Mary Immaculate Parísh

716 E. Washington St. Kirksville, MO 63501

February 27, 2022 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday, 4:30 p.m. in the church and by appointment.

Baptism

Contact the Parish Center for requirements.

Marriage

Six months notice required for preparation.

Communion to the Sick

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 accessible parking and a ramp entrance into the church at the back of the school. Approach is through the alley which opens onto New St. next to the rectory garage.



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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. If you are settling into Mary Immaculate full time, please contact the parish office to register.

Masks covering the mouth and nose are now required at all times during the 11am Mass, with the brief exception of the moment of reception of Holy Communion.



St. Rose of Lima

911 Rombauer Ave. Novinger, MO 63559



Catholic Newman Center

709 S. Davis St. Kirksville, MO 63501 (660) 665-4357

Parish Staff

Coordinator

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Bulletin

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

Calendar of Events

Monday, February 28—Weekday in Ordinary Time

6:00pm Scouts, Cafeteria and Gym

Tuesday, March 1—Weekday in Ordinary Time

6:00pm Mass in Spanish

7:00pm Finance Council, Parish Center

Wednesday, March 2—Ash Wednesday

8:00am Mass at Mary Immaculate

12:00 noon Mass at Newman Center

6:30pm Mass at Mary Immaculate (YM, PSR, and RCIA)

Thursday, March 3—Thursday after Ash Wednesday

Friday, March 4—Friday after Ash Wednesday

Saturday, March 5—Saturday after Ash Wednesday

4:30pm Confessions, Church

Sunday, March 6-First Sunday of Lent & QUARTER SUNDAY

Mass Intentions: February 28-March 6, 2022

Mary Immaculate

Monday			No Mass
Tuesday	6:00pm		Mass in Spanish
Wednesday	8:00am	+	Sylvia Collins, OFS
	6:30pm	†	Fr. Bill Kottenstette
Thursday	8:00am	†	Dwight DeRosear
Friday	7:00am	†	Gary Schulte
Saturday	5:30pm	†	Don Deiters
Sunday	9:00am	†	Mary Walker
Masks required	11:00am		For the People

St. Rose

Sunday 7:30am † Clem & Irene Rock

Newman Center

Ash Wednesday 12:00pm Masks required
Sunday 11:00am at all times
Wednesday 9:00pm in the Newman Center



William Eagen Council 3375 meeting (second Thursday monthly) will be March 10 at 7:30pm in the cafeteria/church basement.

Brother Knights, we are in need of people to **work the Fish Fry** during Lent and to provide cakes for dessert. Please contact Jim McCormick (660-956-2990, jmccormi@truman.edu) or Lance Llewellyn (660-626-7373, yesterdaysgarage@gmail.com) to sign up.

Readings For The Week

Monday: 1 Pt 1:3-9; Ps 111:1-2, 5-6,

9, 10c; Mk 10:17-27

Tuesday: 1 Pt 1:10-16; Ps 98:1-4;

Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt

6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6;

Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-

19; Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6;

Lk 5:27-32

Sunday: Dt 26:4-10; Ps 91:1-2, 10-

15; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13



The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for March: We pray for Christians facing new bioethical challenges; may they continue to

defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action.

Bishop McKnight's Prayer Intention for February: For those who are ill, depressed, or forgotten in society; may the charity and mercy of the local parish community manifest the healing presence of God and counter the culture of indifference.



The sanctuary lamp is offered for a special intention by Kit Hadwiger.



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the church on Fridays from 7:30am until 6pm

Stewardship News

\$ 45,000
\$ 10,385
\$ 50,986
\$ 5,986
\$ 6,752
\$ 6,966
\$ 15,440
\$ <i>4</i> ,608
\$ <i>4</i> ,988
\$ 12,232

