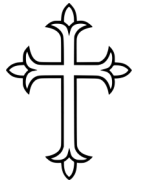


**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH  
SAINT STANISLAUS PARISH**



**SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
FEBRUARY 11, 2024**

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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

**The Season of Lent begins this week on Ash Wednesday**

***“Repent and believe in the Gospel”***

**Days of Obligatory Fasting & Abstinence (Ages 18-59)**

**Ash Wednesday & Good Friday**

**Days of Obligatory Abstinence (Ages 14+)  
Every Friday of Lent**

***Fasting=1 full meal & 2 smaller meals that together equal a full meal.***

***Abstinence=not eating meat***

Those exempt from fasting during Lent include children, adults with physical and mental illness, pregnant women and nursing mothers. The USCCB stresses that “common sense should prevail” and that no one should jeopardize their health to fast.

## WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Sat.	2-10	5:00pm	IC	Kenneth Marstall (+)
Sun.	2-11	9:00am	SS	Cody Lambotte (+)
		11:00am	IC	IC & SS Parishioners
Tues.	2-13	8:00am	IC	Lee Dohrman (+)
		10:00am		<b>Rossville Valley Manor</b>
Wed.	2-14	7:00am	SS	Fr. Mariadas Sesetti, MSFS
		12:15pm	IC	<b>*Ashes Only*</b>
		6:30pm	IC	<b>Hank DeVader (+)</b>
Thur.	2-15	6:30pm	IC	Michael C. Perry (+)
Fri.	2-16	6:15am	IC	<b>*Collective Mass Intentions</b>
Sat.	2-17	5:00pm	IC	Bill Muckenthaler (+)
Sun.	2-18	9:00am	SS	SS & IC Parishioners
		11:00am	IC	<b>Genevieve &amp; Leo Lenherr (+)</b>
				<b>*Dennis Brunin (+)</b>
				<b>Rita Muckenthaler (+)</b>
				<b>Virginia Doty (+)</b>

*Pastor's Corner*

## Preparing for our Journey into Lent

### Do you even lift, bro?

This question, used to razz someone for not being as strong as they should be, has become a popular internet meme. While sometimes not used in good taste, it is often thrown out there among friends as a friendly tease toward someone who might be posturing, pretending to be stronger than they really are or even someone who just needs to be challenged to be better.

I want to use it as our slogan for this year's Lenten journey. This coming Wednesday is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of our Lenten exodus into the desert. What are we supposed to be doing in the desert for the next 40 days? Lifting weights! There are some exercises that are essential to growth in the gym, such as the deadlift, squat, and bench press. Similarly, Jesus offers us three of the most fundamental spiritual exercises we need to engage in this Lent if we want to grow in holiness. What are they?

### **Prayer. Fasting. Almsgiving.**

I may regret this, but I'm encouraging you to ask yourself, your family, and your close friends (on a daily basis) **"Do you even lift, bro?"**, as a way to hold yourself and others accountable to the spiritual discipline of Lent that is so conducive to spiritual growth.

A word of caution: Prayer, fasting, and almsgiving aren't about becoming strong on our own will power, nor is Lent a self-help program. Rather, by engaging in prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, we strip away our attachment to noise, pleasure, and entertainment and make room for Jesus in our lives **so that He can transform us** from mediocre hypocrites to saints on fire with love for God and neighbor. Some ideas for your three spiritual exercises:

**Prayer:** Make a daily visit to the Blessed Sacrament for 10 minutes; Bible in a year with Fr. Mike Schmitz; dailyrosary.net (pray the rosary each day with Dr. Mike Scherschligt); Stations of the Cross (communally on Fridays or privately); Read a saint story each day (40 saints); Read the Gospel reading for Mass each day and meditate on it for 5 minutes.

**Fasting:** What are you too attached to? What do you regularly indulge in? Sacrifice it! Food, drink, social media, gaming, eating out, etc. Perhaps instead of completely sacrificing an item, consider getting a version of it that you like less (i.e. an off-brand coffee). Please do not skip!

**Almsgiving:** Take the money you save from fasting and put it in a jar to give to a charitable organization. Think spiritual and corporal works of mercy—pick one of these to focus on. Visit the elderly at a nursing home once a week. Each week, write a note of affirmation to someone special in your life. Sit with someone you don't know at a fish fry. Donate food to the food bank.

May God bless you this coming Lent with the grace to be transformed into the image of Jesus Christ. Let's get started off on the right foot!

