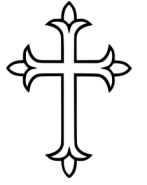


**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH  
SAINT STANISLAUS PARISH**



**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
DECEMBER 3, 2023**

**Father Justin Hamilton**

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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** ☀️

## **December 2nd-5:00pm Mass Rite of Acceptance & Welcoming**

### Archbishop Naumann Pastoral Visit

Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann will make a Pastoral Visit this Sunday & meet privately with the councils for SS & IC.

### Feast of the Immaculate Conception

#### Holy Day of Obligation Schedule:

**December 7th:** Confessions 5-6pm at IC  
Vigil Mass 7pm at SS

**December 8th:** Confessions 7-8am at IC  
Rosary 6pm at IC Grotto  
(weather permitting)  
Mass 6:30pm at IC

**\*\*Parish Feast Day celebration in C-bldg. after Mass\*\***

## WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Sat.	12-02	5:00pm	IC	Kenneth Marstall (+)
Sun.	12-03	9:00am	SS	Holden Hurla (+)
		11:00am	IC	People of the Archdiocese of KCK
Tues.	12-05	8:00am	IC	Phil Bertels (+)
Wed.	12-06	8:00am	SS	Ralph & Mary Anne Pfannenstiel (++)
Thur.	12-07	7:00pm	SS	SS & IC Parishioners
Fri.	12-08	6:30pm	IC	Raymond & Leola Kolde (++)
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

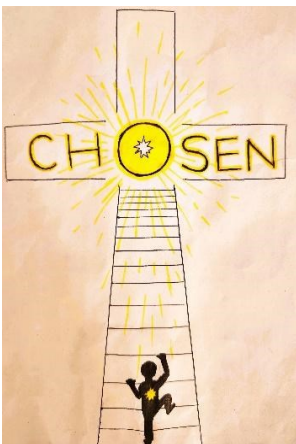
## *Pastor's Corner*

### **Charity, Prudence, and the Morning Offering**

I wanted to briefly comment on Bishop Strickland's removal as bishop of the Diocese of Tyler, Texas by Pope Francis although I have no desire to create a detailed legal case in Bishop Strickland's defense or against him for that matter. Charity demands assuming the best about someone and trying to see them in the best possible light. This would apply to Bishop Strickland and our Holy Father. Prudence also directs us to resist the urge to jump to conclusions and instead to patiently wait till all the facts are in. Unfortunately, a number of Catholic journalists, Youtubers, and other commentators have this nasty habit of automatically condemning Pope Francis' decisions and assuming he has malicious motives that seek to undermine the Catholic Church. For example, several highly regarded Catholic Youtubers made the claim that Bishop Strickland was basically removed overnight, with no due process, no warning, no explanation as to why he was being removed. This simply wasn't true as we later found out. There was another well-known and outspoken Catholic Priest who was removed from ministry not too long ago in another diocese. Many news outlets did the same thing, immediately declaring him innocent and Pope Francis and the priest's local bishop as wolves who were trying to destroy the "good priests". It turns out that this priest was highly imprudent, disobedient, and slanderous and had rightly been punished. I mainly wanted to point this out to caution you in regard to the media you consume. Use prudence, don't jump to conclusions, test the evidence, and don't assume the worst about Pope Francis. I'm not trying to defend all of his decisions in the least, but I don't like the attitude of constant suspicion people have toward him and the lack of charity shown toward him. It's simply unhealthy and divisive.

There was some talk recently about whether a transsexual can be baptized and/or act as a godparent at a baptism and I wanted to share the Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith's response to a Brazilian Bishop's request for guidance in this matter. This has been translated from the Italian by one of our archdiocesan priests. I will only share a portion of it for the sake of space. "Can a transsexual be baptized? A transsexual - who has also undergone hormonal treatment and sex reassignment surgery - can receive baptism, under the same conditions as other believers, if there are no situations in which there is a risk of generating public scandal or disorientation among the faithful. In the case of children or adolescents with problems of a transsexual nature, if well prepared and willing, they can receive Baptism."

The Dicastery's response also notes that a transsexual can serve as a godparent unless "there is a risk of scandal, undue legitimization, or disorientation in the educational sphere of the ecclesial community." So, it is left up to the pastor to use discretion and make decisions on a case-by-case basis. The Vatican is not promoting Transgender Ideology and makes it clear that there must be an intention to live a life in conformity with the Faith. I appreciate this answer as it allows priests the flexibility to make decisions that will help lead souls to Christ AND to avoid causing scandal or confusion among the faithful.



Lastly, I wanted to remind everyone of my desire that we pray the morning offering (given to you in the form of a holy card) each day of Advent as a way to imitate Jesus, who became man for our sake, so that he could offer himself on our behalf. It is my hope that by making a daily morning offering this Advent, we will make this a habit for life and come to more fully offer our lives at each Mass in union with the perfect sacrifice of Jesus Christ to the Father. We have lots of extra holy cards with the morning offering, so be sure to pick some up and put one on your nightstand and in your car!

