

Immaculate Conception Parish, St. Marys

Holy Cross Church, Emmett

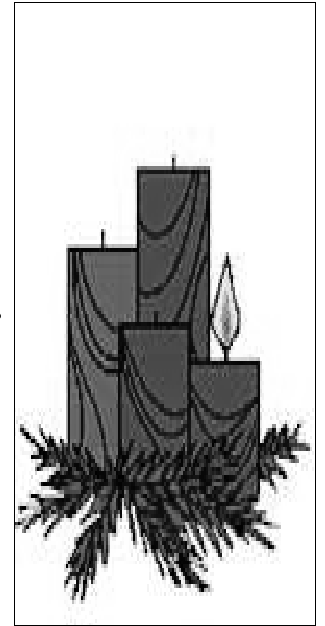
St. Stanislaus Parish, Delia/Rossville/Silver Lake

Blessing for a Family Advent Wreath

**Lord God,
your Church joyfully awaits the coming of its Savior,
who enlightens our hearts and dispels the darkness of igno-
rance and sin.**

**Pour forth your blessings upon us as we light the candles of
this wreath;
may their light reflect the splendor of Christ, who is Lord,
for ever and ever.**

R. Amen.



**First Sunday of Advent
November 27, 2011**

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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.

Words Without A Proper Context Can Be Dangerous...

Or At Least Dangerously Funny

A bus strikes a man crossing a busy street. As he lies dying on the sidewalk, a crowd of spectators gathers. The man gasps, "Somebody get me a priest!" A policeman searches, but there's no priest to be found nearby. Finally, an old man volunteers. "Look, Mr. Policeman, I'm not a priest. I'm not even Catholic, but for fifty years now I have been living behind the Catholic Church over on First Avenue. Every night I listen to the Catholic litany, so maybe I can comfort this poor dying man." The policeman agreed that it was definitely better than nothing. So the old man knelt down beside the injured man, and said in his most solemn voice, "B-14. I-19. N-38. G-54. O-72..."

Interfaith Thanksgiving Prayer Service

Many thanks to those who participated in the Interfaith Thanksgiving Prayer Service this last Sunday evening. Besides gathering to pray and sing hymns to God in solidarity with the poor of our communities, we collected \$336.65 for the Food Pantry. Following the prayer service, we enjoyed refreshments and fellowship in the Centennial Building. Thank you for your generosity!

Please Note: Decorating of Immaculate Conception Church for Christmas ~

On December 18th, after the 11:00am Mass, we will decorate Immaculate Conception Church for Christmas. If you are able to help, your presence and joyful spirit would be greatly appreciated. The Christmas decorations were beautiful last year... I am excited to see it this year in the renovated Church. Remember, many hands will make light work!

Weekly Schedule

(Nov. 27 thru Dec. 4)

Sat.	11-26	5:00pm	IC	Mike Kerwin (+)
		7:00pm	SS	Oscar & Charlotte Bixby (++)
Sun.	11-27	7:00am	HC	Dave Luttig (+)
		9:00am	SS	Parishioners
		11:00am	IC	Billy Wild (+)
Mon.	11-28	8:00am	IC	No Mass
Tues.,	11-29	8:00am	IC	Brian Fiedler (+)
Wed.,	11-30	8:00am	IC	Dec. Mem. of the Porter Family
Thurs.	12-01	8:00am	IC	Don Akin (+)
Fri.	12-02	9:00am	RVM	Winifred Kerwin (+)
Sat.	12-03	5:00pm	IC	Boots Immenschuh (+)
		7:00pm	SS	Verna Deiter (+)
Sun.	12-04	7:00am	HC	Parishioners
		9:00am	SS	John Jacobson, Jr. (+)
		11:00am	IC	Ava Steinlage (+)

Upcoming Events

First Sunday of Advent

Sun.	11-27	10:00am	SS	<u>No Religious Education</u>
Mon.	11-28	8:00am	IC	No Mass
		7:00pm	IC	Baptismal Prep., Rm #3
Tues.	11-29	7:00pm	IC	RCIA
Wed.,	11-30	6:30pm	IC	IC/HC Rel. Ed. Class
		7:00pm	SS	Rosary/Chaplet
		8:15pm	IC	Catechist/Aide Mtg.
Fri.	12-02	9:00am	RVM	Mass

Second Sunday of Advent

Sun.	12-04	10:00am	SS	<u>Religious Education</u>
		3:00pm		Wamego Penance Service
		5:00pm	IC	Jr. High Youth
		7:00pm	SH	Paxico Penance Service

Office Hours:

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

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H.C. Cleaners: Nov. 28: Karen Mulligan

**H.C. Sacristan: Dec. 4, Janet Wehrly
Collection for IC / HC:**

Nov. 20: Plate-\$254; Env.-\$6,077; All Saints-\$50. Total-\$6,381.

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



Jesse Tree ~ Please take a tag from the Jesse Tree and wrap your gift. Attach the white tag on the outside of your gift. WE

NEED YOUR GIFT RETURNED TO THE JESSE TREE BY DECEMBER 11th. If you have questions, call Judy Lundin, 785-584-6447 or Carol Vande Velde, 785-584-6309.

IC Social Concerns will provide Christmas for the needy in our area. Last year 47 families were served. Based on the number of families the Food Pantry is now serving, we are anticipating an increase in the number of families that will need assistance. If you would like to adopt a family please call Judy Lundin at 785-584-6447 or Carol Vande Velde at 785-584-6309. Checks for a monetary donation should be made payable to IC Social Concerns and put in the collection basket.

