



Immaculate Conception Parish, St. Marys

Holy Cross Church, Emmett

St. Stanislaus Parish, Delia/Rossville/Silver Lake

Third Sunday of Advent ~ “Gaudete”

Sunday

Gaudete Sunday is the Third Sunday of Advent. The Introit for *Gaudete* Sunday, in both the *Traditional Latin Mass* and the *Novus Ordo Mass*, is taken from Philippians 4:4,5: "*Gaudete in Domino semper*" ("*Rejoice in the Lord always*"). Like Lent, Advent is a penitential season, which used to be called the “little Lent”. The priest normally wears purple vestments. The Church invites us to make a concentrated effort to increase our prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Having passed the midpoint of Advent, the Church lightens the mood a little, and the priest may wear rose vestments. The change in color provides us with encouragement to continue our spiritual preparation for Christmas. For this same reason, the third candle of the Advent wreath, which is first lit on *Gaudete* Sunday, is traditionally rose-colored.



**Third Sunday of Advent
December 13, 2015**

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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 Immaculate Conception
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 Walt at the office, 437-2408, ext. 102, for further information.

MARRIAGE Please call Father May for an appointment to go over the marriage policy(437-2408)

Minister List for IC

Dec. 19 & 20 and 24th & Midnight

Dec 19: 5pm

Lector: Rich Schoenfeld
 Ex. Ord. Mins.: Peggy Smith, Laura Mulligan, B. Mulligan
 Servers: Brianna Mulligan, Taegan Schoenfeld, Cody DeDonder
 Gifts: Dylan Smith Family
 Ushers: Dylan Smith
 Musicians: IC Musicians

Dec. 20: 11am

Lector: Paul Lenherr
 Ex. Ord. Mins.: Gary & Tina Roth, Jenna Jones, (Marsha DeDonder)
 Servers: Bailey Aubert, Vivian Martin, Jory Schindler
 Gifts: Julie Tooley Family
 Ushers: John Simecka, Dwight Bordelon
 Musicians: Rick & Diane Budden

Dec. 24, 2015 6pm

Lector: Mike Smith; Ex. Ord. Mins.: Mike & Sherry Smith, Cindy Stover; Servers: Brianna Marstall, Kennedy Ratliff, Rylan Ratliff; Gifts: Rick Reese Family; Ushers: Dan Marstall, Doyle Pearl; Musicians: IC Singers

Midnight Mass:

Lector: Laurie Pearl; Ex. Ord. Mins: Mick Poell, Julie Tooley, Doug Wietharn; Servers: Wyatt Aubert, Rose Aubert, JC McDowell; Gifts: Doug Wietharn Family; Ushers: Doug Wietharn, John Diesel; Musicians: IC Musicians

**Minister List for St. Stanislaus
 Dec. 19 & 20**

Dec. 19:7pm

Lector: Deana Cowan;
 Ex. Ord. Minister: Marvin Burgett;
 Servers: Rewerts;
 Ushers: Volunteers;
 Music: Sandy, Lana, Kris.

Dec. 20: 8am

Lector: Sierra Streit;
 Ex. Ord. Mins.: Deidre Michael, Colleen Gillum, Shannon Brokaw, Phyllis Dolechek;
 Servers: Zoe & Mason Brokaw & Joe McGrath;
 Ushers: Harold Michael, Jared Morris;
 Music: Youth Choir.

Colette will call for SS Christmas Minister List.

Holy Cross Christmas Schedule-Dec. 25, 8am

Lector: Marla Flanagan;
 Ex. Ord. Mins: Laura Mulligan, Skip Keller
 Servers: Mitchel Flanagan & Jordan Baumchen
 Gifts: Jim & Karen Mulligan
 Usher: Jim Mulligan
 Music: Rick & Diane Budden

Weekly Schedule

(Dec. 13 to Dec. 20)

