



NATIVITY of MARY

CATHOLIC CHURCH AND SCHOOL

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Coordinator of Faith Formation: Cameron Engelbrecht
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 816.392.0011 or victimadvocate@diocesekcsj.org
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PASTORAL CARE & SACRAMENTAL PREP

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 Paula Cassity 816.356.4467

**Anointing of the Sick, Baptisms,
 Confirmations, First Holy Communion,
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Please call the office for details 816.353.2184

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 Call or Text 816-653.0068

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PARISH MINISTRY COUNCIL

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Mon-Thur 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
 Fri 9:00 a.m. – 12:00pm

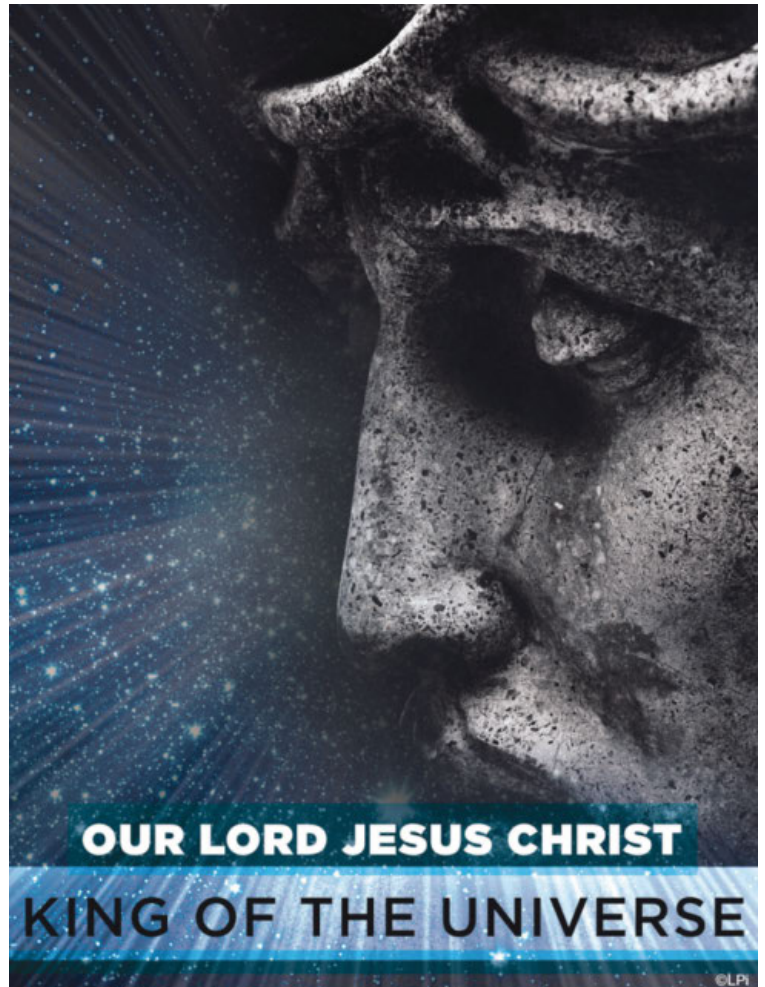


MASS SCHEDULE

Monday: 8:30 a.m. Communion Service
Tuesday: 8:30 a.m. at Nativity of Mary
Wednesday: 8:30 a.m. at St. Bernadette
Thursday: 8:30 a.m. at Nativity of Mary
Friday: 8:30 a.m. at St. Bernadette
Saturday: 3:00 p.m. at Nativity of Mary
Saturday: 4:30 p.m. at St. Bernadette
Sunday: 8:30 a.m. at St. Bernadette
Sunday: 10:30 a.m. at Nativity of Mary
Holy Day: Vigil 6:00pm & 8:30 a.m.

CONFESSIONS

SATURDAY: 2:30 p.m.
 or contact Fr. Bryan for an appt.



