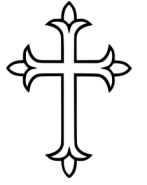


**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH
SAINT STANISLAUS PARISH**



**THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH
DECEMBER 31, 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

Happy New Year!



January 1, 2024

The Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God is not a Holy Day of Obligation this Year in the United States, but there is a 10am Mass at IC.

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Sat.	12-30	5:00pm	IC	Steve DeVader (+)
Sun.	12-31	9:00am	SS	Poinsettia Memorial Mass
		11:00am	IC	IC & SS Parishioners
Mon.	1-01	10:00am	IC	Joe Baumchen (+)
Tues.	1-02	8:00am	IC	** NO MASS
Wed.	1-03	8:00am	SS	** NO MASS
Thur.	1-04	6:30pm	IC	Marie-Noelle Bordelon (+)
Fri.	1-05	6:15am	IC	**Collective Mass Intention
Sat.	1-06	5:00pm	IC	Joe Baumchen (+)
Sun.	1-07	9:00am	SS	SS & IC Parishioners
		11:00am	IC	Leola Kolde (+)
				**Dennis Brunin (+) Michael C. Perry (+)

Pastor's Corner

Is Your Family Holy?

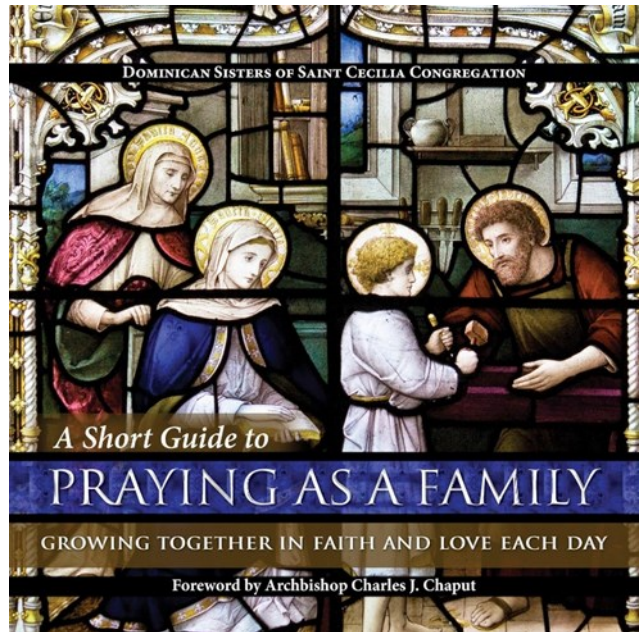
This weekend we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. This celebration is not about comparing our family to other families to see which one is superior or feeling bad about how many issues our family may have, but about gazing upon the Holy Family as a model for how to structure our own unique family. Here are some questions I encourage parents to ask themselves:

- What do we prioritize in our family? If we were to ask our kids right now what are the most important things in our family, how do we think they would answer?
- Are family meals, where we intentionally spend time together (no phones allowed!), a regular part of our week?
- Do we pray as a family?
- Do we strive to learn more about our Catholic Faith so that we can teach our children?
- What is one virtue we could work on as a family? Patience? Gentleness? Thoughtfulness? Temperance? Some other virtue?

The family, as the basic unit of the universal Church, is supposed to be the place where we learn to be a gift as we grow in virtues suited to this end (help your sibling, empty the trash, stop taking the biggest cookie etc.!) and a natural habitat for developing a life of prayer.

I want to recommend a book put out by the Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia called **A Short Guide to Praying as a Family: Growing Together in Faith and Love Each Day.** I haven't reviewed it in depth, but I feel confident it could be a great help for parents who may feel intimidated at the thought of praying as a family, especially if it wasn't modeled for them by their parents.

"If parents love God, children see and learn faith. Parents who pray together teach by the way they live that God is real; that He is present, listening, and eager to be a part of our lives. A life of prayer makes us fully human because it makes us real; it brings us out of ourselves, again and again, into conversation with the Author of life Himself — the God who made and loves us, and created everything we know." (Archbishop Charles Chaput)



"Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor" (Luke 2:51-52 NRSV).

