Mary Immaculate Parish

716 E. Washington
Kirksville, MO 63501

December 15, 2019
3rd Sunday of Advent

Office Hours
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Phone Number....660-988-8972

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturday, 4:30 p.m. and by appointment.

Baptism
Contact the Parish Center for requirements.

Marriage
Six (6) months notice required for preparation.

Communion to the Sick
We are happy to bring Communion to those confined to their homes. Please contact the Parish Center. Also, please inform the office if a parishioner is in the hospital or nursing home.

Mary Immaculate Catholic Cemetery
615 S. Jamison St.
Contact the Parish Center for information.

Accessible Entrance to the Church
There is handicap parking and a ramp entrance into the church at the back of the school. Access is through the alley which opens onto New St. next to the rectory garage.

Welcome to Mary Immaculate Parish!
We extend a warm welcome to all who attend our church. We hope our parish community will nourish your faith and that you will share your special gifts with us. Your prayers, your presence and your talents are most welcome. If you are settling into Mary Immaculate full time, please register! Blue contact cards are on the literature table in the middle of the church and may be left in the offering basket. We take this opportunity to welcome all of you, our parishioners and visitors, to church today.
Marty the penguin is hiding in this bulletin and each one until Christmas. Tell the secretary when you find him, for your choice of a small prize or an entry into a drawing for a gift subscription to Magnificat or Magnifikids.

St. Rose of Lima
Novinger, Mo. 63559
(660) 488-6680

Catholic Newman Center
709 South Davis
Kirksville, Mo. 63501
(660) 665-4357

Parish Staff
Msgr. David Cox, Pastor
Deacons Dave Ream OFS & Chris Korte, Assistants to the Pastor
Pat Lehr, Director of Religious Education/Pastoral Minister
Mary Wolken, Bookkeeper
Lynn Carter OFS, Secretary and VIRTUS/Safe Environment Coordinator
Mat & Janelle Stephens, Youth Ministers

Parish Pastoral Council Members
Rusty Nelson, President;
Marsha Jones, Vice President;
Chris Koch, Secretary;
Patrick Boren, Paula Brawner,
Mary Myers, Patrick Nolan,
Janelle Stephens, Matt Wolken

Mary Immaculate School
Ann Gray, Principal

Newman Center
Rev. Colin Franklin, Chaplain
Deacon Chris Korte, Director

Bulletin
Submit items for publication to secretary@miparish.org by 3 pm Monday. Thank you!

Calendar of Events

Monday, December 16— ***Weekday***

8:00 am Piecemakers Quilt Group, Parish Ctr.

6:30 pm Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts, School

Tuesday, December 17—*Late Advent Weekday*

1:00 pm Legion of Mary, Parish Center

4:00 pm Bible Study, Parish Center

Wednesday, December 18— ***Late Advent Weekday***

8:00 am Piecemakers Quilt Group, Parish Ctr.

Thursday, December 19—*Late Advent Weekday*

1:00 pm and 7:00 pm School Christmas Program, Gym.

Friday, December 20—*Late Advent Weekday*

7:30 am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday, December 21—*St. Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church*

Sunday, December 22—*Fourth Sunday of Advent*

12:00 pm Decorating of the church for Christmas

4:00 pm NEMO Country Dance Club, Gym

Eucharistic Adoration on Fridays
7:30 am - 5:00 pm

Advent penance services in our deanery:

Dec. 15	4pm	Immaculate Conception, Brookfield
Dec. 16	7pm	Marceline, St. Bonaventure
Dec. 17	7pm	Shelbina, St. Mary

Please avail yourself of the opportunity to meet the Lord in the Sacrament of Reconciliation this Advent. Several priests will be available at each service.

sanctuary candle

Week of December 15, 2019

Special Intention

Offered by Barbara Williams

Mass Intentions December 16-22, 2019

Mary Immaculate

Mon		No Mass
Tue	5:30 pm	† Shane Hall
Wed	7:00 am	Marc Balestrieri
Thu	8:00 am	† Deacon Phillip Ordonio III
Fri	7:00 am	† Linda Ewing
Sat	5:30 pm	For the People
Sun	9:00 am	† Bryce Jones
	11:00 am	† Karen Hazlett

St. Rose

Sun 7:30 am † Virgil Rock

Newman Center

Masses resume on January 12, 2020.

We will decorate the church for Christmas on Sunday, December 22, immediately following the 11am Mass. There are tasks suitable for all ages, including children! Anyone is invited to join us.

