



Immaculate Conception Parish, St. Marys

Holy Cross Church, Emmett

St. Stanislaus Parish, Delia/Rossville/Silver Lake



Fourth Sunday of Advent ~ Although our Advent season has seemed to move so quickly, we still have a three or four days to do our final preparations. These preparations which we make are not with presents and Christmas parties... and they are not for just any guest... but for Jesus... Emmanuel... God-with-us.



Christmas Prayer

Lord, in this holy season of prayer and song and laughter, we praise you for the great wonders you have sent us: for shining star and angel's song, for infant's cry in lowly manger. We praise you for the Word made flesh in a little Child. We behold his glory, and are bathed in its radiance.

Be with us as we sing the ironies of Christmas, the incomprehensible comprehended, the poetry made hard fact, the helpless Babe who cracks the world asunder. We kneel before you shepherds, innkeepers, wise men. Help us to rise bigger than we are. Amen.

May the Lord bring you and your families the peace of truly believing what Christ accomplished through His birth. May you be abundantly blessed.

Fourth Sunday of Advent (12-20-15) & The Nativity of Our Lord (12-25-15)

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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. 26 & 27 and 31 & Jan. 1, 2016

Dec 26: 5pm

Lector: Amanda Aubert
 Ex. Ord. Mins.: Jean Poppelreiter, Jennifer Parrett, Amanda Aubert
 Servers: Kason Gomez, Jacob Fox, Lily SinghDhillon
 Gifts: Steve Denton Family
 Ushers: Steve Denton
 Musicians: TBD

Dec. 27: 11am

Lector: Rick Reese
 Ex. Ord. Mins.: Skip Keller, Jenna Jones, Jerry Tanking
 Servers: John Paul Downey, Nicholas Bordelon, Nate Hutley
 Gifts: Keith Aubert Family
 Ushers: John Simecka, Doyle Pearl
 Musicians: IC Singers

Dec. 31, 2015 5pm

Lector: Kasey Flanagan; Ex. Ord. Mins.: Peggy Smith, John & Marla Flanagan; Servers: Mitch Flanagan, Riley Stallbaumer, Tara Stallbaumer; Gifts: Phil Bertels Family; Ushers: Dwight Bordelon, Howard Deiter; Musicians: IC Musicians

Jan. 1, 2016 8am:

Lector: Marilyn Immenschuh Ex. Ord. Mins: Gary & Tina Roth, John Simecka; Servers: Bailey Aubert, Josh Schindler, Cody DeDonder; Gifts: John Immenschuh Family Ushers: Chris Hutley, John Simecka; Musicians:TBD

Minister List for St. Stanislaus

Dec. 24, 6pm , Dec. 25, 9am & Dec. 26 & 27

Christmas Eve, 6pm

Lector: Shirley Gustafson; Ex. Min. Damian Dekat, Damian Enneking, Cletus Manhart, Carolyn Wilt; Servers-Rewerts & Carter Bergman; Music-Adult Choir; Ushers-Russ Biladeau, Damian Dekat, Bill Neary, Eric Brummer; Gifts-Nathan Bergman

Christmas Day, 9am

Lector: Volunteer; Ex. Min: Carroll Muller, Damian Dekat, Colette Peel; Servers: Volunteers; Music: Adult Choir; Ushers: Volunteers.

Dec. 26:7pm

Lector: Alexis Ebert; Ex. Ord. Minister: Connie Mellies; Servers: Rewerts & Santana Raub; Ushers: Volunteers; Music: Sandy-Lana-Kris.

Dec. 27: 8am

Lector: Louise Manhart; Ex. Ord. Mins.: Cletus Manhart, Helen Fry, Sami Fischer; Servers: Colby & Lane Hurla & Broxton McDaniel; Ushers: Bill Neary & Colby Hadsall; Music: Helen & June.

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. 20 to Dec. 27)

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
Mon.	12-21	8:00am	IC	Fr's Intention
Tues.	12-22	12:10am	IC	Brian Fiedler & Vicky Catron (++)
Wed.	12-23	8:00am	IC	Gary Dodson (+)
		10:00am	RVM	Clint & Winnie Kerwin(++)
Thurs.	12-24 Christmas Eve.	8:00am	IC	No Mass
		6:00pm	SS	Parishioners
		6:00pm	IC	Parishioners
		Midnight	IC	Parishioners
Fri.	12-25 Christmas Day	8:00am	HC	Parishioners
		9:00am	SS	Parishioners
Sat.	12-26	5:00pm	IC	Don & Rita Fox (++)
		7:00pm	SS	Loretta Scott (+)
Sun.	12-27	8:00am	SS	Parishioners
		11:00am	IC	Marj Guerich (+)

Up-Coming Events

Fourth Sunday of Advent (12-20-15)

The Nativity of our Lord (12-25-15)

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

Offices Closed at 11:00am

10:00am RVM Mass
 6:30pm IC No Rel. Ed. Class

(Chapel Closes at 8:00am)

6:00pm SS Mass
 6:00pm SS Mass
 Midnight IC Mass
 8:00am HC Mass
 9:00am SS Mass

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

9:15am SS No Rel. Ed. Class
 Noon IC Chapel Opens

NOTE: Please have bulletin items in by Noon on Monday, Dec. 21st. 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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St. Stanislaus

All Parishes

Dec. 13, 2015, Contributions:
Plate-\$443; Env.-\$3,075; Needy-\$85;
Imm. Concep.-\$329; All Saints-\$50;
Argentina-\$65; Retire. For Religious-\$635. Total-\$4,682.

