



Immaculate Conception Parish, St. Marys

Holy Cross Church, Emmett

St. Stanislaus Parish, Delia/Rossville/Silver Lake



**Lenten Services**

**Confessions During Lent**

Saturdays at 3:15pm at IC

Sundays at 7:15am at SS

All Wednesdays at 6pm at Immaculate Conception

**Penance Services**

April 6 3pm, St. Stanislaus, Rossville

7pm, Immaculate Conception, St. Marys

April 13 3pm, Sacred Heart, Paxico

7pm, St. Bernard's, Wamego

**Stations of the Cross**

April 4, 7pm at St. Stanislaus

March 28, and April 11, 7pm at Immaculate Conception

**Third Sunday of Lent**

**March 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](http://www.marytownyouth.com).

**The Exodus of Jewish People with Pharaoh in Hot Pursuit**

“It should not have been like this.” As the Hebrews left slavery in Egypt, they thought they would have a great future ahead of them. They trusted the leadership of Moses and trusted that God finally was freeing them.

We can imagine them saying, “It shouldn’t have been like this.” They are tormented by thirst and they are complaining. Now that they have run out of water, they feel that God is distant. They longer trust God. They complained about why they were in the desert. Moses was afraid they might even stone him. Instead of trusting in God, they did the very opposite. They put God to the test.

We know what they earned for themselves by testing God instead of trusting God. They were not allowed to enter the Promised Land. It was their children who entered Canaan.

Elsewhere Scripture tells us that what happened to them in the desert is a warning to us (I Cor 10:11). Maybe sometimes we murmur because we focus on what we don’t have or what we think we should have, rather than focusing on what God has already done for us.

The Hebrews in the desert forgot one fundamental point. God had a plan for them and would see that plan through. Do we forget that God has a plan for us and will provide for us?

God also had a plan for the woman of Samaria (John 4:5-42). It seemed just like any other day. She was coming to the well on her own instead of with the women of the town probably because she may have felt excluded because of her sinful past.

There she met Jesus and he knew everything about her, about her past and her marriages. But Jesus also had a plan for her, and that plan was to lead her to *him*. Instead of the water of her plans, Jesus offered himself as the water to sustain. Jesus uncovered her past so that what was sinful could be healed.

She came to the well bringing a water jar but she found much more than water. And so she left her jar by the well and hurried back to the townspeople whom she had been avoiding to tell them that she may have found the Messiah.

**Fr. Gerard Senecal, O.S.B., Pastor, IC & SS Churches**

Just as the Hebrews in the desert are a warning to us, the woman of Samaria is an example to us. By sheer grace, like her, we have heard Jesus offer us living water. Jesus knows all about us, even what we do not want to face. But Jesus wants to give us a new identity in himself, to transform us. This happens especially in baptism, when the life of grace enters our souls. This happens also in Penance, when the likeness of Christ, lost by sin, can be restored in us. May we all have a fruitful Lent.

**Weekly Schedule**

(Mar. 23 to Mar. 30)

Sat.	03-22	8:00am	IC	Tricia Clark (+)
		5:00pm	IC	Parishioners
		7:00pm	SS	Clint Kerwin (+)
Sun.	03-23	8:00am	SS	Michelle Scott Cowger (+)
		11:00am	IC	Terry Andrick (+)
Mon.	03-24	8:00am	IC	Poor Souls In Purgatory
Tues.	03-25	8:00am	IC	Maxine Flanary (+)
Wed.	03-26	8:00am	IC	Bernard Richstatter (+)
Thurs.	03-27	8:00am	IC	Bob DeDonder (+)
		4:00pm	SMM	Rita Kerwin (+)
Fri.	03-28	8:00am	IC	Lois Schoemann (+)
Sat.	03-29	8:00am	IC	Eugene McKenzie (+)
		5:00pm	IC	Wilfred & Loretta Poell (++)
		7:00pm	SS	Wayne Sebring (+)
Sun.	03-30	8:00am	SS	Parishioners
		11:00am	IC	Marikay Fox (+)

**Upcoming Events**

Sun.	03-23	9:15am	SS	Rel. Ed
		6:00pm	IC	Youth Group Meeting
Mon.	03-24	7:00pm	IC	RCIA
Tues.	03-25	7:00pm	IC	Baptismal Prep-Rm 3
Wed.	03-26	6:00am	IC	Confessions
		6:30pm	IC	Rel. Ed
		7:00pm	SS	Rosary & Chaplet
		7:00pm	SS	Youth Group
Thurs.	03-27	4:00pm	SMM	Mass
Fri.	03-28	7:00pm	IC	Stations
Sun.	03-30	9:15am	SS	Rel. Ed



**Office Hours:** Monday through Thursday 8:00am to Noon and 1:00 - 3:00pm  
Friday 9:30am to Noon and 1:00-3:45pm

**Main Office Phone Number:** 785-437-2408 Extension

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**Mar. 16 Contributions:**  
**Plate-\$248.**  
**Env.-\$2,144.**  
**Needy-\$70.**  
**Total-\$2,462.**



**Reminder.....**The 2nd K of C Lenten fish fry will be Friday, April 11th, 5-7pm in the IC Cent. Building. Adults, \$8:00; children,\$4.00. Fried fish and all the fixins.

