



Immaculate Conception Parish, St. Marys

Holy Cross Church, Emmett

St. Stanislaus Parish, Delia/Rossville/Silver Lake

First Sunday of Advent

The Coming of the Son of Man

“There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on earth nations will be in dismay, perplexed by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will die of fright in anticipation of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand.”

Luke 21: 25-28



First Sunday of Advent November 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 8:00am ImmaculateConception
Tuesday 12:10pm
Wed.-Saturday 8:00am
Alternate Wednesdays 10:00am—Rossville Valley Manor
Alternate Fridays 9:30am—St. Marys Manor

Web Sites:

Immaculate Conception: <http://www.immaculateconceptionstmarys.com>

St. Stanislaus: www.ststanchurch.org

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 Please check web for marriage information.



St. Nicholas

The true story of Santa Claus begins with Nicholas, who was born during the third century in the village of Patara. At the time the area was Greek and is now on the southern coast of Turkey. His wealthy parents, who raised him to be a devout Christian, died in an epidemic while Nicholas was still young. Obeying Jesus' words to "sell what you own and give the money to the poor," Nicholas used his whole inheritance to assist the needy, the sick, and the suffering. He dedicated his life to serving God and was made Bishop of Myra while still a young man. Bishop Nicholas became known throughout the land for his generosity to those in need, his love for children, and his concern for sailors and ships.

Under the Roman Emperor Diocletian, who ruthlessly persecuted Christians, Bishop Nicholas suffered for his faith, was exiled and imprisoned. The prisons were so full of bishops, priests, and deacons, there was no room for the real criminals—murderers, thieves and robbers. After his release, Nicholas attended the Council of Nicaea in AD 325. He died December 6, AD 343 in Myra and was buried in his cathedral church, where a unique relic, called mannna, formed in his grave. This liquid substance, said to have healing powers, fostered the growth of devotion to Nicholas. The anniversary of his death became a day of celebration, St. Nicholas Day, December 6th (December 19 on the Julian Calendar).

Through the centuries many stories and legends have been told of St. Nicholas' life and deeds. These accounts help us understand his extraordinary character and why he is so beloved and revered as protector and helper of those in need. **An example is:** One story tells of a poor man with three daughters. In those days a young woman's father had to offer prospective husbands something of value—a dowry. The larger the dowry, the better the chance that a young woman would find a good husband. Without a dowry, a woman was unlikely to marry. This poor man's daughters, without dowries, were therefore destined to be sold into slavery. Mysteriously, on three different occasions, a bag of gold appeared in their home—providing the needed dowries. The bags of gold, tossed through an open window, are said to have landed in stockings or shoes left before the fire to dry. This led to the custom of children hanging stockings or putting out shoes, eagerly awaiting gifts from Saint Nicholas. Sometimes the story is told with gold balls instead of bags of gold. That is why three gold balls, sometimes represented as oranges, are one of the symbols for St. Nicholas. And so St. Nicholas is a gift-giver.

Weekly Schedule

(Nov. 30 to Dec. 7)

Sat.	11-29	8:00am	IC	Angie DeDonder Richardson (+)
		5:00pm	IC	Loretta Poell (+)
		7:00pm	SS	Ronda Muller (+)
Sun.	11-30	8:00am	SS	Mary Crissman (+)
		11:00am	IC	Parishioners
Mon.	12-01	8:00am	IC	Fr. May's Intention
Tues.	12-02	12:10pm	IC	Tricia Clark (+)
Wed.	12-03	8:00am	IC	Eugene McKenzie (+)
Thurs.	12-04	9:00am	IC	Rosemary Pauly (+)
Fri.	12-05	8:00am	IC	Marj Guerich (+)
		9:30am	SMM	Michael Huber (+)
Sat.	12-06	8:00am	IC	Jared Cheek (+)
		5:00pm	IC	Cecilia Schumaker (+)
		7:00pm	SS	Parishioners
Sun.	12-07	8:00am	SS	Patrick Ebert (+)
		11:00am	IC	Agnes Rezac (+)

