



Immaculate Conception Parish, St. Marys

Holy Cross Church, Emmett

St. Stanislaus Parish, Delia/Rossville/Silver Lake

The Presentation of the Lord

Today the Church celebrates the feast of the Presentation of the Lord which occurs forty days after the birth of Jesus and is also known as Candlemas day, since the blessing and procession of candles is included in today's liturgy.

According to the 1962 Missal of Bl. John XXIII the Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite, today is the end of the Christmas season.

The reformed calendar has designated that the Sunday after Epiphany, the Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord, is the end. This feast in the Ordinary Form is no longer referred to as the "Purification of Mary" but the "Presentation of the Lord".



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February 2, 2014

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Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil 5:00pm – Immaculate Conception
7:00pm—St. Stanislaus
Sunday 8:00am—St. Stanislaus
11:00am—Immaculate Conception

Daily Mass Schedule

Monday – Saturday 8:00am—Immaculate Conception
Alternate Thursdays 4:00pm—Rossville Valley Manor
4:00pm—St. Marys Manor

SACRAMENTS

RECONCILIATION Saturdays 3:15pm—Immaculate Conception
Sundays 7:15am—St. Stanislaus

BAPTISMS You must be registered in one of the above parishes or have the permission of the pastor where you live. Required preparation classes are held monthly for both parents and godparents. They are encouraged to attend prior to the birth of the child. Please contact Peg at the office, 437-2408, ext. 8, for further information.

MARRIAGE You must contact the pastor **at least six full months** prior to the desired date of marriage and before making any other arrangements. Please contact the church office for a copy of the up-dated wedding policy or view online at www.marytownyouth.com.

Through the intercession of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from every disease of the throat and from every other illness: in the name of the Father, and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

The **Feast of the Presentation of the Lord** is Sunday, Feb. 2, 2014. At Mass the priest blesses the candles that will be used in ceremonies through the coming year. He offers the blessing of St. Blaise individually today and also tomorrow on the Feast of St. Blaise.

St. Sophronius tells us: "Our lighted candles are a sign of the divine splendor of the One who comes to expel the dark shadows of evil and to make the whole world radiant with the brilliance of his eternal light. Our candles show also how bright our souls should be when we leave this earth to meet Christ the Lord."

St. Blaise is a bishop and martyr of the early church. Legend has it that he once freed a child from choking. Also while in prison and under persecution, Bishop Blaise had friends who visited his dark cell with lighted candles.

After childbirth two thousand years ago the mother remained apart for 40 days. A birth brings great pain and stress. The mother needs time to recover physically and emotionally. The rites of purification implied no sin, but rather physical and emotional reintegration into the community.

The mother also presented her child to the Lord, if he were a first born male. The child was redeemed by offering a lamb to God, if the parents could afford a lamb. Or the child was redeemed with two pigeons. This ritual extended back to the time of the Escape from Egypt 1250 years earlier.

A holy and elderly priest of the Temple, Simeon, held the Christ Child and exclaimed: "My eyes have seen my salvation!" Simeon and Anna put their trust in this Little Child. Then, inspired by God, Simeon told Mary that she would have to suffer very much.

This Feast of the Presentation reminds us that we belong to God first of all. Because he is our Father and our Creator, we owe him our loving obedience. Also, we imitate Mary and Joseph by asking the Holy Family to help us live responsibly every day of our lives.

Fr. Gerard Senecal, O.S.B., Pastor

May the blessing of Almighty God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, descend upon you and remain with you forever.

Weekly Schedule

(Feb. 2 to Feb. 9)

Sat.	02-01	8:00am	IC	Jill Peterson (+)
		5:00pm	IC	Arnold & Mary Oestmann (++)
		7:00pm	SS	Alexia & Patrick Ebert (++)
Sun.	02-02	8:00am	SS	Parishioners
		11:00am	IC	Ed & Anita Ingenthron (++)
Mon.	02-03	8:00am	IC	Jared Cheek (+)
Tues.	02-04	8:00am	IC	Loretta Poell (+)
Wed.	02-05	8:00am	IC	M/M Steve Yancey (++)
Thurs.	02-06	8:00am	IC	Gary Smith (+)
		4:00pm	RVM	Winnie Minnis (+)
Fri.	02-07	8:00am	IC	John Bryan (+)
Sat.	02-08	8:00am	IC	Mary T. Ogle (+)
		5:00pm	IC	Parishioners
		7:00pm	SS	Dec. Mem. of the Jacobson Family
Sun.	02-09	8:00am	SS	Marge Bedlan (+)
		11:00am	IC	Jean Deiter (+)