**Bulletins ~** At all doors before and after Mass. **Please take your bulletin home with you after Mass.**

**CHURCH DIRECTORIES ARE IN ~**If you had your picture taken or submitted a picture, you can pick up your directory at the church office.

**Three Pillars of Lent ~**

The three pillars of Lent are fasting, almsgiving and prayer. Fasting does not always mean abstaining from food, although one should observe the traditional fasting requirements of the Church. Think of fasting and abstaining as anything to do with our physical self. If subtracting things from your diet is no longer beneficial for you, try adding things to help your body, such as a walk each day or getting outside each day. As a family, talk about this opportunity to abstain from vices such as language you want to rid from your vocabulary, or negative thoughts and images, violent movies, or excessive screen time (television, computers, tablets, etc.)

**Eastern Europe-\$10;Black & Indian-\$50.**  
**Total-\$60.**  
**Call to Share: Goal-\$19197.**  
**Received to Date: \$26,365.**

**Second Grade Family Mass ~**

Sunday, March 30th for students and their families. Please sit in assigned pews on the east side of the church at Mass.

**Youth Fundraiser ~ Thank you** for supporting the Youth Group Burrito Sales. The next fundraiser is April 5th and 6th: Cinnamon Roll sale after weekend Masses. \$10 per pan of 1 dozen. All proceeds go towards the youth group activities.



**Remember in Prayer ~** for the repose of the souls of Frances Brunin and Maxine Flanary. May their souls rest in peace.

**Help your parish youth earn Grant Money from ArchKCK Rural Youth Outreach! Please see announcement on the back page of the bulletin.....**

*St. Stanislaus, Rossville / Silver Lake/Delia*

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**Mar. 16, Collection:**  
**Plate-\$174.**  
**Envelopes-\$1,282.**  
**Home Missions-\$5.**  
**Total-\$1,461.**  
**Bldg. Fund-\$925.**

**March Faith Direct:**  
**Env.-\$790.**  
**Churches of East. Europe-\$1.**  
**Black & Indian-\$1.**  
**Bishop Overseas Appeal-\$1.**  
**Rice Bowl-\$41**  
**Total-\$834.**  
**Bldg. Fund-\$925**

**Call To Share: Goal-\$9873.**  
**Received to Date: \$12,665.**

**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.)

**High School Youth Nights ~**

**\*Wednesdays, 7-8:30.** March 26 (no class the 19th due to spring break); April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 (final class). For the remainder of the year, we will work on social justice projects, watch The Passion (April 9 and 16), rehearse and present the Stations of the Cross to the parish and religious education students, spend time answering questions about your faith, and find ways to develop a better relationship with Jesus (and eat!). Please join us on Wednesdays even if you have never been before.

**\*High School Youth attending the Steubenville Conference** in July will be selling Catholic Jewelry and Rosaries during the weekends of April 5/6 and April 12/13. This is a perfect time to pick up gifts for graduation, First Communion, Easter and to support your parish youth at the same time!

**Thank You ~**

to the ladies who donated food and for the kitchen help for the dinner at Mary Cowan's funeral

**Church Directories ~** The new church directories have arrived and families who had their photo taken or had a photo submitted can pick up a copy in the narthex of the church following Mass. At a later date extra copies will be available for \$5.00 for families wishing a copy but didn't have a picture submitted.

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**Welcome to the Parish ~**

**Taylee Marie Kraus**, daughter of Trent and Erin Catron Kraus, who was baptized Saturday, March 15th.

**Thank You ~** to the parish and community for their prayers, concerns and kind words during our time of sorrow. Thanks to all who assisted with the Mass...Fr. Gerard, the servers, musicians and other ministries and also, those who donated food and prepared the dinner. God Bless You,

**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., 8-9pm.
- 9-10pm; 11pm-12am;  
Call Mary Ellen (437-6163) or Mary Alice (437-2408).



