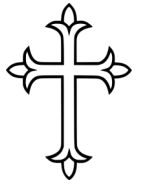


**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH  
SAINT STANISLAUS PARISH**



**SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
JULY 28, 2024**

**Father Edward Ahn**

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**Immaculate Conception**

**Church**

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St. Marys, KS 66536  
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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**-Contact the office

**Marriage**-Contact Fr. Ahn

 **FEATURED** 



***SS Family Holy Hour with Vespers  
and Praise & Worship Music***

**Sunday, July 28th, 5:00pm**

**Servers: Noah Streit & Braden Strausbaugh**

**WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS**

Sat.	7-27	5:00pm	IC	IC & SS Parishioners
Sun.	7-28	9:00am	SS	Cletus Manhart (+)
		11:00am	IC	Michael C. Perry (+)
Tues.	7-30	8:00am	IC	Dec. Mem. of the Rezac Family
Wed.	7-31	8:00am	SS	Eugene V. Brunin Family
Thur.	8-01	6:30pm	IC	Marie-Noelle Bordelon (+)
Fri.	8-02	6:15am	IC	<b>*Collective Mass Intentions</b>
Sat.	8-03	5:00pm	IC	Raymond & Leola Kolde (++)
Sun.	8-04	9:00am	SS	SS & IC Parishioners
		11:00am	IC	Joe DeDonder (+)
				<b><u>*Collective Mass Intentions:</u></b>
				<b>Paul Drippe (+)</b>
				<b>Roger Crubel (+)</b>
				<b>Poor Souls in Purgatory</b>

Dear Family in Christ,

*Pastor's Corner*

I want to succinctly address the rationale for the decision of "phasing into all-male altar servers at both Immaculate Conception and Saint Stanislaus parishes".

First, clarifying what the decision is and is not. It is NOT an abolishing of all current female altar servers at either parish. In fairness, they are unaffected and will remain. It is that new altar servers, from here on out, will all be male.

This is not an exhaustive response, but allow me to address what is NOT motivating this decision:

"Father is a male chauvinist, is discriminating against women, and believes males are superior."

The Church's emphatic belief is that the holiest and greatest human creature is NOT a male. It is a female: Mary of Nazareth, the Great Mother of God. On a personal note, she is My All Time Hero. Additionally, my spiritual director and retreat director for my 30 day silent retreat is a consecrated woman. This decision has nothing to do with a lack of appreciation of the countless gifts that women bring to each parish and to the Church.

Furthermore, in 13 years of the Sacred Priesthood, if I'm honest, the average female altar server is superior in skill level to the average male altar server.

Many are not aware that the Church's decision to permit females to serve Mass takes the form not of a recommended policy but a concession to 'specific local reasons' (as expressed in the Congregation for Divine Worship's 1994 ruling), and the Congregation for Divine Worship (CDW) has expressly praised the 'noble tradition of having boys serve at the altar', following which is 'always very appropriate' (Letter, July 27th 2001). In other words, the Church's own documents and ruling is that the allowance of females to serve at the altar at Mass is not a question of right or policy. Male altar servers are and have always been normative in the Roman Rite.

The pastoral consideration mentioned by the CDW in both the documents already cited is that the collaboration of the server with the priest in the divine service frequently fosters vocations to the priesthood. Historically, male altar servers is an apprenticeship to the priestly vocation.

So what about females who would desire to serve at the altar, but are now unable? I'm inviting them into being trained into the role of sacristan.

Please say more about the rationale for why all male?

The placing together of males and females has had the effect, consistent with human nature, of driving away males who might otherwise have been interested in serving or who might otherwise have been persuaded to serve. Males and females of certain ages either do not wish to be together, or find one another's company distracting. This is NOT placing blame on females. If anything, it is a mild indictment of males who sometimes lack initiative or step aside when their female counterparts are present.

This decision has been made after consultation with Father Justin Hamilton whom I greatly admire.

If you notice that this decision is causing frustration or resistance in you, I understand. I would gently invite you to ask Jesus directly, "Jesus, reveal to me why this resistance is surfacing? What is this about?" Then, pay attention to what He reveals.