Faith Direct: Offering-\$2,208; Christ. Gift-\$215; Cath. Charities-\$15; Immac. Conception-\$15; Rel. Retire.-\$115. Total-\$2,568.

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

Front Entrance Renovation Report ~

Pledge: \$111,413.00; Payments-\$124,740.00

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.

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!

Welcome to the Parish ~

Ashlyn Elisabeth Lukert, daughter of Adam and Anna Wiest Lukert, who was baptized Sunday, December 13, 2015. Also, welcome to **Ambrose Maximilian Downey**, son of Reid and Angela Varnado Downey, who was baptized Friday, December 18, 2015.

K of C Info- The December Family of the Month is the Gary & Tina Roth fam. Gary Roth is the Knight of the Month. Congratulations!

Matthew Kelly has provided free copies of his book **Rediscover Jesus** as gifts to our parishioners. Copies are on the table in the entrance of the Church.



Dec. 8th: Plate-\$44; Env.-\$45; Immac. Conception-\$235; Total-\$324.

Dec. 13, 2015, Collection:
Plate-\$147; Envs-\$2,026. Poor & Needy-\$70; Ret. For Religious-\$130; Feast of IC-\$15; Christmas-\$20; Cath. Charities-\$20. Total-\$2,428. Bldg. Fund-\$835.

Faith Direct: Bldg. Fund-\$1,055; Env.-\$830; Ret. For Rel.-1.00; Feast of IC-\$1; Christmas-\$30; Cath. Charities-\$21.

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.)

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 purchase 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 another Craft Festival for next year in November of 2016.

Choir Practice ~

Choir practice for Christmas services will be held Monday, Dec. 21st. Practice begins 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.

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!!!

The Endowment Fund is a permanent investment of gifts from which the income earned will be used to support a particular parish. Only the income or interest earned is available for distribution, so the donor's original gift is never spent. As a result, endowed funds provide a perpetual, supplemental source of income for such things as the enhancement of programs and ministries, facilities maintenance, etc.

You Have What We Need!

Community Health Ministry can't function without volunteers and we need YOUR help! We have a variety of jobs that volunteers can help with including things like copying, shredding, organizing donations, filling food baskets, picking up donations and helping with fundraising projects. Please consider using your talents, gifts or interests to help CHM continue to serve those in need. Contact Angel Hecht at angel@heartforhim.org or 785-294-1129 to volunteer.



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),
SS Music Ministry: **Immaculate Conception**-Mary Ellen Reese (437-6163).
(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
Sandy Wichman- Healing from a serious Infection
Dave Ronsse-Recovery from back surgery and healing
Jim Wise-Recovery from a Stroke
Dwayne Seematter-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.

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.

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

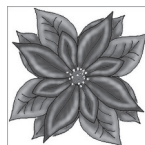
Marriage Minute

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.



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)

Finance Council Members:

Rod Cowan, (Chair), Kevin Brokaw, Sandy Wichman, Nathan Bergman, Alexis Ebert and Dan Fischer.

Pastoral Council Members:

Steve Morris (Chair), Deidre Michael, Lana Biladeau, Ric Baird, Calvin Lytle, Mark Wilt, Nancy Fletcher, Daryl Mitchell and Phyllis Dolechek.



Knights of Columbus

St. Marys Council #657:

Grand Knight: Keith Aubert

St. Stanislaus Council #10755:

Grand Knight: Gerald Freeby

Computer Funny:

Officers at a military installation were being lectured about a new computer. The training officer said the computer was able to withstand nuclear and chemical attacks. Suddenly, he saw that one of the officers had a cup of coffee and yelled, "There will be no eating or drinking in this room! You'll have to get rid of that coffee." The officer said meekly, "Sure, but why?" "Because a coffee spill could ruin the keyboard."

Feast Days for the Week

Sun.,	Dec. 20,	Fourth Sunday of Advent
Mon.	Dec. 21,	St. Peter Canisius
Tues.,	Dec. 22,	Advent Wk Day
Wed.	Dec. 23,	St. John Kanty
Thurs.,	Dec. 24,	Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord
Fri.	Dec. 25,	The Nativity of the Lord
Sat.,	Dec. 26,	St. Stephen, the First Martyr
Sun.,	Dec. 27,	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph