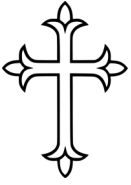


**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH
SAINT STANISLAUS PARISH**



**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 15, 2024**

Father Edward Ahn

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**Immaculate Conception
Church**

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St. Marys, KS 66536
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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-Contact the office

Marriage-Contact Fr. Ahn

 **FEATURED** 

Advent Penance Services:

Sunday, December 15:

St. Bernard—3pm
Sacred Heart—7pm

Sunday, December 22:

Immaculate Conception—3pm
St. Stanislaus—6pm



SS Family Holy Hour with Vespers

(45 minutes)

Sunday, December 22, 5:00pm

Servers: Volunteers

IC Men's Group

**The IC Men's Group will meet on
Tuesday, December 17th, at 6:00pm
at Gary Roth's Barn,
16741 NW 70th St., Rossville, Ks.
All men are welcome!**

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Sat.	12-14	5:00pm	IC	Walter Lankford (+)
Sun.	12-15	9:00am	SS	Bill Sullivan (+)
		11:00am	IC	IC & SS Parishioners
Tues.	12-17	8:00am	IC	Rosemary Pauly (+)
Wed.	12-18	8:00am	SS	Holden Hurla (+)
		3:30pm		St. Marys Manor Mass
Thur.	12-19	6:30pm	IC	JoAnn Immenschuh (+)
Fri.	12-20	6:15am	IC	Paul Drippe (+)
		10:00am		RVM-Raymond Staubs (+)
Sat.	12-21	5:00pm	IC	IC & SS Parishioners
Sun.	12-22	9:00am	SS	Zonda Morgan (+)
		11:00am	IC	Howard Deiter (+)
Tues.	12-24	4:00pm	IC	Dec. Mem. of the Muckenthaler Family
		6:30pm	SS	SS & IC Parishioners
Wed.	12-25	10:00am	IC	Jerry & Hildegard Pearl (++)

Prepare for joy

As we approach the third Sunday of Advent, also known as *Gaudete Sunday*, we are reminded that we are to rejoice, the translation of *gaudete*. How can we prepare to be full of joy?

There can be many reasons why it can be hard to be joyful, even during the Christmas season. Perhaps it's the recent loss of a loved one or the anniversary of their passing. Perhaps it's physical ailment that's hampering your preparation. Sometimes it's circumstances that we find ourselves in that make stress and worry seem to be more plentiful than joy. God knows all that we are going through, but He does not want us dwelling in what is holding us back from experiencing His love, peace, and joy. He knows that we each need a little joy in our life, not just at Christmas, but every day. At Christmas, however, we are called to be joyful through the hope-filled faith in the Baby Jesus.

One breath. One heartbeat. Sometimes in order to find joy, we need to look at the smallest things. As overwhelming as life can get, we can find joy in the moment when we take in a deep breath, or listen to our heart beating. I may not be able to thank God for the struggle, but I can thank God for allowing me another second, another minute, another hour, or another day. Perhaps joy can be found in the presence of a loved one, in a smile on a child's face, or just the beauty of nature in your community. If we look for things to rejoice about, we will find them. Instead of focusing our attention on what ails us, this season we are called to focus on the joy God has given us in this world. We can choose to be joyful, even if it is for a fleeting moment of the day.

The Gospel reading for the third Sunday of Advent gives insight to ways that can lead us to be joyful (Lk 3:10-18). John the Baptist counsels the people to share the food and clothing they have, thinking of others' needs rather than themselves. If we are having trouble finding joy in our lives, sometimes helping others, donating our time or money, can give us a boost to find joy this season. While John the Baptist tells the tax collectors not to take more than prescribed and the soldiers to be satisfied with their wages, we can interpret that for our age of being satisfied with what we have, rather than being jealous of others. This is a great reminder that when we receive a gift this season, that we appreciate whatever the giver has gifted us, rather than complaining or rejecting the gift. When we rejoice over what we have, and share with others who are in need — and share the joy of our plenty — we will find the peace of the Spirit in ourselves.

If we want to rejoice this Christmas season, we do need to prepare ourselves to receive the gift of joy that God wants to bestow on us. We need to be open to whatever manner that joy will come into our lives. Let us use this third week of Advent to pray each day to be a willing recipient to the joy of Christmas.

[-https://catholicgirljourney.org/2024/12/11/prepare-for-joy/](https://catholicgirljourney.org/2024/12/11/prepare-for-joy/)

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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ALL PARISHES

December 8

General: \$7,795
Plate: \$573
Building Fund: \$13,125
Immaculate Conception: \$830
Christmas Flowers: \$715
Christmas Donation: \$100
Walking with Moms: \$10
Ret. Fund for Rel.: \$330
Needy: \$190
Total: \$23,668

Faith Direct

General: \$4,279.34
Catholic Charities: \$175
Christmas Offering: \$120
Immaculate Conception: \$100
Ret. Fund for Religious: \$125
Gross FD: \$4,799.34
FD Fees: (\$189.85)
Net December FD: \$4,609.49

Saturday, December 21

Ushers: Larry Lenherr, Dan Marstall
Servers: Leo Martin, Skyler Clark
Lector: Mark Poell
Musicians: I.C. Singers

Sunday, December 22

Ushers: Jake Reiser, Chad Bordelon
Servers: Michael & Ethan Fox,
Fernando Reiser
Lector: Tina Schindler
Musicians: Anthony & Shannon
Homebound Minister: Steve Mees

**December 24th 4:00pm
Christmas Eve Mass**

Ushers: Alex Johnson, John Immenschuh
Servers: Lexie Carlson, Leo Martin
Lector: Marilyn Immenschuh
Musicians: Fortunatos

**December 25th 10:00am
Christmas Day Mass**

Ushers: Mike Drippe, Dwight Bordelon
Servers: Jude & Josiah Bowes
Lector: Bill Mulligan
Musicians: Mary's Choir

IC Team Cleaning

Team A, December 15th--December 21st

Church Decorating

We will be decorating the church for
Christmas on

Monday, December 23rd, at 10am.

We need **strong men and teenagers**
to help carry items into church and
help set up. We need women to
arrange poinsettias and decorate the
window sills and choir loft railing.

**The parish will provide pizza and
refreshments for the decorating crew
when they're done!**

2025 Calendars

Calendars for the new year are on the back
tables of the church. One per family, please.

December 8

General: \$3,035
Plate: \$142
Immaculate Conception: \$75
Maint. Fund: \$195
Mass Stipends: \$20
Poor & Needy: \$321
Youth: \$25
Jesse Tree: \$50
Poinsettias: \$50
Total: \$3,913

Faith Direct

General: \$3,300
Immaculate Conception: \$41
Retirement Fund for Religious: \$76
Catholic Charities: \$141
Christmas Offering: \$140
Maint. Fund: \$550
Gross FD: \$4,248
FD Fees: (\$134.38)
Net December FD: \$4,113.62

Sunday, December 22

Ushers: Steve Buhler, Arlan Niehues,
Rod Cowan, Sam Grant
Servers: Easton Niehues, Allessandra,
Adrianna & Tessa Gerber

Lector: Deana Cowan
Ex Ord Min: Shelly Buhler

Music: Helen & June
Sacristan: Shelly Buhler
Homebound Minister: Deidre Michael

**Family Holy Hour with Vespers
Sunday, December 22nd 5:00pm**

Servers: Volunteers

**December 24th 6:30pm
Christmas Eve Mass**

Ushers: Nathan Rewerts, Kenneth Aubert,
David Palmer, Scott Mellen
Servers: Kelby & Klaire Aubert, Peyton &
Briley Mellen, Keslie Svitak

Lector: Karen Palmer
Ex Ord Min: Nathan Rewerts
Music: Adult Choir, TBD
Sacristan: Leah & Kathi Rewerts
Homebound Minister: Volunteer

Thank You!



A big "thank you" to all who
donated items for our Jesse
Tree Project to help make
this Christmas a little brighter for
needy families in our area!

Thank you!

The **Cowan family** wishes to thank every-
one who helped with the funeral Mass and
dinner for **Kelly Cowan**. We appreciate
everyone's efforts: Father Ahn, the Aubert
and O'Neill servers, and the ladies that
prepared the hall, served the meal, and
cleaned up afterwards.

Thank you!

OPEN IC ADORATION HOURS

Sunday: 4:00am, 4:00pm

Monday: 2:00am, 4:00am

**Wednesday: 12:00am (Tuesday midnight)-
every other week, 7:00am** (see note below)**

Thursday: 8:00pm

**Friday: 12:00am (Thursday midnight)-every
other week, 12:00pm(noon), 5:00pm, 7:00pm**

Saturday: 3:00am, 1:00pm, 6:00pm

****Special Request for Adoration Sub****

Wednesdays, 7:00am, Jan 8th- Feb 26th

*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.*

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

The Chapel will close:

Monday, December 23rd at 10am.

The Chapel will reopen:

Saturday, December 28th at 10am

Blood Drive-Date Correction!

Friday, December 27th

Please consider the gift of life as one of your Christmas
presents of a pint of blood. **Free Chiefs t-shirts!**
Call John Simecka at 785-213-0567 to register.

