 am	Yeary Family-Blessings
Tues., Dec. 16, 8:15 am	Zeledon Family-Blessings
Wed., Dec. 17, 8:15 am	Zink Family-Blessings
Sun., Dec. 21, 11:00 am	Arlington Family-Blessings

OFFERINGS: Blackwell: Sunday Collection - \$1,240.00; Building Fund – \$109.00; St. Vincent - \$210.00; Immaculate Conception - \$49.00. **Tonkawa:** Weekly Collection - \$912.60; Building Fund - \$55.00; Centennial – \$25.00; St. Vincent De Paul - \$. Thank you for your generosity to our parishes.

TONKAWA PARISH CHRISTMAS POTLUCK & BINGO: Mark your calendars for Sunday, December 14th for our annual St. Joseph Parish Christmas Potluck & Bingo. We will gather after Mass to enjoy a meal together as a parish family and then play a few games of bingo. Bingo cards will be \$1.00 each and all proceeds go to the Tonkawa Food Bank. Please bring a dish to share and join us for a fun afternoon.

POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR DECEMBER: For Christians in areas of conflict. Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seed of peace, reconciliation and hope.

ST JOSEPH'S YOUTH GROUP: All Tonkawa and Blackwell youth, grades 5-12, are invited to join the St. Joseph Youth Group. The group meets every Wednesday, from 6:30-8:00 pm in the parish hall in Tonkawa. Each meeting begins with a meal. Contact Leslie or Robyn if you can help with a meal for 22.

ADVENT ADULT FAITH FORMATION-Embark on an Advent Journey through Darkness to the Light of Christ. *Illuminate: A Guided Advent Journal for Prayer and Meditation*, leads you on a four-week journey through darkness to light. Beginning with the prologue of St. John's gospel, he reveals the profound hope found in the Word made flesh—the sacred mystery of the Incarnation. Through daily meditations, reflection questions, prayer, and beautiful artwork, you'll move beyond abstract ideas to discover practical, life-changing ways to recognize and share Christ's light in your everyday life. The next class is in **Tonkawa on Sunday, December 14th at 6:30PM**. All are welcome. Please let Robyn know if you are interested. Cost of the book is \$8.25. This Advent, step into the light—and let it lead you to deeper hope, faith, and joy.

CHRISTMAS WEEK SCHEDULE

Monday, Dec. 22, 2025 @6:00 pm	Blackwell	Advent Penance Rite
Wednesday, Dec. 24, 2025 @7:30 pm	Tonkawa	Christmas Concert followed by Christmas Night Mass
Thursday, Dec, 25, 2025 @ 9.00 am	Blackwell	Christmas Day Mass
Thursday, Dec, 25, 2025 @ 11.00 am	Tonkawa	Christmas Day Mass

PARISH REGISTRATION: As we begin to prepare for our church's centennial, we will be updating our Parish Registration records. All parishioners are asked to pick up and fill out a registration form from the table at the back of the church.

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS: October 2026 will mark the Centennial of our church building. 1). In preparation for our celebration, we will begin having a 2nd collection every second Sunday of the month. This money will be used to fund centennial projects including, but not limited to, dinners, beautification projects, and expenses for planning. Please keep this in mind as you budget your giving each month. 2). We will need everyone to help out in some capacity to make this celebration great. You will find sign-up sheets at the entrance of the church for committees that need help. Please sign-up for at least one committee. If you have any questions, please call Robyn at (580) 761-6937.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Let us wish Happy Birthday to all who celebrate their birthday during the month of **DECEMBER: (Blackwell)** Dorothy Buellesfeld (12), Alejandro Hernandez (21), Kathy Thomas (18), Guadalupe M., (12), Ken Glass, Frank Moreland, Grace Sawyer, Justin Favela, Fr.Bala (23) and Matt North (29). **(Tonkawa)** Addison Bellinghausen (1); Mary Lou Fath (3); Alyssa Pando (5); Fermin Blackwell (8); Regan Mulligan (9); Roberto Zeledon (9); Karla Guardiola (13); Tim Denning (14); Silvia Pando (14); Evelyn Gottman (15); Tony Guardiola (21); Josette Swanson (22); Fr.Bala (23), Jd Lenzen (30); Ryan Davis (31).

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: (From Tonkawa) Suzy Lenhart, Tony Janssen, Bill Martin, Alan Reed, Mike Jordan, Dineo Heilmann, AnnMarie Stanford, Malakai Boucherie, Daryl Wayne Scheirman, Travis O'Dell, Teresa Zink, Josette Mimbela, Blake Brown, Travis Parker, David L. Martin, Virginia Combrink, Janelle Elfvin, Charla and Rich Allan, Helen Rogers, Dan Pracht, Ann Thornburgh, Alva Mitchell, Sandra Mitchell, Abby Davis, Tyra Gleason, Mary Poskey, Robin McElroy, Candace Brown, Beverly Mazurier Hinrichs, Barry Kausler, Jill Muegge, Monica Ochoa, and Kristi Neighbors, Paula Jones, Barb Overland, Dorothy Davis, Marilyn Pendleton, Jeff, Madea, Connor, Tanner, Makenzie, Ozzie Davis and all military men and women. If names are to be added or deleted, please call Robyn at (580) 761-6937 or email at stjosephntonkawa@att.net with the information (please include "bulletin" in the subject line).