



**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH  
SAINT STANISLAUS PARISH**



“Then Jesus told his disciples,  
‘If anyone would come after me, let him  
deny himself and take up his cross and  
follow me. For whoever would save his life  
will lose it, but whoever loses his life for  
my sake will find it.’”

*-Matthew 16:24-25*

**TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
SEPTEMBER 3, 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

### I.C. Family Holy Hour

Tuesday, September 5th, 6:00pm

### RCIA Begins!

Thursday, September 7th, 7:30pm-8:30pm,  
Room 3 at the I.C. School/Office Building

### Server Training at St. Stanislaus Saturday, September 9th, at 10:30am

Training for new servers will be at **10:30am**. If your child is in the **4th grade or older**, please visit with them about this important ministry. Pizza party to follow, at approximately **12:30pm**.

**\*\* SS & IC Parish Offices will be closed on Monday, September 4th, for the Labor Day holiday.**

## WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Sat.	9-02	5:00pm	IC	Richard D. Arington (+)
Sun.	9-03	9:00am	SS	SS & IC Parishioners
		11:00am	IC	Don & Rita Fox (++) Gwen & Frances Zemek (++)
Tues.	9-05	8:00am	IC	Rosemary Pauly (+)
Wed.	9-06	8:00am	SS	Harvey & Mary Swinney (++)
Thur.	9-07	6:30pm	IC	Edward Simecka (+)
Fri.	9-08	6:15am	IC	Robert Toplikar (+)
Sat.	9-09	5:00pm	IC	Marty & Kris Franklin (+)
Sun.	9-10	9:00am	SS	Cletus Manhart (+) Charlotte Gagna (+)
		11:00am	IC	IC & SS Parishioners

## Pastor's Corner

### Eucharistic Miracle: The Miraculous Hosts of Siena

As you have hopefully heard by now, we are in the middle of a 3 year effort to increase amazement at the gift of the Real Presence of Christ, Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity in the Most Holy Eucharist. The bishops of the United States, distressed at the widespread lack of belief and amazement among Catholics who see the Eucharist as merely a symbol, are encouraging parishes to focus on instilling a renewed belief in the Real Presence. Toward this end, I want to share an article on a Eucharistic Miracle that occurred in Siena, Italy in the 18<sup>th</sup> Century. My hope is to share more of these stories from time to time so that your faith and love for the Eucharist may continue to grow.

“In the Basilica of San Francesco in Siena, Italy, 223 consecrated hosts have remained miraculously fresh and intact for nearly 300 years.

The miracle happened on Aug. 14, 1730. Thieves infiltrated the basilica and stole the tabernacle containing 351 consecrated hosts. Three days later, all 351 hosts appeared in the alms box of the sanctuary of St. Mary of Provenzano, where they had been taken. The holy hosts were carried back in procession to the Basilica of San Francisco. They were then dusted and venerated in reparation.

Over the years, the hosts showed no sign of corruption or decay. On Apr. 14, 1780, the Superior General of the Franciscan Order, Father Carlo Vipera, consumed one of the hosts and found that it was fresh and uncorrupted. As some of them had been distributed in previous years, the Superior ordered the remaining 230 to be saved, enshrined, and never distributed.

Hoping to further test the inexplicable phenomenon, in 1789 the Archbishop of Siena, D. Tibério Borghese, kept some unconsecrated hosts in a box under similar conditions of the consecrated hosts. After ten years, a committee of scientists specially chosen to study the case opened the box and found only worms and rotted fragments. Meanwhile, the consecrated hosts have maintained their integrity, against all physical and biological laws.

Perhaps the most impressive verification took place in 1914, when Pope St. Pius X authorized a test that involved experts in food science, hygiene, chemistry, and pharmaceuticals. The scientists concluded that the hosts were not prepared in any special way and had been stored in common conditions of humidity and light, which should have caused them to deteriorate naturally. However, they were in good condition and quite consumable, 184 years after their recovery. In 1922, 1950, and 1951, new analyses were undertaken, all with the same result. During a pastoral visit to the city of Siena on Sept. 14, 1980, Pope St. John Paul II said of the sacred hosts: “It’s the Presence.” (Article by Aleteaia.org)