Sat.	12-12	5:00pm	IC	George Reimler (+)
		7:00pm	SS	Damaris Niewald (+)
Sun.	12-13	8:00am	SS	Patrick Lytle (+)
		11:00am	IC	Marikay Fox (+)
Mon.	12-14	8:00am	IC	Fr's Intention
Tues.	12-15	8:00am	IC	Joe Flanagan & Bobby Flanagan (++)
Wed.	12-16	8:00am	IC	Hildegard Pearl (+)
Thurs.	12-17	8:00am	IC	Geraldine Blanchat (+)
Fri.	12-18	8:00am	IC	Joanne Wurtz Reddy (+)
		9:30am	SMM	Poor Souls in Purgatory (+)
Sat.	12-19	5:00pm	IC	Cecilia Schumaker (+)
		7:00pm	SS	Mary Cowan (+)
Sun.	12-20	8:00am	SS	Marcena Stallbaumer (+)
		11:00am	IC	Parishioners

Up-Coming Events

Third Sunday of Advent

9:15am	SS	Rel. Ed. Class
3:00pm	SH Paxico	Penance Service
7:00pm	St. Bernard's	Penance Service
7:00pm	IC	Baptismal Prep, Rm 3
6:30pm	IC	Rel. Ed. Class
7:00pm	SS	Chaplet & Rosary
7:00pm	SS	Youth Night
7:00pm	SS	K of C Meeting
9:30am	SMM	Mass

Fourth Sunday of Advent

9:15am	SS	Rel. Ed. Class
10:40am	IC	K of C Pro-Life Rosary

NOTE: Please have bulletin items in by Noon on Wednesdays. Thank You.

Adoration Schedule for Christmas



The Adoration Chapel will be closed from 8:00am on Thursday, Dec. 24th and will reopen at Noon Sunday, Dec. 27th. The Chapel will not be closed over New Years.

Christmas Mass Schedule

Dec. 24-6pm-St. Stanislaus, Rossville
 6pm-Immaculate Conception, St. Marys
 Midnight.....Immaculate Conception, St. Marys
 Dec. 25-8am-Holy Cross Church, Emmett
 9am-St. Stanislaus, Rossville

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

Religious Ed. Office: Monday through Friday 9:00am to 3:00pm

Main Office Phone Number: 785-437-2408 Extension

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	IC Religious Ed. Asst.	Betty Aubert	unityreled2@gmail.com 103
	IC Youth Minister -	Gerry Lou Marstall	glmarstall@yahoo.com 785-437-2295
	SS Youth Coordinator	Angie Bittner	angiebittner@yahoo.com 785-221-2644

Immaculate Conception
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All Parishes

Dec. 5, 2015, Contributions:
Plate-\$265; Env.-\$4,577; Needy-\$350;
Imm. Concep.-\$75; Christ. Gift-\$75;
Cath. Charities-\$125; Retire. For Reli-
gious-\$175 Total-\$5,642.

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

**Front Entrance Renovation
Report ~**

Pledge: \$111,413.00; Payments-\$124,420.

Legacy Society ~ something to the parish
in your will? Don't put it off until later. The
government already has a will prepared for
you that will not include your charitable intent
unless it is in writing.

Mission Team ~ The "Mission Team"
is available to help if you have household
tasks that are beyond your means to complete.
Call the church office, 437-2408.

Jesse Tree ~ Please take a tag from the
Jesse Tree. Wrap your gift and put the tag on
the outside of your gift. **Return wrapped gift
to the Jesse Tree. We need all gifts returned
by Dec. 13th.** Have received 38 applications.

Thank You ~

Three-hundred sixty-seven dollars was donat-
ed to the St. Marys Community Food Pantry
from the offering at the Thanksgiving
Ecumenical service. Thank you to everyone
who donated and God bless you for your
generosity.

Christmas Mem. Flowers ~

If you would like to order a Memorial
Poinsettia, please put the money in the
collection or drop it by the rectory.

**ALL HANDS ON DECK (the halls
with boughs of holly!) Come help us
decorate our beautiful church after 11am
Mass Dec. 20th. See you there!**

Congratulations to Justin Brown and Hali
Hutley who were married Sat., Dec. 5, 2015.

Youth Group, 6th-HS ~ Please join us
at St. Mary's Manor at 5pm Dec. 13th to sing
Carols and deliver presents to shut-in resi-
dents. We will then gather to have pizza and
hot chocolate afterwards. RSVP so I will
know how much to plan for. Families wel-
come. Send to Gerry Lou, 383-9887 or text.