Christmas Mass Schedule:

Christmas Eve

4pm at the Newman Center
9pm at Saint Rose in Novinger
Midnight at Mary Immaculate

Christmas Day

9am at Mary Immaculate

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Next regular meeting on January 9th at 7:30pm in the school cafeteria. 2nd and 3rd degree will meet on December 15th in Moberly at 1pm

Knights of Columbus Insurance Rep.:
Matthew Reel, 660-216-6383

Dear Parishioners of Mary Immaculate and St. Rose,

When one calls to mind the figures who are part of the Christmas story, John the Baptist is not the first to come to mind. And yet, of the four Sundays of Advent, he is the prominent figure in two of them.

John is the first to respond to the presence of Jesus in the world. When Mary visits Elizabeth while both children are still in the wombs of their mothers, John leaps for joy when Mary greets Elizabeth.

Saint John The Baptist In The Desert, Bartolome Esteban Murillo (1666)

From the beginning, John's conception, birth, and life are mysterious, miraculous and sacred. Like Jesus, his birth is announced by the message of an angel. His father Zechariah is told to give him the name John. His mission in life is given to him before he is even present in the womb of his mother.

We know nothing of the childhood of John the Baptist, He erupts in the Scripture with a cry of ***Repent!*** He is described as wearing a robe of camel hair with a leather belt. His food is locusts and wild honey. He reminds us that the Kingdom of God is at hand. There is One coming Who will usher in that Kingdom.

John is quick to point out that he is merely the messenger: He is not the Messiah. There is One far greater than he Who is to come and he is not even worthy to untie the string of His sandals. John is not just being modest. He is pointing out that there is a greater One to come. He will baptize, but His baptism is different. John has a baptism of repentance. The new baptism will be with water and the Holy Spirit. This baptism is not just a symbol. This baptism is a sacrament that gives new life!

John prepares the way of Jesus. He is bringing about the message of Advent: *Prepare the way of the Lord!*

During this time of the year we often have warm feelings, wonderful memories of Christmases past, and a sense of goodwill and contentment. But preparing for Christmas is more than that. It is not just warm feelings and happy memories. It is about being aware of a God Who loves. A God Who loves us so much that He takes on our human flesh. That even in celebrating the infant Savior in the crib, we are aware of Man and Savior Who died for us on the Cross!

John the Baptist, pray for us, that we can prepare our hearts for the coming of Jesus!

Msgr. Cox

We are very disappointed to report that our heavy duty metal candle money box was forced open and destroyed this past weekend. We will no longer be able to have a money box in the church. There are now designated candle money envelopes by the candle stand, and we request that you put your donation in an envelope and either put it in the collection basket over the weekend or bring it to the parish center during open hours (8am to 3pm M-F). Please do NOT leave donations in the mailbox. Thank you.

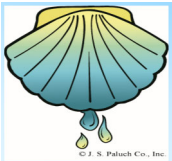
Readings For The Week

Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc -9; Mt 21:23-27
Tuesday: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17
Wednesday: Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25
Thursday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25
Friday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38
Saturday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45
Sunday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

BELLACINO'S NIGHT— Mary Immaculate will be participating in the Bellacino's Payback nights again this year. All you have to do is tell them you are associated with Mary Immaculate School when you place your order and which teacher you would like to select to win the monthly pizza party. Our "night" will be the 2nd Tuesday of every month. **(January 14)** Mark your calendars for this event. See you there!!!

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Dec. 19 – Christmas Programs, (1:00 pm and 7:00 pm)
Dec. 20 – Christmas Parties; Early Dismissal – 12:30 pm
Dec. 20 – Quarter/Semester Ends
Dec. 23 – Jan. 5 – Christmas Break – No School



Congratulations to
Lucas Alan Sweet
Son of Jake and Catie Sweet
baptized on December 8, 2019

Bulletin items for December and the first weekend of January are due one week earlier than usual. This is to accommodate the printer's schedule over the holidays. Thank you for your flexibility!

December Birthdays (80+)

Paulie Schmitz on 12/8
Louis Berrey on 12/20

December Wedding Anniversaries

Glenn & Vicky Wehner, 42 years on 12/10
Brent & Susan Speak, 20 years on 12/18
George & Diane Schulte, 48 years on 12/18
Charles & Tina Zeman, 33 years on 12/20
Steve & Kit Hadwiger, 34 years on 12/26
Louis & Carol Berrey, **57 years** on 12/29
Jay & Vicki Benson, 26 years on 12/31
Todd & Kristina Palumbo, 26 years on 12/31

Congratulations to these people! If you have a December anniversary or birthday (80+) and you are not on the list, or if you prefer no acknowledgement be printed in the bulletin, please contact the Parish Center.

