



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

Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 30, 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.

Weekly Schedule

(Mar. 30 to April 6)

4th Sunday, Lent, March 30, 2014

This Sunday, the 2nd of Three Scrutinies, the man born blind, we ask Jesus for sight: to see those near us - their heart, not just their appearance - and above all to see the reality of who Jesus is in them.

Our modern world has a particular form of blindness. We have microscopes to see things very small and telescopes to see distant objects, but often we do not see what is closest to us.

We live in strange times. We know more about celebrities than we do about next door neighbors - or even those we call "family" and "friends." So many things distract us from what really matters.

Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta said: "I think the world today is upside down. ... We have no time for our children, we have no time for each other; there is no time to enjoy each other. In the home begins the disruption of the peace of the world."

This Sunday we ask Jesus to heal our blindness, particularly our failure to see those closest to us. Help us to see our own children, our family members, our fellow parishioners. As the first reading today says, not just the outward appearances, but the heart and the soul.

It is terrible not to see those closest to us, but there is an even worse form of blindness: the failure to see Jesus. The man born blind has a lot to teach us. If you listened attentively to today's Gospel, you notice that he went through a progression that involves four stages.

At first he only sees "the man called Jesus." He knows Jesus as a fellow human. When they press him, however, he makes this declaration: "He is a prophet." Then he has a moment alone with Jesus. He hears this question: "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" The man born blind responds with a profound profession of faith, "I do believe, Lord." An act of adoration follows: "He worshiped the Lord."

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

This Sunday we ask Jesus for sight: to see those near us - their heart, not just their appearance - and above all to see the reality of who Jesus is in them! Congratulations to our catechumens and candidate for full communion and their respective sponsors: Courtney Koss (IC) and Debbie Seematter; Clint Stegman (IC) and Colleen Trausch; and Jacob Wehner (SS) and Gladys Parnell; candidate Travis Green (SS) and Debbie Manuel.

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 (+)
Mon.	03-31	8:00am	IC	David Fulkerson (+)
Tues.	04-01	8:00am	IC	Jill Peterson (+)
Wed.	04-02	8:00am	IC	Joe Martell & Judy Martell (++)
Thurs.	04-03	8:00am	IC	Art Harries (+)
		4:00pm	RVM	Robert & Jo Copeland (++)
Fri.	04-04	8:00am	IC	Norma Bergman Melvin (+)
Sat.	04-05	8:00am	IC	Steve Deiter (+)
		5:00pm	IC	Joe Flanagan & Bobby Flanagan (++)
		7:00pm	SS	Al and Alexia Ebert (++)
Sun.	04-06	8:00am	SS	Clint & Winnie Kerwin (++)
		11:00am	IC	Parishioners

Upcoming Events

Sun.	03-30	9:15am	SS	Rel. Ed
Mon.	03-31	7:00pm	IC	RCIA
Tues.	04-01	7:30pm	IC	K of C Meeting
Wed.	04-02	6:00pm	IC	Confessions
		6:30pm	IC	Rel. Ed
		7:00pm	SS	Rosary & Chaplet
		7:00pm	SS	Youth Group
Thurs.	04-03	4:00pm	RVM	Mass
Fri.	04-04	5:30pm	SS	Fish Fry-Fund Raiser for Bldg. Fund
		7:00pm	SS	Stations
Sun.	04-06	9:15am	SS	Rel. Ed
		12:00pm	IC	Youth Choir Practice, Group Mtg & activities after Mass
		3:00pm	SS	Penance Service
		7:00pm	IC	Penance Service



Office Hours: Monday through Thursday 8:00am to Noon and 1:00 - 3:00pm
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Mar. 23, Contributions:

Plate-\$484.
 Env.-\$3,240.
 Total-\$3,724.
 Black & Indian-\$130.
 Call to Share-Goal-19,197. Received \$26,885 (140%)

Welcome to the Parish ~

Hunter Brennan Heim, son of Justin and Heidi Lasswell Heim, who was baptized Sunday, March 23rd, 2014

Also, welcome to **Adelyn Rose Stallbaumer**, daughter of Scott and TamiSue Lira Stallbaumer, who was baptized Sunday, March 23, 2014.

