

Immaculate Conception Parish, St. Marys

Holy Cross Church, Emmett

St. Stanislaus Parish, Delia/Rossville/Silver Lake

2011 Christmas Mass Schedule

Saturday, Dec. 24th, 6:00pm ~ St. Stanislaus
Saturday, Dec. 24th, 6:00pm ~ Immaculate Conception
Saturday, Dec. 24, Midnight ~ Immaculate Conception
Sunday, Dec. 25th, 7:00am ~ Holy Cross
Sunday, Dec. 25th, 9:00am ~ St. Stanislaus



2011-2012 New Years Mass Schedule

The New Years Mass schedule is the regular weekend schedule of Masses. Please remember that this is a Sunday, as well as a Holy Day of Obligation, Solemnity of Mary the Holy Mother of God.



**Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 18, 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.

2012 Calendars ~ The calendars for 2012 are available at back of church. Each family is invited to take one home. A special Thank you to the Knights of Columbus for purchasing them for our parishes!

No Confessions ~ There will be no regularly scheduled confessions on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day. I do thank the priests for assisting at the Penance services over these past couple of weeks!

Welcome to Fr. Lourdu Marreddy! ~ Fr. Marreddy is now living at St. Bernard's in Wamego. He was assigned there in order to assist Fr. John Pilcher with his various responsibilities in his parishes. I will be calling upon Fr. Marreddy from time to time to fill-in for me when I have to be away.

Financial Books Close ~ In order to facilitate the accurate closing of the parishes' financial books, all donations for tax purposes need to be received in the parish office by the end of the business day of Friday, December 30th. We will not be making the deposit until Tuesday, January 3, so it will not effect your year-end balance by having it submitted to the office in advance. The government is becoming more and more particular regarding some of these practices. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter!

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 Friday, December 23, until 12 (Noon) on Monday, December 26.



Weekly Schedule

(Dec. 18 thru Dec. 25)

Sat.	12-17	5:00pm	IC	Bobby Flanagan
		7:00pm	SS	Eileen St. Louis (+)
Sun.	12-18	7:00am	HC	Ed DeVader (+)
		9:00am	SS	Parishioners
		11:00am	IC	Kristen Morford (+)
Mon.	12-19	8:00am	IC	No Mass
Tues.,	12-20	8:00am	IC	John Lenherr (+)
Wed.,	12-21	8:00am	IC	Rosemary Pauly (+)
Thurs.	12-22	8:00am	IC	Jim Aubert (+)
Fri.	12-23	9:00am	SMM	Dec. Mems. of the Higgins Fam.
Sat.	12-24	6:00pm	IC	Parishioners
		6:00pm	SS	Parishioners
		Midnight	IC	Parishioners
Sun.	12-25	7:00am	HC	Parishioners
		9:00am	SS	Parishioners

Upcoming Events

Sun.	12-18	Fourth Sunday of Advent		
		10:00am	SS	Religious Education
		10:30am	IC	K of C Rosary
		5:00pm	IC	Jr. High Youth Group
Mon.	12-19	8:00am	IC	No Mass
Tues.	12-20	7:00pm	IC	No RCIA
Weds.	12-21	6:30pm	IC	No IC/HC Rel. Ed. Class
		7:00pm	SS	Rosary/Chaplet

Offices Closed

9:00am SMM Mass

Christmas Eve.

Sat.,	12-24	6:00pm	IC	Mass
		6:00pm	SS	Mass
		Midnight	IC	Mass

Christmas Day

Sun.	12-25	7:00am	HC	Mass
		9:00pm	SS	Mass
		10:00am	SS	No Religious Education

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

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H.C. Cleaners: Dec. 19: Karen Keller
H.C. Sacristan: Dec. 25, Karen Mulligan

Collection for IC / HC:

Dec. 11: Plate-\$350; Env.-\$2,855; Holy Day-\$429. Total-\$3,634.

Dec. Faith Direct: Sp. Collections-\$420; Monthly-\$755; Weekly-\$1,448. Total-\$2,623.

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



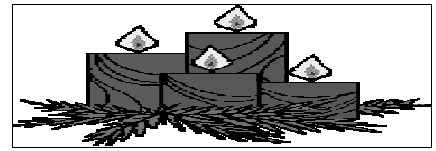
K of C Family of the Month ~ The December

Family of the Month is the Larry and Mary Lenherr Family. Larry was also selected as the Knight of the Month. Congratulations!

IC Social Concerns ~ A special thank you to all those who contributed gift, food, and money to support the Food Pantry and the Jesse Trees in our parish this year. It was a wonderful outpouring of charitable love from these communities.

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

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



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.

Decorating of Immaculate Conception Church for Christmas ~ On December 18th, after the 11:00am Mass, we will decorate Immaculate Conception Church for Christmas. Remember, many hands will make light work!