Upcoming Events

Sun.	02-02	9:15am	SS	Rel. Ed
		6:00pm	IC	Youth Group
Mon.	02-03	7:00pm	IC	RCIA
Tues.	02-04	7:30pm	IC	K of C Meeting-First Degree
Wed.	02-05	6:30pm	IC	Rel. Ed
		7:00pm	SS	Rosary & Chaplet-in Church
		7:00pm	SS	Youth Group
		8:15pm	IC	Catechist/Aide Meeting.
Thurs.	02-06	4:00pm	RVM	Mass
Sat.	02-08	8:30am	IC	Garage Sale
Sun.	02-09	9:15am	SS	Rel. Ed
		2:00pm	SS	Bingo
		6:00pm	IC	Youth Group



Winter

Office Hours: Monday through Thursday 8:00am to Noon and 1:00 - 3:00pm
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Jan. 26th Contributions:
Plate\$197.
Env.-\$3,073.
Needy-\$30.
Total-\$3,300.

Call to Share Goal-\$19,196.68
Weekend Jan. 24-26-Pledge of \$1,355.

Sp. Collections-Latin Am.-\$367; Retirement for Rel.-\$20.
Total-\$387.

Thank you for your stewardship and generous support of our parish!

Youth Group Meeting ~

Will be held Sunday, February 9th from 6-7:30pm.

K of C #657 First Degree ~

For new Knights of Columbus members is set for Tues., Feb. 4th in the church basement. Be there by 7:15pm. Call Mike Muller or Jim Mees for details.

Blest Art ~ If you would be interested in seeing the Blessed Art items, they will be on display in the Centennial Bldg. after the 5pm Mass on Sat., the 8th and 11am Mass on Sunday the 9th.
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Cooking Class ~

Please make your reservation for the Cooking Class to be held March 3rd from 6-8pm. This class on healthy desserts will determine if there is interest for an eight week cooking class that has not yet been scheduled. Call John Simecka, 437-6123 to sign up or email simeckaj@kansanet

Envelope for the Needy ~

We had a question about the green envelope for "The Needy" that is in our packet of envelopes. They were wondering where that money goes. We send that money to the Community Health Ministry in Wamego. When someone from our community needs financial help, (to pay for utilities, prescription drugs and other needs) Community Health helps them with those needs. The office at Immaculate Conception can put you in contact with Community Health.

Thank You ~ The St. Marys Community Food Pantry received a check for \$120 from Best Choice Labels. Thank you to all who save labels for the food pantry. Special thanks to Elaine DeVader for trimming and counting the labels.

St. Stanislaus, Rossville / Silver Lake/Delia

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Jan. 26th Collection:
Plate-\$163; Envelopes-\$1,098; Latin Am-\$15. Total-\$1,276.
Youth Camp/Concessions: First Week-\$1,210; Second Week-\$879.

Call to Share Goal-\$9,873
Taken in \$400 so far.

Thank You for your stewardship and generous support of our parish! (Please write a separate check for the building pledge donations, as we have to do a separate deposit.)

Bingo Fund Raiser ~

St. Stanislaus will have a Bingo fundraiser Sunday, Feb. 9th from 2-4pm in Dekat Hall.

K of C Info ~ The Knights of Columbus thanks everyone who donated money and baby items to the Baby Shower. \$400 was donated and many baby items.

School of Faith Classes ~

The last segment of the Catechism Series Classes begins on Monday, Feb. 3rd at Mother Teresa of Calcutta Parish. The 6 week classes are held every Monday evening at 7pm. Enrollment is not necessary. The same classes will be offered at Most Pure Heart of Mary and Christ the King sometime in March/April.

Youth Info ~ Needed: parishioners to help feed our youth included are meals for high school youth nights on Wednesdays and youth choir practice on the 2nd Sunday of each month. Please contact us if you can help
 Angie, (angiebittner@yahoo.com) 221-2644 or Jen, 969-5882, (womackbaja@embarqmail.com)

"Pot of Gold" ~

Win your "Pot of Gold". Drawing held Sunday, Feb. 9th during Bingo at St. Stanislaus. Drawing tickets available after Masses and during Bingo. Need not be present to win. Winner receives 1/2 of the amount in the "Pot of Gold". Proceeds go to the Building Fund.