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MASS INTENTIONS**Saturday, November 25 3:00pm**

† Janet Towey
 † Charles "Porky" Woods
 † Helen Molder
 † Charles Bellman
 † Bernie Schmitz

Sunday, November 26 10:30am

† Virginia McMenamy

Tuesday, November 28 8:30am

† Zackery Weiland

Thursday, November 30 8:30am

† Mona Owen

† denotes deceased

READINGS**NOVEMBER 26 - DECEMBER 3****Sunday — Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**

Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/Ps 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6 (1)/1 Cor 15:20-26,
 28/Mt 25:31-46

Monday

Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday

Dn 2:31-45/Dn 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61/Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday

Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Dn 3:62, 63, 64, 65, 66,
 67/Lk 21:12-19

Thursday — St. Andrew, Apostle

Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 4:18-22

Friday

Dn 7:2-14/Dn 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81/Lk 21:29-33

Saturday

Dn 7:15-27/Dn 3:82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87/Lk 21:34-36

Next Sunday — First Sunday of Advent

Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 (4)/1
 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37



**GRADE
7 - 12**



LIFE TEEN

**LOST & FOUND
YOUTH GROUP**

We welcome all those in
 7th to 12th grade to join
 our parish youth group!

Wednesdays
 6:15p.m. to 7:30p.m.

Parish Hall
 (School: Lower Level)

**Sign up on our
 website!**

Questions? Contact
Cameron Engelbrecht

**Upcoming 2nd Collections
& Extra Envelopes**

Christmas Flowers	Dec 4
Religious Retirement	Dec 10
Catholic Home Missions Appeal	Jan 21
Catholic Charities Emergency Assistance Appeal	February 18
Easter Flowers	Mar 3

CONTRIBUTION REPORT**11/12/2023**

Regular Collection	\$7,619
Online Donations	\$1,165
Loose Plate	\$765
Capital Campaign -Window.	\$371
Capital Campaign -Debt	\$330
2nd Collection	\$363
Holy Day Collection	\$208
School/Pisces Scholarship	\$60
Misc./Pastoral Care	\$223
Total Income	\$11,104

Your Giving Matters ~ Thank you!

NOVEMBER PRAYER INTENTIONS**Pope Francis:**

We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfills his mission,
 may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to
 him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.

Bishop Johnston:

For peace and reconciliation in the most war-torn
 places in our world.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Blue: Nativity of Mary Maroon: St. Bernadette

Saturday, November 25

2:30pm Confession
3:00pm Mass

Sunday, November 26

10:30am Mass (Choir Sings)

Monday, November 27

8:00am Rosary
8:30am Communion Service
9:00am Cursillo (at SB)
6:00pm Boy Scouts

Tuesday, November 28

8:00am Rosary
8:30am Mass
12:30pm Bernadette Buddies (at SB)
6:00pm RCIA
6:30pm Choir Practice (at SB)

Wednesday, November 29

9:00am Eucharistic Adoration (at SB)
6:15pm Parish SoR & Youth Group
7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, November 30

8:00am Rosary
8:30am School Mass
6:00pm Baptism Preparation Class
6:00pm PTO Family Skate Night



Friday, December 1

9:00am Adoration (at SB)
9:15am Altar Angels (at SB)
10:00am Nativity Students: Adoration
3:30pm One City Cafe
6:00pm YA: Look to the East

Saturday, December 2

DONATIONS

For accurate application of donations, please designate in the "memo" section of your check that it is for Offertory, Capital Campaign-Windows, Parish Debt, or other purpose.

Thank you!

Please Pray For

God is at work, even when things don't make sense.

Please pray for those on our prayer list.

Judy Allen
Margaret Ault
Jim Blau
Rich Carroll
Shannon Casey
Kelly Chambers
Wilma Christensen
Esther Cunningham
Matt Currivan
Steve Drexel
Mikey Eaton
Lucy Franco
Barbara Garrett
Mary Goebel
Jean Harrer
Mary Herriott
Vicky Hohlbaugh
Bernie Kanies

Barbara Langley
Mark Lovelace
Mary May
Judy McCandless
Pat McElligott
Marilyn Mineart
Shelby Monaco
Ed & Graciela Ortiz
Julian Palmer
Ruth Perez
Lorrene Peterson
Frank Pinon
Fr. Bob Rost
Rex Sibert
Norm Steffen
Ellena Thomas
Mary Ann Touzinsky



Send additional requests to:
lwatson@nativityofmary.org

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY

Aurora Berry, National Guard
Ryan Edenburn, Marines
Patrick Hix, Navy
Anthony Lawrence, Army Reserves
Dylan Palmer, Marines
Brian Siskis, National Guard



Altar Society Nativity Raffle

Tickets \$1
or
6 for \$5

Drawing on Dec 3
at the Altar Society
Brunch at V's

The Altar Society invites you to participate in the annual Nativity Set raffle. Members of the Altar Society are selling raffle tickets after all Masses through December 3th. The Nativity set is on display in the Narthex.

