



**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH  
SAINT STANISLAUS PARISH**



**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
DECEMBER 24, 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



## Please Help Decorate IC Church for Christmas!

-We need help after the Saturday, 5:00pm Mass setting up the trees.

-We need help after the Sunday, 11:00am Mass setting up the Nativity scene & other decorations.

*Please help make the church look beautiful for Christmas!*

**\*\* NO MASS or Coffee & Donuts on Tuesday, December 26th \*\***

**\*\* No Flame of Love Holy Hour, Thursday, Dec 28th\*\***

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

## WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

|       |       |         |    |                              |
|-------|-------|---------|----|------------------------------|
| 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 | SS & IC Parishioners         |
|       |       | 6:30pm  | IC | Zoey Knight (+)              |
| Mon.  | 12-25 | 10:00am | IC | Dennis Brunin (+)            |
| Tues. | 12-26 | 8:00am  | IC | *** NO MASS ***              |
| Wed.  | 12-27 | 8:00am  | SS | Marie-Noelle Bordelon(+)     |
| Thur. | 12-28 | 6:30pm  | IC | Fran Brunin (+)              |
| Fri.  | 12-29 | 6:15am  | IC | William & Lorene Rogers (++) |
| Sat.  | 12-30 | 5:00pm  | IC | Steve DeVader (+)            |
| Sun.  | 12-31 | 9:00am  | SS | Poinsettia Memorial Mass     |
|       |       | 11:00am | IC | IC & SS Parishioners         |

## *Pastor's Corner*

### *Merry Christmas!*

I pray that this season of Christmas is a time of peace and blessing for you and your family. Many of you are traveling to be with family this season and I pray that you will safely arrive at your destination and return home refreshed.

For those of you who are visiting our parish this Christmas, welcome!

My prayer for all of us is that this most holy feast of the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ will not be just an exercise in sentimentality, but a powerful encounter with God, who loves you and me so much that he chose to enter into our broken world so that we would know beyond a shadow of doubt that Our God is not a distant theory, but a real savior that we can encounter this Christmas. He has born our infirmities. He has shared in our pain and suffering. He has drawn so close to us. He remains close to us through the Eucharist.

Allow me to share the first part of "O Holy Night" to draw you into the mystery. It sets the tone for Christmas so poignantly. May this Christmas help you to know just how much your soul is worth in God's eyes.

O Hbly Night! The stars are brightly shining  
 It is the night of our dear Savior's birth  
 Long lay the world in sin and error pining  
 'Til He appeared and the soul felt its worth  
 A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices,  
 For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn  
 Fall on your knees, O Hear the Angel Voices!  
 O night divine, O night when Christ was born.  
 O night, O Hbly night, O night divine!

*Fr. Justin*

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

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**SAINT STANISLAUS**

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**ALL PARISHES**

**December 17**

General: \$2,954

Plate: \$562

Walking With Moms: \$10

Needy: \$250

Retirement for Religious: \$120

Immaculate Conception: \$10

Camp Hum Dev: \$165

Catholic Univ.: \$10

Argentina: \$85

Total: \$4,166

**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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**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

**Saturday, December 30**

Ushers: Greg DeDonder, Larry Lenherr

Servers: Kaden & Kaycee SinghDhillon,

Skyler Clark

Lector: Bill Mulligan

Musicians: Youth

**Sunday, December 31**

Ushers: Dylan Smith, Gary Roth

Servers: Lane & Easton Smith,

Veronica Hutley, Brayden Hager

Lector: Laurie Pearl

Musicians: I.C. Singers

Homebound Minister: Steve Mees

**IC Team Cleaning**

Team E, December 24th—December 30th

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**Food Pantry**

Grateful thanks to everyone for your food and monetary donations toward the Christmas food baskets. This year your generosity brightened the holidays and helped provide a ham or turkey and all of the trimmings to over 100 families!

On behalf of the families served by the Food Pantry, God bless you all for your charity and good will!

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**Jesse Tree**

Thank you to everyone for providing gifts and/or money for our Jesse Tree. Our parish provided Christmas gifts for 10 families. Special thanks to Bessie Bryan for wrapping gifts, Ann Barthuly & Glenda Peters for organizing the gifts and Kinlyn & Kyser Lundin for distributing the gifts.

Merry Christmas! -Carol & Judy

**December 17**

General: \$1,360

Plate: \$271

Immaculate Conception: \$5

Religious Retirement: \$100

Mass Stipends: \$20

Maint. Fund: \$170

Total: \$1,926

**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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**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

**Sunday, December 31**

Ushers: David Palmer, Brett Sanders, Blake Scott, AJ Heier

Servers: Maggie Sanders, Elley Sanders, Joel Heier, Caleb Heier

Lector: Karen Palmer

Ex Ord Min: Deidre Michael

Music: Bridget, Carrie

Sacristan: Kathi Rewerts

Homebound Minister: Deidre Michael

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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!

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**Making Missionary Disciples Track January 1-5, 2024 St. Louis, Missouri**

Featured Speakers: Fr. Mike Schmitz, Chika Anyanwu, Paul J. Kim, Dr. Ben Akers, Fr. Josh Johnson, Dr. Ted Sri, Curtis Martin, Sr. Mary Grace, S.V., Fr. Rafel Capo, Msgr. James Shea, Fr. Augustino Torres & Dr. Jonathan Reyes. For more information: Emily Lopez—elopez@archkck.org

**OPEN IC ADORATION HOURS**

**Sunday: 4:00am**

**Monday: 2:00am**

**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 class on December 28th**

Class will resume on January 4, 2024

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**Get Signed up for the**

**New Parish Directories!**

**Pictures taken the first 2 weeks of January 2024**

**Don't miss out—get signed up today!!!**

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 few weekends, or sign up online during the week to schedule your appointment.

**\*\*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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**Volunteers Needed!!!**

We'll need volunteers at both IC & SS to help get people signed in on the photography dates for the new Picture Directories. If you would be able to help out for a few hours on the dates that pictures will be taken at either parish,

**please contact**

**Jean @ IC 785-437-2408 or**

**Kathi at SS 785-584-6612**

**Thank you!**

## PRAYER CHAIN INTENTIONS

### Contacts:

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

### Elizabeth (Aubert) Breymeyer

Please pray for her comfort and for peace, strength, and comfort for her family.

### Don Sack

Please pray for healing of multiple health problems and prayers for his family as they care for him.

### Dave Ebert

Please pray that he receives quality care after suffering a massive stroke and pray for support for his family as they make choices for his care.

### Edward Shibler

Please pray for successful treatment of congestive heart failure and related health problems and prayers for his family.

### Beverly Manning (Sister of Janet Wehrly)

Please pray for healing.

### Ashley Austin

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

### Mary Lee Fields

Please pray for healing of pneumonia.

### 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.

## 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

**Office Hours: Monday — Friday, 9:00am to 3:00pm**  
Immaculate Conception Office Number: (785) 437-2408  
Saint Stanislaus Office Number: (785) 584-6612

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| SS Youth Ministry:   | <b>Bridget Heier</b>            | bridget.heier@gmail.com       | (785) 341-5536 |
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