Youth Group Choir ~ I will be forming a choir for Palm Sun., April 13th. Practice will be April 6th after Mass with youth group meeting and activities. A movie and pizza will be after Mass on April 13th. Done by 3pm. **Gerry Lou**



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.

Youth Fundraiser ~ 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.

Easter Flowers ~

You can put money in the collection for flowers in memory of a loved one or ones or leave the money at the church office. They are asking \$10 as in the past for Memorial flowers that will used out at Holy Cross at the 7am Mass.

Please Pray ~ for the repose of the souls of Effie Heim and Marj Guerich. May their souls rest in peace.

Three Pillars of Lent ~

The three pillars of Lent are **fasting, alms-giving and prayer**. **Prayer** is the heart of Lent. In prayer, we turn inward and become attentive to the voice of God. Think of this pillar as a focus on yourself and your spirit. As Catholics, we have so much to choose from to enliven our prayer lives. The monks gave us *Lectio Divina*, a prayerful way of reading the Scriptures; the saints have taught us the daily *Examen*; and St. Ignatius wrote the Spiritual Exercises. Any plan for additional prayer this Lent must be realistic and achievable—remember, Lent is 40 days long. Set aside a certain number of minutes each day for prayer and quiet, or change your routine to make space for personal prayer, such as beginning your day a few minutes earlier or turning off the radio in the car to pray.

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.

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Mar. 23, Collection:

Plate-\$142.
 Envelopes-\$1,007.
 Home Missions-\$15.
 Total-\$1,164.
 Bldg. Fund-\$386.

Call To Share: Goal-\$9873.
Received to Date: \$13,075.
 (132%)

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.)

Memorial Flowers for Easter

Forms are on the table if you would like to purchase a flower in memory of a loved one for Easter. Drop the form and money in the collection basket by Palm Sunday.

High School Youth Nights ~

***Wednesdays, 7-8:30.** 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!

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.

Please Pray ~ for the repose of the soul of Eileen K. Schroeder of Osage City, mother of Kathi Rewerts. Eileen passed away on the 19th. May her soul rest in peace.



Fund Raising Fish Fry ~

Fish Fry with all the fixins will be held at 5:30pm on April 4th. Proceeds go to the Building Fund.

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. **Ron Cowan and Family**

St. Stanislaus Choir Practice for

Easter will be on Mondays, Mar. 31, Apr. 7 and Apr. 14th at 6:30 p.m. New members are always welcome.

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.

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.

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.**

Did You Know.....

That when you leave early from Holy Mass (without a really good reason), it is a venial sin?

(Holy Week & Easter Schedule)

Holy Thursday

7pm Mass-Immaculate Conception
Adoration after Mass until Midnight
Chapel Closes at 7pm

Good Friday

3pm Immaculate Conception
7pm St. Stanislaus

Holy Saturday

8pm Mass-Immaculate Conception

Easter

7am Holy Cross
8am St. Stanislaus

11am Immaculate Conception
Opening of the Adoration Chapel

After 8am Mass on Monday, April 21

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. 31- Topic: Dignity of the Human Person.

Natural Family Planning ~

This Lent, learn Natural Family Planning and see how our Heavenly Father blesses your marriage. Classes in the Sympto-Thermal 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

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 Sat., the 26th of April at Christ the King in Topeka from 9am-11am in the school gym, 25th & Wannamaker.**



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, 30,	Fourth Sunday of Lent
Mon.,	Mar. 31,	Lenten Wk Day
Tues.,	Apr. 01,	Lenten Wk Day
Weds.,	Apr. 02,	St. Francis of Paola
Thurs.,	Apr. 03,	Lenten Wk Day-
Fri.,	Apr. 04,	St. Isidore
Sat.,	Apr. 05,	St. Vincent Ferrer

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.

Clean-Up Day at Sacred Heart, Delia ~

Will start at 10:00 am on March 29th. A lunch will be served. All help is appreciated.

Blood Drive ~ There will be a Blood Drive on April 24th from 3-6pm in the Cent. Bldg. Please register on-line or call John Simecka to get your appointment at 437-6123.

“Faith is to believe what you do not see; the reward of this faith is to see what you believe.”

Saint Augustine