Upcoming Events

First Sunday of Advent

Sun.	11-30	9:15am	SS	No Rel. Ed.
		11:00am	IC	Rite of Signing
Tues.	12-02	7:00pm	IC	RCIA
		7:30pm	IC	K of C Meeting
Wed.	12-03	6:30pm	IC	Rel. Ed. Class
		6:30pm	IC	Confirmation Class
		7:00pm	SS	Rosary & Chaplet
		7:00pm	SS	Youth Group Meeting
Fri.	12-05	9:30am	SMM	Mass
Sat.	12-06	5:00pm	SS	K of C 4th Degree Mass

Second Sunday of Advent

		9:15am	SS	Rel. Ed.
		3:00pm	SS	Penance Service
		7:00pm	IC	Penance Service

Adoration Chapel Closing for Christmas

The Adoration Chapel will close at Noon on Wednesday, Dec. 24th and will reopen at Noon Sunday, Dec. 28th..

Have a happy Advent Season

Bulletin Deadline

Please have your bulletin announcements and fliers for inserts to the office by Noon on Wednesdays. Thanks.

Office Hours: Monday through Thursday 9:00am to Noon and 1:00 -3:00pm

Friday 9:30am to Noon and 1:00- 3:45pm

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Nov. 23, Contributions:
Plate-\$241.; Env.-\$2093. The Needy-\$65.; Human Dev.-\$115. Total-\$2514.

Quarterly Statement, 7-1 to 9-30, 2014. Income/Expense Report:

Total Income: \$95,325.75
Total Expenses: \$104,578.38

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

Front Entrance Renovation Report ~

So far the pledge to date is: \$46,610
Payments to date: \$34,786.04.

Budget Options: There have been questions about how much each of the options would cost. Both options are \$150,000.00. If you have questions, please call Kent Francis.

K of C Info ~

*Future Blood Drive ~

Future Blood Drive is set for 12.26.2014 from 2:30-6pm at the Centennial Bldg. Please contact John Simecka for more info.

Book of the Dead ~ is located on the west side of the sanctuary. Write in your deceased loved ones names and they will be prayed for all during the month of November.

The St. Marys Senior Citizen's Center is in need of help to deliver meals to approximately 8 people at noon Monday thru Friday. Delivery time takes about 1 1/2 to 2 hours. One person can do it by themselves. However, if there are two people, the 1 1/2 to 2 hours is shortened. If you could spare the time one day a week please call Bill Brown at 785-437-6240. He will be happy to answer any questions you might have.

St. Marys Manor Mass—Time Change ~

Fridays, 9:30am when the Manor turn comes up. Please watch the bulletin.

IC Confirmation Info ~

Our confirmation class is reading the Book of Matthew for Advent (28 chapters in 24 days). In solidarity with our students, would you please consider reading along with them and sending prayers their way.

Please Pray for the repose of the soul of Hildegard Pearl. May her soul rest in peace.



Jesse Tree ~

Please take a tag from the Jesse Tree and wrap your gift. Attach the white tag to the outside of the gift and return it to the tree.

WE NEED YOUR GIFT RETURNED

BY SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14TH. We have 38 families needing gifts. Questions? Call Carol Vande Velde, 584-6309 or Judy Lundin, 584-6447.

Youth Group Info ~

***Meeting:** Nov. 30th, 6-7:30pm.

***One Thing Remains**-The Holiday Season has almost begun and before it does you and your youth are invited to One Thing Remains. One Thing Remains is a night of Adoration with Archbishop Naumann and praise and worship with Ike Ndolo. Adoration will take place at Blessed Sacrament Church, 2203 Parallel, KCK. After Adoration you are all invited to walk across the parking lot to the Urban Outreach Center, Reach KCK. You can hang out with Ike, fellowship with one another, and enjoy some refreshments. Hope to see you there!