Questions? Contact: Mary Vitt: 816-520-1575 or Mary Ann McClure: 816-739-3763

BENCHWARMER WINNERS**WEEK #10****HIGH SCORE WINNERS**

1st - 128 points - \$500
 Landon & Bennett Watson - Ticket #3123
 2nd - 124 points - \$250
 Ryan Pauk - Ticket #637
 3rd - 123 points - \$100
 Steve Jarton - Ticket #2153

LOW SCORE WINNERS

1st - 2 way tie - 12 points - \$62.50 each
 Jack Beal - Ticket #3021
 Terri Bryan - Ticket #3516
 2nd - 2 way tie - 15 points - \$12.50 ea
 Ron Barker - Ticket #2353
 Nativity Preschool - Ticket #4468

*Religious Education*

Do you wish for your child to learn more about their faith? PSR is a fun filled environment where children can learn more about our Lord and grow with other Catholics their age. Children from Pre-

K to 6th grade are welcome to sign up!

Classes are on Wednesday from 6:15 to 7:30!

For Grades 7-12, check out our Youth Group!



Questions? Contact Cameron Engelbrecht at cengelbrecht@nativityofmary.org



Next order
due
December 5.

Use Code:
526D255A7978
to enroll and get
started shopping!

Order online through
RaiseRight.com
or
the RaiseRight mobile app.

**DID YOU KNOW?**

You can direct up to **half** of your annual state income taxes towards scholarships for children to attend Catholic schools - at **no cost** to you!



Step 1 - Go to BrightFuturesFund.org

Step 2 - Estimate your tax liability based on last year

Step 3 - Choose **Bright Futures Fund** from the EAO list

Step 4 - Reserve your tax credit amount

Step 5 - Write a check and mail to the Bright Futures Fund by **12/27**

*After verification from the state, you will receive an email receipt. Include the receipt and a MO-TC form with your state income tax filing. For the current MO-TC form, visit dor.mo.gov/forms and search MO-TC.

Christy Gruenbaum
Director of Development, MOScholars
Phone: 816-714-2338



Bright Futures Fund
P.O. Box 419037
Kansas City, MO 64141
Phone: 816-756-1850

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION - PRE-K TO 6TH GRADE
LOST & FOUND YOUTH GROUP - 7TH TO 12TH GRADE



WEDNESDAYS
6:15 TO 7:30

at

NATIVITY OF MARY PARISH HALL
 (lower level of the School)



SIGN UP ON OUR WEBSITE
UNDER CHURCH - RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Protecting God's Children Workshop

The Diocese will sponsor a PGC Workshop for adults on Sunday, December 10 at 11:45am in the Nativity of Mary Ministry Center. The Workshop is intended to raise awareness of child sexual abuse. If you'd like to attend our session, you may pre-register online at www.virtus.org. Click on Registration at the left, select our diocese and follow the prompts. Please call Laurie Jo at the office if you experience difficulty pre-registering. All volunteers working in children's programs of our parishes and schools are required by the diocese to attend this session; however, anyone interested in making our world safer for children is welcome and encouraged to attend.

SMALL GROUPS

Do you want to become a better man or woman? A more attentive parent and spouse? Do you want to become the son or daughter that God your Father is calling you to be? Do you desire a deeper prayer life?

Then we invite you to join our Men's and Women's Small Groups. Groups begin meeting in January!

EXODUS

Contact Cameron Engelbrecht for more information at cengelbrecht@nativityofmary.org



BAPTISM PREPARATION

Last Thursday
of each month
6:00-8:00pm

November 30



Questions? Contact Cameron Engelbrecht at cengelbrecht@nativityofmary.org or 816-353-2184

AV & TECH MINISTRY

An AV Minister is present at each Saturday Vigil Mass at Nativity of Mary. He or she sits in the congregation and uses a mobile device to ensure that the Live Stream quality is the best it can be. We need more volunteers to serve once each month. Training is provided.