March Birthdays

3/4	Jenna Eitel			Darice Todd
	Nathan Webb	3/	13	Amy Eagen
3/6	Axel Fuentes			Mary Lou Woehlk
	Cohen Holte	3/	14	Kristi Groseclose
	Brett Lemmon			Scott Schwend
3/7	Katelyn Horst			Ashlynn Stocks
	Estelle Maples	3/	15	Jason McKim
3/8	Dominic Altenhofen	3/	16	Dana Delaware
	Donald Reynolds			Joe Misale
3/9	Nicole Berkus	3/	17	Grant Kinney
	Jake Elmlinger	3/	18	Marion Airale
	Oumba Goldie J. Foulou			Rachel Ngalula
	Christopher Wilson			Nina Seedorf
3/10	Claire Benevento			Trish Sexton
Gus Davis		3/	19	Kimberly Olson
	Mary Jo Dunlap	3/2	20	Lydia Dawson
	James Hendler	3/2	21	Alex Hendler
	Austin Long	3/2	22	Cecelia Everette
3/12	Lucille Bussey			Sofia Ramirez
	Kristin Kinney			Cole Swisher

3/23 Leslie Eitel bulletin, please contact the Parish Center. anniversary or birthday and you are not on the list, or if you prefer no acknowledgement be printed in the Congratulations to these people! If you have a March Matthew Tornatore 3/24 Adam Eichelberger Donna Fortenberry Thérèse Ream OFS 3/26 Jarrett Groseclose 3/27 Carol McCoy Sharon McGahan Joseph Novinger 3/28 Hannah Meyer 3/29 Payton Herbst Gay Nichting Sandra Novinger 3/30 Elizabeth Janes Meredith Meyer Kimberly Moore 3/31 Leyda Flores Debbie Grgurich

The Mary Immaculate Piecemakers have been selling tickets for their annual quilt raffle for over 35 years. In that time, the price has remained the same, but this year we feel the need to increase the price of tickets to \$10. In 2021, the Piecemakers donated over \$5,000 for a new furnace/AC unit in the parish center, and through our history we've donated over \$100,000 to parish improvements. Thank you for your continued support!

We have 6 drawings per year. If you win, your name stays in for the possibility of winning again.

Please return ticket stubs and payment to the parish center (by mail or in person) or drop them in the collection basket.

Thank you very much for your continued support!

Mary Immaculate Piecemakers



March Wedding Anniversaries

Donald and Shayla Reynolds, 43 years on 3/11 Patrick and Susan Boren, 36 years on 3/15

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Catholic Stewardship Appeal

Saint Rose of Lima Parish

Parish Goal: \$1,938 Total Committed: \$375 Received: \$375

Mary Immaculate Parish

Parish Goal: \$32,640 Total Committed: \$36,325 Total Received: \$29,026

Diocese of Jefferson City:

Goal: \$2,000,000 Committed \$1,712,240 Received: \$1,515,587



From the Pastor

Fostering a Conscience for Life A few years ago I read a report on how parents come to decisions regarding the number of children to welcome into the world. Research suggests that decisions about numbers and spacing of births has a lot to do with child safety seating in motor vehicles. The cost and placement of infant and child seats is a significant factor. The researchers were examining the possible correlation of lowered fertility rates and child safety mandates for motor vehicles.

I had to think about this for some time and even checked in with a few families, without too much probing, about the dynamics of child safety devices in their cars. My experience is rather limited other than recalling the constant shifting and swapping of car seats that my mom and dad had to do in their role as grandparents. I remember my dad saying something about having to use mom's car because his car at the time wasn't adaptable to car seats. I think he was a bit relieved that he didn't have the after-school pickup duty.

Now, I am not going to wade into the complicated public policy decisions that have given rise to this dynamic. I actually want to confess my naiveté about these things. I must inform my conscience, reflect and learn, about the competing values at play and the economics of child safety and the fertility rate. I also must inform myself about how others might make a decision that the best way to keep a child safe from harm is not to have that child in the first place. Above all I must reflect on the nature of human life, the miracle of our existence, and the dignity of the human person which is an immeasurable good.

My point is that decisions about bringing new life into the world are the realm of the conscience. Making a decision about human life requires a level of engagement and understanding way beyond the ordinary, day to day choices we are faced with. To have an informed conscience admits that there are decisions in our life that require a special forum, an arena or theater if you will, that is appropriate and necessary for making important moral decisions. This place in our hearts where we invite the good to reside is called sacred. And it is indeed sacred because the conscience is where we encounter God speaking to us, calling us to fulfill the promise of our creation and walk the path into eternal life.