Christmas Flowers ~ Put money for Memorial Christmas Flowers in the collection or drop it by the rectory. Be sure and put who it is in memory of.

St. Stanislaus, Rossville / Silver Lake/Delia

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Nov. 23, Collection:

Plate-\$151; Envelopes-\$1,053; Human Dev.-\$45. Total-\$1,251.

Bldg. Fund-\$452; Cookbooks-\$47; Angel Tree-\$53.

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.)

Book of Life ~ During the month of November we pray for our Loved ones. Our "Book of Life" is located up front. Everyone is welcome to place the names of their loved ones who have died in the book. We ask the parishioners to offer prayers for them.

Angel Christmas Tree ~

Win the beautiful Angel decorated Christmas Tree displayed in the Narthex. Drawing tickets will be available after Masses. The Christmas tree will be given away on Sunday, Dec. 7th. Proceeds go to the Building Fund.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Program

is in need of a child's wooden table with 2 chairs. We also need the help of those gifted with woodworking talent for various projects. If you can help, please contact Tonia at 785-640-6783.

On Sat Dec. 6th there will be a 5:00 PM Mass at St. Stanislaus sponsored by the 4th Degree Knights of Columbus. Anyone is welcome to attend this Mass.



Jesse Tree ~ The Jesse Tree has tags suggesting items for the families our parish has adopted this year. They are available in the entry of the church. Please return the suggested gift, wrapped and with the tag attached, to the church the morning of Sunday, Dec. 21st. It would be helpful if gift cards were put in small gift bags or boxes with the tags attached, to avoid losing the cards. Thank you for your continued support of those families less fortunate in our community.

Christmas Flowers ~ Forms to reserve a Poinsettia in memory of a loved one for the Christmas service's are located on the table in the entry of the church.



**St. Francis Xavier
December 3**

Virtus "Protecting God's Children" ~

Any adult or youth 16 years of age or older must have attended the mandatory Virtus program for the Archdiocese and filled out the necessary papers before they volunteer working with children. Thanks to the many who attended our session on Oct. 19th. If you were unable to attend this session and wish to attend one, you can log on to www.archkck.org and locate on the right hand side of the screen, the Kansas City, KS sessions held in North East Kansas Parishes. Before Dec. 31st of each year all students will be shown an age appropriate film on child protection given thru the CCD program. Parents not wanting their children to view the film are given an opportunity to "Opt Out". Forms are obtained at the Rel. Ed. Office.

Church Choir ~ Please consider joining the church choir. We will begin practice for Christmas soon and new members are always welcome. For information, call June, 584-6080 or Helen, 584-6335.

Rossville Valley Manor Mass, Time and Day Change ~ Starting Wed., Dec. 10th the RVM Mass will be on Wednesdays at 10am. The days will still be alternating with SMM, Mass which will still be on Fridays at 9:30am when it is their turn.

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@ameplus.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., 7-8am; 3-4pm;
- ✦ Tues., 2-3am
- ✦ Wed., 12am-1am **Alternating; 3-4am;**
- ✦ Sat., 4-5am; 12 Noon-1pm; 7pm-8pm; 8-9pm; 9-10pm

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

O, come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

Teen Encounter Christ Retreat ~

We are accepting registrations for TEC, Teen Encounter Christ Retreat. If you have an teens or adults interested in this Pascal Mystery retreat, register at:

<http://www.archkck.org/TeensEncounterChrist>. Cost is \$110 per person. For more information and questions contact the Youth Office at: youthadmin@archkck.org.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THESE INTENTIONS REQUESTED THROUGH OUR PRAYER CHAIN

**Contacts: Mary E. Reese: 437-6163
Anita Marstall: 437-6117**

Jim Seitz-Healing of Pneumonia

Holy Humor

A Sunday School teacher began her lesson with a question, "Boys and girls, what do we know about God?" A hand shot up in the air. "He is an artist!" said the kindergarten boy. "Really? How do you know?" the teacher asked. "You know-Our Father, who does art in Heaven.."

