



Immaculate Conception Parish, St. Marys

Holy Cross Church, Emmett

St. Stanislaus Parish, Delia/Rossville/Silver Lake

Lenten Penance Services

3pm Sun., March 25th ~ Immaculate Conception

7pm Sun., March 25th ~ St. Stanislaus

Isn't confession just an invention of the Church???

No. Confession, like all the seven sacraments of the Church, was instituted by Jesus Christ (CCC 1210). We can see this clearly in John 20:21-23, when Jesus appeared to His apostles on Easter Sunday night:

Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

This passage contains three key points: first, the power to forgive or retain sins is something entrusted to the apostles through the gift of the Holy Spirit, given from the Father through Jesus Christ; second, an audible confession is necessary so that the apostles and their successors can determine whether they should forgive or retain particular sins confessed; and third, the apostles and their successors forgive or retain sins by the power of the Holy Spirit, and this forgiveness or retention is valid in heaven as well as on earth. (From *Go in Peace* by Fr. Mitch Pacwa, SJ)

Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 25, 2012

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Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil 5:00pm – Immaculate Conception
7:00pm—St. Stanislaus
Sunday 7:00am – Holy Cross
9:00am – St. Stanislaus
11:00am – Immaculate Conception

Daily Mass Schedule

Tuesday – Thursday 8:00am – Immaculate Conception
Alternate Fridays 9:00am—Rossville Valley Manor
9:00am—St. Marys Manor

SACRAMENTS

RECONCILIATION Saturdays 3:15pm – Immaculate Conception
Sundays 6:20am – Holy Cross (1st Sunday of the month only)
8:30am—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 You must contact the pastor **at least six full months** prior to the desired date of marriage and before making any other arrangements. Please contact the church office for a copy of the up-dated wedding policy or view online at www.marytownyouth.com.

How Do I Go To Confession???

*Reflect on your actions since your last Confession. An Examination of Conscience, located at the back of the Church, is a helpful way to be able to reflect and to prepare.

*Enter the confessional and either kneel behind the screen or be seated across from the priest. Father will lead you in the sign of the Cross.

*You then say, **“Bless me Father for I have sinned. It has been _ (amount of time) _ since my last confession. These are my sins: _____ (name the sins & approximate number of times committed).”**

*After you have completed confessing your sins, Father may give words of counsel. He will then assign a penance. He will ask you to say your Act of Contrition.

Act of Contrition (one example)

My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart.

In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good,

I have sinned against you

whom I should love above all things.

I firmly intend, with your help, to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin.

Our Savior Jesus Christ suffered and died for us, in his name, my God, have mercy.

*Father will pray the prayer of Absolution... absolving you from your sins. Usually, Father will end with “Your sins are forgiven. Go in peace.” You respond, **“Thanks be to God!”** Then go and complete your penance as applicable.

Rejoice in being forgiven of your sins!!!

Please Note: A copy of this outline will be available at all of the Communal Penance Services as well.

Weekly Schedule

(March 25 thru April 1)

Sat.	03-24	5:00pm	IC	Mary Oestmann (+)
		7:00pm	SS	Dec. Mem of Manhart Fam.
Sun.	03-25	7:00am	HC	Parishioners
		9:00am	SS	Francis & Verna Deiter (++)
		11:00am	IC	Terry Andrick (+)
Mon.	03-26	8:00am	IC	No Mass
Tues.,	03-27	8:00am	IC	Bob DeDonder (+)
Wed.,	03-28	8:00am	IC	Jared Cheek (+)
Thurs.	03-29	8:00am	IC	Gary Pope (+)
Fri.	03-30	9:00am	SMM	Mary M. Martin (+)
Sat.	03-31	5:00pm	IC	Arnold Oestmann (+)
		7:00pm	SS	Eileen St. Louis (+)
Sun.	04-01	7:00am	HC	Don Akin (+)
		9:00am	SS	Parishioners
		11:00am	IC	Russell DeVillier & Jane DeVillier(++)

Upcoming Events

Sun.	03-25	5th Sunday of Lent		
		10:00am	SS	Religious Education
		3:00pm	IC	Penance Service
		7:00pm	SS	Penance Service
Mon.	03-26	8:00am	IC	No Mass
		7:00pm	IC	Baptismal Prep., Rm 3
Tues.	03-27	7:00pm	IC	RCIA Practice
Weds.	03-28	6:30pm	IC	IC/HC Rel. Ed.
		6:30pm	IC	Rel. Ed. Confessions
		7:00pm	SS	Stations of the Cross
		8:15pm	IC	Catechist/Aide Mtg.
Thurs.	03-29	7:30pm	IC	Finance Council Mtg.
Fri.	03-30	9:00am	RM	Mass
		5:00pm	IC	K of C #657 Fish Fry
		7:00pm	IC	Stations of the Cross
Sun.	04-01	Palm Sunday		
		10:00am	SS	Religious Education

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

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H.C. Cleaners: Mar. 26: Karen Keller
H.C. Sacristan: Apr. 1: Chris Smith

Collection for IC / HC:

Mar. 18: Plate-\$252.

