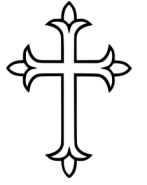


**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH
SAINT STANISLAUS PARISH**



**TWENTY– SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
OCTOBER 8, 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



Project Andrew 2023 Sunday, October 8th 1:00pm to 4:30pm

Mother Teresa Catholic Church
2014 NW 46th St., Topeka, Ks.

Project Andrew is designed to help young men ages 14-18 learn what being a disciple of Jesus Christ looks like during these formative years of their life, as well as, give them the tools and a roadmap helping them to grown into the men that they are both destined and called to be.

Join Archbishop Joseph Naumann, Vocation Director Fr. Dan Morris, Associate Vocation Director Fr. Luke Doyle, seminarians, and area priests as together we unpack the two simple but transformative and life-giving words of Jesus: **"Follow me"**.

*****Parents, especially fathers, are strongly encouraged to attend with their sons.**

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Sat.	10-7	5:00pm	IC	Leola Kolde (+)
Sun.	10-8	9:00am	SS	Mike Paulsen (+)
		11:00am	IC	IC & SS Parishioners
Tues.	10-10	8:00am	IC	Jared Cheek (+)
		7:00pm	IC	**Confirmandi**
Wed.	10-11	8:00am	SS	David Hamilton (+)
Thur.	10-12	6:30pm	IC	Genevieve & Leo Lenherr (++)
Fri.	10-13	6:15am	IC	Cathy, Joanne & Ray Smith (+++)
Sat.	10-14	5:00pm	IC	Dr. Gene McKenzie (+)
Sun.	10-15	9:00am	SS	SS & IC Parishioners
		11:00am	IC	Edward Simecka (+)



Pastor's Corner

The Mass: Invention of the Catholic Church or Gift from Christ Himself?

Last week on our walk though the Mass, we covered the Sign of the Cross, but this week I want to step back and look at the origins of the Mass. It's not uncommon to hear objections to the Mass such as "that's just an invention of the Catholic Church; all we need to do is read the Bible or just be kind to people. I don't need to go to church. After all, St. Francis said, preach the Gospel and when necessary, use words." First, Saint Francis didn't actually say that! Secondly, Saint Luke describes in Chapter 2 of the Acts of the Apostles how **the "Breaking of the Bread" (i.e. The Mass) was an essential part of the communal life of the first Christians.** He also recounts how The Mass is the way in which Jesus makes himself present to us:

"The story of the disciples on the road to Emmaus in the Gospel of Luke (see 24:13-35) provides a great backdrop to an understanding of the Mass. In this beloved story, Jesus appears to two disheartened disciples walking out of Jerusalem on the evening of the first Easter. While walking with them, Jesus explains the Scriptures for them and how the stories and prophecies are related to the Messiah of God. **Then, as they share the meal, Jesus takes the bread, blesses it, breaks it, and gives it to them, at which point they recognize him as the Risen Lord,** only for him to vanish from their sight. **During the celebration of the Eucharist, it is Christ who is truly present in the gathered assembly. It is Christ, the Word Made Flesh, who speaks the Scriptures to his Church, and it is Christ who is present in the bread and wine, blessed, broken, and shared.**

The Second Vatican Council called liturgy "the source and summit of Christian life." (Dogmatic Constitution on the Church, [Lumen Gentium, 1964], 11). It is the fountain, or source of the Church, from which grace pours out, and it is at the same time the goal, or summit, toward which all of its activities are directed, and **it is in liturgy where the work of redemption is accomplished** (see Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy [Sacrosanctum Concilium, 1963] 2, 10). The liturgy, then, is the heart of the Church's life and activity. **It is through the gathering of the Church to hear the Scriptures and to share in the feast of life that its members are nourished and fed by Christ himself. Liturgy is the sharing in the very life of God; it is our encounter with the Holy One who created us, the Holy One who redeems us, and the Holy One who sustains us on our pilgrim journey through life. It is precisely because liturgy is the special place of encounter with God that it is so central to the life of the Church.** Around the year A.D. 150, an early Christian leader, Justin Martyr, provided a vivid picture of the liturgy of his community. Writing to the pagan Roman emperor, Justin describes the weekly gathering of the community: On the day named after the sun, people who live in the cities and in the country gather for a celebration. Then the writings that the apostles have left or the writings of the prophets are read, as long as time allows. After the reader finishes his task, the presider gives an address in which he urgently admonishes the people to follow these excellent teachings in their lives. Then we all stand up together and offer prayers. After the end of the prayers . . . bread, wine, and water are brought and the president offers up prayers and thanksgiving—as much as he is able. The people assent by speaking "Amen." Then the things over which thanks has been said are distributed to all who are present, and the deacons take some to those who are absent. In addition, those who are well-to-do give whatever they wish. Whatever is collected is kept by the president, who uses it to help widows and orphans (First Apology, 67)."

