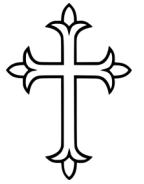


**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH  
SAINT STANISLAUS PARISH**



**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
DECEMBER 10, 2023**

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**Immaculate Conception**

**Church**

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**Mass Schedule**

Tuesday: 8:00am at IC  
Wednesday: 8:00am at SS  
Thursday: 6:30pm at IC  
Friday: 6:15am at IC  
Saturday: 5:00pm at IC  
Sunday: 9:00am at SS  
11:00am at IC

**Saint Stanislaus**

**Church**

701 S Main St.  
PO Box 794  
Rossville, KS 66533  
Phone: 785-584-6612

**Confessions**

Thursday: 5:00-6:00pm at IC  
Friday: 7:00-8:00am at IC  
Saturday: 3:30-4:30pm at IC  
Sunday: 7:30-8:30am at SS

**Baptism/Marriage**

Please call Fr. Justin

# ☀️ **FEATURED** ☀️

## Upcoming Penance Services

**Sunday, December 10th:**

3:00pm - St. Bernards, Wamego

6:00pm - Sacred Heart, Paxico

**Sunday, December 17th:**

3:00pm - Immaculate Conception, St. Marys

6:00pm - St. Stanislaus, Rossville



**Family Holy Hour @ St. Stanislaus**

**Tuesday, December 19th, 6:00pm**

**\*\*See "Open IC Adoration Hours" section for Christmas closing and reopening times**

## WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Sat.	12-09	5:00pm	IC	Kay, Bill, & Billy Wild (++++)
Sun.	12-10	9:00am	SS	Ralph & Mary Anne Pfannenstiel (++)
		11:00am	IC	IC & SS Parishioners
Tues.	12-12	8:00am	IC	Rocky Burrous(+)
		10:00am		Rossville Valley Manor Mass
Wed.	12-13	8:00am	SS	Wilbur & Margaret Tomson(++)
Thur.	12-14	6:30pm	IC	Joe Baumchen (+)
Fri.	12-15	6:15am	IC	<b>*Collective Mass Intentions</b>
Sat.	12-16	5:00pm	IC	Kenny Hoobler (+)
Sun.	12-17	9:00am	SS	SS & IC Parishioners
		11:00am	IC	Marikay Fox (+)
				<b>*Dennis Brunin (+)</b>
				<b>Genevieve &amp; Leo Lenherr (++)</b>
				<b>Michael Kuhn (+)</b>
				<b>Mary Ann Dooley (+)</b>

### Liturgy of the Word

### *Pastor's Corner*

Last Saturday, we celebrated the Rite of Acceptance for our RCIA inquirers. This makes an important step in their spiritual journey as they made the decision to move from simply being interested in Jesus Christ and His Church to becoming His disciples and living a life of prayer. They are now officially catechumens of the Catholic Church. This is the first public threshold in the RCIA process and features a powerful "signing of the senses" by which their sponsors trace the sign of the cross over them (lips, eyes, ears, shoulders, feet, etc.) This signifies their intention to surrender not just their intellect to Christ and their time to formation, but the whole of their lives to his kingship. Also featured in this rite is a short explanation of the Liturgy of the Word for the new catechumens, who are slowly being initiated into the Sacred Mysteries. This is a perfect segue into the series on the Mass that I've been offering occasionally on my Pastor's Corner since this is the next part of the Mass we need to cover. I've attempted to verify the following quote from St. Ambrose of Milan, but this has proven difficult as it seems to be gleaned from multiple letters he wrote to the Catechumens of the 4th century. Given that several dioceses use it in their rite of acceptance, I'm going to hope it's legitimate! I used it for the brief explanation of the Liturgy of the Word at the Rite of Acceptance:

**"Drink deeply of both beverages, the first testament and the second, because in each of them you are drinking Christ. Drink Christ because he is the vine. Drink Christ because he is the rock that gushes forth water. Drink Christ because he is the fountain of life. Drink Christ because he is the river, whose streams give joy to God's city. Drink Christ because he is peace. Drink Christ because from his belly rivers of living water will flow. Drink Christ so that you can drink the blood that redeemed you. Drink Christ so you can drink in his words. Let the luscious syrup of God's word flood the veins of your mind, and take possession of your heart."**