Env.-\$2,414.

Total-\$2,666.

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

Holy Week Schedule ~ On Palm Sunday a Holy Week schedule will be inserted in the bulletin. Ministers will be from St. Stanislaus, Holy Cross and Immaculate Conception.

IC Easter Bake Sale ~ Saturday, March 31st at 8:00am-12 Noon. More information next weekend.

Choir Practice—Thursday, March 29th at 7pm at I.C. Church for combined choir on Holy Thursday and Holy Saturday services. We welcome new members who would like to sing with us. Any questions, please call June Burgett at 584-6080 or Marty Ronnau at 437-6377.

Holy Cross Church ~ will serve coffee and doughnuts Sunday morning after the 7am Mass on Sunday, April 15th. Come join us for a Sunday morning Social. A home-made Amish Quilt will be drawn for at the Social.



Easter Flowers for Holy Cross/ Immaculate Conception ~

Holy Cross has envelopes in which that you can put your Easter Flower Memorial Requests. They can be put in the collection basket or dropped by the office. Immaculate Conception parishioners can put your memorial flower requests in the collection basket or drop off at the office.

Religious Education Confessions – Weds., March 28th, 6:30-8:00pm.

St. Stanislaus, Rossville / Silver Lake/Delia

ksgardner43@aol.com

Collection for St. Stanislaus:

Mar. 18: Plate-\$95.

Envelope-\$826.

Cath. Relief Services-\$103

Total-\$1,024.

Bldg. Pledge Drive-\$261.

Coins for Bldg. F.-\$32.25.

Bldg. Fund Cook Books-\$54.00

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Scholarship Applications ~

The forms for applications are available at the back of church for seniors from St. Stanislaus.

Stations of the Cross ~ Wednesday at 7pm in the church

Please Pray ~ For the repose of the soul of Mark Brady. Mark is the son of Ed and Pat Brady, former parishioners of St. Stanislaus. May his soul rest in peace.



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The Parish Cookbook ~ Copies are available at the church office, 785-584-6612.



FIRST COMMUNION ~ Note the date change for First Communion: April 29th.

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@amcplus.com], 785-584-6262
- Youth Group: Contact Tina Schindler & Reid Downey (IC and HC), 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: 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) or Marj Guerich (437-2473).

WILL YOU PLEASE HELP?



Adorers of the Holy Eucharist:

- ✠ Sun., 4-5am; 5-6am; 8-9am; 11am-Noon; 3-4pm; 4-5pm.
 - ✠ Tues. 12-1 am
 - ✠ Wed. 2-3am; 1-2pm
 - ✠ Fri., 12 Midnight-1am.; 8-9pm
 - ✠ Sat., 12-1am (alternate); 3-4am; 3-4pm; 5-6pm; 7-8pm;
- Please call Mary Ellen (437-6163) or Mary Alice (437-2408).

Feast Days for the Week

- Sun., March 25, 5th Sunday of Lent
- Mon., March 26, The Annunciation of the Lord
- Tues., March 27, Lenten Week Day
- Weds., March 28, Lenten Week Day
- Thurs., March 29, Lenten Week Day
- Fri., March 30, Lenten Week Day
- Sat., March 31, Lenten Week Day



Congratulations to the Knights of Columbus who on March 29th will celebrate 130 years of faithful service to the Catholic Church and to the wider community. Many charitable projects and outreaches have been completed through the dedication of these Catholic men under the leadership of the founder of the Knights of Columbus, Venerable Michael J. McGivney.

No RCIA ~ 7pm Tuesday, March 27. Practice for Holy Saturday Night.

Communal Penance Services
 I strongly encourage everyone who has not gone to confession over the last six months to schedule time to participate in one of the communal penance services before Lent is over. There are only a couple of other regular times for Confession before Easter. Please note, there will be no confessions on Holy Saturday, due to preparations for the Easter Vigil.
 Fr. Bruce Ansems

Archbishop's Call To Share

- St. Stanislaus ~ Goal \$ 8,479.00
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- Holy Cross/Immaculate Conception ~ Goal \$18,761.00
- Holy Cross/Immaculate Conception ~ \$23,219.50

Endowment Info ~ The endowment committee and fund were created in Dec., 2007. Our purpose was to guarantee the financial strength of the parish and ensuring sufficient income to meet the parish needs for generations to come.



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!

Parishes' Wedding Policy Available On-Line:

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

www.marytownyouth.com



In a quiet moment, Glenn wondered ... what bait was Jesus going to recommend to his disciples when they became fishers of men?