



Immaculate Conception Parish, St. Marys

Holy Cross Church, Emmett

St. Stanislaus Parish, Delia/Rossville/Silver Lake



Teaching About Retaliation

Jesus said to his disciples: “You have heard that it was said, *An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth*. But I say to you, offer no resistance to one who is evil. When someone strikes you on our right cheek, turn the other one as well. If anyone wants to go to law with you over your tunic, hand over your cloak as well. Should anyone press you into service for one mile, go for two miles. Give to the one who asks of you, and do not turn your back on one who wants to borrow.

“You have heard that it was said, *You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy*. But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that

you may be children of your heavenly Father, for he makes his sun rise on the bad and the good., and causes rain to fall on the just and the unjust. For if you love those who love you, what recompense will you have? Do not the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet your brothers only, what is unusual about that? Do not the pagans do the same? So be perfect just as your heavenly Father is perfect.”

Matthew 5: 38-48

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 23, 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.

An Irish story for Lent!

An Irishman moves into a tiny hamlet in County Kerry, walks into the pub and promptly orders three beers. The bartender raises his eyebrows, but serves the man three beers, which he drinks quietly at a table, alone.

An hour later, the man has finished the three beers and orders three more. This happens yet again. The next evening the man again orders and drinks three beers at a time, several times. Soon the entire town is whispering about the Man Who Orders Three Beers.

Finally, a week later, the bartender broaches the subject on behalf of the town. "I don't mean to pry, but folks around here are wondering why you always order three beers."

"Tis odd, isn't it?" the man replies, "You see, I have two brothers, and one went to America, and the other to Australia. We promised each other that we would always order an extra two beers whenever we drank as a way of keeping up the family bond."

The bartender and soon the whole town was pleased with this answer, and soon the Man Who Orders Three Beers became a local celebrity and source of pride to the hamlet, even to the extent that out-of-towners would come to watch him drink.

Then, one day, the man comes in and orders only two beers. The bartender pours them with a heavy heart. This continues for the rest of the evening - he orders only two beers. The word flies around town. Prayers are offered for the soul of one of the brothers.

The next day, the bartender says to the man, "Folks around here, me first of all, want to offer condolences to you for the death of your brother. You know-the two beers and all..."

The man ponders this for a moment, then replies, "You'll be happy to hear that my two brothers are alive and well... It's just that I, myself, have decided to give up drinking for Lent."

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

Lent is a time for prayer, fasting and almsgiving. May Lent be a time of spiritual and physical renewal for all of us "For the Greater Glory of God" and "That in all things God may be glorified."

Weekly Schedule

(Feb. 23 to Mar. 2)

Sat.	02-22	8:00am	IC	Marikay Fox (+)
		5:00pm	IC	Steve Deiter (+)
		7:00pm	SS	Leo Berry (+)
Sun.	02-23	8:00am	SS	Kenneth Marney (+)
		11:00am	IC	Parishioners
Mon.	02-24	8:00am	IC	Lee Patterson (+)
Tues.	02-25	8:00am	IC	John & Grace Cowan (++)
Wed.	02-26	8:00am	IC	Eugene (+) & Pat McKenzie
Thurs.	02-27	8:00am	IC	Loretta Poell (+)
		4:00pm	SMM	Manor Residents
Fri.	02-28	8:00am	IC	Rosemary Pauly (+)
Sat.	03-01	8:00am	IC	Mark Higgins (+)
		5:00pm	IC	Leo Martell (+)
		7:00pm	SS	
Sun.	03-02	8:00am	SS	Parishioners
		11:00am	IC	Mary T. Ogle (+)

Upcoming Events

Sun.	02-23	9:15am	SS	Rel. Ed
		6:00pm	IC	Youth Group Meeting
Mon.	02-24	7:00pm	IC	RCIA
Tues.	02-25	7:00pm	IC	Baptismal Prep. Rm 3
Wed.	02-26	6:30pm	IC	Rel. Ed
		7:00pm	SS	Rosary & Chaplet-in Church
		7:00pm	SS	Youth Group
Thurs.	02-27	4:00pm	SMM	Mass
Sun.	03-02	9:15am	SS	Rel. Ed



Office Hours: Monday through Thursday 8:00am to Noon and 1:00 - 3:00pm
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Feb. 16 Contributions:
 Plate-\$270; Env.-\$2,061; Energy-\$20;
 Needy-\$20; Total-\$2,371.
 Rice Bowl-\$90.

Call to Share Goal-\$19,196.68
Pledges received, \$18,615 (97% of goal).

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

K of C Info ~

The February Family of the Month selected by K of C Council 657 is the Don and Marlene Sack family. Don Sack has been selected as the Knight of the Month. Congratulations!

Youth Group ~

will be selling burritos starting Feb. 23rd through March 10th. Proceeds go for youth camps and activities.

Please Pray ~ for the repose of the soul of Geraldine Blanchat. May her soul rest in peace.

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. **Deadline to register is February 17th, as we need more people to sign up in order for the class to be conducted.** Call John Simecka, 437-6123 to sign up or email simeckaj@kansanet

Youth Thank You ~

Thank you to all the youth group members and parents who helped with the Biscuits and Gravy Fundraiser. Thank you, also, to all the parishioners and public who supported our fundraiser. We netted \$337.34.

Gerry Lou Marstall, Youth Minister

First Confessions for 2nd Graders ~

Wed., Feb. 26th, 6:30pm. 2nd grade parents will be going to confession at this time, also.

