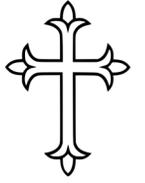


**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH
SAINT STANISLAUS PARISH**



**FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JANUARY 28, 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

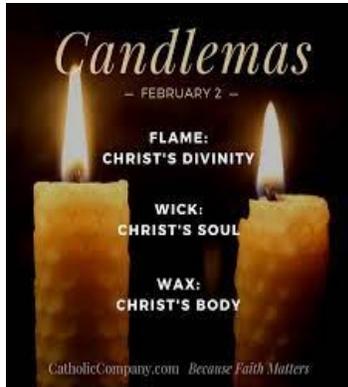
Thursday: 5:00-6:00pm at IC
Friday: 7:00-8:00am at IC
Saturday: 3:30-4:30pm at IC
Sunday: 7:30-8:30am at SS

Baptism/Marriage

Please call Fr. Justin

FEATURED

There will be no 6:15am Mass at IC on Friday, February 2nd. Mass for the Feast of the Presentation- Friday, February 2nd, will be at 6:30pm at IC and will begin with a Candlelight procession.



WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

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| Sat. | 1-27 | 5:00pm | IC | Larry Schumaker (+) |
| Sun. | 1-28 | 9:00am | SS | SS & IC Parishioners |
| | | 11:00am | IC | Connie & Evelyn Hesse (++) |
| Tues. | 1-30 | 8:00am | IC | **NO MASS** |
| Wed. | 1-31 | 8:00am | SS | Eugene V. Brunin Family |
| Thur. | 2-01 | 6:30pm | IC | Rocky Burrous (+) |
| Fri. | 2-02 | 10:00am | SS | Homeschool Mass & Blessing of Throats |
| | | 6:30pm | IC | Dennis Brunin (+) <i>Feast of the Presentation-Candlelight Procession</i> |
| Sat. | 2-03 | 5:00pm | IC | Milton & Madge Ronnau (++) |
| Sun. | 2-04 | 9:00am | SS | John Jacobson & Jacob Lloyd (++) |
| | | 11:00am | IC | IC & SS Parishioners |

Pastor's Corner

The "Mini" Lent

As we approach the season of Lent which begins on Feb. 14th, it seems fitting to recall that the Church wants us to live out each Friday as a special sharing in the passion and death of Christ. I suppose we could call it a "mini" Lent consisting of exactly one day! Lent was never meant to be relegated to just one liturgical season in the Church calendar. In fact, Ordinary Time (the season we are in), is a celebration of the whole paschal mystery and indeed, the whole of Christian life. We don't zoom in on any one particular aspect of the mysteries of faith, but instead sample them all (in smaller quantities). So, with all of that as a backdrop, my question to you is this:

Are your Fridays any different than the other days of the week on a spiritual level?

Do I intentionally try to make it a sharing in the Passion of Christ? While there are a number of ways we can enter into the mystery of Christ's suffering and death and meditate on it more profoundly, the Church has always encouraged the singularly effective path of penance, particularly the penance of abstaining from meat. Wait, I thought we didn't have to do that penance/giving up meat on Fridays thing anymore (except for Lent)! Not exactly. Here is what the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has to say on the matter in a Pastoral Statement on Penance and Abstinence issued in 1966. I will share just a few parts of it for the sake of space. Emphasis on various parts are added by me.

1. Thus Sacred Scriptures declare our guilt to be universal; hence the universal obligation to that repentance which Peter, in his sermon on Pentecost, declared necessary for the forgiveness of sin (Acts 2:38). Hence, too, **the Church's constant recognition that all the faithful are required by divine law to do penance.** As from the fact of sin we Christians can claim no exception, so from the obligation to penance we can seek no exemption.

Christ Died for Our Salvation on Friday 18. Gratefully remembering this, Catholic peoples from time immemorial have set apart Friday for special penitential observance by which they gladly suffer with Christ that they may one day be glorified with Him. This is the heart of the tradition of abstinence from meat on Friday where that tradition has been observed in the holy Catholic Church.

19. Changing circumstances, including economic, dietary, and social elements, have made some of our people feel that **the renunciation of the eating of meat is not always and for everyone the most effective means of practicing penance.** Meat was once an exceptional form of food; now it is commonplace.

20. Accordingly, since **the spirit of penance primarily suggests that we discipline ourselves in that which we enjoy most,** to many in our day abstinence from meat no longer implies penance, while renunciation of other things would be more penitential.