Catholic
STEWARDSHIP APPEAL

"As each one has received a gift, use it to SERVE ONE ANOTHER *as good stewards."*
1 PETER 4:10

MI goal $32,000	**Received $24,296**	**76%**
St. Rose goal $1,900	**Received $1580**	**83%**

Diocese Goal	$2,450,000
Received:	$1,779,127

Stewardship News

Budget Goal per Month	***$ 44,170***
Weekly Goal	***$ 10,192***
November Offertory	**$ 42,545**
Difference	***$ <-$1,624>***
Week 1	***$ 13,941***
Week 2	***$ 5,978***
Week 3	***$ 4,970***
Week 4	***$ 6,800***
Electronic Funds Transfers	***$ 10,856***

Did you know? Last year we paid $1467 each month for property insurance covering the church, rectory, and school.

RCIA INQUIRY PERIOD

Mondays, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

MI Parish Center

We joyfully welcome Judy DeLaney, Miles Clopton & Anthony Cruit as Catechumens (those who are not yet baptized) and Nick Anson & Austin Baker as Candidates (whose Christian baptism we recognize). At the 9:00 Mass, Dec. 8, they officially took the first step towards sacramental initiation by celebrating the Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens and Rite of Welcome of Candidates preparing for reception into Full Communion of the Catholic Church. Please pray for them as they continue their journey in faith and discern their call towards full membership.

RCIA Catechumenate Process resumes Jan. 13, 2020

Children's Liturgy of the Word

9am Mass
4 yo through 1st grade

Class meets in the preschool classroom of the parish school from the beginning of Mass until the Presentation of Gifts. Dec. 8 & 15,. Resumes after Christmas on January 5, 2020.

Rosary before 9am Mass

December 15 - Emily Damba
December 22 - Lynn Carter OFS
December 29 - Lynn Carter OFS
January 5 - Krista Llewellyn
Please contact Krista Llewellyn if you would be willing to help lead.

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Use smile.amazon.com to shop at Amazon and select Mary Immaculate Church to have a small percentage of your total spending directed to MI, at no cost to you.

This quarter we received $29.29 from 26 people who spent nearly $6000 with Mary Immaculate as their selected parish. Thank you!

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION

Wednesdays
6:30-7:45 p.m.

PSR Parents - watch for FB & e-mail Advent notes. Classes resume in 2020 when the NC/TSU Catechists return.

Parent Formation

Wednesdays
6:30-7:45 p.m.
In Parish Center

Resumes in January 2020.

Misa en español

Jueves 9 de enero a las 5:30pm

Messe en français

Dimanche 16 février 14h.

Bishop McKnight's Prayer Intention for December: As we celebrate the mystery of the Holy Family, may our churches and schools support parents in the raising of their children in the faith.

The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for December: **The Future of the Very Young** That every country take the measures necessary to prioritize the future of the very young, especially those who are suffering.

Christmas Decorations

If you would like to donate money for Christmas decorations *in memory of* or *in honor of* someone, please fill out this form, put the form and money in a sealed envelope, and on the outside of the envelope write "Christmas Decorations." Then drop the envelope in the collection basket or bring it by the parish center by Sunday, December 22, 2019. Thank you!

Given in Memory of:

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Given in Honor of:

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From:

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Ministers of the Liturgy—December 2019

Saturday, 5:30 p.m.

DIRECTOR OF WORSHIP: Janie Theobald
SACRISTAN: Bob Theobald
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION
1. Fran Vittetoe
2. Mark Blacksmith
3. Kristi Groseclose
4. Tom Daugherty
5. Carol Daugherty

LECTOR
1. Joe Misale

SERVERS
1. Dane Stephenson

USHERS
1. Dwain Vittetoe
2. Chris Mansfield
3. Paul Moore
4. Blair York

GIFT BEARERS:
Brenda Higgins family

Sunday, 9:00 a.m.

DIRECTOR OF WORSHIP: Ralph Cupelli
SACRISTAN: Tom Hawkins
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION
1. Jerry Meyer
2. Lynn Carter OFS
3. Kevin Brawner
4. Paula Brawner
5. Michele Behnen

LECTORS
1. Courtney Bonnell
2. Mike Early

SERVERS
Dec. 1 & 8 Heidi Wehner and Xavier Speak
Dec. 15, 22 & 29 Jack Vogt and Ella Seedorf

USHERS
1. Bill Floyd
2. Dean Maag
3. Dana Delaware
4. Ron Harrison

GIFT BEARERS
Dec. 1 Eric Caldwell family, Dec. 8 Bill Crnic family, Dec. 15 Brent Speak family, Dec. 22 Glenn Wehner Family, Dec. 29 Don Westhoff family

Sunday, 11:00 a.m.