If interested, contact the Parish Office.

DCCW Winter General Meeting

Come one and all!

Join in our joyous celebration paying tribute to our outgoing officers and installing the newly elected officers!

Who: All Catholic Women

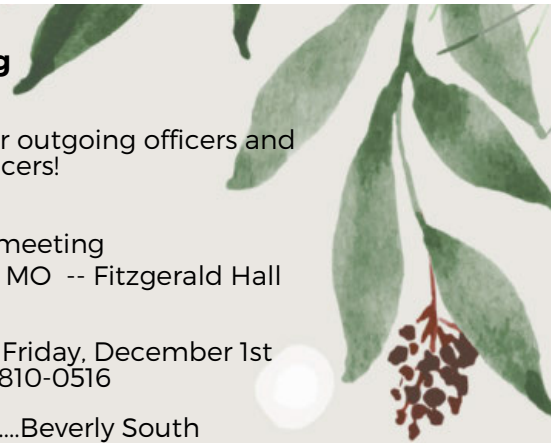
What: Diocesan Council of Catholic Women, December general meeting

Where: St. Mary Catholic Church, 600 N Liberty St, Independence, MO -- Fitzgerald Hall

When: Wednesday, December 6th, begins 9:30-10:00 am.

Please reserve your lunch (free will donation) by Friday, December 1st by calling Kathleen Philpott at 816-810-0516

Questions? email Bsouth456@gmail.com.....Beverly South



BULLETIN AD DEADLINES

Sunday, December 3, 2023
Due: Monday, November 27

Sunday, December 10, 2023
Due: Friday, December 1

Sunday, December 17, 2023
Due: Thursday, December 7

Sunday, December 24, 2023
Due: Wednesday, December 13

Sunday, December 31, 2023
Due: Wednesday, December 20

Sunday, January 7, 2024
Due: Friday, December 29

Nativity of Mary hosts a Protecting God's Children Workshop

DECEMBER 10, 2023
11:45 AM
MINISTRY CENTER

SAFE ENVIRONMENT



The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph is committed to combatting sexual abuse in the Church.

If you are a victim of sexual abuse, or if you observe or suspect sexual abuse:

- Call the Missouri Child Abuse Hotline at 1.800.392.3738 (if the victim is currently under the age of 18), and
- Contact your local law enforcement agency or call 911, and
- After reporting to these civil and law enforcement authorities, report suspected sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult to the Ombudsman, Joe Crayon, at 816.812.2500 or crayon@ombudsmankcsj.org if the abuse involves a priest, deacon, employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph. The Diocese has a sincere commitment to providing care and healing resources to victims of sexual abuse and their families.



For more info, contact:
Whitney True-Francis
Victim Assistance Coordinator
true.francis@diocesekcsj.org
816.392.0011

St. Bernadette Food Pantry



The Pantry is in need of pancake mix, syrup, jelly, spaghetti sauce & spaghetti, laundry detergent, toilet paper, coffee and cereal.



