

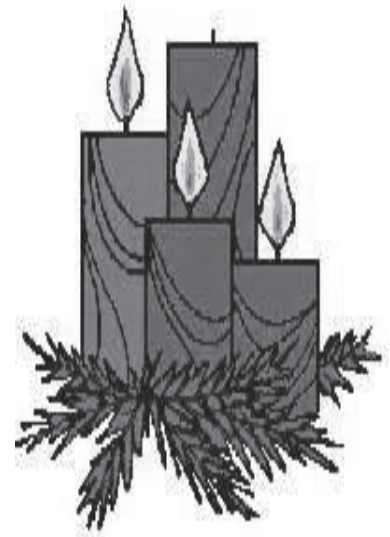
Immaculate Conception Parish, St. Marys

Holy Cross Church, Emmett

St. Stanislaus Parish, Delia/Rossville/Silver Lake

Third Sunday of Advent ~ "Gaudete" Sunday

Gaudete Sunday is the Third Sunday of Advent. The Introit for *Gaudete* Sunday, in both the *Traditional Latin Mass* and the *Novus Ordo Mass*, is taken from Philippians 4:4,5: "*Gaudete in Domino semper*" ("*Rejoice in the Lord always*"). Like Lent, Advent is a penitential season, which used to be called the "little Lent". The priest normally wears purple vestments. The Church invites us to make a concentrated effort to increase our prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Having passed the midpoint of Advent, the Church lightens the mood a little, and the priest may wear rose vestments. The change in color provides us with encouragement to continue our spiritual preparation for Christmas. For this same reason, the third candle of the Advent wreath, which is first lit on *Gaudete* Sunday, is traditionally rose-colored.



Third Sunday of Advent

Dec. 16, 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.

Advent Penance Service Schedule

Weekly Schedule

(Dec. 16 to Dec. 23)

Sunday, December 16 ~

3:00pm-St. Bernard, Wamego

7:00pm-Sacred Heart, Paxico

I would ask that you make every effort to participate in a Penance service to sacramentally prepare for Christmas, instead of relying solely on the weekend scheduled confessions.

What a wonderful way to prepare for the Lord!



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

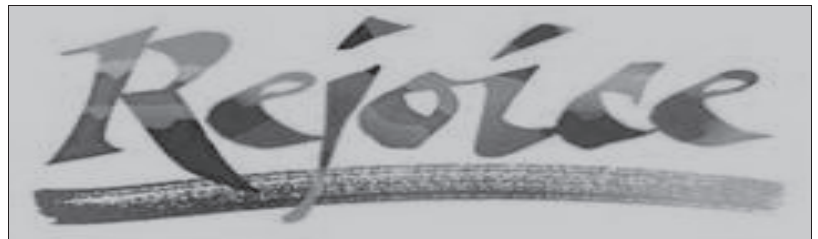
Due to the fact that St. Stanislaus now has a church which can accommodate a Christmas Eve Mass crowd, the two major celebrations of the liturgical year will rotate between Immaculate Conception and St. Stanislaus. So this year, the Midnight Mass is at St. Stanislaus and the Easter Vigil will be at Immaculate Conception. Next year, Midnight Mass would be at Immaculate Conception and the Easter Vigil will be at St. Stanislaus. Part of sharing your pastor is actually sharing your pastor.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

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 (+)
Mon.	12-17	8:00am	IC	No Mass
Tues.	12-18	8:00am	IC	No Mass
Wed.	12-19	8:00am	IC	Mary Harries (+)
Thurs.	12-20	8:00am	IC	Agnes Rezac (+)
Fri.	12-21	8:00am	IC	Lena Kolde (+)
Sat.	12-22	5:00pm	IC	Parishioners
		7:00pm	SS	Doris Manhart (+)
Sun.	12-23	8:00am	SS	Sylvester Koelzer (+)
		11:00am	IC	Jared Cheek (+)

Upcoming Events

Sun.	12-16	9:15am	SS	CCD Class
		3:00pm		Penance Service, St. Bernard Wamego
		7:00pm	IC	Youth Group Meeting
		7:00pm		Penance Service, Sacred Heart, Paxico
Mon.	12-17	8:00am	IC	No Mass
		7:00pm	IC	NO RCIA
Wed.	12-19	6:30pm	IC	Rel. Ed.
		7:00pm	SS	Rosary/Chaplet
		7:00pm	SS	Youth Group Meeting
		7:00pm	SS	K of C Meeting
Fri.	12-21	8:00am	IC	Mass
Sun.	12-23	9:15am	SS	CCD Class
		7:00pm	IC	Youth Group Meeting



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

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Dec. 9: Contributions ~ Plate-\$271. Env.-\$6,485. Immaculate Conception - \$482. Total-\$7,238.