Christmas Flowers ~ Envelopes are in the back of the church at Holy Cross for Christmas Memorials. Poinsettias are \$10 each. The money is due by Sunday, Dec. 18th.

Holy Cross Christmas Donations ~ There is a basket in the back of the church for our annual giving fund. Please take a tag if you would like to help out our Food Pantry. The need for food has greatly increased in our present economy.

5th Grade Bake Sale in the Centennial Building ~ The 3rd Annual 5th grade bake sale will be held on Sunday, Dec. 4th, after the 11am Mass in the foyer of the Cent. Hall. Holiday items, baked goods and cakes in honor of the feast day of the Immaculate Conception will be featured. All proceeds will go toward the Food Pantry.

IC Christmas Memorial Flowers ~ Please drop your money off at the office, or put the name of your loved one and money in the collection basket.

St. Stanislaus, Rossville / Silver Lake/Delia

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Collection for St. Stanislaus:
Nov. 20: Plate-\$100; Env.-\$1,363;
Special Collection-\$40. Total-\$1,503.

**Bldg. Pledge Drive-\$1,042.
Cook Book Sales-\$1,040**

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.)

St. Stanislaus Parish Cookbook

The cookbook will be for sale after Masses starting Nov. 19th. Price for the cookbook is \$12.00 or 3 for \$33.00 or 5 for \$50.00. If questions, call June Burget, 584-6080 or Helen Fry, 584-9919.

Adult Choir ~ The adult choir will begin practice for Christmas on Monday, Nov. 28th at 6:30pm. New members are most welcome to join.

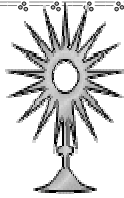


The greatest gift we can give our children and future generations is an active faith community and a beautiful Church in which to worship. Let's not forget to honor our pledges during these seasons of Thanksgiving and gift-giving!

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 Shelly Buhler (SS) 785.584.6617
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., 1-2am; 2-3am (alternate) 4-5am; 8-9am; 11am-Noon; 4-5pm.
 - ✠ Tues. 12-1am; 1-2am,
 - ✠ Wed. 2-3am; 10-11pm
 - ✠ Fri., 12 Midnight-1am.; 3-4pm; 8-9pm
 - ✠ Sat., 12-1am (alternate); 3-4am; 4-5pm; 5-6pm; 7-8pm;
- Please call Mary Ellen (437-6163) or Mary Alice (437-2408).

Feast Days for the Week

- Sun., Nov. 27, First Sunday of Advent
- Mon., Nov. 28, Seasonal Week Day
- Tues., Nov. 29, Seasonal Week Day
- Wed., Nov. 30, St. Andrew
- Thur., Dec. 01, Seasonal Week Day
- Fri., Dec. 02, Seasonal Week Day
- Sat., Dec. 03, St. Francis Xavier

New Translation Starts This Weekend ~



This weekend, we will be using the prayer cards in the pews with the new translation of the Mass parts. The new Mass parts are also in the new

Missals. This will be an opportunity for us to really focus on what we say at the Mass and the significance of our words.



RCIA ~ Tuesday, Nov. 29th
Topic: Advent, History and Meaning.

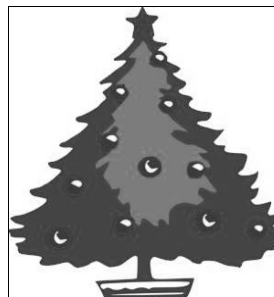
Lost and Found ~ A small Rosary was found in front of the St. Marys Methodist Church. Please call 584-6330 to identify and claim.

Festival of Lights' Christmas Luminarias ~ Sunday, Dec. 4th, 2011, 5:30-8:00pm. Route begins at 15th & Central Avenue in Horton, KS. 20 Living Scenes of the Life of Christ. Shuttle service available at: Local churches, Sr. Citizen's Center (116 W. 8th) Tri-County Manor. Vans and buses with multiple passengers are allowed at front of line. Please check the flyer in back of church for more info. Sponsor: South Brown County Ministerial Association.

Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas Christmas Collection ~ Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas' mission is to provide help, hospitality, and hope to our neighbors in need. Thank you for being a part of our mission by considering a gift to the Catholic Charities Christmas collection to help the poor and vulnerable.

Thank You For Putting Up The Lights ~

Thank you to Paul Fiedler, and his assistant, who put the beautiful lights and the star on the big Spruce tree in front of the rectory. What a beautiful sight!



Holiday Food Baskets

Needed: Hams, Turkeys, Stove Top Dressing, Instant Mashed Potatoes, Canned Chicken Broth, Green Beans, Mushroom Soup, French Fried Onions, Whole Kernel Corn, Canned Yams, Cranberry Sauce, Boxed Jell-O, Mandarin Oranges, Pudding Mixes, Cake Mixes and frosting. 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. 4th this year. THANK YOU** for making the holidays special for those in need.

March For Life ~

The March for Life has taken place every year since the first anniversary of Roe V. Wade on January 22, 1974. For those who desire to go to D.C. in January, the deadline is nearing for making the commitment. The cost of the trip is \$530 for 2 in a room, and \$390 for 4 in a room. If interested, please contact Bob Dorst at 272-8673 or 246-1338. The deadline was Oct. 28 for the \$100 registration fee.

Legacy Society ~ Just as we plan to ensure financial health for our families, we must plan for the health of our faith families. Your planned gift, given after your death, to our Immaculate Conception and St. Stanislaus endowments, by being a Legacy Society member, will provide financial support forever. The Legacy Society allows a person to acknowledge in a formal way their intent to leave a gift to their parish. No money is exchanged You have a wonderful Catholic heritage. Pass it on!