**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.

**Annunciation Parish (Frankfort)** ~ Fried Chicken Dinner with all the fixins and a country store. Baked Goods, Crafts and much more. Sunday, March 23. Serving: 11am to 1:30pm. Adults: \$9; children ages 10 and under, \$4. Address: Cigna Center, 402 North Maple. All proceeds will benefit the Annunciation Parish.

**Attention! Couples Celebrating Their 50th Wedding Anniversary in 2014** ~ Will be June 1, 2014, 2:30pm at the Cathedral of St. Peter. To receive your invitation from Archbishop Naumann, please call the parish office and give us your name, address, phone number and date of your wedding. **Please do this as soon as possible.**

#### **Meatless Enchilada Dinner ~**

The Saint Francis Xavier Knights of Columbus Council #15126 St. Joe, MO, will be offering a meatless Enchilada Dinner on Friday, March 28th from 5pm to 7pm in the Parish Center. Menu: Cheese Enchiladas-\$2 each; Chip's and dip-\$1.50, Rice or Fideo-\$1; Pop-\$1; Beer-\$2 each. Tea and Lemonade-Free!

**Life In The Spirit Seminar** ~ Friday, March 28th, 7pm to 9pm and Sat., March 29th, 9am to 3pm at Most Pure Heart of Mary, 17th & Stone in the Formation Room. Lunch provided. Sponsored by Glory to God Community. For more info contact Ned Talbott at 478-4972.

#### 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 ~ Mar. 24- Topic: Catholic Morality.**

#### **Natural Family Planning ~**

This Lent, learn Natural Family Planning and see how our Heavenly Father blesses your marriage. Classes in the Symptothermal Method of NFP are offered for a reasonable course fee at the Topeka & Shawnee County Public Library, 1515 SW 10th Ave., beginning on Sunday, April 13th, at 1pm. Call Dana or Eric Runnebaum at 785-380-0062 or the Couple to Couple League of Kansas City at 913-894-3558 for more info. Online registration required at [www.ccli.org](http://www.ccli.org)

#### **Regional Planning Meeting ~**

The Regional Planning teams from Immaculate Conception and St. Stanislaus along with Fr. Gerard attended the Regional Planning Meeting (Phase2) at St. Matthews Parish on March 6th. Team members will be working with the team members of the West including St. Bernards, Wamego; Holy Family, Alma; St. Joseph, Flush; Sacred Heart, Paxico. Areas of discussion are Sacramental Life, Evangelization, Catholic Education, Serving those in Need and Stewardship to evaluate the comments and future needs of our parishes.

**The Runnin Rev's** ~A basketball team comprised of area priests, will be in Topeka Monday, April 28th to play 8th graders and high school students in a fun-filled and challenging game of basketball. The game will be held at 7pm at Hayden. There is no admission but donations will be accepted at halftime with all proceeds benefiting the archdiocese seminarians. Please show your support for these priests and our youth by attending this game. **They only have room for two students from each parish. If you are interested, there is a form in the church office. They can also accept two 7th graders for a free throw contest at half time. Practice is Sun., the 28th of April at Christ the King in Topeka.**

**Virtus Training Sessions:** Anyone interested in attending a Virtus Training Session, or needing to attend one, Most Pure Heart of Mary Church, Topeka, has a session Sat., March 29, 10am. Go to [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org) and follow instructions to register to attend.

#### **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.,	Mar, 23,	Third Sunday of Lent
Mon.,	Mar. 24,	Lenten Wk Day
Tues.,	Mar. 25,	The Annunciation of the Lord
Weds.,	Mar. 26,	Lenten Wk Day
Thurs.,	Mar. 27,	Lenten Wk Day
Fri.,	Mar. 28,	Lenten Wk Day
Sat.,	Mar. 29,	Lenten Wk Day

#### **Youth Group Info ~**

All parishioners are invited to attend one of four Parish Youth Ministry Spring Training Sessions. Each session lasts about 2 hrs and includes food and drink. Onaga is the closest session and will be held on Sunday, March 23 from 1:00-3:00. There is no charge and our parish could earn up to \$550 in grant money based on adult parishioners attendance at these sessions. Anyone who cares about the formation of our youth including priests, parents, grandparents, catechists, youth leaders should attend. Please see fliers at the back of church or contact [ruralyouth@archkck.org](mailto:ruralyouth@archkck.org) for more information.

#### **Good Friday Collection ~**

Every year, each parish in the United States takes up a collection on Good Friday, as designated by the Holy Father. This collection helps support the work of the Franciscans in the Holy Land. The money is used to care for the people and places of the Holy Land. This collection keeps Christianity alive in this area made holy by the life, suffering, death and resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ.