



**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH  
SAINT STANISLAUS PARISH**



**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
DECEMBER 17, 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



**Advent Penance Services**  
**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**

**\* Please note that our Regular Sunday obligation to attend Mass & the Christmas Holy Day obligation to attend Mass are separate obligations.**

**\*Parish offices closed Dec. 22, 2023—Jan. 2, 2024**

## WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Sat.	12-16	5:00pm	IC	Kenny Hoobler (+)
Sun.	12-17	9:00am	SS	SS & IC Parishioners
		11:00am	IC	Marikay Fox (+)
Tues.	12-19	8:00am	IC	Mary & Arnold Oestmann (++)
Wed.	12-20	8:00am	SS	Thomas Connolly (+)
		3:30pm		<b>St. Marys Manor Mass</b>
Thur.	12-21	6:30pm	IC	Marie-Noelle Bordelon (+)
Fri.	12-22	6:15am	IC	Joe Flerlage III (+)
Sat.	12-23	5:00pm	IC	Rosemary Pauly (+)
Sun.	12-24	9:00am	SS	Mathew Gustafson (+)
		11:00am	IC	IC & SS Parishioners
		4:00pm	SS	<b>SS &amp; IC Parishioners</b>
		6:30pm	IC	<b>Zoey Knight (+)</b>
Mon.	12-25	10:00am	IC	<b>Dennis Brunin (+)</b>

### No Pain, No Gain

*Pastor's Corner*

Dear Family,

**Rejoice!** On this 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent, we are invited to rejoice because Christmas is quickly approaching, and Christ is drawing near to us. **Gaudete Sunday** (pronounced: Gow-day-tay), offers us a glimpse of the joy ahead. It is often marked by the use of rose colored vestments as well as the lighting of the rose advent candle. In order to fully appreciate this joy-filled Sunday, it is helpful to reflect on the violet/purple color that marks the other Sundays of Advent as well as most of the Sundays of Lent. So, what's the connection? Violet is the color of penance and preparation. The Church states that in the seasons of Advent and Lent, music and decorations in the church should be moderate (less intense), even for weddings.

**Gaudete Sunday has more of an impact for us if we have been moderating pleasures and celebration in our lives by focusing more on preparation and cleaning up our hearts for the great guest that is coming.** This might look like focusing on an Advent resolution for prayer such as praying the rosary as a family each evening or charitable acts like buying a gift for the poor (Jesse tree gift tags). Ideally, it would mean not spending too much time on shopping or pre-Christmas partying. I know that's not always feasible as many extended family Christmas parties occur before Christmas, but if possible, it's better to have them during the Christmas season. Going to Confession is one of the best things you can do to live out the "purple Sundays". Taking time to read and discuss the Nativity Story (Luke 2:1-20) as a family, to meditate on Advent reflections (*Adore by Fr. Josh Burns is excellent*), or go Christmas Caroling are wonderful ways to **keep Christ in Christmas**. Truthfully, there's not much to celebrate on Gaudete Sunday if we haven't been drawing closer to Christ during the season specifically marked out to help us prepare. Rose means little if purple is ignored. There is no gain without some spiritual growth pains. Christ comes to us, but he is also waiting for us to come to Him. He stands at the door and knocks, but he won't bust the door down and come in uninvited.

Let's remember that Christmas isn't one day, but a whole season and lasts till the January 8<sup>th</sup>, which is the Feast of the Baptism of our Lord. There is even a special octave (8 days) that starts Christmas day and ends on January 1<sup>st</sup>. This octave is marked by the Church's encouragement for us to celebrate with all of our heart and energy. During this octave, we pray the Gloria at each Mass! This is the time to celebrate like never before. I want to invite you to come to weekday Mass from December 27<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> and to adore Christ on these special days of Christmas. **Let's not lose sight of the reason for the season.**

One more thing. Please don't take your Christmas lights down before January 8<sup>th</sup>! We are Catholics and Christmas isn't over until then! For many others, Christmas is over and there's nothing to celebrate after December 25<sup>th</sup>, but that's only the case if we think that presents, food, and music are all there really is to the holiday. We actually have everything to live for and celebrate because once we have Christ, who was born on Christmas day, the party has just begun and will last for eternity.

*Fr. Justin*

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

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**SAINT STANISLAUS**

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**ALL PARISHES**

**Immaculate Conception & December 10**

General: \$3,615

Plate: \$388.15

Walking With Moms: \$10

Needy: \$245

Building Fund: \$100

Retirement for Religious: \$460

Immaculate Conception: \$670

Christmas Gift: \$50

Christmas Flowers: \$575

Leaven: \$25

Total: \$6,138.15

**December Faith Direct**

Offering: \$5,002.50

Immaculate Conception: \$100

Retirement for Religious: \$125

Catholic Charities: \$175

Christmas Gift: \$140

Total Gross FD: \$5,542.50

FD Fees: ~~\$188.04-~~

Net December FD: \$5,354.46

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**Saturday, December 23**

Ushers: Larry Lenherr, Alex Johnson  
Servers: Leo Martin, Hayden & Raegan Gideon

Lector: Rich Schoenfeld

Musicians: Byrne

**Sunday, December 24**

Ushers: John Immenschuh, John Simecka  
Servers: Jeff Henderson, Ethan, Zach & Caleb Fox

Lector: Marilyn Immenschuh

Musicians: Buddens

Homebound Minister: Jerry Tanking

**Christmas Eve, Dec 24, 6:30pm Mass**

Ushers: Alex Johnson, Dan Marstall

Servers: Lexie & Trevor Carlson,

Kaycee & Kaden SinghDhillon

Lector: Mark Poell

Musicians: Mary's Chorus

**Christmas Day, Dec 25, 10:00am Mass**

Ushers: Tom Peterson, John Pauly

Servers: Ethan & Fulton Downey,

Raegan & Hayden Gideon

Lector: Michelle Lett

Musicians: I.C. Singers

**IC Team Cleaning**

Team D, December 17th—December 23rd

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**The 2024 Calendars are here!**

Pick up 1 per family from the back tables. God bless you in 2024!

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**Men's Group**

Men's Group will meet this Thursday, December 19th at 7:30pm at Gary Roth's Barn. Call Gary for directions at 785-319-9115

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Please pray for the repose of the soul of Zoey Knight, daughter of George & Bethany Knight and Fr. Justin's niece.

**Immaculate Conception-Holy Day**

Immaculate Conception: \$145

General: \$15

Plate: \$145

Religious Retirement: \$25

Total: \$330

**December 10**

General: \$2,018

Plate: \$148

Poor & Needy: \$395

Religious Retirement: \$90

Solemnity of Mary: \$20

Maint. Fund: \$305

Total: \$2,976

**December Faith Direct**

General: \$3,472.50

Religious Retirement: \$71

Catholic Charities: \$41

Christmas Offering: \$140

Immaculate Conception: \$41

Mass Stipends: \$15

Building Maint: \$680

Total Gross FD: \$4,460.50

FD Fees: ~~\$130.68-~~

Net December FD: \$4,329.82

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**Family Holy Hour-Dec 19th-6pm**

Servers: O'Neill, O'Neill

**Sunday, December 24**

Ushers: Harold Michael, Brett Sanders, Brian O'Neill, Brendan O'Neill  
Servers: Maggie & Elley Sanders, Nathan & Mitchel O'Neill

Lector: Shirley Gustafson

Ex Ord Min: Deidre Michael

Music: Helen & June

Sacristan: Shirley Gustafson

Homebound Minister: Ruth Reynolds

**Christmas Eve, Dec 24, 4:00pm**

Ushers: AJ Heier, Nathan Rewerts, Kenneth Aubert, Bill Ebert

Servers: Caleb & Joel Heier, Kelby & Klaire Aubert

Lector: Christi McKenzie

Ex Ord Min: Nathan Rewerts

Music: Adult Choir, June

Sacristan: Kathi Rewerts

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**Thank You!**

Thank you to everyone that provided gifts for our 2023 Jesse Tree project! The families we helped are sincerely grateful for your generosity! Special thanks to all of the organizations and individuals that donated cash and items, and to volunteers that put in their time to pull it all together. We also deliver gift bags to parishioners at the Rossville Manor and Oakley Place and will take poinsettias to shut-ins and parishioners who had a death in the family, surgeries, or other difficulties this past year. These projects would not be possible without everyone's assistance. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

**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.

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**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.

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**No RCIA classes on December 21st & 28th**

Class will resume on January 4, 2024

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**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. **\*\*The IC time slots are full, but you can still make an appointment to have your pictures taken at SS on the dates available.**

**\*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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**Catholic Charities of NE Kansas**

**2nd Collection on Christmas**

This past fiscal year Catholic Charities of NE Kansas served 852 refugees including those who fled the war in Afghanistan and Ukraine. Your generosity of the Christmas Second Collection ensures that all who come to us for refuge are resettled and welcomed in our community.

*"For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me..." Matthew 25:35*

## PRAYER CHAIN INTENTIONS

### Contacts:

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

### Dr. Michael Schultes

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

### Bob Welch

Please pray for his healing.

### Zoey Knight

#### (Fr. Justin's 10yr old niece)

Please pray for the repose of her soul and for peace, comfort, and strength for her parents, George & Bethany, her siblings, extended family and friends.

### Julie McNeive Boone

Please pray for healing of lung cancer.

### 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.

## 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!*

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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 Tankingl  
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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