Dec. 5, 2015, Collection:
Plate-\$210; Envs-\$1,440. Poor & Needy-\$5;
Immaculate Conception-\$125; Camp. For
Human Dev.-\$5. Total-\$1,785.

Bldg. Fund.-\$732.

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

Jesse Tree ~

The tags for gifts for families we are adopting
for Christmas can be taken from the tree to
purchase gifts. Please return all gifts, wrapped
with the tag attached by Dec. 20. If you pur-
chase a gift card please put it in a small bag or
wrap it so it doesn't get misplaced. Thank you
for your generous support each year.

Thank You ~ To St. Joseph's Fit Team and
others who helped make the Craft Festival a big
success. Net proceeds were \$943.29 which will
go to the building fund. We are planning ano-
ther Craft Festival for next year in November of
2016.

Choir Practice ~

Choir practice for Christmas services will
be held Monday, Dec. 14th and Monday, Dec.
21st. All practices begin at 6:30pm. Anyone
interested is encouraged and welcome to attend
these practices.

**St. Stanislaus
Memorial Poinsettia
Trees ~**

Would you like to remember
a loved one by providing a
Poinsettia for our Poinsettia
trees? If so, please fill out the
form in back of church and
send with \$7 per plant to

Shelly Buhler, PO Box 784, 503 Maple Court,
Rossville, KS 66533; or place it in a separate
(marked) envelope. and drop it in the collection
basket. You may also drop it off at the parish
office. Make checks payable to St. Stanislaus
Church Bldg. Fund. Your loved ones will be
remembered at a Mass in January and their
names will appear on a handout that will be
available Christmas Eve. Orders will be taken
until Dec. 22nd.



Community Health Ministry ~ Did you know that
the CHM Medical Clinic has a FREE durable medical
equipment loan program? (wheelchairs, crutches, walkers,
grab bars, etc.) This equipment is available to anyone who
may need it. With that said...we need wheelchairs! Good,
used durable medical equipment may be dropped off at
either the Wamego or Alma offices.



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.



Blood Drive ~ The K of C Council #657
blood drive has been rescheduled for Wed., Dec.
30th in IC Centennial Bldg.

Community Health Ministry ~

Is always looking for workable stoves, refrigerators, washers and
dryers. We will pick up-call John Simecka, 437-6123.

**Thank You to all families of Immaculate Concep-
tion and St. Stanislaus Churches,** that pledged their finan-
cial support to the apostolate, The Sword of St. George, Inc. and
KSWZ-LP radio. We were encouraged by the enthusiastic re-
sponse given by the people of your parishes. During the weekend
presentations, 63 families filled out pledge cards totaling \$3,445.
This is blessed assistance in helping us to achieve our goal of
\$40,000 to cover the costs associated with operation and over-
head of the radio station. Thank you, again, for your prayers and
support. Please share KSWZLP.COM with your family and
friends. May God bless you all and may you have a blessed
Christmas.

Retirement Fund for Religious ~

Aging religious need your help. In the US today, there are more
than 33,000 senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and rel. order
priests. These religious work tirelessly in Catholic schools, hospi-
tals and agencies, usually for little to no pay. As a result, many
religious communities lack adequate savings for retirement and
eldercare. Your gift to today's collection helps provide medica-
tions, nursing care, and more. Please be as generous as possible.

ONE THING REMAINS ~

**For youth of all ages to come together for a night of Praise
and Worship, Adoration, and Confession!** Dec. 30th, 2015. 7-
8:30pm Adoration with Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann, 8:30-
9:30pm Reception at Reach KCK. Blessed Sacrament Catholic
Church, Kansas City, KS. Featuring: Pontifex. All are 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 Walt Nelson (IC), 437-2408 or Connie Fischer (SS) [cfischer@ameplus.com], 785-584-6262
Youth Group:	Contact Walt Nelson (IC) 437-2408 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 unityreled2@gmail.com; or for HC--Galen Rezac (535-2482).
Prayer Chain Coord.:	Holy Cross -Janet Wehrly (535-8021), St. Stanislaus -Shirley Gustafson (554-3028), 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:

- ✦ **Tues., 2-3am; 8-9pm.**
- ✦ **Fri. 7-8pm.**
- ✦ **Sat., 12:00am-1am; 12 Noon-1pm; 6-7pm.**
- ✦ **Sun., 3-4pm; 6-7pm.**

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

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

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. We really need help with these hours!!