We can see that the Mass is not some stuffy, human invention for those who have nothing better to do, but is THE privileged means Christ gave us to encounter Him in this life! The Mass naturally flows from the early Christian's obedience of Christ's command, "do this in memory of me" (Luke 22:19) and is essentially the same today as it was almost 2000 years ago! From the Apostles to early Christians such as Justin Martyr in the 100's A.D., to Christians at St. Stanislaus and Immaculate Conception in 2023, our worship is the same. We encounter Jesus in the Breaking of the Bread!

Fr. Justin

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ALL PARISHES

October 1

General: \$3,110
Plate: \$235
Needy: \$290
Walking With Moms: \$10
Leaven: \$171
Youth: \$160
Building Fund: \$100
All Saints: \$20
Total: \$4,096

Confirmation

Tuesday - October 10 - 7:00pm

Ushers: Dan Marstall, Dylan Smith
Servers: Keira Aubert, Easton Smith, John Paul Downey, Zach Fox, Samantha & Jeff Henderson, Nathan O'Neil
Lector: Nicole Smith
Musicians: I.C. Singers

Saturday, October 14

Ushers: Alex Johnson, Greg DeDonder
Servers: Kaycee & Kaden SinghDhillon, Skyler Clark
Lector: Mick Poell
Musicians: Byrne

Sunday, October 15

Ushers: Dwight Bordelon, John Simecka
Servers: Brayden Hager, Caleb, Zach & Ethan Fox
Lector: Vicki Bordelon
Musicians: Buddens
Homebound Minister: Mick Poell

IC Team Cleaning

Team D, October 8th -October 14th

K of C Pro-Life Rosary & Rally

Please join our Knights of Columbus and families for a public rosary for the lives of the unborn on:

Saturday, October 21st at 10am
at the K of C Memorial to the Unborn.
(NW Corner of Church)

The A-Team Needs Your Help!

Church Cleaning—Team A needs 2 people to add to their cleaning team. If you would like to help with this ministry, please call the office at 785-437-2408.

**Garage Sale-Saturday, October 14th
8:30am to 12:00pm**

Halloween Costumes and Decorations, Christmas Decorations and Several Trees, Fall and Thanksgiving Decorations, Clothes, Boots, Coats, KSU, KU and SM Bears School Apparel, Misc. Chairs, and other furniture and Lamps, Baby Play Yard, High Chair, Toys, Books, Videos, DVD's, CD's, Shower Chairs, Toilet Seat Riser(NEW), Lots of misc. Dishes, Pots and Pans, Lots of Wall Hangings, and misc. items too numerous to list.

Attention - Lectors!

Your 2024 Lector workbooks are on the sacristy counter ready for you to pick up. Thank you!

October 1

General: \$1,133
Plate: \$182
Poor & Needy: \$40
The Leaven: \$126
Maint. Fund: \$510
Mass Stipends: \$20
Total: \$2,011

Sunday, October 15

Ushers: Nathan Bergman, Calvin Lytle, Charlie Rottinghaus, Matthew Bergmann
Servers: Isaac & Owen Rottinghaus, Peyton Mellen, Grady Bergmann
Lector: Shirley Gustafson
Ex Ord Min: Phyllis Dolechek
Music: Youth Choir, Emilie, Carrie
Sacristan: Shirley Gustafson
Homebound Minister: Calvin Lytle

Save the Date-November 4th

St. Stanislaus has reserved the Blacksmith Event Center in Silver Lake for another spousal date night. Details to follow.



Praise and Worship Adoration!

All are welcome to join the St. Stanislaus JH and HS Youth Group for a night of Praise and Worship Adoration on **October 11th from 7:30pm-8:30pm.** This will replace the SS Family Holy Hour originally scheduled for October 17th.



Eucharistic Procession with Archbishop Naumann:

Topeka Regional Youth Ministry is excited to host a **Eucharistic Procession** on **Sunday, Oct. 8th from 1:00pm-2:00pm** around the Kansas Capitol Building. Archbishop Naumann will lead, and all are welcome. The procession will begin and end at **Assumption Catholic Church, 204 SW 8th Ave in downtown Topeka.** Snacks will be served after the procession back at Assumption church.



Mass of Innocents- October 15th

Archbishop Naumann will offer this Mass for those children that died before or shortly after birth.

October 15th, 2023 at 1:00pm
Holy Spirit Catholic Church,
11300 W. 103rd St, Overland Park, Ks.