**"To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace."** -Romans 8:6

*Fr. Justin*

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

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**ALL PARISHES**

**February 4**

General: \$3,117

Plate: \$490

Building Fund: \$100

Needy: \$410

Youth: \$15

Energy: \$665

Walking With Moms: \$10

Total: \$4,807

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**Ash Wednesday, February 14**

**12:15pm-Ashes Only**

Server: Fulton Downey

Lector: Volunteer

Musicians: Buddens

**6:30pm Mass & Ashes**

Ushers: John Pauly, Greg DeDonder

Servers: Rel Ed students

Lector: Michelle Lett

Musicians: Mary's Chorus

**Saturday, February 17**

Ushers: Larry Lenherr, Dylan Smith

Servers: Lexie & Trevor Carlson,

Easton Smith

Lector: Tina Schindler

Musicians: Youth

**Sunday, February 18**

Ushers: John Simecka, Dan Marstall

Servers: Veronica Hutley, Samantha, Josh & Jeff Henderson

Lector: Rick Reese

Musicians: I.C. Singers

Homebound Minister: Steve Mees

**IC Team Cleaning**

Team B, February 11th-February 17th

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**Drop off your old palms in the box at the back of the church. They will be burned and the ashes will be used on Ash Wednesday.**

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**K of C Fish Fry**

Friday, February 16th,

5-7pm in Centennial Building

The meal will consist of either Fish, Shrimp, or Fish & Shrimp, baked potato, coleslaw, hush puppies, and a dessert. Prices are: Adult (11+)-\$12, Child (10 and under)-\$6. Dine in, carry out, or delivery in St. Marys. For delivery, call Gary @ 785-319-9115 by the Thursday preceeding the Fish Fry.

**\*Dessert sign-up sheets are in the back of church.**

**KofC January Baby Shower**

The Knights of Columbus would like to thank all who contributed to the baby shower they held during the month of January.

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**Men's Group Calendar Correction**

Men's Group will meet on

Tuesday, February 20th

at 7:30pm at Gary Roth's Barn.

**February 4**

General: \$1,125

Plate: \$52

Poor & Needy: \$75

Mass Stipends: \$10

Maint. Fund: \$320

Total: \$1,582

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**Ash Wednesday, February 14**

**7:00am Mass & Ashes**

Lector: Deidre Michael

Ashes: Calvin Lytle

Sacristan: Kathi Rewerts

**Sunday, February 18**

Ushers: Kevin Brokaw, Kenneth Aubert,

Bill Ebert, Matthew Bergmann

Servers: Kelby & Klaire Aubert,

Edward McDowell, Grady Bergmann

Lector: Shirley Gustafson

Ex Ord Min: Shannon Brokaw

Music: Lana, Ruth, Alexis, Jen

Sacristan: Shirley Gustafson

Homebound Minister: Calvin Lytle

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**Men's Group**

Please join us for a new Men's Group starting on February 11th after 9am Mass. The group will be founded in Prayer, Faith Formation, and Fraternity. We will share together in prayer, forming our Catholic faith, forming ourselves as stronger leaders in the Church and in our families. We hope to build a brotherhood of men in our parish and faith community.

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**Daughters of Isabella-Little Flower Circle**

The Daughters of Isabella-Little Flower Circle will hold a meeting on **Sunday, February 25, 2024 at Christ the King Church-Yadrich Hall 5972 SW 25th Street, Topeka.**

There will be a Rosary at 12:45pm, followed by a pot luck dinner and Birthday celebration in Yadrich Hall. If anyone knows of a member or family member in need of the Circle's prayers, call

Shirley Gustafson at 785-554-3028 or Chancellor Gen Orozco at 785-213-0374.

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**Totus Tuus Missionaries Needed**

Totus Tuus is now accepting applications for Summer 2024 Missionaries. In order to make Totus Tuus a success, awesome faith-filled missionaries are needed...both men and women!

For more information, go to:

<https://archkck.org/family-kids/kids-teens/youth-formation/totus-tuus/>

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**Camp Tekakwitha Job Opportunity**

Camp Tekakwitha is looking for faith-filled, caring, and hardworking staff members who love radiant sunsets, powerful worship, making lifelong friendships, and having outdoor adventures with young people. Living at the gorgeous Prairie Star Ranch is icing on the cake!