PLEASE PRAY FOR THESE INTENTIONS REQUESTED THROUGH OUR PRAYER CHAIN

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

John Clark: Healing of injuries received from a fall.

Frank DeDonder: Prayers for healing of Cancer

Catholic Counselor List ~ Many

good Catholic people and families have had times in their lives when they have benefited from counseling. Archkck.org/Catholic-Counselors is an updated list of 16 local counselors who follow the teachings of the Catholic Church. There are multiple bilingual counselors.

Community Health Ministry Food Pantry Needs ~

Peanut butter, Jelly, Spaghetti Sauce, Spaghetti or macaroni noodles, plastic grocery bags, canned corn, Canned fruit and Tuna. If you can help us out with any of these items, please drop them by either the Alma office, 206 W. 1st or the Wamego office at 407 Ash.

Found ~ Pair of glasses with black frames in Sacred Heart Church, Paxico, after Nadine Perry's funeral. Call IC Rectory, 437-2408 for more info.



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. 6th THIS YEAR. THANK YOU** for making the holidays special for those in need.

Marriage Minute

The reality of Man and Woman forming the Sacrament of Matrimony sheds light on why the Church recommends to couples to not live together before the bond of matrimony exists and likewise to not engage in sexual intercourse before the bond exists. Which comes first in the sacramental meaning of marriage, the family or the bond? The bond forms the family, and when a couple lives together without the bond present, they are not being truthful with their actions and thus, are not being an accurate sign of the Trinity. The reality of Man and God created marriage to signify this reality, and when a couple is a countersign, the Church is there to help them realize that they were created for more than simply a more convenient living situation. The relationship of man and woman and its great potential is a sign of the dignity of Church has the obligation to always protect human dignity even when it is unpopular.

The unfortunate thing is that the church is falsely stereotyped as simply having its teachings on cohabitation and premarital sex for the purpose of ruining people's fun, and thinking so little of sex. The reality is that the Church thinks so highly of the couple and their sexual relationship that it wishes to help couples maximize their sexual relationship by living it out as it was intended in marriage.

Save the Date...World Marriage Day Mass ~

Come celebrate World Marriage Day. Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann, at 6:30pm, Feb. 11th at Holy Trinity Parish, Lenexa, KS. Mass will be followed by a reception and presentation by International Catholic speaker, author, and radio host, Jon Leonetti. Jon's book—*Mission of the Family*—is featured in Matthew Kelly's Dynamic Catholic Book program.

Catholic Charities ~

Catholic Charities of NE Kansas exists because there is need, but we survive because of your generosity. Please help us meet the great needs in the Archdiocese by contributing to the annual Christmas Collection.



and



(Immaculate Conception)

Finance Council Members:

Kent Francis (Chair.), Jim Mees, Galen Rezac, Chuck Ronnau, and Keith Aubert.

Pastoral Council Members:

Gary Roth (Chair), John Simecka, Donna Perry, Claire Pearl, Marty Ronnau, Doyle Pearl, Dennis Miller, John Flanagan and Kevin Fox.

(St. Stanislaus)

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Knights of Columbus

St. Marys Council #657:

Grand Knight: Keith Aubert

St. Stanislaus Council #10755:

Grand Knight: Gerald Freeby

Computer Funny:

The 4th of July was coming up, and the nursery school teacher took the opportunity to tell her class about patriotism. "We live in a great country" she said. "One of the things we should be happy about is that, in this country, we are all free." One little boy came walking up to her from the back of the room. He stood with his hand on his hips and said "I'm not free. I'm four."

Feast Days for the Week

Sun.,	Dec. 13,	Third Sunday of Advent
Mon.	Dec. 14,	St. John of the Cross
Tues.,	Dec. 15,	Advent Wk Day
Wed.	Dec. 16,	Advent Wk Day
Thurs.,	Dec. 17,	Advent Wk Day
Fri.	Dec. 18,	Advent Wk Day
Sat.,	Dec. 19,	Advent Wk Day
Sun.,	Dec. 20,	Fourth Sunday of Advent

