

Immaculate Conception Parish, St. Marys

Holy Cross Church, Emmett

St. Stanislaus Parish, Delia/Rossville/Silver Lake



**Fourth Sunday of Advent** ~ Although our Advent season has seemed to move so quickly, we still have a couple of days to do our final preparations. These preparations which we make are not with presents and Christmas parties... and they are not for just any guest... but for Jesus... Emmanuel... God-with-us.

**A Christmas Prayer**

Lord, in this holy season of prayer and song and laughter, we praise you for the great wonders you have sent us: for shining star and angel's song, for infant's cry in lowly manger. We praise you for the Word made flesh in a little Child. We behold his glory, and are bathed in its radiance.



Be with us as we sing the ironies of Christmas, the incomprehensible comprehended, the poetry made hard fact, the helpless Babe who cracks the world asunder. We kneel before you shepherds, innkeepers, wisemen. Help us to rise bigger than we are. Amen.

May the Lord bring you and your families the peace of truly believing what Christ accomplished through His birth. May you be abundantly blessed, as you have blest me during my time here in the parishes.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

**Fourth Sunday of Advent (12-23-12)  
& The Nativity of Our Lord (12-25-12)**

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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).



## 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

## New Years Schedule (Holy Day of Obligation)

### Monday, December 31 ~

5:00pm-Immaculate Conception, St. Marys

### Tuesday, January 1, 2013~

8:00am-St. Stanislaus, Rossville

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!**

## Weekly Schedule

(Dec. 23 to Dec. 30)

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 (+)
Mon.	12-24	8:00am	IC	No Mass
		6:00pm	SS	Parishioners
		6:00pm	IC	Parishioners
		Midnight Mass	SS	Parishioners
Tues.	12-25	7:00am	HC	Parishioners
		9:00am	IC	Parishioners
Wed.	12-26	8:00am	IC	No Mass
Thurs.	12-27	8:00am	IC	No Mass
Fri.	12-28	8:00am	IC	Rain
Sat.	12-29	5:00pm	IC	Joe Flanagan & Bobby Flanagan (++)
		7:00pm	SS	Mathew Gustafson (+)
Sun.	12-30	8:00am	SS	Melvin Deiter (+)

## Upcoming Events

Sun.	12-23	9:15am	SS	CCD Class
		7:00pm	IC	Youth Group Meeting
Mon.	12-24	8:00am	IC	No Mass
		6:00pm	SS	Mass
		6:00pm	IC	Mass
		Midnight	SS	Mass
Tues.	12-25	7:00am	HC	Mass
		9:00am	IC	Mass
Wed.	12-26	6:30pm	IC	No Rel. Ed.
		7:00pm	SS	No Rosary/Chaplet
		7:00pm	SS	No Youth Group Meeting
Fri.	12-28	8:00am	IC	Mass
Sun.	12-30	9:15am	SS	No CCD Class
		7:00pm	IC	Youth Group Meeting



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

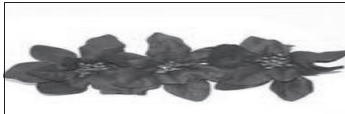
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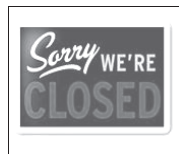
**Dec. 16: Contributions ~ Plate-\$258. Env.-\$3,800. Immaculate Conception -\$30. Christmas Gift-\$25. Total-\$4,113. Special Collections-\$150. Thank you for your stewardship and generous support of our parish!**

**Please Pray ~** For the repose of the soul of Elaine Phillips, Olathe, sister of Louise Deiter of IC. May her soul rest in peace.



**IC Religious Education Vacation ~** No Religious Education classes Wed., Dec. 26th and January 2nd. Classes will resume on January 9th at 6:30pm.

**Youth Group Meeting ~** December 23rd at 7pm in the youth room.



**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.



**Farewell For Fr. Bruce ~**

Come and join us for lunch, Sunday, Dec. 30<sup>th</sup> after the 11am Mass. (12:00 noon) in the Centennial Bldg. to help us wish Fr. Bruce all the best in his next assignment. We will be serving chili/crackers, relishes and cake.



**Thank You ~** Many thanks to all those who helped to decorate our Church for Christmas this year. Special thanks to Paul Fiedler for lighting the tree in front of the rectory.

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

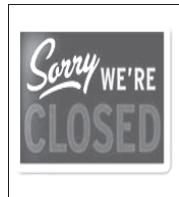
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**Dec. 16: Contributions ~ Plate-\$265. Envelopes-\$1,840. LEAVEN-\$18. Imm. Conception-\$10. Rel. Ed.-\$5. Total-\$2,138.**

**Additional: Building Fund-\$4,029.**

**Dec. Faith Direct: Env.-\$680; Rel. Ed. -\$1; Imm. Conc.-\$1; Christmas Offering-\$30; Catholic Charities-\$21. Total-\$733. Faith Direct Bldg. Fund-\$1,002.**

**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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**K of C #10755 Free Throw Contest ~** Will hold their annual free throw contest on Sun., Jan. 13th at Silver Lake Grade School, 1pm. The contest is open to any boy or girl between the ages of 10-14. Any questions, call Harold Michael at 582-5851.

**St. Stanislaus Youth Group Meeting ~** No meeting this Week

**Welcome to the Parish ~** Colt Edward Reser, son of Douglas and Melanie Hutting Reser, who was baptized Saturday, December 15th.

**Thank You ~** Many thanks to all those who helped to decorate our Church for Christmas this year!

**Please Pray ~** For the repose of the soul of Elaine Phillips, Olathe, sister of Ron Cowan of St. Stanislaus. May her soul rest in peace.



**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](mailto: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; 1-2pm (Temporary Sub. For two months).
- ✦ 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!**

**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.

**Feast Days for the Week**

- Sun., Dec.. 23, Fourth Sunday of Advent.
- Mon., Dec.. 24, Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord.
- Tues., Dec.. 25, The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)
- Weds., Dec.. 26, St. Stephen, the First Martyr.
- Thurs., Dec.. 27, St. John, Apostle and Evangelist.
- Fri., Dec.. 28, The Holy Innocents, Martyrs.
- Sat., Dec.. 29, Fifth Day Within the Octave of Nativity of the Lord

**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

**Year of Faith Indulgences** ~

Archbishop Naumann has named the following churches/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 it.

**Youth Minister Retreat** ~

January 7-8th, 2013. Monday 10am-Tues, 12pm. Prairie Star Ranch, Williamsburg, KS. All meals included—lunch, dinner, breakfast, lunch. RSVP to Rick Cheek: youth2@archkck.org. This will be a time for quiet reflection, Adoration and sharing the Gospel message you share with your young people.

**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** ~

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.