Catholic Singles ~

***International dinner night, Japanese, Kiku Steakhouse, Fairlawn Plaza, Thursday, Dec. 4th, 6pm. Call Nancy, 249-7037**

***Christmas Party at Blind Tiger, Gift Exchange up to \$10, Dec. 14th. Must call Emma by Dec. 7th to RSVP, 267-0079.**

Parishes' Wedding Policy Available On-Line:

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

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

Please notice hours that have opened up.

~RCIA ~ Class on Tues, Dec. 2, 7-8:30pm Rm.#3. **Topic:** Session 12, Advent & Feast Day.

Rosary Repair ~ We have someone available who will repair rosaries. (free of charge) Please leave them at the office the first Tuesday of the month before Noon and pick up the 3rd Wed. of the month between 1 and 3pm.

The Catholic TV Network, America's Catholic Television Network, is now available to cable and satellite providers in our area. Please help provide this upbeat, youthful and exciting Catholic network and a powerful resource to the people of our area and the entire nation. To help, simply visit GetCatholicTV.com as an easy way to petition your cable or satellite provider. If you are unable to access the internet please follow up with a postcard or letter to your provider.

Catholic Natural Family Planning ~

As Advent approaches and we prepare our hearts for the coming of our Savior, see what bountiful blessings of health and happiness **Natural Family Planning** classes can bring to your marriage. Classes in the Sympto-Thermal Method of NFP are offered in Topeka for a reasonable course fee beginning Thurs., Dec. 11th at 6:30pm. 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, including the location of this class. **Online registration required at www.ccli.org.** Learn more at nftopeka.blogspot.com

Monthly Pro-Life Mass & Rosary at Planned Parenthood ~ Please join us at Church of the Nativity located at 3800 W. 119th, Leawood, KS 66209 for **Mass on Saturday, Dec. 6. Mass is at 8:15am. After Mass we will drive to the Planned Parenthood abortion clinic and pray the rosary.** Planned Parenthood is located at 4401 W. 109th St., Overland Park, KS 66211. Please join in our prayer and public witness to end abortion.

Holiday Food Baskets

IT'S TIME AGAIN TO HELP THE FOOD PANTRY FILL THE HOLIDAY FOOD BASKETS. We need donations of: Stove Top Dressing, Instant Mashed Potatoes, Cut Green Beans, Whole Kernel Corn, Boxed Jell-O, Boxed Pudding Mixes, Fruit Cocktail, Cake Mixes and Frostings. If you want to donate a turkey or ham, please call Mary Poell, 437-2448, or Tina Roth, 584-6466. Any monetary donations may be mailed to 503 N. 5th St, St. Marys, KS 66536. **ALL FOOD DONATIONS NEED TO BE COLLECTED BY DEC. 7th THIS YEAR. THANK YOU** for making the holidays special for those in need.

Feast Days for the Week

Sun.,	Nov., 30,	First Sunday of Advent
Mon.,	Dec., 01,	Advent Wk Day
Tues.,	Dec., 02,	Advent Wk Day
Wed.,	Dec., 03,	St. Francis Xavier
Thurs.,	Dec., 04,	St. John Damascene
Fri.,	Dec., 05,	Advent Wk Day
Sat.,	Dec., 06,	St Nicholas
Sun.,	Dec., 07,	Second Sunday of Advent

"God's Little Green Acre" Seminarian Support ~

You are invited to join Catholics across the Archdiocese supporting vocations to the priesthood. Farmers can donate the proceeds from one acre of their crops, and if you don't farm and want to "grow" vocations, you can make a donation in any amount. At Christmas the donations are divided among our seminarians to help them pay for textbooks and personal expenses. They greatly appreciate these funds since they have no income. For questions call Melanie at 913-647-0303 or email vocation@archkck.org. Mail donations to: Vocation office, 12615 Parallel Pkwy, Kansas City, KS 66109.

