



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, as you have blest me during my time here in the parishes.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

**Fourth Sunday of Advent (12-21-14)  
& The Nativity of Our Lord (12-25-14)**

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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](http://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.



## Weekly Schedule

(Dec. 21 to Dec. 28)

Sat.	12-20	8:00am	IC	No Mass-Rescheduled
		5:00pm	IC	Jim Schumaker (+)
		7:00pm	SS	Mike Kerwin (+)
Sun.	12-21	8:00am	SS	Parishioners
		11:00am	IC	Tricia Clark (+)
Mon.	12-22	8:00am	IC	Fr. May's Intention
Tues.	12-23	12:10pm	IC	Arnold & Mary Oestmann (++)
Wed.	12-24		<b>RVM</b>	<b>No Mass</b>
			<b>IC</b>	<b>No 8am Mass</b>
		<b>6:00pm</b>	<b>IC</b>	<b>Parishioners</b>
		<b>6:00pm</b>	<b>SS</b>	<b>Parishioners</b>
		<b>Midnight Mass</b>	<b>SS</b>	<b>Parishioners</b>
Thurs.	12-25	8:00am	HC	Parishioners
		9:00am	IC	Parishioners
Fri.	12-26	8:00am	IC	Diann Northup (+)
Sat.	12-27	8:00am	IC	Angie DeDonder Richardson (+)
		5:00pm	IC	Parishioners
		7:00pm	SS	Mathew Gustafson (+)
Sun.	12-21	8:00am	SS	Francis Deters (+)
		11:00am	IC	Loretta Poell (+)

### December Schedules for Christmas

#### 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**

### Upcoming Events

#### Fourth Sunday of Advent

Sun.	12-21	9:15am	SS	Christmas Program during class time
		10:40am	IC	K of C Pro-Life Rosary
Mon.	12-22	8:00am	IC	Mass
Tues.	12-23	12:10pm	IC	Mass
		7:00pm	IC	No RCIA
Wed.	12-24			<b>Chapel Closes at 8am</b>
				<b>Offices Closed</b>
		<b>6:00pm</b>	<b>IC</b>	<b>No RVM Mass</b>
		<b>6:00pm</b>	<b>SS</b>	<b>Mass</b>
		6:30pm	IC	<b>Mass</b>
		7:00pm	SS	<b>No Rel. Ed. Class</b>
		7:00pm	SS	<b>No Rosary &amp; Chaplet</b>
		7:00pm	SS	<b>No Youth Group Meeting</b>
		<b>Midnight Mass</b>	<b>SS</b>	<b>Mass</b>
Thurs. Christmas Day		<b>8:00am</b>	<b>HC</b>	<b>Mass</b>
		<b>9:00am</b>	<b>IC</b>	<b>Mass</b>
Fri.		2:30pm	IC	Blood Drive
Sun.	12-28			<b>Adoration Chapel Opens at Noon</b>
		9:15am	SS	No CCD

### 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

**Main Office Phone Number:** 785-437-2408 Extension

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## Immaculate Conception, St. Marys/Holy Cross, Emmett [unity\\_general@oct.net](mailto:unity_general@oct.net)

### Dec. 14, Contributions:

Plate-\$261.; Env.-\$3,110. The Needy-\$125.; Christmas Gift-\$100; Immaculate Conception-\$215; Catholic Charities-\$100; Mission-\$65. Retirement for Religious-\$653. Total-\$4,629.

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

### Front Entrance Renovation Report ~

So far the pledge to date is: \$47,110  
Payments to date: \$38,436.04.

**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.

**Please Pray** for the repose of the soul of Charlotte Deiter. May her soul rest in peace.

### 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](http://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.



**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.

**Found ~** Cell phone charger found in the parking lot of Immaculate Conception. Call rectory, 437-2408 to claim.

**Jesse Tree Thank You ~** Thank you parishioners for providing gifts for the Jesse Tree. Special thanks to Karen and Skip Keller and Jane and Dick Elliott for wrapping toys; Tom Walsh and Don Wiltz for helping to distribute the gifts, and our Youth Group for delivering gifts to the shut-ins and Manor residents. We provided gifts for 38 families.

**Carol and Judy**

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

**Pastoral Council Winners ~** The pastoral council winners are Gary Roth, Dennis Miller, John Flanagan, Marty Ronnau, Claire Pearl, Donna Perry, John Simecka, Kevin Fox and Doyle Pearl. Thank you very much to all agreed to run on the pastoral council ballot.