*Father Ahn*

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

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**SAINT STANISLAUS**

ssparish1899@gmail.com

**ALL PARISHES**

**July 21**

General: \$4,468  
Plate: \$321  
Needy: \$100  
Walking With Moms: \$10  
Youth: \$110  
Peter's Pence: \$50  
Cath Schools in Holy Land: \$340  
Total: \$5,399  
Mt. Calvary Headstone Repairs: \$760  
**July Faith Direct**  
General: \$4,070.50  
Total Gross: \$4,070.50  
FD Fees: \$180.41-  
Net July FD: \$3,890.09

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**Saturday, August 3**

Ushers: Alex Johnson, John Pauly  
Servers: Kaycee & Kaden SinghDhillon  
Lector: Marla Flanagan  
Musicians: Youth

**Sunday, August 4**

Ushers: Dan Marstall, Steve Denton  
Servers: Ethan & Michael Fox,  
Keira & Isaac Aubert  
Lector: Rick Reese  
Musicians: I.C. Singers  
Homebound Minister: Mick Poell

**IC Team Cleaning**

Team A, July 28th-August 3rd

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**Rosary at the Grotto**

**First Saturday, August 4th,  
9:00am.** If inclement weather,  
we'll pray in the church.

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**IC 133rd Annual Parish Picnic  
in Holy Family Hall**

**Saturday, August 17, 2024**

**Mass: 4:00pm**

**Dinner served: 4:00pm-7:00pm**

**Bingo, Games, Garage Sale:**

**5:00pm-8:00pm**

*A chicken dinner (dark meat only)  
will be served with all the fixings,  
dessert, and a drink.*

**Adults (11+) - \$10**

**Kid's meal (for 10 and under) - \$5**

*The night ends with some  
great fellowship!*

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**IC Garage Sale: Help! Much Needed!**

Our Garage Sale Ladies need your help!!!  
Do you have an hour or two to spare each  
week? We have easy & fun areas to help.  
Making tags, marking sizes, sorting items,  
pricing small items, etc. If you love books,  
we have set pricing to make that easy!  
We would love for you to join our team!  
You can create your own schedule and  
keep your commitment simple and do-able  
— morning hours, afternoon, or 1 hour a  
week. If interested, call Becky DeDonder  
at (785) 458-9733.

**July 21**

General: \$1,400  
Plate: \$256  
Picnic Donation: \$290  
Maint. Fund: \$390  
Holy Land Cath Schools: \$95  
Poor & Needy: \$140  
Total: \$2,571  
**July Faith Direct**  
General: \$3,270  
Maint Fund: \$615  
Total Gross FD: \$3,885  
FD Fees: \$121.39-  
Net July FD: \$3,763.61

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**Sunday, August 4**

Ushers: AJ Heier, Brett Sanders,  
Dan Fischer, Kenton Erb  
Servers: Caleb & Joel Heier,  
Claire & Easton Erb  
Lector: Deidre Michael  
Ex Ord Min: Joe Roth  
Music: Adult Choir, Julie  
Sacristan: Deidre Michael  
Homebound Minister: Joe Roth

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**Family Holy Hour with Vespers**

**Sunday, July 28, 5:00pm**

**Servers: Noah Streit, Braden Strausbaugh**

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**Knights of Columbus  
Pizza Fundraiser**

The Knights of Columbus  
will begin taking orders  
for their pizza fundraiser on  
**Sunday, July 21st,**  
after Mass in the narthex.  
The pizzas will be made fresh on  
**Saturday, August 24th,** with  
partially baked crusts.

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**St. Stanislaus Parish Picnic**

**Saturday, August 10th**

The SS Parish Picnic will be on  
**August 10th,** in conjunction with  
the Tall Corn Festival

**3-6:30pm: Bingo by the Knights**

**4-6:30pm: Fried Chicken Dinner**

**7:00pm: Mass at St. Stanislaus**

**\*Please pick up a flyer in the narthex**

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Please welcome to our parish

**Avery Ann Arkfeld,  
daughter of**

**Patrick & Becky Arkfeld,**

who was baptized on

**Saturday, July 20th.**

*Congratulations to the Arkfeld family!*

**OPEN IC ADORATION HOURS**

**Sunday: 4:00am, 4:00pm**

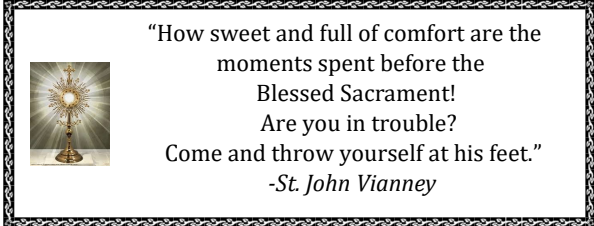
**Monday: 2:00am, 4:00am**

**Tuesday: 1:00am**

**Thursday: 1:00am**

**Saturday: 2:00am, 6:00pm, 9:00pm**

*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.*



"How sweet and full of comfort are the  
moments spent before the  
Blessed Sacrament!  
Are you in trouble?  
Come and throw yourself at his feet."  
-St. John Vianney