*Fr. Justin*

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**ALL PARISHES**

**November 26**

General: \$5,635  
Plate: \$241.56  
Walking With Moms: \$10  
Needy: \$100  
Arch of Military: \$10  
All Saints: \$25  
Human Dev.: \$250  
Christmas Flowers: \$50  
Total: \$6,321.56

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**December 5th Family Holy Hour 6pm**

Servers: Brayden Hager, Skyler Clark

**Feast of the Immaculate Conception-  
Holy Day of Obligation**

**Friday December 8th 6:30pm**

Ushers: Volunteers  
Servers: Volunteers  
Lector: Volunteer  
Music: Mary's Chorus

**Saturday, December 9**

Ushers: Alex Johnson, John Pauly  
Servers: Lexie & Trevor Carlson,  
Leo Martin  
Lector: Tina Schindler  
Musicians: Byrne

**Sunday, December 10**

Ushers: Dwight Bordelon, John Immenschuh  
Servers: Ethan & Caleb Fox, Ethan &  
Fulton Downey  
Lector: Rick Reese  
Musicians: Buddens  
Homebound Minister: Mick Poell

**IC Team Cleaning**

Team B, December 3rd—December 9th

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**Bake Your Best for the King  
Winners!**

Best Cake: Kristine Byrne-  
Our Lady tiered cake  
Best pie: Don Leger-pecan pie  
Best cookie: Dwight Bordelon-  
cowboy cookies

Thank you so much for all of the bakers  
that participated!

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**Sincere Thanks!**

Sincere thanks to the Immaculate  
Conception Religious Education stu-  
dents, teachers, and staff for the won-  
derfully 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!**

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**IC Garage Sale**

Christmas tree & decorations, clothing,  
coats, boots, bedding, 2 recliners, misc,  
furniture& decor, single bed head & foot  
board, Queen size head board, luggage,  
purses, assorted golf clubs, lots of chil-  
dren's miscellaneous toys, books, games.

**November 26**

General: \$3,525  
Plate: \$103  
Human Dev.: \$15  
Youth: \$60  
Maint. Fund: \$50  
Total: \$3,753

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**Thurs. Dec 7th, 7pm Vigil Mass for the  
Feast of the Immaculate Conception**

**Holy Day of Obligation**

Ushers: Nathan Rewerts, Harold Michael,  
Bill Ebert, Sam Grant  
Servers: O'Neill, O'Neill, O'Neill, O'Neill  
Lector: Deidre Michael  
Ex Ord Min: Calvin Lytle, Damian Dekat,  
Nathan Rewerts

Music: Adult Choir, June

Sacristan: Kathi Rewerts

**Sunday, December 10**

Ushers: Andrew Chance, Sam Grant  
Kenneth Aubert, Blake Scott  
Servers: Charlie & AJ Chance,  
Kelby & Klaire Aubert  
Lector: Christie McKenzie  
Ex Ord Min: Joe Roth  
Music: Lana, Ruth, Alexis, Jen  
Sacristan: Christi McKenzie  
Homebound Minister: Joe Roth

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**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.**

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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 direc-  
tories in **January 2024!** You may sign up  
before or after Masses during the next  
several weekends, or sign up online dur-  
ing the week to schedule your appoint-  
ment. 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 schedul-  
ing an appointment, call Jean @ IC  
437-2408 or Kathi @ SS 584-6612.**

**OPEN IC ADORATION HOURS**

**Sunday: 4:00am**

**Wednesday: 3:00am**

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

*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.*

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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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**RCIA**

**No RCIA class on December 7th due to Vigil Mass at  
SS for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception.  
Class will resume on December 14 with Chapter 12.**

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**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**

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**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.

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**Cookie Sale**

 The St. Marys Historical Society is having  
their annual cookie and candy sale on  
December 9th in the Centennial Building,  
beginning at 8:30am. Please come support  
our fundraiser and get some yummy  
goodies for the holidays!

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**Foster Appreciation Respite Afternoon**

**Sunday, December 17th, 1-3pm**

**Prince of Peace Catholic Church-Parish Center  
(Enter through Church doors)**

**Registration required by Dec 10 at:  
[www.archkck.org/prolife/activities](http://www.archkck.org/prolife/activities)**

**Contact Susan at [foster-adoption@popolathe.org](mailto:foster-adoption@popolathe.org)  
or 913-302-4455**

## PRAYER CHAIN INTENTIONS

### Contacts:

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

### 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)

Kimberly lost her life in an auto accident. Please pray for the repose of her soul and for her family.

### Anonymous woman

Please pray for her to overcome alcoholism and to get the support she needs while going through a divorce.

### Anonymous person

Please pray for healing of lung cancer and support from her family in making good decisions for her overall daily care.

### Denise Crossman

Please pray for a special intention for her financial needs.

### Nick Yocum

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

### Bruce Bond

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

### Anonymous person

Please pray for healing of medical complications caused by previous surgery.

## 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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