



Immaculate Conception Parish, St. Marys

Holy Cross Church, Emmett

St. Stanislaus Parish, Delia/Rossville/Silver Lake

Second Sunday of Advent

“Advent has a two-fold character, for it is a time of preparation for the Solemnities of Christmas, in which the First Coming of the Son of God to humanity is remembered, and likewise a time when, by remembrance of this, minds and hearts are led to look forward to Christ’s Second Coming at the end of time. For these two reasons, Advent is a period of devout and expectant delight”.



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December 8, 2013

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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 – Saturday 8:00am—Immaculate Conception
Alternate Thursdays 4:00pm—Rossville Valley Manor
4:00pm—St. Marys Manor

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

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.

In these early days of December, there are three special feasts connected with Mary: the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, the Feast of Juan Diego, and the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

In December 1531 Mary appeared to Juan Diego. The 50 year old Juan Diego saw a 14 to 16 year old Aztec maiden. She wore the typical black maternity band, which meant she was with child. This maiden was Our Lady of Guadalupe.

From 1531 to the present time the shrine honoring Our Lady of Guadalupe near Mexico City has never been closed. There have been persecutions, revolutions, natural disasters and man-made disasters. But veneration of Our Lady of Guadalupe has always continued.

When Juan Diego used his tilma to carry the roses picked on the hill of Tepeyac to Bishop Zummarra-ga, the Bishop fell on his knees when he saw Our Lady of Guadalupe on the tilma. Pope Pius XII has called this image a painting not done by human hands.

Juan Diego spent the last 20 years of his life going up and down Mexico, telling his countrymen about the miraculous powers of Mary. His testimony was responsible for the conversion of eight million Aztec Indians to the Catholic faith.

The Benedictine St. Anselm tells us something striking. Salvation is sometimes more available by calling on the name of Mary than by calling on the name of Jesus Himself. This is not because Jesus is not the source of all graces. He is!

But when we have recourse to the Mother of Jesus and when she prays for us, her prayers are more irresistible than our own prayers. Our Divine Lord worked His first public miracle at the insistence of Mary. He changed water into wine. He continues to work many miracles because of His mother Mary.

Fr. Gerard Senecal, O.S.B., Pastor

May He work miracles of grace in all of us through our Blessed Mother Mary during these days of Advent!

Weekly Schedule

(Dec. 8 to Dec. 15)

Sat.	12-07	8:00am	IC	Marikay Fox (+)
		5:00pm	IC	Joe Flanagan & Bobby Flanagan (++)
		7:00pm	SS	Dec. Mem. of the Jacobson Family
Sun.	12-08	8:00am	SS	Parishioners
		11:00am	IC	Agnes Rezac (+)
Mon.	12-09	8:00am	IC	Al & Lucile Fox (++)
Tues.	12-10	8:00am	IC	Karen Schoemann (+)
Wed.	12-11	8:00am	IC	Jaeme Gomez (+)
Thurs.	12-12	8:00am	IC	Bernard Richstatter (+)
		4:00pm	RVM	Robert & Jo Copeland (++)
Fri.	12-13	8:00am	IC	(Sp. Int.) Bonnie Koehler
Sat.	12-14	8:00am	IC	Tricia Clark (+)
		5:00pm	IC	Cecilia Schumaker (+)
		7:00pm	SS	Margie Bedlan (+)
Sun.	12-15	8:00am	SS	Catherine Jacobson & John Jacobson, Jr. (++)
		11:00am	IC	Parishioners

Upcoming Events

Sun.	12-08	Second Sunday of Advent & Feast of the Immaculate Conception		
		9:15am	SS	Rel. Ed
		3:00pm	SS	Penance Service.
		6:00pm	IC	Youth Group
		7:00pm	IC	Penance Service
Mon.	12-09	7:00pm	IC	RCIA
Wed.	12-11	6:30pm	IC	Rel. Ed
		6:30pm	IC	CCD Confessions
		7:00pm	SS	Rosary & Chaplet-in Church
		7:00pm	SS	Youth Group Meeting
Thurs.	12-12	4:00pm	RVM	Mass
Sat.	12-14	8:30am	IC	Garage Sale & St. Marys Historical Society Cookie and Candy Sale
Sun.	12-15	Third Sunday of Advent		
		9:15am	SS	Rel. Ed
		6:00pm	IC	Youth Group
		6:00pm	SS	Youth Group in Hall
		6:00pm	SS	ADORE
		7:00pm		St. Bernard's, Wamego-Penance Service

Adoration Chapel Closings for Christmas

Christmas ~ Closes at Noon on Dec. 24th, Christmas Eve and reopens at Noon on Thursday, Dec. 26th at Noon.

Office Hours: Monday through Thursday 8:00am to Noon and 1:00 - 3:00pm
Friday 9:30am to Noon and 1:00-3:45pm

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Dec. 1: Contributions ~
Plate-\$227.
Env.-\$7,263.
Christmas Gift-\$25.
The Needy-\$235.
Total-\$7,750.

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

Retirement Fund for the Religious ~

Help aging sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. "Each year the need to provide for our elderly (members) becomes more pressing, and we are ever more grateful for these providential funds. Your donation helps provide necessities such as prescriptions, medication and nursing care.

Memorial Christmas Flowers ~

If you would like to purchase a flower in memory of a loved one, please put the money in the collection basket or drop it by the office.