21. For these and related reasons, the Catholic bishops of the United States, **far from downgrading the traditional penitential observance of Friday, and motivated precisely by the desire to give the spirit of penance greater vitality,** especially on Fridays, the day that Jesus died, urge our Catholic people henceforth to be guided by the following norms.

24. Among the works of voluntary self-denial and personal penance which we especially commend to our people for the future observance of Friday, even though we hereby terminate the traditional law of abstinence binding under pain of sin, as the sole prescribed means of observing Friday, we give first place to abstinence from flesh meat. We do so in the hope that the Catholic community will ordinarily continue to abstain from meat by free choice as formerly we did in obedience to Church law.

27. It would bring great glory to God and good to souls if Fridays found our people doing volunteer work in hospitals, visiting the sick, serving the needs of the aged and the lonely, instructing the young in the Faith, participating as Christians in community affairs, and meeting our obligations to our families, our friends, our neighbors, and our community, including our parishes, with a special zeal born of the desire to add the merit of penance to the other virtues exercised in good works born of living faith.

So, what is your Friday penance and/or work of mercy? Don't have one? Pray and ask God to show you what would best help you grow in a spirit of mortification, and self-denial. Whether it's meat, or a spiritual or corporal work of mercy, or giving up social media for the day, live out your Friday so that the splendor of the Sunday Feast rises with greater joy!

Fr. Justin

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ALL PARISHES

January 21

General: \$5,326

Plate: \$397

Building Fund: \$100

Needy: \$140

Youth: \$120

Christmas Gift: \$100

Walking With Moms: \$10

Argentina: \$170

Latin America: \$100

Total: \$6,463

January Faith Direct

Envelope: \$3621.15

Latin America: \$110.00

Solemnity of Mary: \$75.00

Fees: -\$182.15

Net January FD: \$3624.00

**Presentation of the Lord-
Friday, February 2, 6:30pm**

Ushers: Dan Marstall, Alex Johnson

Servers: Skyler Clark, Josh Henderson,
Kaden SinghDhillon

Lector: Rich Schoenfeld

Music: I.C. Singers

Saturday, February 3

Ushers: Larry Lenherr, Dan Marstall

Servers: Leo Martin, Kaycee & Kaden
SinghDhillon

Lector: Marla Flanagan

Musicians: I.C. Singers

Sunday, February 4

Ushers: Dylan Smith, John Simecka

Servers: Lane & Easton Smith,
Veronica Hutley, Ethan Downey

Lector: Nicole Smith

Musicians: Mary's Chorus

Homebound Minister: Mick Poell

IC Team Cleaning

Team E, January 28th-February 3rd

Tuesday, January 30th

NO 8AM MASS, OR COFFEE & DONUTS

Fr. Justin will be out of town.

Blessing of the Throat

Friday, Feb. 2nd-10am HS Mass at SS

Wed., Feb. 7th-7:30pm at IC Church

Rosaries at the Grotto

This year's first *Rosary at the Grotto* will
be on **February 3rd at 9:00am**, at IC's
Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto.

K of C Fish Fries for Lent

The Knights will host Lenten Fish Fries on
Feb. 16th, March 8th & 22nd from 5-7pm
in the Centennial Building. The meal will
consist of either Fish, Shrimp, or Fish &
Shrimp, baked potato, coleslaw, hush pup-
pies, and a dessert. Prices are:

Adult (11+)-\$12, Child (10 and under)-\$6.
Dine in, carry out, or delivery to Emmett &
St. Marys. Call Gary @ 785-319-9115 by
12pm day of Fish Fry for delivery orders.

January 21

General: \$1,445

Plate: \$171

Poor & Needy: \$100

Maint. Fund: \$250

Total: \$1,966

JANUARY FAITH DIRECT

General: \$3,210

Solemnity of Mary: \$41

Latin America: \$51

Maint Fund: \$595

Gross FD: \$3,897

FD Fees: \$-121.92

Net January FD: \$3,775.08

Sunday, February 4th

Ushers: Don Davis, Kenton Erb,
Andrew Chance, Harold Michael

Servers: Claire & Easton Erb,
AJ & Charlie Chance

Lector: Mary Ann Davis

Ex Ord Min: Phyllis Dolechek

Music: Adult Choir, Julie

Sacristan: Mary Ann Davis

Homebound Minister: Deidre Michael

K of C Baby Shower

The Knights will be holding a baby shower
during the month of January.