Remembrance Mass ~

This weekend, February 23, 2014, Immaculate Conception Parish is being remembered in a petition at all the Masses at the Cathedral of St. Peter. We want to pray for your parish to foster spiritual growth and express our unity. God Bless,

Father Harry Schneider

Results of Surveys ~ As a result of the IC Parish surveys and parish mtg. held on Jan. 26, the following areas of interest will be shared with the Topeka Regional Planning Committee. **Our Parish strengths are:** Perpetual Adoration Chapel since 1991; Excellent Religious Ed program and strong RCIA program and great community support-Food Pantry, Garage Sale, Harvesters Mobile Unit. **Areas needing improvement with in our parish:** Pastoral Council needed-could be collaborated; need HS Religious Ed. Program and also adult education program-this also could be collaborated with other parishes; and need a longer tenured Pastor.

St. Stanislaus, Rossville / Silver Lake/Delia

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Feb. 16 Collection:

Plate-\$268.
 Envelopes-\$1,097.
 Total-\$1,365.

Faith Direct/Feb: Env.-\$855.

Bldg. Fund-\$955.

Call to Share/Bldg. Fund-\$148.13

Call to Share Goal-\$9,873
 Pledges received \$6,675. (38 Families).

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.)

Welcome to the Parish ~

Matthew and JayCee Holthaus of the rural Topeka area.

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)

High School Youth Nights ~

St. Stanislaus High School Youth Nights are on Wednesday night each week from 7-8:30. For questions please send a text to Angie at 785-221-2644.



Free Throw Contest ~

Congratulations to: Macey Clark, Maura Buhler, Caleb Kats, and Ryan Osterhaus who won their age division in the district free throw contest at St. Marys, earning the right to compete in the Regional contest at Jeff West. Maura Buhler placed 3rd in age 14 at regional. Good luck to Caleb Kats who will represent Council #10755 in the State Contest at Salina on March 2nd.

First Communion Reminder ~

If your child was baptized some place other than SS, IC, HC or SH, Delia, they need to get a copy of the baptism certificate as soon as possible. Need to have it before First Communion.



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).
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;**
- ✦ **Tues, 10-11pm (Every other Tuesday.)**
- ✦ **Sat., 12-1pm; 8-9pm; 9-10pm.**

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

Men Under Construction ~

March 8, at Church of the Ascension, Overland Park, KS. Register at www.ksmuc.org and receive the early bird discount. Speakers: Governor Sam Brownback, Joseph Pearce, Eric Sutulovich and Matt Fradd. Never been? A perfect Lenten investment. You will also be able to participate in reconciliation and hear from Archbishop Naumann.

A Mardi Gras Celebration! The Life and Times of G.C. Ball ~

March 1st, St. Marys Public Golf Course at 6pm. Mourn G.C.'s sad beginnings. Then eat, drink and celebrate G.C.'s rebirth. Show your joy by dressing in your best Mardi Gras outfit. \$65 per person for members, \$75 per person for non-members. Call Joe Thomas, 785-383-1915. Get your tickets by Feb. 20th. Now limited to 50 people. Enjoy 3 Course dinner, drinks and entertainment.

St. Joseph's (Nortonville) Fish & Shrimp Supper ~

Fridays during Lent! 5-7pm. Meal includes: Fried and Baked Fish, Fried Shrimp, Potato, Salad, Roll, Tea/Coffee, and Choice of Dessert. \$10-ages 11 and up; \$5-Ages 4-10 and Ages 0-3, free. Gift Certificates Available. Every Friday from March 7th through April 11th. No supper on Good Friday, April 18th. Proceeds benefits St. Joseph's Church. Handicap Accessible.

Virtus Training Sessions: Anyone interested in attending a Virtus Training Session, or needing to attend one, Most Pure Heart of Mary Church, Topeka, has two sessions scheduled. Sat., March 22, 11am and Sat., March 29, 10am. Go to www.virtus.org and follow instructions to register to attend.

Ash Wed. Mass Schedule

- Tues, March 4-7pm at SS
- Wed., March 5-7am at SS
- Wed., March 5-12:10 pm at IC
- Wed., March 5-7pm at IC

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., 24- Topic: Eucharist, Part 2, Continued.

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 March 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.

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.

Purcell, Ks Spaghetti Luncheon ~

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

Save the Dates! ~

March 1st and 2nd: Fr. Richard McAlear, OMI, will lead a healing seminar at St. Matthew Catholic Church, 2700 SE Virginia Ave. in Topeka on Sat., March 1st from 2-3:30pm and 7-9pm, and Mass with prayers for healing on Sunday, March 2nd, beginning at 1pm. Fr. McAlear's healing ministry encourages all to seek holiness in life, a stronger faith, and renewed depth of sincerity in their belief in Christ. This event is sponsored by Glory to God Covenant Community. See his website, www.frmac.org.

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. 23,	Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time
Mon.,	Feb. 24,	Seasonal Wk Day
Tues.,	Feb. 25,	Seasonal Wk Day
Weds.,	Feb. 26,	Seasonal Wk Day
Thurs.,	Feb. 27,	Seasonal Wk Day
Fri.,	Feb. 28,	Seasonal Wk Day
Sat.,	Mar. 01,	Blessed Virgin Mary

3rd Mater Dei IRISH Fest ~Saturday, March 15th beginning at 9am with a 5k Fun Run at Assumption Church ~

Whether you have Irish in your veins or in your heart, you won't want to miss the 3rd annual **Mater Dei Irish Fest!** 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 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. For more info and updates visit materdeiirishfest.com

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