St. Stanislaus, Rossville / Silver Lake/Delia

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Collection for St. Stanislaus:
Dec. 8: Plate-\$136; Holy Day-\$70. Total-\$206.
Dec. 12: Plate-\$135; Env.-\$1,335; Retirement for Religious-\$155. Total-\$1,625.

Bldg. Pledge Drive-\$3,850.
Curb Painting (Bldg. Fund)-\$55;
Cookbooks-\$454; Abundant Blessings-\$25; CCD Coins/Bldg. Fund-\$39.

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.)

Youth Group Info ~

*Will meet Wed., Dec. 21 in the church basement at 6:30 to go Christmas Caroling. Soup and Chili served. Members from other community church youth groups are invited to join.

*No Youth Group over the Christmas break. Next meeting on Jan. 4th.

*Youth interested in attending Catholic Heart Work Camp next summer (2012. 2013 8th graders through Sr) must contact Angie by Dec. 22 at angiebittner@yahoo.com or 221-2644.



Christmas Flowers ~ Forms for a memorial Poinsettia are located on the table at the back of church. Please drop the money and the form in an envelope marked "Flowers" in the collection basket by Dec. 18th.



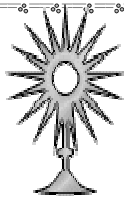
Adult Choir ~ The adult choir for Christmas continue to practice. New members are most welcome to join.

Services Provided Parishes and Communities:

Perpetual Adoration:
 Religious Education:
 Youth Group:
 St. Marys Food Pantry:
 Ministry to the Sick:
 Hall Rentals:
 Prayer Chain Coord.:

Please contact the office if you wish to participate in this beautiful and prayerful devotion. Contact Peg Wehner (IC and HC), 437.2408 or Connie Fischer (SS) [cfischer@ameplus.com], 785-584-6262 Contact Tina Schindler & Reid Downey (IC and HC), or Shelly Buhler (SS) 785.584.6617 Please contact Mary Poell @ 437-2448 or Tina Roth @785-584-6466 for assistance. Parish contacts are: Janet Wehrly, HC (535-8021); Colette Peel, SS (582-5846). 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). **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.; 8-9pm
 - ✠ Sat., 12-1am (alternate); 3-4am; 3-4pm; 4-5pm; 5-6pm; 7-8pm;
- Please call Mary Ellen (437-6163) or Mary Alice (437-2408).

Feast Days for the Week

- Sun., Dec. 18, Fourth Sunday of Advent**
- Mon., Dec. 19, Advent Week Day**
- Tues., Dec. 20, Advent Week Day**
- Weds., Dec. 21, St Peter Canisius**
- Thurs., Dec. 22, Advent Week Day**
- Fri., Dec. 23, St. John of Canty**
- Sat., Dec. 24, Advent Week Day**

IC/HC Garage Sale ~ the receipts for the Dec. 10th Garage Sale was \$1,557.84. Thanks to all who shopped and donated items to the sale. The next sale will be Saturday, January 14th at 8:30am.

IRS Charitable Contributions

The IRS says charitable contributions must be made before Dec. 31st to deduct on the current year tax return. If you want to make a contribution to Immaculate Conception or St. Stanislaus, please have them in the office before Dec. 29, 2011 or they will not be included in this years statement. Thank you, always, for your generous donation. **Carol Michaelis, Bookkeeper**

No RCIA ~ 7pm Tuesday, Dec. 20th.

(-; Little Johnny Strikes Again! ;-)

The children were all lined up for their first confession when Little Johnny's turn came. The priest asked him to confess his sins, and the boy promptly replied "Father, I threw a stone at Jimmy."

"That was a very misguided thing to do, my son," said the priest patiently.

"It wasn't misguided at all," said Little Johnny. "I hit him!"

Quo Vadis Retreat ~ Quo

Vadis is a short, challenging retreat held from 8pm, Jan. 1st, to 11am, January 3rd, which helps men ages 18-35 discern their ultimate purpose and vocation in life through a focused look at the Catholic priesthood. Men open to the priesthood are invited to listen to the vocational calls of the Archbishop, vocation director and seminarians. Retreat is free for those who make application before Dec. 21st. Activities include Mass and full Catholic devotions within the Christmas season, a short pilgrimage to the Cathedral, small group discussion and recreation. Registration and more info at www.kckvocations.com

Chancery Closed ~ the Chancery will be closed for Christmas beginning at 11am on Dec. 23 and will reopen on Tues., Jan. 3, 2012.

Lector Books ~ The new Lectors Books are available to be picked up at the church.



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!

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 ~ The IC Legacy society recognizes those whose future gifts will help IC Parish carry on its mission to serve the Lord and all his children. We hope another result of this initiative will be that more adults make their wills. Statistics show that only 30% of Americans have wills. Having a will can bring peace of mind and ensure that your worldly assets are distributed according to your direction. You can ask an attorney to prepare your will or do it yourself by modifying a standard form from a publication or a website.