To highlight the main point, **when we hear the Word of God proclaimed at Mass, it is Christ himself who speaks to us!** How many of us have at some point said to ourselves, "I wish I could hear God's voice in my life" or "God never talks to me"? If you've ever heard the Word of God proclaimed to you at Mass, you have heard His voice! After we hear each of the readings, the lector proclaims, "The Word of the Lord" to which we respond "Thanks be to God!" **My dear family, do you add an exclamation point to the end of that response when you say it at Mass?** Do you thank God for speaking to you or are you thanking him that the reading is finally over?!! Do you hear this declaration (The Word of the Lord) with amazement and gratitude? The Liturgy of the Word is not an optional prelude to the Liturgy of the Eucharist; together, they have an inner unity and form one single act of worship at Mass. We should desire to be nourished from both the table of Sacred Scripture and the table of the Eucharist.

"Without these two I could not live, for God's Word is the light of my soul, and Your sacrament the Bread of life. These can also be called the two tables placed in the treasury of holy Church. One table is that of the sacred altar on which rests the holy Bread that is Christ's precious Body; the other is that of divine law which contains holy doctrine, teaches the true faith, lifts the veil of the sanctuary and leads us securely to the holy of holies". (Thomas a Kempis, Imitation of Christ, 4, 11)

If you haven't read through the entire Bible already, consider joining Father Mike Schmitz on his popular podcast where he walks you through the Bible in a year and provides helpful context and commentary.

**May we hunger for God's Word more deeply this week and thirst to hear His voice this Sunday at Mass!**

*Fr. Justin*

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**ALL PARISHES**

**December 3**

General: \$16,125  
Plate: \$606  
Walking With Moms: \$10  
Needy: \$511  
Building Fund: \$100  
Human Development: \$50  
Immaculate Conception: \$100  
Christmas Gift: \$100  
Christmas Flowers: \$25  
Total: \$17,627

**Saturday, December 16**

Ushers: Greg DeDonder, Tom Peterson  
Servers: Skyler Clark, Kaden & Kaycee SinghDhillon  
Lector: Marla Flanagan  
Musicians: Youth

**Sunday, December 17**

Ushers: Gary Roth, Dan Martstall  
Servers: Veronica Hutley, Brayden Hager, Keira & Isaac Aubert  
Lector: Michelle Lett  
Musicians: I.C. Singers  
Homebound Minister: Gary Roth

**IC Team Cleaning**

Team C, December 10th—December 16th

**Sincere Thanks!**

Sincere thanks to the Immaculate Conception Religious Education students, teachers, and staff for the wonderfully generous donation of food for the St. Marys Community Food Pantry holiday food baskets.

**With your help we will be distributing food baskets to over 100 families this year!**

**God bless you all for your charity, a gift and blessing, which will touch many families this Christmas!**

**IC Jesse Tree**

IC Social Concerns will provide Christmas for the needy in our area with your help. Please take a tag from the Jesse Tree, wrap your gift, and place the tag on the **outside** of your gift.

**RETURN YOUR GIFT TO THE JESSE TREE BY DECEMBER 13TH.**

If you would like to give a monetary donation, please make your check payable to IC Social Concerns/Jesse Tree and put it in the collection basket. For questions, call Carol VandeVelde at 785-584-6309 or Judy Lundin at 785-584-6447.



**The 2024 Calendars are here!**

The 2024 IC Religious Calendars, purchased for the parish by the Knights of Columbus, are on the back tables. Please take 1 per family. *God bless you in 2024!*

**December 3**

General: \$1,750  
Plate: \$148  
Christmas: \$165  
Poor & Needy: \$50  
Youth: \$50  
Maint. Fund: \$310  
Total: \$2,473

**Sunday, December 17**

Ushers: Arlan Niehues, Chris Hurla, Colby Hurla, Layne Hurla  
Servers: Easton Niehues, Isaac, Owen, and Elias Rottinghaus  
Lector: Morgan Swartz  
Ex Ord Min: Colleen Gillum  
Music: Youth Choir, Emilie, Carrie  
Sacristan: Colleen Gillum  
Homebound Minister: Calvin Lytle

**Family Holy Hour-Dec 19th-6pm  
Servers: O'Neill, O'Neill**



**Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration**

Please join us for the **Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration** on Tuesday, December 12th, starting at 5pm in Dekat Hall. Potluck Mexican Meal, Folk Dancers, Pinata, Door Prizes and a Candlelight Rosary Procession.