Jessie Tree ~ Please take a tag from the Jesse Tree and wrap your gift. Attach the white tag on the outside of your gift. This gift needs to be returned to the Jesse Tree by Dec. 15th. We are providing gifts to 40 families. Call Judy at 584-6447 or Carol at 584-6309 for questions.

Community Thanksgiving Service

Thank you to Father Gerard, Pastor Angela and those attending the Thanksgiving Community service for the offering taken to benefit the St. Marys Community Food Pantry. The \$270 and food donated to the pantry is a blessing which will give needed assistance to families in our community

Lector Workbooks ~ The workbooks are on the counter in the east sacristy. Please take yours and mark your name off when you pick it up.

Remember: It would be nice to remember our parishioners who reside at St. Marys Manor during Christmas time. Each would enjoy receiving card greetings.

Community Health Ministry Care Package items needed for our troops: Socks, men's crew or work black or white; Drink singles (like you add to bottled water) or coffee singles; Toothbrushes, floss & chapstick; Rice Krispie Treats; Protein bars or powders, Jerky or slim jims; Instant oatmeal packets; Small gifts such as cards or anything else. Community Health Ministry, 407 Ash, Wamego KS 66547, (785-456-7872)

Religious Education Info. ~

The 2nd Grade Family Mass is Sunday, Dec. 15th at 11:00am Mass. 2nd Grade students and their families please sit in the assigned pews up front on the east side of the church.



Remember in Prayer Please Pray ~ for the repose of the soul of Dr. Eugene McKenzie. May his soul rest in peace.

St. Stanislaus, Rossville / Silver Lake/Delia

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Dec. 1: Contributions ~
Plate-\$147.
Env.-\$1,235.
Human Dev.-\$20.
Total-\$1,402.
Building Pledge-\$1,453.

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.)

Christmas Flowers ~

Forms for purchasing a Christmas flower in memory of a loved one are located at the back of church.

St. Stanislaus Parish Cookbook ~

Copies of the cookbook are available at the Parish Office. Ask after Masses or contact Colette at 584-6612, June, 584-6080 or Helen, 584-9919. These cookbooks make nice Christmas gifts. Cost is \$12.00.



Jesse Tree ~ Please take a tag from the Jesse Tree, wrap and return the gift with the gift tag attached by Dec. 15th.

Food Collection ~

A special thank you to the youth of the Rossville Schools who collected many food items for the adopted families this year.

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What a Blessing! ~ If you wish to make a cash donation please put it in an envelope marked "Poor & Needy" and drop it in the collection.

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 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) or Marj Guerich (437-2473).
 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:

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- ✠ Sun., 8-9am;
- ✠ Mon., 10-11am.
- ✠ Sat., 12-1pm; 8-9pm;
- ✠ 9-10pm.

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

O, come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

Picture Books and CD'S ~ The picture books from the Abbot are on sale now for \$35.00 a book and the Abbot's CD's are \$15.00. They are available at the IC church office.

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

Christmas Mass and Advent Penance Schedule:

Dec. 8th:
3pm SS-Penance Service
7pm IC-Penance Service

Dec. 15th:
7pm St. Bernard, Wamego Penance Service

(Christmas Masses) IC & SS & HC

Dec. 24
6pm-IC
6pm-SS
Midnight-IC

Dec. 25
Holy Cross-undecided at this time
10am-SS

Note these Adoration changes.

Please call these coordinators for assistance:

Mary Ellen Reese: Mon. thru Fri, 6pm to 6am.

Joe Mulford: 6am to Midnight on Saturdays and Sundays.

Mary Alice Hutley: 6am-6pm Monday thru Friday.

RCIA-Becoming a Catholic ~

RCIA, 7pm Monday, Dec. 9th. **Topic:** Holy Spirit: Pentecost, Fruits & Gifts.

Registering In Your Parish

~ If you are 18 years of age or older, and live in the parishes of Immaculate Conception or St. Stanislaus, **please make sure you are registered at the appropriate parish office.** This will be important if you are asked to be a sponsor for a Confirmation, or a godparent for a Baptism, or if you plan to be married in any of those churches.

Topeka Advent Reconciliation Schedule, 2013 ~

- Dec. 14, 9:30am-St. Matthew
- Dec. 15, 7pm-Mother Teresa
- Dec. 17, 7pm-Mater Dei-Holy Name
- Dec. 19, 7pm-Christ the King
- Dec. 21, 9:30am-Most Pure Heart of Mary

Christmas Mass Schedules for St. Bernard's, Alma and Paxico ~

- Dec. 24:**
- 5pm at St. Bernard
 - 7pm at Paxico
 - 9pm at Alma
 - 9pm at St. Bernard
 - 10pm at St. Joseph, Flush

- Dec. 25:**
- 9am at St. Bernard
 - 9am at St. Joseph, Flush

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. 8th THIS YEAR. THANK YOU** for making the holidays special for those in need.

Feast Days for the Week

Sun.,	Dec. 08,	Second Sunday of Advent
Mon.,	Dec. 09,	The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Tues.,	Dec. 10,	Advent Wk Day
Weds.,	Dec. 11,	St. Damasus
Thurs.,	Dec. 12,	Our Lady of Guadalupe
Fri.,	Dec. 13,	St. Lucy
Sat.,	Dec. 14,	St. John of the Cross

