



Immaculate Conception Parish, St. Marys

Holy Cross Church, Emmett

St. Stanislaus Parish, Delia/Rossville/Silver Lake

**Second Sunday of Advent ~ Preparing Our Hearts**

In this Advent season, when we are preparing our hearts for the birth of Jesus Christ our Messiah, we are called once again to let go of some of our old ways and to embrace the new life that Jesus promises to be for us and bring to us, if we trust Him.



This year we are called to prepare our hearts for the arrival of Jesus... and of a new pastor. As of January 1st, I will be re-assigned from being your pastor. The archdiocese is allowing me the month of January to stabilize my health. In February, I will be working in the Tribunal Office, as I am one of the very few priests with the necessary canon law post-graduate education. I will also be providing some assistance with Mass coverage for a pastor, who will need the assistance at a local parish in Overland Park, because his assisting priest will be covering Mater Dei parish in Topeka, while Fr. Hullinger is on a sabbatical.

From January through July, it is planned for Abbott Barnabas Senecal to be your parochial administrator. He recently completed his commitment as abbot of the Atchison monastery. In July, the archbishop will assign a pastor with the intention of the priest to be able to stay as your pastor for at least six (6) years. Let us open wide our hearts and start to pray so that we may welcome Christ anew at Christmas... and our new priest in January!

Rev. Fr. Bruce Ansems, JCL

**Second Sunday of Advent**

**Dec. 9, 2012**

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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**

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 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](http://www.marytownyouth.com).

**Advent Penance Service Schedule**

**Sunday, December 16 ~**  
**3:00pm-St. Bernard, Wamego**  
**7:00pm-Sacred Heart, Paxico**

Due to the chaotic nature of the liturgical schedule for the 4th Sunday of Advent and then Christmas this year, I would ask that you make every effort to participate in a Penance service to sacramentally prepare for Christmas, instead of relying solely on Saturday afternoon confessions at Immaculate Conception or Sunday morning confessions at St. Stanislaus. It was wonderful to see so many parishioners participate in the penance services in our parishes this last weekend.

**What a wonderful way to prepare for the Lord!**

**Weekly Schedule**

(Dec. 9 to Dec. 16)

Sat.	12-08	5:00pm	IC	Deceased IC Pastors
		7:00pm	SS	Ronda Muller (+)
Sun.	12-09	8:00am	SS	Norman Lambotte (+)
		11:00am	IC	Robert Topliker (+)
Mon.	12-10	8:00am	IC	<b>No Mass</b>
Tues.	12-11	8:00am	IC	<b>No Mass</b>
Wed.	12-12	8:00am	IC	Bernard Rezac (+)
Thurs.	12-13	8:00am	IC	John Lenherr (+)
Fri.	12-14	9:00am	RVM	Robert & Jo Copeland (++)
Sat.	12-15	5:00pm	IC	Cecilia Schumaker (+)
		7:00pm	SS	Winifred Minnis (+)
Sun.	12-16	8:00am	SS	Parishioners
		11:00am	IC	Kristen Morford (+)

**Upcoming Events**

Sun.	12-09	9:15am	SS	CCD Class
		6:00pm	IC	Youth Group Caroling
Mon.	12-10	7:00pm	IC	NO RCIA
Wed.	12-12	6:30pm	IC	Rel. Ed.
		7:00pm	SS	Confirmation Meeting
		7:00pm	SS	Rosary/Chaplet
		7:00pm	SS	Youth Group Meeting
Fri.	12-14	9:00am	RVM	Rossville Valley Manor
Sat.	12-15	8:30am	IC	Garage Sale
Sun.	12-16	9:15am	SS	CCD Class
		3:00pm		Penance Service, St. Bernard Wamego
		6:00pm	IC	Youth Group Meeting
		7:00pm		Penance Service, Sacred Heart, Paxico



**Christmas Mass Schedule**

**Monday, December 24~**

6:00pm - St. Stanislaus,  
 Rossville  
 6:00pm - Immaculate Conception,  
 St. Marys

**Midnight Mass (12am) ~ St. Stanislaus,**  
 Rossville

**Tuesday, December 25~**

7:00am - Holy Cross, Emmett  
 9:00am - Immaculate Conception,  
 St. Marys



**Office Hours:** Monday through Friday 9:00am to Noon and 1:00 - 3:00pm  
**Main Office Phone Number:** 785-437-2408 Extension

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**Dec. 2: Contributions ~**  
**Plate-\$251.**  
**Env.-\$4,457.**  
**All Saints-\$25.**  
**Immaculate Conception -\$50.**  
**Christmas Gift-\$15**  
**Total-\$4,798.**

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

**Decorating for Christmas**

We will be decorating the church for Christmas, Sunday, December 23rd after the 11:00am Mass.

**Please Pray** ~For the repose of the soul of Carl Grieshaber. May his soul rest in peace.

**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 Dec. 16th. We are providing Christmas for 44 families. If you would like to make a monetary donation, please make checks payable to IC Social Concerns Jesse Tree and put it in the collection basket. If you have questions, call Judy Lundin, 785-584-6447 or Carol Vande Velde, 785-584-6309.

**Thank You** ~ The youth would like to thank the parish for their support and donations for the biscuits and gravy fundraiser for Catholic Heart Work Camp.

**Youth Group Meeting** ~ Dec. 9th at 6pm in the youth room. Caroling followed by refreshments. This is for Junior High and High School.