**Christmas Memorial Poinsettia Trees**

Quick reminder to purchase a poinsettia to remember a loved one at Christmas-\$10 per name/plant. Deadline is December 17th. Please place your order in the collection basket or mail to the St. Stanislaus Parish Office.



**Job Opening**

**Associate Superintendent of Schools for the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas**

The Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas is seeking to fill the position of Associate Superintendent of Catholic Schools. This position works with the Office of Catholic Schools staff to support school leaders in ways that will enable them to be spiritual and effective leaders for teachers. The incumbent provides a variety of development initiatives to assist school principals and faculty and coordinates curriculum development throughout the Archdiocesan Catholic Schools. This position is full-time, will average 40 hours per week, and will have a target start date of July 1, 2024. For more information and to apply online, please go to archkck.org, scroll to the bottom of the page, and click "Employment Opportunities".

**OPEN IC ADORATION HOURS**

**Sunday: 4:00am**

**Wednesday: 3:00am**

**Saturday: 3:00pm, 4:00pm**

**\*\*Chapel Closing for Christmas Holiday\*\***

The Adoration Chapel will be **closed** for Christmas beginning

**Saturday, December 23rd at 10am.**

The Adoration Chapel will **reopen** on **Wednesday, December 27th at 10am.**

If you'd like to share or take an hour, contact Mary Ellen Reese at (785) 437-6163 or Mary Alice Hutley at (785) 437-2752.

**Blood Drive**

Our upcoming blood drive on **December 29th, 12pm (noon) until 6:00pm** will have free Chiefs T-shirts featuring the **3X-Super Bowl CHAMPS!**

You can make your appointment at

**savealifenow.org/group**

**Group Code:TPJB, then select your time.**

You may also register by calling John Simecka at 785-213-0567 with your preferred time and he will set up your appointment.

**RCIA**

RCIA class—December 14, Chapter 12.



**New Parish Directories!  
Sign up online or after weekend Masses!**

Universal Church Directories will be taking pictures for our new church directories in **January 2024!** You may sign up before or after Masses during the next several weekends, or sign up online during the week to schedule your appointment. Your pictures may be taken at IC or SS to fit into your family's schedule.

**\*To schedule your appointment online, go to [www.ucdir.com](http://www.ucdir.com),**

**Church Code: [KS168](#),**

**Password: [photos](#)**

**\*The online scheduling will be turned off at 2pm on Fridays and turned back on Mondays at 11am.**

**For help scheduling an appointment, call**

**Jean @ IC 437-2408 or Kathi @ SS 584-6612.**

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**Deaf Ministry Interpreted Masses for Holidays & Holy Days**

It's that time of the year with holidays and Holy Days of Obligation! If you have a deaf relative coming in from out of town, here are the interpreted Masses for Christmas and New Years Day:

**Sunday, December 24, Christmas Eve**

4:00pm Most Pure Heart of Mary in Topeka

6:00pm, St. Joseph Catholic Church in Shawnee

**Monday, December 25, Christmas Day**

10:00am, St. Paul Catholic Church in Olathe

**Monday, January 1, Solemnity of Mary**

10:00am, St. Paul Catholic Church in Olathe

6:00pm, Most Pure Heart of Mary in Topeka



**PRAYER CHAIN INTENTIONS**

**Contacts:**

Mary Ellen Reese, 437-6163  
Anita Marstall, 437-6117

**Jim & Dorothy Lloyd**

Please pray for their improved health from current illnesses.

**Steve Martini**

**(Rita Muckenthaler's Son-In-Law)**

Please pray for his healing.

**Bob Sebring & Beverly Bradley**

**(Joan Sebring's children)**

Please pray for their healing.

**Claudia**

Please pray for this new mother's healing of Stage 4 lung cancer.

**Patti Bixby**

Please pray for her recovery from pneumonia.

**Jean Schneider**

**(who passed away suddenly)**

Please pray for the repose of her soul and for her husband, Pat, and their family.

**Maxine Loscalzo**

Please pray for the repose of her soul and for peace and comfort for her family.