MAY 4TH 2024

THE LARGEST
EUCCHARISTIC
ADORATION EVENT
IN KANSAS CITY
SINCE 1941



December 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 10:30am Mass	27 8:00am Rosary 8:30am Communion Svc 6:00pm Boy Scouts	28 8:00am Rosary 8:30am Daily Mass 6:00pm RCIA	29 6:15pm PSR/FHC 6:15pm Youth Group 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	30 8:00am Rosary 8:30am School Mass (6th) 6:00pm Baptism Prep. Class	1 9:00am Bible Study (at SB) 10:00am Adoration: Nativity Students	2 2:30pm Confession 3:00pm Mass
3 10:30am Mass 11:30am Confirmation Class	4 8:00am Rosary 8:30am Communion Svc 6:00pm Boy Scouts	5 8:00am Rosary 8:30am Daily Mass 6:00pm RCIA	6 ST. NICHOLAS DAY 6:15pm PSR/FHC 6:15pm Youth Group 7:00pm Advent Taize Mass	7 8:00am Rosary 8:30am School Mass (5th) 6:00pm Altar Society 6:00pm Student First Reconciliation Svc ???	8 IMMACULATE CONCEPTION NO SCHOOL PARISH OFFICE CLOSED 8:30 Mass at SB 9:00am Bible Study (at SB) 6:00pm Mass	9 2nd Collection: Retired Religious 2:30pm Confession 3:00pm Mass
10 2nd Collection: Retired Religious 10:30am Mass 11:45am Protecting God's Children	11 8:00am Rosary 8:30am Communion Svc 12:00pm Over 55 Lunch 6:00pm Boy Scouts 7:00pm Book Club	12 8:00am Rosary 8:30am Daily Mass 6:00pm Ministry Council 6:00pm PTO Meeting 6:00pm RCIA	13 4:30pm Finance Council 6:15pm PSR/FHC/YG 7:00pm Advent Penance Service (at St. Mark Parish)	14 8:00am Rosary 8:30am School Mass (8th) <i>Our Lady of Guadalupe</i> 6:00pm Adoration 6:00pm Liturgy Committee	15 9:00am Bible Study (at SB) 6:00pm YA: Look to the East	16 2:30pm Confession 3:00pm Mass
17 10:30am Mass 11:30am Confirmation Class	18 8:00am Rosary 8:30am Communion Svc 6:00pm Boy Scouts	19 8:00am Rosary 8:30am Daily Mass 6:00pm RCIA	20 SCHOOL: HALF DAY END OF Q2 4:30pm Finance Council 6:15pm PSR/FHC/YG Christmas Party	21 CHRISTMAS BREAK NO SCHOOL NO SCHOOL PARISH OFFICE CLOSED	22 CHRISTMAS BREAK NO SCHOOL PARISH OFFICE CLOSED	23 2:30pm Confession 3:00pm Mass
24 3:00pm Mass 12:00am Midnight Mass	25 CHRISTMAS BREAK: NO SCHOOL & PARISH OFFICE CLOSED MERRY CHRISTMAS! 10:00am Mass at SB only	26 8:00am Rosary 8:30am Daily Mass 6:00pm RCIA	27 4:30pm Finance Council 6:15pm PSR/FHC/YG Christmas Party	28 8:00am Rosary 8:30am Daily Mass	29 CHRISTMAS BREAK: NO SCHOOL & PARISH OFFICE CLOSED	30 2:30pm Confession 3:00pm Mass
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CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

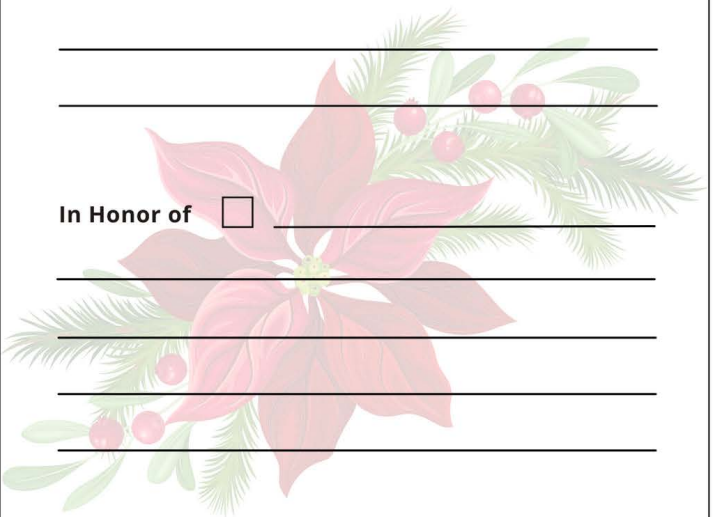
We will be purchasing flowers to decorate the church for Christmas. If you would like to help defray the cost you can make a contribution in your name or in memory of a loved one. There are envelopes for Christmas flowers in your envelope packet or you can fill in the information below, drop it in the collection basket or bring it by the Ministry Center. All Names of those who donated in their name or in the name of a loved one will be listed in the bulletin Christmas weekend.

Please return by December 13.