*Fr. Justin*

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**ALL PARISHES**

**August 27**

General: \$3,314

Plate: \$440

Needy: \$165

Walking With Moms: \$10

Assumption: \$150

Argentina: \$85

Total: \$4,164

2nd Collection for Maui: \$700

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**Saturday, September 9**

Ushers: Alex Johnson, Larry Lenherr

Servers: Atticus & Leo Martin, Hayden & Raegan Gideon

Lector: Tina Schindler

Musicians: Mary's Chorus

**Sunday, September 10**

Ushers: Dwight Bordelon,

John Immenschuh

Servers: Isaac & Keira Aubert, John Paul & Ethan Downey

Lector: Rick Reese

Musicians: Buddens

Homebound Minister: Jerry Tanking

**IC Team Cleaning**

Team D, September 3rd -September 9th

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**Attention!**

There are still a few plastic containers and a cookie sheet pan left over from funeral dinners. If you are missing any of these, please contact the church office at 437-2408, where they may be picked up. Thank you!

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**Rosary at the Grotto**



Come pray the rosary on the **Nativity of the Blessed Mother this Friday, September 8th, after 6:15am Mass.**

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**Men's Group (for Age 18+)**

Men's Group meets on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 7:30pm in Gary Roth's Barn.

We offer intercessory prayers, a group rosary, snacks, refreshments and some good fellowship. We'd love to see you at our next meeting on

**Thursday September 14th 7:30pm**

Call or text Gary for directions at 785-319-9115

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**New Catholic Book & Gift Shop**

**Opening in Topeka!**

**Heaven's Treasures Gift Shop**  
1550 SW Wanamaker Rd. Ste 210  
will have it's Grand Opening

**Friday-Saturday, Sept. 8th-Sept. 16th**

(the store is located on Wanamaker across from Walmart, behind Taco Bell)

**Store hours are:**

**Tuesday-Friday 10:00am-5:00pm**

**Saturday 10:00am-4:00pm**

**Closed on Sunday & Monday**

**August 27**

General: \$790

Plate: \$100

Youth: \$100

Maint. Fund: \$200

Total: \$1,190

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**Sunday, September 10**

Ushers: Steve Buhler, Rod Cowan,

Matthew Bergmann, Arlan Niehues

Servers: Peyton Mellen, Leah Rewerts,

Grady Bergmann, Easton Niehues

Lector: Deana Cowan

Ex Ord Min: Shelly Buhler

Music: TBD

Sacristan: Shelly Buhler

Homebound Minister: Joe Roth

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**Save the Date-**

**September 9th for Server Training!**

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Please welcome to our parish

**Tinsley Renee Horak,**  
daughter of **Thatcher & Taylor Horak**  
who will be baptized after Mass today.  
Congratulations to the Horak family!

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**Sophia Spirituality Center**

The Sophia Center in Atchison is hosting 6 upcoming retreats, some via Zoom & some on-site. Learn more and register at [www.sophiaspiritualitycenter.org](http://www.sophiaspiritualitycenter.org)

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**Holy Smokin' Jamboree**

**September 9th & 10th**  
**Mother Teresa Catholic Church**  
**2014 NW 46th Street, Topeka**

Join us for the Holy Smokin' Jamboree on September 9 & 10 at Mother Teresa Catholic Church in North Topeka. Enjoy an outdoor family event with great food, drinks, BBQ, bingo, cake walk, car show, crafts, raffles, silent auction, and live music featuring THE BASH on Saturday night with beer garden. Outdoor Mass, Church Dinner, and live auction on Sunday. \$2 wristbands for all-da kids' games, inflatable, and activities!

See [schedule of events and register for the 5K Run/Walk, Car Show, Poker Run, & NEW Cornhole Tournament online at holysmokinjamboree.org!](http://holysmokinjamboree.org)

**Fun for the whole family!**

Facebook event:

<https://fb.me/e/INbC3rEd>

**OPEN IC ADORATION HOURS**

**Sunday: 4:00am**

**Wednesday: 3:00am**

**Friday: 12:00am (Thursday night into Friday)- every other week**

**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.*

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**Blood Drive**

Our blood drive on 8/25/23 was once again an outstanding success! Thank you to all the committed donors who participated. **Look forward to our next blood drive on November 3, 2023.** Appointments are appreciated. Contact John Simecka at 785-213-0567 if you have any questions.