New or clean used baby items may be placed
in the bassinets located in the
narthex. Cash may be placed in the
donation jar.

Men's Group

Men, it's not too late to think about New
Year's resolutions. Consider joining us in
February on the third Thursday of the month
at Nathan Rewerts' house. Dinner, drinks,
and discussion of relevant topics.
Interested? Call office for details.



Congratulations to the Marney &
Brecheisen families on the baptism of
Theodore Kenneth Marney
on January 21st. Theodore is the son of
Gabe & Taylor Marney
and the grandson of
Curt & Candy Brecheisen.

F.I.R.E. Retreat for Men

Stuck in the late winter doldrums, men?
Join the regular guys at F.I.R.E.
(Fellowship, Inspiration, Renewal,
Engagement) at the annual Prairie Star
Ranch retreat Feb 10-11. The retreat de-
livers fire in a variety of forms, inspiring
talks, Mass, quality time with Jesus, and
creates new opportunities for friendship
and purpose. For more information, go to:
**https://www.fire-ministries-
retreat.org/event-details/f-i-r-e-mens-
catholic-retreat-the-10th-year**

White Mass-Healthcare Professionals
February 10th, 10:00am, Cathedral of
St. Peter, 409 N 15th St., KCK 66102

OPEN IC ADORATION HOURS

Sunday: 4:00am

Monday: 2:00am

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.*

RCIA Class -February 1st, 7:30pm-9:00pm

GriefShare

This ministry is designed to support those
grieving the loss of a loved one, and we will be
hosting weekly GriefShare sessions.

Tuesday, January 23rd, at 6:30pm

at St. Bernard's Catholic Church in Wamego.

This is a 13 week program and all are welcome to
attend. If you have any questions, please call
George and Brenda Annan @ (407)-353-9158

Archbishop's Call to Share

Today's Gospel states that Jesus "taught as one having
authority, and not as the scribes" (Mark 1:22). He
proved His authority with accompanying signs, such as
casting out a demon. The people were astonished.
Today, Many of us waver between craving real authority
and rebelling against authority altogether. We criticize
our leaders for being too weak or the Catholic Church
for being too firm. Why can't the Church loosen up her
doctrines and "get with the times"?

The truth is, the Church cannot "change with the times."
Jesus, who "is the same today, yesterday, and forever,"
founded the Church (Hebrews 13:8). However, togeth-
er, we can continue to stay strong in the way God is
calling us and, through your support of the Archbishop's
Call to Share appeal, spread the Good News as we
always have.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter



This Valentine's Day give your spouse the
greatest gift of all—your time and attention!
A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience

will allow you the time to reconnect and reaffirm your
love for each other. It is a gift that will last all the days
of your lives. Upcoming weekend experiences are
scheduled for February 16-18 and March 15-17, 2024.
For information or to apply for an experience, visit
www.wme4youandme.org or contact
Margaret Harris at margaretil.harris@gmail.com or
call 405-206-1600.

**Parent Info Night for Topeka Region
Divorced?**

Wondering what's next for you and your family?
Navigating life after divorce is difficult. Come and hear
how Mike and Katie Palitto navigated their broken
marriages and found hope.

What: Parent Info Night

When: February 8th, 7pm

Where: Hayden Catholic High School Chapel

Sponsored by Hayden Catholic High School.

Light snacks to follow.

Couples Celebrating their 50th Anniversary in 2024

This year's annual Archdiocesan 50th Wedding Anni-
versary 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.

PRAYER CHAIN INTENTIONS

Contacts:

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

**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.

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

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

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

Elizabeth (Aubert) Brey Meyer
Please pray for her comfort and for peace, strength, and comfort for her family.

Don Sack
Please pray for healing of multiple health problems and prayers for his family as they care for him.

Dave Ebert
Please pray that he receives quality care after suffering a massive stroke and pray for support for his family as they make choices for his care.

Edward Shabler
Please pray for successful treatment of congestive heart failure and related health problems and prayers for his family.

**Beverly Manning
(Sister of Janet Wehrly)**
Please pray for healing.

Ashley Austin
Please pray for the repose of her soul and for peace and strength for her family.

Mary Lee Fields
Please pray for healing of pneumonia.

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!

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: Doug Wietharn
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.

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: 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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