Fr. Justin

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ALL PARISHES

December 25

General: \$20,699
Plate: \$1,065.85
Walking With Moms: \$20
Retirement for Religious: \$50
Argentina: \$85
Catholic Charities: \$1,030
Flower Donation: \$70
Christmas Gift: \$2,390
Building Fund: \$100
Total: \$25,509.85

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

OPEN IC ADORATION HOURS

Sunday: 4:00am
Monday: 2:00am
Wednesday: 3:00am
Saturday: 10:00am, 3:00pm, 4:00pm
*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.*

RCIA Class will resume on January 4, 2024

Monday, January 1

(Not a Holy Day of Obligation this Year)

Ushers: Dwight Bordelon, John Simecka
Servers: Josh & Samantha Henderson
Keira and Isaac Aubert

Lector: Vicki Bordelon
Musicians: Buddens

Saturday, January 6

Ushers: Dan Marstall, Tom Peterson
Servers: Lexie & Trevor Carlson,
Leo Martin

Lector: Kaycee Flanagan
Musicians: I.C. Singers

Sunday, January 7

Ushers: Gary Roth, John Immenschuh
Servers: Fulton & Ethan Downey,
Jeff & Josh Henderson

Lector: Marilyn Immenschuh
Musicians: Mary's Chorus
Homebound Minister: Mick Poell

IC Team Cleaning

Team A, December 31st—January 6th



**Youth Group
Fundraiser**

Chili Cook-Off!

**Saturday, January 13th after 5pm Mass
in the Centennial Building.**

Hot prizes for the top 3 best chilis!

****See bulletin insert for registration
information and details.**

Food Pantry

Many thanks to all Immaculate Conception parishioners who support the St. Marys Community Food Pantry through the church envelopes. Your gifts are a very important and impactful blessing as they continue to uplift and provide assistance to a growing number of families throughout the year. On behalf of the families served at the Food Pantry, we extend a sincere and heartfelt thank you to all of you!

Thank You!

Thank you to all of my friends and church family that are praying for me. I appreciate all of them. Please keep the prayers coming and I am returning them. God has blessed me and I hope he continues to bless you.

Have a Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year! - Rita Muckenthaler

Sunday, January 7

Ushers: Steve Buhler, Scott Mellen,
Arlan Niehues, Calvin Lytle
Servers: Briley & Peyton Mellen,
Easton Niehues, Keshie Svitak

Lector: Louise Manhart
Ex Ord Min: Shelly Buhler
Music: Adult Choir, June
Sacristan: Shelly Buhler
Homebound Minister: Deidre Michael

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!

Baby Shower

The Knights will be holding a baby shower during the month of January.

New or clean used baby items may be placed in the bassinets located in the narthex. Cash may be placed in the donation jar.

**Retrouaille Marriage Enrichment
Weekend in Kansas City!**

January 26th-28th

**Register today at www.retrokc.com
Registration closes Jan. 25, 2024**

The Retrouaille Program is for married couples facing difficult challenges in their relationship. It is a practical program to improve communication, build stronger marriages, and help couples reconnect.

Life-Giving Wounds-

*Healing Retreat for Adult Children
of divorced, separated, or
never-married parents*

**January 12-14 @ Savior Pastoral Center
In Kansas City, Kansas**

Register today @ archkck.org/LGW



**Less than 20 appointments left
for Parish Directory Pictures!
Get signed up TODAY!!!**

Universal Church Directories will be taking pictures for our new church directories **this week at IC and next week at SS!**

****Last chance to make an appointment to have your pictures taken at Dekat Hall on the dates available.**

***To schedule your appointment online, go to 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.

Help! Volunteers Needed!!!

We'll need volunteers at both IC & SS to help get people signed in on the photography dates for the new Picture Directory. 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

Betty @ IC 785-437-2408 Ext. 2 or

Kathi at SS 785-584-6612

Thank you!

GriefShare

This ministry is designed to support those grieving the loss of a loved one, and we will be hosting weekly GriefShare sessions beginning

**Tuesday, January 16th, at 6:30pm each week
at St. Bernards's Catholic Church in Wamego.**

This is a 13 week program and all are welcome to attend. If you have any questions, please call George and Brenda Annan @ (407)-353-9158

**Wills and Trusts Workshop-
Creating your Legacy**

**St. Ann Catholic Church- Parish Hall
201 William Street, Effingham, Kansas
Wednesday, January 17, 2024, 6:00pm-7:30pm**

Casey Connealy's Wills and Trusts Workshop

Learn how to protect your family and assets from taxes with the right estate plan. The presentation will cover the difference between Wills & Trusts, explain Probate, and other questions regarding estates.

Register online at <https://www.cfnek.org/events/wills-trusts-workshop> or email Jane Schmitt at jschmitt@archkck.org or call 913-647-3060.

PRAYER CHAIN INTENTIONS

Contacts:

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

Rita Muckenthaler

Please continue to pray for her.

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.

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.

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

- 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

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
- 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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