### Thank You ~

The St. Marys Community Food Pantry would like to thank everyone for your generous donations of hams, turkeys, food and money to help fill the holiday food baskets. Your gifts provided a Christmas meal for 49 families. God Bless you for making the holidays brighter for others.

## St. Stanislaus, Rossville / Silver Lake/Delia

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### Dec. 14, Collection:

Plate-\$219; Envelopes-\$1,417; Rel. Retirement-\$150; All Saints-\$100; Immac. Conception-\$35; Human Dev.-\$20; LEAVEN-\$18. Total-\$1,959.

**Bldg. Fund-\$830.**

**Faith Direct: Env.-\$790; Ret. Rel-\$1; Christmas Offering-\$30; Catholic Charities-\$21; Imm. Conc.-\$1. Total-\$843.**

**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.

**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.

**CCD Classes** will begin again on Jan. 10th Enjoy a Blessed Christmas Season.

**Please Pray** for the repose of the soul of Charlotte Deiter. May her soul rest in peace.

### 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](http://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 6:30pm on Monday, Dec. 22nd. New members are always welcome. .

**K of C Free Throw Contest ~**The Knights of Columbus will hold their free throw contest on January 18th at Silver Lake Grade School at 1pm. Any boy or girl age 9 thru 14 is eligible. The entry forms are in back of church.

**A Special Thank You** to all the parishioners who purchased gifts, donated food or money towards the Jesse Tree. Our families are so grateful for the generosity shown by all of you.

## 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](mailto: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:

Prayer Chain Coord.:

for **SS**--Colette Peel (584-6612); for **IC**--e-mail to [unity\\_general@oct.net](mailto:unity_general@oct.net); or for **HC**--Galen Rezac (535-2482).

SS Music Ministry

**Holy Cross**-Janet Wehrly (535-8021), **St. Stanislaus**-Darlene Berry (584-6258),

**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:**

- ✠ 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](mailto:youthadmin@archkck.org).

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**PLEASE PRAY FOR THESE INTENTIONS REQUESTED THROUGH OUR PRAYER CHAIN**

Contacts: Mary E. Reese: 437-6163

Anita Marstall: 437-6117

Alex Muckenthaler of Emporia-Healing from the return of Leukemia

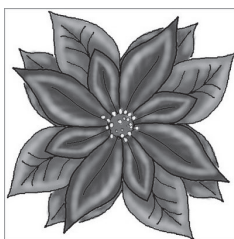
Rosie Ronnebaum-Healing of lung cancer

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**Holy Humor**

A minister parked his car in a no-parking zone in a large city because he was short of time and couldn't find a space with a meter. Then he put a note under the windshield wiper that read: "I have circled the block 10 times. If I don't park here, I'll miss my appointment. Forgive us our trespasses." When he returned, he found a citation from a police officer along with this note "I've circled this block for 10 years. If I don't give you a ticket, I'll lost my job. Lead us not into temptation."

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**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 ~ No Class on Dec. 23rd or Dec. 33th.

**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.

**"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.

**Catholic Charities ~**

Every year, the migrant and refugee program offers assistance to more than 600 refugees in Wyandotte and Johnson Counties, including approximately 300 refugees arriving directly from overseas. These refugees arrive with little more than the clothes on their backs and significant needs: housing, employment, and education, as well as social and emotional support. Working with Catholic Charities' staff, these refugees strive to acclimate to the United States, obtain employment and have the opportunity to raise their families without fear of persecution. In the past year, refugees from Burma, Burundi, Somalia, Bhutan, Iraq and Sudan find employment, largely in meatpacking, warehouses or the service industry. Please be as generous as possible with your donation.



**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.,	Dec., 21,	Fourth Sunday of Advent
Mon.,	Dec., 22,	Advent Wk Day
Tues.,	Dec., 23,	St. John of Kanty
Wed.	Dec., 24,	Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord
Thurs.,	Dec., 25,	The Nativity of the Lord
Fri.	Dec., 26,	St. Stephen, the First Martyr
Sat.,	Dec., 27,	St. John, Apostle, Evangelist
Sun.,	Dec., 28,	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

**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](http://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](http://www.ccli.org). Learn more at [nfptopeka.blogspot.com](http://nfptopeka.blogspot.com)