Your Name

In Memory of ☐ _____

In Honor of ☐ _____

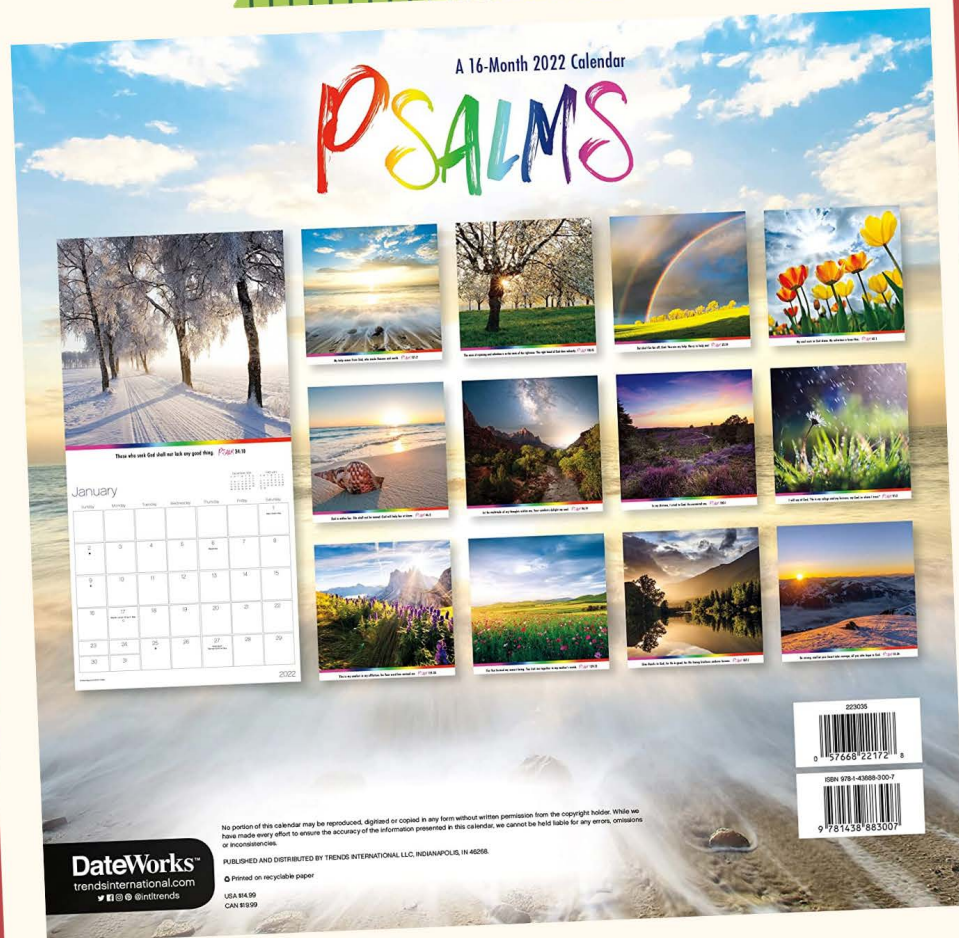


We are collecting 2024
calendars to be donated to
an area
rehabilitation patient,
assisted living resident,
independent living resident,
memory care unit resident or
senior living facility.

Every year recipients look
forward to receiving our
donated calendars at
Christmastime.

We accept any and all types
of calendars...
from pocket-size to
large wall calendars.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR
CONTINUED GENEROSITY!



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2024 CALENDAR



Buy one Breakfast, Lunch or Dinner Combo meal
and get one of equal or lesser value **FREE**

Limit one coupon per customer per visit. Please present coupon when ordering.
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Eastland McDonald's 18910 East US Highway 40 Independence, MO	40 Highway McDonald's 920 SW US Highway 40 Blue Springs, MO	South 7 McDonald's 3116 South 7 Highway Blue Springs, MO	Red Bridge McDonald's 11001 Hickman Mills Drive Kansas City, MO
Susquehanna McDonald's 16235 East US Highway 24 Independence, MO	North 7 McDonald's 814 NW State Route 7 Blue Springs, MO	Chouteau McDonald's 4400 N Chouteau Traffic Way Kansas City, MO	Blue Ridge McDonald's 5260 Blue Ridge Boulevard Raytown, MO

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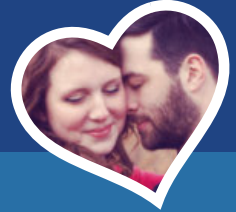
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