DIRECTOR OF WORSHIP: Bess Willis
SACRISTAN: Julie Noah
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION
1. James Hawkins
2. Sharon McGahan
3. Brian Altenhofen

LECTORS
1. Joe Benevento
2. Jim McCormick

SERVERS
1. Frida Ramirez
2. Brennain Degenhardt

USHERS
1. Jim McCormick
2. Terrill Roberts
3. Warren Easley
4. Ken Ziegler

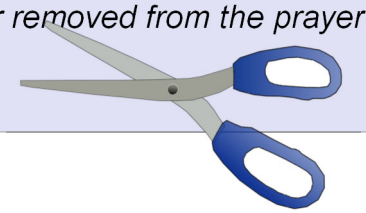
GIFT BEARERS
Vacant

Please remember to arrive ten minutes before Mass at the very latest. Kindly notify the parish center if you know ahead of time that you will be absent so that the sacristan doesn't wait until the last minute to find a substitute. Thank you so much for your service!

Please Pray For Our Sick Loved Ones

Anna Allyn, Theresa Armentrout, John Bates, brother of Mary Mangini, **Opal Begley, Laura Bell, Maria Benevento,** daughter of Joe and Carol, **Sheryll Bentley, Marianne Berry**, **Bill Billington**, grandson of Scotty Mihalevich, **Dan Bishop, Kibbie & Perry Broseghini, Lorraine Brower,** mother of Margie Kurz, **Matt Brower, Troy Bruner,** son of Denise & Mike Bruner, **Roger Butt, Carol Coleman,** sister of Vicky Wehner, **Reid Cowan, Kristina Crockett, Mary & Scott Detring, Dorothy Delaney, Clayton Dillavou, Larry Duarte, John Erhart, Ann Ferguson, Brent Filz, Mike Fox, Steve Frye, Garcia family, James Goroski, Andy Grgurich, Flo Griesbaum, Caleb Griffel, Beverly & Gary Grubrich, Vicki Hall, Alberta Harris, Joyce Hearn**, **James Hendler, Tracy Herman, Tony Hettinger, Don Hoerner, Rick Hoskins,** father of Susan Speak, **Kathy Howard, Patsy Jones, Dr. Charles Kline, Gannon Kriegshauser,** great nephew of Mark & Judy Blacksmith, **Julie Leake, Pat Lehr, Tim Lewin, Thomas Lorenz, Ann Lowe, Bernice Maag, Logan Maher, Pat Maloney,** mother of Mindy Grissom, **Betty Mangini,** mother of Bill Mangini, **Mary Martin, Sally Martin, Vi Martin, Carmelita McVay, Scotty Mihalevich, Annie Morin, Kathy Mosher,** cousin of Darice Todd, **Glenn Neuweg, Gay Nichting, C.A. Pack, Jo Ann Pearce, Marty the Penguin, Sharon Petersen, Jerry Platt**, **Vivian Prose,** sister of Darice Todd, **Leona Ragsdale, Sherri Ray, Florence Rene, Joey Renick, Tina Rinaldi, Curtis ("Roby") Robinson, Joe Robinson,** brother of Curtis Robinson, **Patricia Rogers**, daughter of Paulie and Lovella Schmitz, **Dorothy Rogerson, Carolyn Shaffer, Rick Sayre, Donna Schmitt, Paulie Schmitz, Bernard Schreck, Dawn Shaw, Jean Ann Sidwell, Jane Smith,** sister of Dottie Walker, **Madonna Sorell, Jim & JoAnne Spalding, Robye Spalding, Tim Spencer, Tammy & Levi Tarr, Kaitlin (Early) Taylor, Donna Thieman,** sister of Curtis ("Roby") Robinson, **Helen Todd,** mother of Brian Todd, **Dr. J.D. Vater, Daniel Waitkoss, Mary Walker, Lisa Welch, Jim Welschmeyer,** father of Katy Korte, **Wilma Wellman, Barb Williams, Carol Williams,** sister of Elsie Eddy, **Delana Wilson, Rod Yuskis**

Please call the Parish Center at 665-2466 to have a name added or removed from the prayer list, or to let us know that the person's situation has changed.



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