



Immaculate Conception Parish, St. Marys

Holy Cross Church, Emmett

St. Stanislaus Parish, Delia/Rossville/Silver Lake

Love is the Reason for the Season

At Christmas time, we are asked to reach into ourselves and bring out what is kind, generous, and loving. To help, remember that an unimaginable love is the reason for this season.

“For God so loved the world that He gave his only begotten son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life” (John 3:16). God loves us so much that he denies us nothing that will draw us to him in Heaven... not even his only son. And Jesus’ love is so great that he became one of us so we can share more fully in the Father’s love.

“And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us” (John 1:14). At Christmas, we celebrate the moment when God chose to share our experience in the world. And we are asked to reach beyond our friends and family to share God’s love with the world. This year, your gift to Jesus can be a heart ready to receive and spread his love.



The Nativity Of The Lord (Christmas)

December 25, 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.

MANY THANKS!!! ~ Thank You to all who helped to prepare for Christmas... from those who organized the Jesse Tree, to donating and distributing the Christmas boxes from the Food Pantry, to donating poinsettias, the decorating of the Church, to providing music for the liturgies, to those who assisted with the various ministries for all of the liturgies. Many thanks for making this such a beautiful celebration of the birth of Our Lord Jesus!

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**

Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas Christmas collection ~ Because of the time, talent and treasure of our volunteers and supporters, Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas is able to help more than 85,000 people each year. You can feed a hungry child, shelter a family and care for those challenged by poverty of mind, body and spirit. Please consider a sacrificial gift to the Catholic Charities Christmas collection.



Weekly Schedule

(Dec. 25 thru Jan. 1, 2012)

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
Mon.	12-26	Offices Closed		
		8:00am	IC	No Mass
Tues.,	12-27	8:00am	IC	Gerald Murray (+)
Wed.,	12-28	8:00am	IC	Kimberly Ann Truesdell (+)
Thurs.	12-29	8:00am	IC	Leo Passman (+)
Fri.	12-30	9:00am	RVM	No Mass
Sat.	12-31	5:00pm	IC	Mary Harries (+)
		7:00pm	SS	Norman Lambotte (+)
Sun.	01-01	7:00am	HC	Parishioners
		9:00am	SS	Mathew Gustafson (+)
		11:00am	IC	Joe Seitz & Lena Seitz (++)

Upcoming Events

Christmas Eve

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

Christmas Day

Sun.	12-25	7:00am	HC	Mass
		9:00pm	SS	Mass

Offices Closed

		8:00am	IC	No Mass
Tues.	12-27	7:00pm	IC	No RCIA
Weds.	12-28	6:30pm	IC	No IC/HC Rel. Ed.
		7:00pm	SS	Rosary/Chaplet
Fri.	12-30	RVM	SS	Winnie Kerwin (+)

New Years Eve

Sat.	12-31	5:00pm	IC	Mass
		7:00pm	SS	Mass

New Years Day

Sun.	01-01	7:00am	HC	Mass
		9:00am	SS	Mass
		11:00am	IC	Mass
		10:00am	SS	No Rel. Ed.

Office Hours: Monday through Friday 9:00am to Noon and 1:00 - 3:00pm
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H.C. Cleaners: Dec. 26:Chris Smith.
H.C. Sacristan: Jan. 1, 2012: Janet Wehrly.

Collection for IC / HC:

Dec. 18: Plate-\$325; Env.-\$2,188;
Christmas Gift-\$50; Mary, Mother of God-\$15. Total-\$2,578.

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

Religious Education Classes ~
Don't forget that Religious Education Classes resume on January 4, 2012.

Cookbooks ~ The St. Stanislaus parish cookbook has been reordered and will be available in January. Watch the bulletin for more information.



Why Do Some Parishes Offer Midnight Mass On Christmas!

Midnight Mass grew from a custom where people from the countryside gathered in the early monasteries on Christmas Eve to attend Confession, sing hymns, and to participate in the Eucharist. Afterwards, a feast lasted well into Christmas morning.

Midnight Mass, or Mass close to midnight, gathers us together to greet the newborn Christ Child. The readings for the liturgy of Midnight Mass proclaim the birth of Christ, but also remind us that He came to offer salvation to all people.

St. Stanislaus, Rossville / Silver Lake/Delia

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Collection for St. Stanislaus:

Dec. 18: Plate-\$185; Env.-\$4,757;
. Total-\$.

Bldg. Pledge Drive-\$1,738.

Curb Painting (Bldg. Fund)-\$20;
Cookbooks-\$81; Abundant Blessings-\$20; CCD Coins-\$34.19; Gift to Bldg. Fund-\$50. Total-\$205.19.

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Youth Group Info ~

*No Youth Group meetings over the Christmas break. We'll meet again 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.

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.; 3-4pm; 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. 25, Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)**
- Mon., Dec. 26, St. Stephen, the First Martyr**
- Tues., Dec. 27, St. John, Apostle, Evangelist.**
- Weds., Dec. 28, The Holy Innocents, Martyrs**
- Thurs., Dec. 29, The Fifth Day Within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord.**
- Fri., Dec. 30, The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph.**
- Sat., Dec. 31, The Seventh Day Within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord.**

National Vocation Awareness Week, January 7-14 2012 ~

Have you visited the vocation website www.kckvocations.com lately to see the status of vocations in our Archdiocese? Please pray that all young people Christ is calling will respond with generosity and courage.

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

**No RCIA ~ 7pm Tuesday,
Dec. 27th.**

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

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 year's statement. Thank you, always, for your generous donation. **Carol Michaelis, Bookkeeper**

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

Blood Drive ~ Tuesday, Dec. 27th, at the Immaculate Conception Centennial Building, 2:30-6:00pm. Please go on line www.esavealifenow.org or call 1-888-647-4040 to make an appointment.



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.