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Benefit for Karen Crow ~ Karen (Floersch)

Crow, was recently diagnosed with stage 4 pancreatic cancer and has started chemotherapy. To help with medical expenses, a benefit raffle is being held in which all proceeds will go to Karen. The raffle tickets are \$5 a piece, and the winning prize is \$1,000. The drawing will take place on Tuesday, February 4th during halftime of the St. Marys Varsity Boys basketball game at Rossville. If you would like to purchase tickets, please feel free to contact Kenzie (Cordt) Olejnik via text/call at: 913-909-2751. You may also mail raffle ticket payments and/or donations to: Dane & Kenzie Olejnik, 104 W. Park Avenue, St. Marys, KS 66536. Please make checks payable to Karen Crow and put "medical fund" in the memo. **Prayers are greatly appreciated.** Thank you very, very, much for your support.

Free Throw Contest ~ Congratulations to: Macey Clark, Maura Buhler, Luke Womack, Andrew Osterhaus, Calab Kats, and Ryan Osterhaus who won their age division in the K of C Council contest and will advance to District at St. Marys on Feb. 9th. Good Luck!

Please check Karen Crow Benefit info on back page.....

Services Provided Parishes and Communities:

Perpetual Adoration: Please contact the office if you wish to participate in this beautiful and prayerful devotion.
 Religious Education: Contact Peg Wehner (IC and HC), 437.2408 or Connie Fischer (SS) [cfischer@amcplus.com], 785-584-6262
 Youth Group: Contact Gerry Lou Marstall, (IC) 437-2295 or Angie Bittner(SS) 785.478-6803
 St. Marys Food Pantry: Please contact Mary Poell @ 437-2448 or Tina Roth @785-584-6466 for assistance.
 Ministry to the Sick: Parish contacts are: Betty Aubert, IC (437-6118) Janet Wehrly, HC (535-8021); Colette Peel, SS (582-5846).
 Hall Rentals: For rental information at any parish, please contact the parish office: 437-2408 or: for **SS**--Colette Peel (584-6612); for **IC**--e-mail to unity_general@oct.net; or for **HC**--Galen Rezac (535-2482).
 Prayer Chain Coord.: **Holy Cross**-Janet Wehrly (535-8021), **St. Stanislaus**-Darlene Berry (584-6258), **Immaculate Conception**-Mary Ellen Reese (437-6163) or Marj Guerich (437-2473).
 SS Music Ministry (Youth Choir) Angie Bittner, 221-2644 or Jen Womack, 969-5882 (Adult Choir) Helen Lytle, 584-6335 or June Burgett, 584-6080

WILL YOU PLEASE HELP?



Adorers of the Holy Eucharist:

- ✠ Sun., 8-9am;
- ✠ Sat., 12-1pm; 8-9pm; 9-10pm.

Call Mary Ellen (437-6163) or Mary Alice (437-2408).

O, come let us adore

Parishes' Wedding Policy Available On-Line:

The parish wedding policies for Immaculate Conception and St. Stanislaus churches are available to view/print at: www.marytownyouth.com

Blest Art ~

Next weekend our parish will welcome Blest Art after all the Masses. They will be offering hand-carved olive-wood religious art from the Holy Land. Plan to stop after Mass and look at the beautiful nativity sets, crucifixes, statues and rosaries which will be available for purchase. Each of these items is hand-made by a master carver in the Holy Land. The proceeds of your purchase will go back to support Catholic families in Bethlehem and Jerusalem. For your convenience, Blest Art accepts checks, cash and credit cards. Visit Blest Art's Web site at www.BlestArt.org to view some of the their items.

Men Under Construction ~

March 8, at Church of the Ascension, Overland Park, KS. Register at www.ksmuc.org and receive the early bird discount. No kum ba ya here! Just real men looking for some truth & happiness. Speakers: Governor Sam Brownback, Joseph Pearce, Eric Sutulovich and Matt Fradd. Never been? What are you afraid of? A perfect Lenten investment. You will also be able to participate in reconciliation and hear from Archbishop Naumann.

Registering In Your Parish

~ If you are 18 years of age or older, and live in the parishes of Immaculate Conception or St. Stanislaus, **please make sure you are registered at the appropriate parish office.** This will be important if you are asked to be a sponsor for a Confirmation, or a godparent for a Baptism, or if you plan to be married in any of those churches.

Purcell, Ks Spaghetti Luncheon ~

Sunday, March 2nd. Serving from 11am to 1pm. Spaghetti, Salad Bar, Garlic Bread, Dessert Bar, Tea or Coffee. Sponsored by: St. Mary's Altar Society. Free will offering.

Adoration

Please call these coordinators for assistance:

Mary Ellen Reese: Mon. thru Fri, 6pm to 6am. 437-6163

Joe Mulford: 6am to Midnight on Saturdays and Sundays. 456-3009

Mary Alice Hutley: 6am-6pm Monday thru Friday. 437-2408 or 437-2752

RCIA-Becoming a Catholic ~

Feb., 3- Topic: Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism & Confirmation.