OPEN IC ADORATION HOURS

Sunday: 4:00am

Wednesday: 3:00am

Saturday: 1:00am, 1:00pm, 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.

Blood Drive at Centennial Building

Please mark your calendar for the next blood drive on **November 3rd.** To make an appointment, go to **savealifenow.org/group** and enter **TPJB** as the group.

The Community Blood Center has issued a Blood Emergency, so we need a full slate of volunteers for November 3rd. Call John Simecka with questions at 785-213-0567.

RCIA—Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults
Thursdays 7:30pm-8:30pm Rm. 3 IC School Bldg.

Catholic Spiritual Mentors

"My DREAM for the Archdiocese is to be able to awaken in the hearts of many a YEARNING FOR HOLINESS.

If we are able to succeed in this area, we will need an ARMY OF SPIRITUAL MENTORS who will be trained to help guide and assist others in developing a RICH LIFE OF PRAYER." -Archbishop Naumann

We are currently accepting applications for the next Class of Spiritual Mentors that will begin in **March 2024.** For information regarding the Catholic Spiritual Mentors Program, go to **www.SchoolOfFaith.com** or call **913-310-0014.**

Save these Dates for the IC & SS Combined Parish Mission!

Sunday, Oct. 22nd-Tuesday, Oct. 24th
Time: 7:00pm-8:30pm each night
at Immaculate Conception Church

Casting Nets Ministries, a lay apostolate dedicated to the New Evangelization will bring a great deal of inspiration and information in presentations that are humorous and entertaining. Speakers Tony Brandt and Chris Stewart have a combined 50 years of experience in almost every level and form of ministry, from youth to college and from RCIA to adult formation. The focus of the mission: **"Disciples on a Mission"** Tony and Chris will discuss the three pillars of the spiritual life in the light of the New Evangelization. Prayer, almsgiving and fasting have a transforming effect on us and on all those we encounter.

***See flyers at church entrances.**

St. Matthew Catholic Church
2700 SE Virginia Ave, Topeka, Ks.
Fall Festival-Sunday, October 15th
11:00am-3:00pm

Turkey Dinner—11am-2pm
(Adults 11 y/o and up-\$12, Child- \$6)
To Go Orders— 11am-2pm (To order call Galen Greenwood at 785-806-7344
Indoor/Outdoor Games— 11am-3pm
(Bingo, Card Game, Cake Spin, Sweet Shop, Religious Items Booth, Kid's Games and Concessions also available).
50/50 Raffle-\$5/ticket. Drawing at 2:30pm

PRAYER CHAIN INTENTIONS

Contacts:

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

Bradley Klug

(Son of Mark and Susan Klug, Lawrence)

Please pray for the repose of his soul.

Judy Welch

Please pray for the repose of her soul and for comfort for her husband, Bob.

Anonymous person

Please pray for a speedy recovery from COVID.

Michelle Hofman

Please continue to pray for her healing and recovery.

Newborn Kolbe Anthony McBride

(Nephew of Brian & Tiffany O'Neill)

He's on a ventilator for respiratory distress and a collapsed lung. Please pray for successful procedure to remove excess air around his lungs and for his healing and proper development.

Pat Trausch

(Brother of Mike Trausch)

Prayers for healing from a broken hip & successful hip replacement.

Hazel Hinkel

(Granddaughter of Troy and Laura and Daughter of Thomas and Rachel)

Please pray for this nearly 2-year old little girl that underwent brain surgery on Sept. 25th for a brain tumor.

Pat McKenzie

Please pray for her successful surgery on October 4th and speedy recovery.

Sharon Shaw

(Daughter-in-law of Dave Imming)

Please pray for a successful heart surgery on October 5th and healing.

Ernestine Shaw

(Mother of Sharon Shaw)

Please pray for her successful heart surgery on September 21st and healing.

Joan Rezac

Please pray for successful knee replacement surgery in October and healing.

Alice Andrick

(Sister-in-law of Brenda Brown)

Please pray for a successful double bypass Surgery.

Gina Beavers

Please pray for successful double mastectomy on October 6th and healing of recurring breast and skin cancer.

Derek Locke

(Son-in-law of Galen & Pat Rezac)

Please pray for healing of a brain injury suffered from a fall.

1-year old Emmett Lobner

(Great-grandson of Eileen Knipp)

He needs a bone marrow transplant.

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!



IC Finance Council Members

Rick Reese (Chair)
Steve Denton
John Simecka
Pat Verschelden
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 Poppelreiter
Family of the Month: John & Jean Poppelreiter
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.*

*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

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Royce Muller (Ex Officio)



Knights of Columbus Council #10755

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The Family of the Year:
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