Here is the link to apply: <https://recruiting.paylocity.com/Recruiting/Job/Details/2084534>

**OPEN IC ADORATION HOURS**

**Sunday: 4:00am**

**Wednesday: 3:00am**

**Saturday: 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.*

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**RCIA Class -February 15th, 7:30pm-9:00pm**

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**Couples Celebrating their 50th Anniversary in 2024**

This year's Archdiocesan 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration will take place on

**Sunday, June 2nd, 2:00pm**

**at Church of the Nativity, Leawood.**

Contact the parish office if you would like to receive an invitation.

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**Adult Enrichment Speaker**

**Saturday, February 24th—2 Event Locations**

**Immaculate Conception Church**

**8:30am-10:30am**

**Centennial Building Hall**

Please join us as Stacey Sumereau discusses discernment in tiny & big matters as well as self-worth in this digital age. This FREE event is sponsored by ArchKCK Rural Youth Ministry Outreach. Our rural parish can earn grant money for our youth programs simply by attending. Just let them know you're an IC parishioner.

*Light breakfast snacks and drinks will be served.*

**2nd location: St. Philip Neri, Osawatomie, KS 2:00pm-4:00pm**

Contact Alice Bordelon for more information, 437-2408x2

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**Archbishop's Call to Share**

We need your help to meet the many needs of those around you. Jesus says that, "As to what is within, give alms, and behold, everything will be made clean for you" (Luke 11:41). Jesus says there is a connection between almsgiving and the true cleanness of life which the Jews sought. Small wonder: Almsgiving requires sacrifice. It requires the same spirit of sacrifice that we need to take up our personal cross valiantly.

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**Stations of the Cross & Lent Confessions Times**

**Confession Times:**

**Ash Wednesday—8:00am @ SS, 5:00pm @ IC**

**Wednesdays of Lent—6:00pm-7:00pm @ IC**

**Thursdays—5:00pm-6:00pm @ IC**

**Fridays—7:00am-8:00am, following 6:15am Mass @ IC, and from 6:00pm-7:00pm before Stations of the Cross (alternating @ IC & SS)**

**Saturdays—3:30pm-4:30pm @ IC**

**Sundays—7:30am-8:30am @ SS**

**Penance Service: March 24—6:00pm @ IC**

**Good Friday—12:00pm (noon)**

**Stations of the Cross on Fridays at 7:00pm:**

February 16th—SS

February 23rd—IC

March 1st—SS

March 8th—IC

March 15th—SS

March 22nd—IC

March 29th-Good Friday-3:00pm @ IC, 7:00pm @ SS

**PRAYER CHAIN INTENTIONS**

**Contacts:**

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

**Elizabeth (Aubert) Brey Meyer**

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

**Special Intention**

For a young husband and father's health to improve so that he can return to work.

**Anonymous**

For pain & swelling to reduce in the knees & a good diagnosis.

**Beverly Strausbaugh's Mother**

Prayers of thanksgiving for her improved health.

**Tim Rumpel**

Pray for him as he continues to fight cancer and is experiencing other complications.

**Eddie Schwerd**

**(Brother-in-Law of Louise Manhart)**

Please pray for the repose of his soul.

**Michael Ryan, Junction City**

**(Cece Muckenthaler's brother)**

Please pray for a good diagnosis & healing.

**Emily Robinson**

**(Michelle Muckenthaler-Doyle's mother-in-law)**

For an increase in God's grace to help her in all her needs.

**John Eberly**

**(Cece Muckenthaler's nephew)**

Please pray for the repose of his soul.

**Bob Rich**

For the repose of his soul and prayers for his family.

**King Charles**

For healing from cancer.

**Michael Kratina**

**(son of John & Marge Kratina)**

Please pray for his healing of cancer.

**John Clark, Emporia**

**(brother-in-law of Mary Alice Hutley)**

Please pray for his healing from injuries suffered in a fall.

**Connie Carlson**

(sister-in-law to Tom & Dianne Walsh)

Comfort and peace as she enters hospice care for terminal cancer.

**Hazel Parker**

(Beverly Strausbaugh's mother)

Healing after surgery

**Sandi Blush**

Successful treatment of Melanoma, located in several places in her body.

**Jim DeSelms**

Please pray for Jim, who is at home in hospice care, and for his wife & family.

**Henry "Hank" DeVader**

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

**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

**\*\*Please save your Best Choice labels and put them in the container in the vestibule of IC church\*\***

**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: John Simecka
- Family of the Month: John & Paulette Simecka
- 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.

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**SS Finance Council Members**

- Kenton Erb
- 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: Brad Dekat
- Family of the Month: Kenton & Julie Erb
- Knight of the Year: Mark Wilt
- The Family of the Year: Charlie & Carrie Rottinghaus

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