Gaudium et Spes offers this wonderful summary of the conscience for our times: "In the depths of his conscience, man detects a law which he does not impose upon himself, but which holds him to obedience. Always summoning him to love good and avoid evil, the voice of

conscience when necessary speaks to his heart: do this, shun that. For man has in his heart a law written by God; to obey it is the very dignity of man; according to it he will be judged. Conscience is the most secret core and sanctuary of a man. There he is alone with God, Whose voice echoes in his depths." [GS #16]

Conscience is a human faculty which takes place in the heart of an individual person, but the conscience is anything but self-centered. In our conscience we encounter the God who created us. The conscience is where God reveals His truth: that we are created in the image and likeness of God, God who is a community of persons. The conscience is where we hear the greatest commandment, to love God with all our hearts and to love our neighbor as ourselves, and find the grace to put that commandment into practice.

Last month we recalled the tragic Supreme Court decision that desecrated the conscience, stripping it of compassion and charity and relegating it to a mere calculus of personal utility. We are entering the time of the year when through our external prayer, sacrifice and charity we ask God's help to repair and strengthen the hidden sanctuary of our consciences. And this is the time of the year when we proclaim the sacred truth to others who have consciences imperfectly formed, weakened by sin or willful ignorance.

Over fifty years ago, Gaudium et Spes spoke prophetic words about the immeasurable value of human life: "In our times a special obligation binds us to make ourselves the neighbor of every person without exception and of actively helping him when he comes across our path, whether he be an old person abandoned by all, a foreign laborer unjustly looked down upon, a refugee, a child born of an unlawful union and wrongly suffering for a sin he did not commit, or a hungry person who disturbs our conscience by recalling the voice of the Lord, "As long as you did it for one of these the least of my brethren, you did it for me" (Matt. 25:40) Furthermore, whatever is opposed to life itself, such as any type of murder, genocide, abortion, euthanasia or willful self-destruction, whatever violates the integrity of the human person, such as mutilation, torments inflicted on body or mind, attempts to coerce the will itself; whatever insults human dignity, such as subhuman living conditions, arbitrary imprisonment, deportation, slavery, prostitution, the selling of women and children; as well as disgraceful working conditions, where men are treated as mere tools for profit, rather than as free and responsible persons; all these things and others of their like are infamies indeed. They poison human society, but they do more harm to those who practice them than

those who suffer from the injury. Moreover, they are supreme dishonor to the Creator."

How then shall our consciences be well-formed? The passage just quoted from *Gaudium et Spes* gives us a way forward. Our conscience is the forum of judgment for moral actions. It makes sense that it in turn will be brought into the final tribunal at the last judgment. Christ likens this judgment to a farmer separating the sheep from the goats. Christ gives us a very simple criterion to assist in forming our own consciences, the criterion by which we will be judged: "Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me." Our choices are encounters with the living God in Jesus Christ. How can we ever deprive a human life of this opportunity to encounter God?



We meet for the Catechumenate (Religious Instruction) for Christian Initiation, Wednesday evenings at 6:30pm in the parish center.

March 2: Ash Wednesday Mass

Please remember in prayer and in encouragement and welcome to our Catechumens, Matt and Sawyer Berkus and Dawn and Hayden Howd, who are preparing to be baptized; and Brianna Vice who is a candidate preparing to be received into full communion of the Catholic Church.

If you, or someone you know, has been thinking about being Baptized, or Confirmed, or being received into communion of the Catholic Church, please contact the parish office, or Deacon Chris Korte (660-342-1147; chris.tsnewman@gmail.com).

MIYM ANNOUNCEMENTS

UPCOMING EVENTS:

3/2/2022: NO YOUTH MINISTRY ASHWEDNESDAY MASS

3/9/2022: NO YOUTH MINISTRY

3/16/2022, 6:30PM @NEWMAN: YOUTH MINISTRY NIGHT 3/23/2022, 6:30PM @NEWMAN: YOUTH MINISTRY NIGHT

CONNECT WITH US:

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INSTAGRAM: @MIYOUTHMIN



PSR classes are in person this year at Mary Immaculate School on Wednesday nights from 6:30-7:45 pm. If you are new to the Parish and want to enroll your child(ren), please contact

Chris Koch, PSR Coordinator, chris.koch@miparish.org.

