



Immaculate Conception Parish, St. Marys

Holy Cross Church, Emmett

St. Stanislaus Parish, Delia/Rossville/Silver Lake

Third Sunday of Advent ~

“Gaudate” 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 Philipians 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 14, 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.



December Schedules for Christmas

Penance Services

Dec. 14-3pm at Sacred Heart, Paxico
7pm at St. Bernard's, Wamego

Mass Schedules

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

New Years Mass Schedule

Dec. 31-5pm, Immaculate Conception
7pm, St. Stanislaus
Jan. 1, 2015-8am, St. Stanislaus
11am, Immaculate Conception

Have a Happy Advent Season!

Adoration Chapel Closing for Christmas

The Adoration Chapel will close at 8am (change on time of closing) on Wednesday, Dec. 24th and will reopen at Noon Sunday, Dec. 28th. The Chapel will not be closed over New Years

Weekly Schedule

(Dec. 14 to Dec. 21)

Sat.	12-13	8:00am	IC	Clayton Perry (+)
		5:00pm	IC	Joe Flanagan & Bobby Flanagan (++)
Sun.	12-14	7:00pm	SS	John Jacobson, Jr. (+)
		8:00am	SS	Wilbur Tomson (+)
		11:00am	IC	Parishioners
Mon.	12-15	8:00am	IC	Fr. May's Intention
Tues.	12-16	12:10pm	IC	Geraldine Blanchat (+)
Wed.	12-17	8:00am	IC	Kristin Morford (+)
Thurs.	12-18	8:00am	IC	Sp. Int. for IC Sacristans
Fri.	12-19	8:00am	IC	Joe & Catherine DeVader (++)
		9:30am	SMM	For the Manor Residents
Sat.	12-20	8:00am	IC	Rain
		5:00pm	IC	Jim Schumaker (+)
		7:00pm	SS	Mike Kerwin (+)
Sun.	12-21	8:00am	SS	Parishioners
		11:00am	IC	Tricia Clark (+)

Upcoming Events

Third Sunday of Advent

9:15am	SS	Rel. Ed.
3:00pm	SH, Paxico	Penance Service
7:00pm	St. B., Wamego	Penance Service
8:00am	IC	Mass
12:10pm	IC	Mass

Offices Closed After Mass for the Afternoon

7:00pm	IC	RCIA
6:30pm	IC	Rel. Ed. Class
6:30pm	IC	Confirmation Class
7:00pm	SS	Rosary & Chaplet
7:00pm	SS	K of C Meeting
7:00pm	SS	Youth Group Meeting
9:30am	SMM	Mass
Fourth Sunday of Advent		
9:15am	SS	Christmas Program during class time
10:40am	IC	K of C Pro-Life Rosary

Bulletin Deadline

Please have your bulletin announcements and fliers for inserts to the office by Noon on Wednesdays. **(The deadline for Dec. 27th & 28th bulletin will be noon on Monday, Dec. 22nd)** 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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Dec. 7, Contributions:

Plate-\$572.; Env.-\$3,283. The Needy-\$400.; Immac. Conception-\$315; Christmas Gift-\$25; Special Gift-\$20. Total-\$4,615.

Catholic Charities-\$35; Retirement for Religious-\$35.

Faith Direct: Special Collections-\$360; Envelopes-\$2,258. Total-\$2618.

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: \$35,096.04.

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.

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.

K of C Info ~

***Blood Drive ~** A community blood drive is set for Dec. 26th from 2:30 until 6pm at the Centennial Building. Please try to make an appointment, as this helps the staffing level from the Blood Bank. Visit www.savealifenow.org and put in the zip code and 12/26/14— or call John Simecka, 437-6123 and he will make your appointment.

***The December Family of the Month** selected by K of C Council #657 is the Dennis and Mary Miller family. Dennis has also been selected as the Knight of the Month. Congratulations!



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.

Harvesters ~ The December Harvesters Rural Mobile Food Distribution will be the 31st instead of the 24th due to Christmas.



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 ~

***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 Dec. 30th at 7pm 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!

Thank You ~ to Tim DeDonder for the donation of the beautiful outside Nativity Scene that is in Father Ray's front yard.

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Dec. 7, Collection:

Plate-\$102; Envelopes-\$2,252; Total-\$2,354. Holy Day: Envs-\$50; Immaculate Conception-\$75; Total-\$125.

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.)



Parish Cookbooks ~

Parish cookbooks are still available. The cookbook makes a nice Christmas gift. Contact Colette in the parish office or ask after Masses. Price is \$7.00 each or three for \$20.00.

Christmas Angel Tree ~

Our Christmas Angel Tree was won by Phyllis Dolechek. We added \$199 to the Bldg. Fund. Thanks to all who helped support the drawing.

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.



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.

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 ~ Choir practice for Christmas Masses will be at 5:30pm on Sunday, Dec. 14th. New members are always welcome. .

Rossville Valley Manor Mass, Time and Day Change ~

Starting Wed., Dec. 10th the RVM Mass has been changed to 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., 3-4pm;
- ✠ Tues., 2-3am
- ✠ Wed., 12am-1am Alternating; 3-4am; 11am-12pm
- ✠ Thurs., 5-6pm
- ✠ Fri., (10-11am Temporary)
- ✠ Sat., 4-5am; 12 Noon-1pm; 6-7pm Temporary; 7pm-8pm; 8-9pm; 9-10pm

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

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

Anonymous person-Good tests, healing and relief of stress

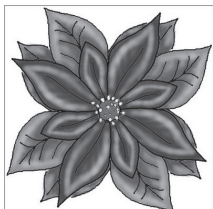
Theola Bearman-Healing

Holy Humor

Sunday after church, a Mom asked her very young daughter what the lesson was about. The daughter answered, "Don't be scared, you'll get your quilt." Needless to say, the Mom was perplexed. Later in the day, the pastor stopped by for tea and the Mom asked him what that morning's Sunday school lesson was about. He said "Be not afraid, thy comforter is coming."

Catholic Singles ~

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



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!!

~RCIA ~ Class on Tues, Dec. 16, 7-8:30pm
Rm.#3. Topic: Communion of Saints.

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 nfptopeka.blogspot.com

"Give to Those Who Have Given a Lifetime" ~ This weekend a special collection will be taken for retired religious in the US. Although religious sisters and brothers may serve in a diocese, they are self-supporting. Many religious orders do not have enough working members to support the medical care of their older members. Your contribution will go into a national fund from which 93 cents of every dollar is given in grants to religious communities that request assistance. Money goes for direct elder care and to help orders learn strategies for retirement fund planning and fund raising so they can better provide for their future needs. Thank those who have given a lifetime by using your special envelope to make a small donation.

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.,	Dec., 14,	Third Sunday of Advent
Mon.,	Dec., 15,	Advent Wk Day
Tues.,	Dec., 16,	Advent Wk Day
Wed.,	Dec., 17,	Advent Wk Day
Thurs.,	Dec., 18,	Advent Wk Day
Fri.,	Dec., 19,	Advent Wk Day
Sat.,	Dec., 20,	Advent Wk Day
Sun.,	Dec., 21,	Fourth 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.

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

Natural Family Planning Classes ~

This New Year, resolve to drop the burden of contraception and embrace the freedom of Natural Family Planning! Classes in the Sympto-Thermal Method of NFP are offered in Topeka for a reasonable course fee beginning Sun., Jan. 18th 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, including the location of this class. Online registration required at www.ccli.org. Learn more at nfptopeka.blogspot.com