**Choir Practice for Midnight Mass at St. Stanislaus** ~ Immaculate Conception and St. Stanislaus parishioners are invited to sing in the choir for Christmas Midnight Mass services at St. Stanislaus. Choir practice will be on Monday evenings Dec. 10 and 17th at 6:30pm at St. Stanislaus.

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

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

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**Dec. 2: Contributions ~**  
**Plate-\$445.**  
**Envelopes-\$1,448.**  
**Total-\$1,893.**

**Additional:**

**Building Fund-\$1,221.**

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.)

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**Please Pray** ~For the repose of the soul of Alexia Ann Ebert, of Flush, and mother of Alexis Ebert. May her soul rest in peace.



**Parish Cookbooks** ~ They will be available this Christmas season. It would make a very nice gift. Contact Colette at the church office, 584-6612, or June Burgett, 584-6080, or Helen Fry, 584-9919. Price is \$12.00.

**Decorating for Christmas**

Due to the fact that the 4th Sunday of Advent is December 23rd, and Christmas eve is the next day, we will need some people to be available to help decorate the new Church for Christmas right after the 8am Mass.

**Jesse Tree** ~ Once again we are adopting several families for Christmas. Tags with gift suggestions can be taken from the tree located in the narthex. Please bring all gifts to the church by Dec. 16th. Have the gift wrapped and the tag attached to the outside of the gift. Thank you!



**\*St. Stanislaus Youth Group Meeting** ~ Will meet Dec. 12th in the parish center at 7pm.

**\*The Youth Group** will also meet on Dec. 19th in the parish center for Christmas Caroling. Youth are invited to bring guests. Supper will be provided and hot chocolate will be served afterward. Please join.

**\*Youth Choir for Christmas-** The youth choir will be singing for the 6pm Christmas Eve. Mass. Any youth, age 2nd grade and up are welcome to join. Rehearsals will be Dec. 9th and 16th after Religious Ed. classes.

**\*Thank You-** to all of the wonderful parishioners who help serve treats and food to our youth!

**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 <b>SS</b> --Colette Peel (584-6612); for <b>IC</b> --e-mail to unity_general@oct.net; or for <b>HC</b> --Galen Rezac (535-2482).
Prayer Chain Coord.:	<b>Holy Cross</b> -Janet Wehrly (535-8021), <b>St. Stanislaus</b> -Darlene Berry (584-6258), <b>Immaculate Conception</b> -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:**

- ✦ Sun., 4-5am; 5-6am; 8-9am; 11am-Noon; 3-4pm.
- ✦ Tues. 12-1 am (Alternating)
- ✦ Wed. 2-3am; 11pm-12am (Temporary with a Team)
- ✦ Thurs. 11pm-12am
- ✦ Fri., 12 Midnight-1am.; 7-8pm
- ✦ Sat., 12-1am (alternate); 3-4am; 3-4pm; 5-6pm; 9-10pm; 10-11pm.

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

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

**Feast Days for the Week**

- Sun., Dec.. 09, Second Sunday of Advent.
- Mon., Dec.. 10, Advent Wk Day
- Tues., Dec.. 11, St. Damasus I
- Weds., Dec.. 12, Our Lady of Guadalupe
- Thurs., Dec.. 13, St. Lucy
- Fri., Dec.. 14, St. John of the Cross
- Sat., Dec.. 15, Advent Wk Day

**Ministries for Christmas Morning Mass at Holy Cross at 7am**

- Lector: Jane Elliott
- Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion: Skip Keller
- Servers: Mitchell Flanagan & Jordan Baumchen
- Gifts: Chris Mulligan Family
- Usher: Chris Mulligan
- Music: Rick & Diane Budden

**RCIA ~ Due to unforeseeable circumstances, there will not be RCIA classes during the month of December. RCIA will resume again in the beginning of January. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause your scheduling.**

**Couple to Couple League ~** "In the Year of Faith, put your faith in God's plan for your family. The Couple to Couple League provides instruction in the Sympto-Thermal Method of Natural Family Planning through local classes or the CCL Home Study Course. Visit [www.ccikc.org](http://www.ccikc.org) or email [NFPkansascity@gmail.com](mailto:NFPkansascity@gmail.com) for more info." Sharisa McDaniel, Promoter.



**Manor Mass Schedule ~** Until at least January 1st, on the first Friday of every month, there will be Mass at St. Marys Manor at 9:00am. On the second Friday of every month, there will be Mass at Rossville Manor at 9:00am. On the other Fridays of the month there will be Mass at 8:00am at Immaculate Conception. Please always consult the bulletin for Mass schedules.

**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!**

**Endowment Information ~** By planning today, endowments protect parishes against changing demographics and increasing expenses. An endowment is designed to be perpetual. All or part of its income may be distributed, but the principal would not be accessible except for investment. Importantly, endowment funds provide a vehicle through which individuals make outright or planned gifts that will have an everlasting impact on the parish. In time the income generated by the gift will far exceed the original donation.

**Cooky and Candy Sale ~** The St. Marys Historical Society will hold their annual cooky & candy sale on December 15th at the Centennial Bldg. (The same day as the garage sale).

**Thank You ~** Thank you to the IC 5th grade religious education class and their teachers, Alice Bordelon and Vicki Bordelon for the \$327.25 in proceeds from their bake sale that was donated to the St. Marys Community Food Pantry. Thanks, also, to everyone who patronized the sale. God bless you for your generosity on behalf of families in need.