Dec. Faith Direct: Offering-\$1,810; Sp. Collections-\$1,095. Total-\$2,905.

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

Thank You ~ Money from Harriet Tangye estate for A/C. \$35,285.

Christmas Flowers ~ You can request a flower in memory of a loved one. Put money in the collection or drop by the office.

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

Memorial Flowers for Holy Cross ~ Holy Cross members wanting to remember a loved one with a memorial flower please put \$10 into a plain envelope and on the front, list who the memorial is for and who is sending it. Place the envelope in the offertory basket. **We will clean Holy Cross Church** on Wed., Dec. 19th at 4pm. We would appreciate any and all help as we will also be setting up for Christmas at that time.

Please Pray ~ for the repose of the souls of Joe Flanagan & Jaema Gomez. May their souls rest in peace.

Youth Group Meeting ~ Dec. 16th at 7pm in the youth room.

K of C Info ~The December Family of the Month selected by K of C Council #657 is the Michael & Mary Poell family. Michael has also been selected as the Knight of the Month. Congratulations!

Jesse Tree ~ Attach the white tag on the outside of your gift. **We need your gift returned to the Jesse Tree by Dec. 16th.** If you have questions, call Judy Lundin, 785-584-6447 or Carol VandeVelde, 785-584-6309.

Welcome to the Church ~ Jackson Richard and Reese Elizabeth Hutley, son and daughter of Jeff and Julie Walsh Hutley, who were baptized Sun., December 9th.

St. Stanislaus, Rossville / Silver Lake/Delia

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Dec. 8: Feast of the Imm,Conception-\$242.

Dec. 9: Contributions ~ Plate-\$25.

Envelopes-\$2,160.

LEAVEN-\$18.

Imm. Conception-\$100;

Retire. For Rel.-\$160.;

Other Categories-\$240.

Total-\$2,703.

Additional:

Building Fund-\$5,311.

Cookbooks-\$36; Abundant Blessings-\$7.

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 ~ 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.

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!

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 evening Dec. 17th at 6:30pm at St. Stanislaus.

***St. Stanislaus Youth Group Meeting ~** Will meet Dec. 19th in the parish center at 7pm 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. Rehearsal will be Dec. 16th after Religious Ed. classes.

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

Decorating for Christmas ~ We will need some people to be available to help decorate the new Church for Christmas right after the 8am Mass.

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).
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).

**Adoration Chapel Hours
During Christmas****Adoration Chapel Closed at
Christmas**

~ In order to allow people the ability to spend time for travel and family festivities, the Adoration Chapel will be closed from 12 (Noon) on Saturday, December 22, until 12 (Noon) on Wednesday, December 26.

Feast Days for the Week

Sun.,	Dec.. 16,	Third Sunday of Advent.
Mon.,	Dec.. 17,	Advent Wk Day
Tues.,	Dec.. 18,	Advent Wk Day
Weds.,	Dec.. 19,	Advent Wk Day
Thurs.,	Dec.. 20,	Advent Wk Day
Fri.,	Dec.. 21,	St. Peter Canisius
Sat.,	Dec.. 22,	Advent Wk Day

Endowment Information ~ Leave something to the Endowment in your will or trust. This is a great way of leaving a legacy for future generations of families who will depend on the faith and communities that Immaculate Conception and St. Stanislaus provides.

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Parish Office Hours during the Christmas Holidays ~ The parish offices will be closed on

Friday, December 21 at noon until Thursday, December 27 at 9am. The offices will be closed again on Monday, December 31 until January 3rd at 9am.



Year of Faith Indulgences ~ Archbishop Naumann has named the following churches and/or shrines as

holy sites within the Archdiocese at which pilgrims may visit to obtain the plenary indulgence during the Year of Faith as proclaimed by the Holy Father (Oct. 11, 2012 through Nov. 24, 2013). They are: Cathedral of St. Peter, KS City, KS; Immaculate Conception, St. Marys; Immaculate Conception, Leavenworth; Shrine of St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, Mound City; SRPD Memorial Park, Centerville; Assumption Church, Topeka; St. Marys/St. Benedict, Nemaha County. Information will be coming out from the Archbishop soon describing the indulgence and how the faithful may obtain the indulgence.



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!

**Thank You From St. Marys
Community Food Pantry**

~ The St. Marys Community Food Pantry received a check for \$90.00 from Best Choice Save-A-Label. Thank you to everyone who saved and donated labels. Special thanks to Elaine DeVader for preparing the labels.

**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