Chili/Soup Fundraiser for Karen Crow ~

Tuesday, Feb. 4th at Rossville Jr./Sr. High School. Will be held 4 to 8pm. The Delia 4-H Club and Sacred Heart Oratory will be serving chili, potato soup and pie at the basketball game. There will also be a silent auction going on for different types of gift baskets, (K-State, Valentine's, etc), K-State and KU wreaths, too. Come on in and put a bid on these items.

You can also buy raffle tickets for \$1,000 at the game or contact Kathy, 969-9515 or Cheryl, 640-1764 or Kenzie Olejnik at 909-2751.

8th Annual Women's Spirituality Conference ~

March 8th at St. Thomas More Parish Center, Manhattan, KS. Continental Breakfast/Gather 8:30am to 9:00am. Introduction & Presentation 9:00am to 12:00pm. Lunch, 12:00pm to 1:00pm. Presentation resumes 1:00pm to 3:30pm. Registration Fee is \$30. Deadline is Mary 1st. Registration forms are in back of church. Speaker is Julianne Dolon Stanz, presenting **Listening to the Heartbeat of God.** Julianne was born in Ireland and was influenced by the beauty of the Irish countryside and the depth of Celtic Spirituality.

Crisis Center, Inc. ~ Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Workshop. Sat., February 8th, 9am to 5pm and Sat., February 15, 9am to 5pm. Contact (785) 539-7935 or via email: ccivc@carrollswb.com for more info or to register. They are encouraging sending in the registration fee of \$15 prior to the training to reserve a spot since space is limited. Will be held 437 Houston Street, Manhattan. Make checks payable to The Crisis Center, Inc.. Mail to The Crisis Center, Inc., PO Box 1526, Manhattan, KS 66505

Sacred Heart-St. Joseph Parish German Fasching Mardi Gras Celebration ~

The event will be held Sat., March 1st at Sacred Heart Church Hall. The evening includes a German Mass beginning at 4pm followed by an authentic German buffet, a dance featuring the Ed Grisnik Polka Band, silent auction, drawings on \$1,000 cash and 3 handmade quilts. A cash bar will be available during the evening. Only advance tickets sold at \$25 per person or \$225 for a reserved table of 8 persons includes buffet and dance. Tickets will be sold until Feb. 23rd and may be purchased by calling the parish offices at 234-3338 or 232-2863. Limited number of tickets, so reserve your spot now.

ST. MARYS FOOD PANTRY Any food or monetary donations would be greatly appreciated.

We are in continuous need of: peanut butter, jelly, applesauce, canned fruit, tomatoes, tomato sauce, corn, tuna, mac & cheese, spaghetti and sauce, egg noodles, cream soups, cereal, pancake mix and syrup, soda crackers, pork & beans, peas, green beans, toothpaste, dish soap, laundry detergent, T-paper, shampoo, bar soap. Send monetary gifts to Community Food Pantry, 503 N. 5th Street, St. Marys, KS 66536. Thank you for helping meet these needs. **Please save your Best Choice labels for the Food Pantry. Thanks**

Feast Days for the Week

Sun.,	Feb. 02,	The Presentation of the Lord
Mon.,	Feb. 03,	St. Blaise; St. Ansgar
Tues.,	Feb. 04,	Seasonal Wk Day
Weds.,	Feb. 05,	St. Agatha
Thurs.,	Feb. 06,	St. Paul Miki & Companions
Fri.,	Feb. 07	Seasonal Wk Day
Sat.,	Feb. 08,	St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita

Mater Dei IRISH Fest ~ Saturday, March 15th.

Whether you have Irish in your veins or in your heart, you won't want to miss the 3rd annual **Mater Dei Irish Fest!** The location is Assumption Church at 8th and Jackson. The festival begins at 9am with a **5k Fun Run**, 2.5 K Walk and Leprechaun Leap (children 10 and under). Entry fee of \$25 includes a t-shirt and pancake feed for participants after the race. You can register for this event at www.active.com.

The traditional **Irish Sing-a long** begins at 10am with **Mass** at 10:30am. The St. Patrick's Day **parade** will kick off at high noon and travels right by the Irish Fest. Festivities at the Assumption parking lot *before, during, and after* the parade include a **beer garden**, homemade **Irish and American food**, **Irish music** provided by Powerhouse DJ's and lots of fun. Admission is free so bring all your family and friends! For more info and updates visit materdeirishfest.com