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**RCIA—Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults**  
**Thursday September 7th 7:30pm Room 3**

Father Justin will begin offering Thursday evening RCIA classes in Room 3 of the IC School Building on Thursday, September 7th, from 7:30pm-8:30pm. This class is offered for those interested in learning about the Catholic faith as well as Catholics that would like to learn more about their faith.

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**Marriage & Family Life Office presents**

**"Topeka Parishes: First Seven: Fall Series"**

Walk with other local couples (married 0-7 years) in laying a strong foundation for your life together.

**Dinner: Thursday, September 14th, 6:30pm-8:30pm at Christ the King Church, Topeka**

**Date Nights:**

**Thursday, September 28th, 7-8:30pm at CTK**

**Thursday, October 12th, 7-8:30pm at Most Pure Heart of Mary, Topeka**

**Thursday, November 9th, 7-8:30pm at MPMH**

**\$50 Registration fee per couple.**

**Covers ALL 4 events.**

**Questions? Need a scholarship?**

**Contact Brad Dupont at [bdupont@archkck.org](mailto:bdupont@archkck.org)**

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**Holy Smokes!!**



The Archdiocese Catholic Committee on Scouting invites ALL scouts - Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and American Heritage Girls - to Savior Pastoral Center in Kansas City on Saturday, September 9th for Holy Smokes! This is a family event, and includes games, activities, a special, outdoor Holy Mass at 5PM, and an amazing BBQ Dinner (\$10 suggested donation). All Catholic scouts are welcome, regardless of whether your pack or troop is sponsored by your parish. Come have fun, celebrate Mass, and learn about some exciting new Catholic Scouting religious emblem programs! Camping is optional, and we have separate areas for Heritage Girls, Cub Scouts and Family Scout Campers, and Boy Scouts who are attending with a troop. All the details are on the Archdiocese Scouting site, or just visit <http://tiny.cc/holysmokes2023> to learn more or register. Happy Catholic Scouting!



**PRAYER CHAIN INTENTIONS**

**Contacts:**

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

**Albert Seitz**  
**(Brother of Joan Sebring)**

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

**Rita Muckenthaler**

Please pray for healing from pneumonia and other health issues.

**Michael Christopher Perry**  
**(Brother of Judy Muckenthaler)**

Please pray for the repose of his soul and for his family. May he rest in peace.

**John Pauly**

Please pray for healing from a fall.

**Helen Bansemer**

Please pray for successful knee surgery & healing.

**Victoria Kristoff**

Please pray for successful surgery and healing of bladder cancer.

**Peggy Lenherr**

Please pray for her 6-month treatment to be successful in preventing her cancer from reoccurring.

**Marty Ronnau**

Please pray for healing of cancer.

**Roger Crubel**

Please keep him in your prayers. He's been diagnosed with cancer.

**Michelle Hoffman**  
**(Daughter of Cece Muckenthaler)**

Please pray for her healing and recovery from surgery.

**Anonymous Person**

Please pray for this person to receive the graces, support, and guidance needed to properly care for a seriously ill family member.

**Lisa Mellies**

**(Sister-in-law of Jeff & Connie Mellies)**  
Please pray for the repose of her soul and pray for her family.

**Sarah Stalcup**

Please pray for wisdom, guidance, and protection in handling challenges in her life.

**Pat McKenzie**

Prayers for good health.

**Joan Baker**

Please pray for guidance and support for her and her family in making decisions for her everyday care and wellbeing and peace of mind for all.

**McKenna Mayhew**

**(Daughter of**

**Amanda VandeVelde Mayhew)**

Please pray for successful corrective heart surgery July 19th and speedy recovery.

**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!***

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**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 Immenschuh
- Family of the Month: John & Marilyn Immenschuh
- 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.**

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**SS Finance Council Members**

- Kenton Erb
- Dan Fischer
- Charlie Rottinghaus
- A.J. Heier

**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: Marvin Burgett
- Family of the Month: Nathan & Kathi Rewerts
- Knight of the Year: Mark Wilt
- The Family of the Year: Charlie & Carrie Rottinghaus

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