OCIA (formerly RCIA) Class

The OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) class
meets weekly on Thursdays at Immaculate Conception
in the Parish Office/School Building (Room 3) from
7:20pm-8:45pm.

IC Jesse Tree—Thank You!

*Thank you so much to everyone that took a tag (or more)
from the Jesse Tree to make Christmas brighter for
several families!*

**Gifts need to be wrapped & returned to the tree with
the tag on the outside of the package
by Sunday, December 15th!**

Parish Offices Closed Over the Holidays

**The IC & SS Parish Offices will be closed from
December 24th-January 1, 2025**

**Father Ahn will be gone from
Christmas afternoon**

until Saturday, December 28th afternoon.

Your Giving Legacy

If you are 70 ½ or older, you can contact your IRA cus-
todian and have them directly transfer funds to a 501c3
organization. By using this vehicle, you avoid the taxes
on your required minimum distribution while making a
more significant impact on the Catholic causes you love
the most.

We at the Catholic Foundation are happy to answer any
questions you may have about QCDs. For more infor-
mation, please contact Mitch Nolan, Gift Planning Con-
sultant at the Catholic Foundation of Northeast Kansas
mnolan@archkck.org (913) 647-3070

PRAYER CHAIN INTENTIONS

Contacts:

Mary Ellen Reese, 437-6163
Mary Alice Hutley, 437-2752

Marjorie Twaddle
(Grandmother of Tiffany O'Neill)

Please pray for the repose of her soul and prayers of consolation upon her family.

Chris Legleiter

Please pray for a successful hip replacement surgery and healing.

Denise Crossman

Please pray for a special intention for help in her personal and financial needs.

Katy Remacle
(Sister of John & Ron Pauly)

Please pray for the repose of her soul and prayers of consolation upon her family.

Peggy Lenherr

Please pray for healing.

Anonymous Person

Please pray for a good diagnosis and healing.

Anonymous Runaway Young Man

Prayers of thanksgiving that he has been found and continued prayers for his healing.

Anonymous Young Expectant Mother

Please pray for her improved health.

Baby Olive Noelle (preemie)

Please pray for a successful surgery this week and speedy recovery.

Anita Marstall

Please pray for her healing.

Anne Herrington

Please pray for healing of an infection.

Jon Workman

Please pray for comfort and healing of a serious illness.

Kelly Cowan

(son of Ron Cowan)

Please pray for the repose of his soul and prayers of consolation upon his family.

Nick Peros, Sr.

Please pray for successful treatment and healing of cancer and support for his family who is caring for him.

Jeanette Black

Please pray for healing from her altered mental state.

Ashlyn Stallbaumer

Please pray for healing.

Frank & Cheryl Workman

Please pray for the repose of their souls. They passed away on 11/11/24 and 11/12/24

David Gustafson

Please pray for a successful knee replacement.

ST. MARYS FOOD PANTRY

The food pantry is in need of:

- Canned Vegetables*
- Beans*
- Canned Tuna/Chicken*
- Canned Soups*
- Pasta/Rice*
- Spaghetti Sauce*
- ***Macaroni & Cheese**
- Applesauce*
- Canned Fruit*
- Peanut Butter/Jelly*
- ***Pancake Mix/Syrup**
- Cereal*
- Crackers*
- Toilet Paper**
- Shampoo/Bath Soap*
- Toothpaste*
- ***Laundry Det./Dish Soap**
- Diapers Size 1-6**
- Wipes**

For questions or to donate, call Mary Poell at 437-2448 or Tina Roth at 584-6466. Please mail monetary donations to: 503 N. 5th St, St. Marys, KS 66536

Thank you and God Bless You!

IC Finance Council Members

- Doyle Pearl (Chair)
- Steve Denton
- John Simecka
- Claire Pearl
- Rich Schoenfeld

IC Pastoral Council Members

- Mike Trausch (Chair)
- Julie Homan
- Alex Johnson
- Tina Schindler
- Chris Smith
- April Huaracha
- Michael Taylor

Cemetery Board

Alex Johnson, Paul Fiedler, Mike Piper



Knights of Columbus Council #657

Grand Knight: Alex Johnson
Knight of the Month: John DeLeye
Family of the Month: John & Janet DeLeye
Knight of the Year: Jerry Tanking
Family of the Year: Dylan & Nicole Smith

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***

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.

SS Finance Council Members

- Kenton Erb
- Charlie Rottinghaus
- A.J. Heier
- Shelly Buhler
- Dan Fischer (Ex Officio)

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: Joe Roth
Knight of the Month: A.J. Heier
Family of the Month: Rodney & Deana Cowan
Knight of the Year: Chris Hurla
The Family of the Year: Steve & Shelly Buhler

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