**Virginia "Ginny" Doty**

Please pray for the repose of her soul and for peace and comfort for her family.

**Joe DeDonder**

Please pray for the repose of his soul and for peace and comfort for his family.

**Newborn Brooks Budden**

**(Grandson of Rick & Diane Budden)**

Please pray for his healing and his parents. He's having trouble keeping his oxygen content up, due to pneumonia in one lung from an aspirate.

**Dani Crossman**

Please pray for her safety as she begins long and stressful commutes to work each week.

**Anonymous Person**

Please pray for an anonymous person as she recovers from shoulder and arm injuries suffered in a fall and is facing cancer surgery.

**Larry Marstall**

Please pray for healing.

**Mary Dodson**

Please pray for her successful surgery and recovery.

**Rita Muckenthaler**

Please keep her in your prayers. She is in hospice at the Good Shepherd House in Manhattan.

**Vincent Bertels**

**(Brother of Gene & Jeanne Bertels)**

Please pray for the repose of his soul and for his family.

**Kimberly Barnhart**

**(Niece of Colette Peal)**

Please pray for the repose of her soul and for her family.

**ST. MARYS FOOD PANTRY**

*IT'S TIME TO START COLLECTING FOR THE  
FOOD PANTRY'S CHRISTMAS FOOD BASKETS*



**We are in need of:**  
**Boxed Instant Potatoes**  
**Stuffing Mixes**  
**Canned Green Beans**  
**Canned Corn**  
**Boxed Jell-O Mixes**  
**Boxed Pudding Mixes**  
**Canned Fruit**  
**Cake Mixes**  
**Cake Frostings**

If you are able to donate a Ham, please contact Tina Roth, 785-584-6466 or Mary Poell, 785-437-2448.

If you would like to make a monetary donation for us to purchase these items, please mail your checks to:  
503 N. 5th Street, St. Marys, Ks. 66536.  
**Our cut off date for Christmas food items will be December 1, 2023.**

**Thank you and God Bless You!**

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**IC Finance Council Members**

Rick Reese (Chair)  
Steve Denton  
John Simecka  
Claire Pearl  
Doyle Pearl

**IC Pastoral Council Members**

Peggy Smith (Chair)  
Julie Homan  
Alex Johnson  
Tina Schindler  
Nicole Smith  
Mike Trausch  
Chris Smith  
Patrick Byrne  
April Huaracha

**Cemetery Board**

Alex Johnson, Paul Fiedler, Mike Piper



**Knights of Columbus Council #657**

Grand Knight: Jason Henderson  
Knight of the Month: Jerry Tankingl  
Family of the Month: Jerry & Denise Tanking  
Knight of the Year: Gary Roth  
Family of the Year: Gary & Tina Roth

**REPORTING SUSPECTED ABUSE**

*If you suspect a child is being abused or neglected, make a report to the **Kansas Department for Children and Families Protection Report Center** by calling (800) 922-5330.*

*Call law enforcement if the person is in immediate danger or injured.*

*If you or someone you know has been abused by a cleric, employee, or volunteer of any archdiocesan parish, school, or agency — regardless of when the abuse occurred — call the **archdiocesan confidential report line** at (913) 647-3051 or the **Victim Care Advocate** at (913) 298-9244*

*\*AFTER\* calling local law enforcement.*

*You can also make a report online at: [www.archkck.org/reportabuse](http://www.archkck.org/reportabuse)*

*The Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas places the protection of children as its priority.*

*The archdiocese respects the sincere concerns of all individuals who report misconduct and is committed to conducting thorough investigations of all allegations.*

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**SS Finance Council Members**

Kenton Erb  
Dan Fischer  
Charlie Rottinghaus  
A.J. Heier  
Shelly Buhler

**SS Pastoral Council Members**

Joe Roth (Chair)  
Desiree McGrath  
Chris Hurla  
Bill DeDonder  
Sarah Sanders  
Connie Fischer (Ex Officio)  
Royce Muller (Ex Officio)



**Knights of Columbus Council #10755**

Grand Knight: Mark Wilt  
Knight of the Month: James Heiman  
Family of the Month: Sam & Judy Grant  
Knight of the Year: Mark Wilt  
The Family of the Year:  
Charlie & Carrie Rottinghaus

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