**Flush Picnic—Chicken Dinner**

**St. Joseph's Parish, Flush, Ks.**

**Saturday, July 27th, 5pm—8pm**

**More info at: FLUSHCHURCH.COM**

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**C.S. Lewis: The Problem of Pain Retreat**

**Christ's Peace House of Prayer**

**22131 Meager Rd., Easton, Ks.**

**Friday, August 16th at 5:30pm through**

**Sunday, August 18th at 4:30pm**

There will be conferences, spiritual direction, Eucharistic Adoration, Mass, Confession, and time for private prayer, reflection and walking. Cabins/Courtyard Rooms: \$180 single/\$270 Couple or Single Guest Rooms: \$110 (Meals Included). To attend, fill out the Individual Retreat Form at ChristsPeace.com or call 913.773.8255.

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**Kansas City Vocation Day**

In collaboration with the Diocese of Kansas City-  
St. Joseph, we are excited to announce

**Kansas City Vocation Day,**

a day set aside to

challenge children, young adults, and parents to  
more deeply consider how God is calling them to  
serve Him in their current states of life.

The day's activities and talks will have a special  
emphasis on responding to God's call to holiness.

**When: Saturday, August 3, 2024, 7:30am—3:45pm**

**Where: St. Therese North Parish (Parkville, MO)**

**Address: 7207 NW Hwy 9, Kansas City, MO 64152**

**All are welcome, but registration is required.**

**Register today at [www.kcvocationday.com](http://www.kcvocationday.com)**

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**EverMore in Love—Becoming Mentors**

*This retreat is a full Saturday and Sunday until mid-  
afternoon. It's designed to help couples get back in touch  
with what they first fell in love with so they can live that  
way more consistently. It also helps couples understand  
the importance of their Sacrament to the Church.*

**Upcoming dates:**

**August 17-18, Christ the King, Topeka**

**August 24-25, Prince of Peace, Olathe**

**Register: [EverMoreinLove.org/events](http://EverMoreinLove.org/events)**

**Use promo code: ArchKCKMENTOR**

**PRAYER CHAIN INTENTIONS**

**Contacts:**

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

**Hope (Alexander) Hart  
(Niece of Gary & Tina Roth)**

Please pray for successful treatment of breast cancer.

**Bella Knight  
(Niece of Fr. Justin)**

Please pray for her successful heart surgery on July 24th and for her family.

**Roy Reser**

Please pray for strength & healing.

**Zonda Morgan  
(Mother of Dave Palmer)**

Please pray for the repose of her soul and pray for her family. May she rest in peace.

**Frank, Mary Ann, and Cheyanne**

Please pray for Frank & Mary Ann, who are dying, and Cheyanne, who is in a coma.

**Galen Fox**

**(Uncle of Connie Mellies)**

Please pray for the repose of his soul.

**Anonymous People in Cancer Treatment**

Please pray that those we know going through cancer treatment can tolerate the medications & procedures and have a beneficial outcome.

**Anonymous Person**

Please pray for healing of a serious illness.

**Jeannette Black**

Please pray for a successful knee surgery, healing and good results.

**Kendyl Hirt**

**(Niece of Cara & Arlan Niehues)**

Please pray for Kendyl, who is 17, and in Children's Mercy ICU fighting an unknown infection.

**William Sullivan**

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

**Maxine LoScalzo**

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

**Peyton VandeVelde**

**(Granddaughter of Dan & Janice Vandevelde)**

Please pray for Peyton, who is suffering serious effects from a rare disease (ITP).

**Lakisha's Son**

Please pray for his successful surgery and healing of a life-threatening injury. Also for her employer to be merciful and allow her time off to attend to his needs.

**Marilyn Klein**

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

**\*\*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
- April Huaracha
- Michael Taylor

**Cemetery Board**

Alex Johnson, Paul Fiedler, Mike Piper



**Knights of Columbus Council #657**

Grand Knight: Alex Johnson  
Knight of the Month: Mike Drippe  
Family of the Month: Mike & Maria Drippe  
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
- Dan Fischer (Ex Officio)

**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: Joe Roth  
Knight of the Month: Arlan Niehues  
Family of the Month: Brad & Jennifer Womack  
Knight of the Year: Chris Hurla  
The Family of the Year: Steve & Shelly Buhler

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