PSR will serve in ministry roles at the 6:30 pm
Ash Wednesday Mass.

As another Lenten journey of conversion begins on Ash Wednesday, March 2, 2022, and ends with the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, April 14, 2022, the Catholic Church calls all Catholics to a deeper spirit of penance, fasting, almsgiving and prayer, "which express conversion in relation to oneself, to God, and to others" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, nos. 1434 and 1969).

To foster a greater spirit of penance, reparation for sin, to encourage self-denial, which guide us more closely in the footsteps of Christ, the Church reminds us of the following obligations of fast and abstinence during Lent and also admonishes us all to deeper prayer and worship.

Abstinence: All who have celebrated their 14th birthday are bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, all Fridays of Lent and Good Friday.

Fasting: Everyone, from the celebration of their 18th birthday to their 59th birthday, is bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Fasting means eating only one full meal each day. Two other partial meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken; but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids are allowed.

Voluntary fasting on other weekdays of Lent is highly recommended. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, neither the law of fasting nor the law of abstinence obliges. These are minimal penitential practices and should not be lightly excused. If in doubt, please consult your parish priest.

Other recommended forms of fasting, as regards alcoholic drink, needless television, video games, Internet use, and social entertainment, are of true spiritual value and strongly encouraged.

Almsgiving: The act of giving to the poor, in the most ancient tradition of the Church, is an expression of penance, a witness of fraternal charity, and an expression of Lenten conversion. Catholics are encouraged to support generously the charitable works of the whole Church: through regular stewardship to their parish, support of charities, and their generous response to the diocesan Catholic Stewardship Appeal.

Prayer: To deepen one's love for Christ, Catholics are urged to participate in the sacramental life of the Church during Lent by attending daily Mass and frequenting the sacrament of Reconciliation.

https://diojeffcity.org/blog/distributed-posts/lenten-regulations-and-admonitions-for-2022/



DATES TO REMEMBER:

March 2 – Ash Wednesday March 4 – 3rd Quarter Ends March 7-11 – Spring Break; No School

Stewardship

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- 1. **Pray** attend Mass on weekends and Holy Days.
- 2. **Participate** by giving of your time and talent in support of the life of the ministry of the parish.
- 3. **Sacrificially Give** returning to God what is God's, in financial support of the work of His Church.



The Knights of Columbus Lenten Fish Fry is back! The Knights will be having a fish fry on Fridays during Lent. The first two weeks will be take-out only and orders can be picked up at the Mary Immaculate cafeteria between 5:30 and 7:30 PM.

You can order ahead of time online at tinyurl.com/
MIFishFryOrder up to 3PM Friday and your order will be waiting for you when you arrive. This year's menu includes beer battered cod, French fries, green beans, and cake. Baked fish will be available via pre-order. The cost is \$8 for a full order or \$5 for students with a



valid student ID. We hope to have limited sit down seating starting in the third week of Lent, so watch the bulletin for further information.



QUARTER SUNDAY UPDATE

A relatively new parishioner heard the QS announcement from the ambo on February 6 and visited the parish center to ask what it was all about. So I figured this was a good time to take a look at where we've been, where we are now, and where we're headed. If you've heard all this before, you can skip down to below the asterisks on the next page, where I tell a recent story.

I looked back about ten years. Back then, the monthly collection brought in about \$6,000 per year, and we gave \$35 to anyone who asked for help with utilities, and one night at a motel for those who asked for emergency housing. My first fiscal year here (2018/19), the collection rose to about \$9,000 per year, and we started pledging \$50 toward utilities requests. We also learned that we were inadvertently providing emergency housing to substance abusers and dealers, which was causing trouble with the police and doing no one any real good. That's when we started collaborating with Community Action (CAP NEMO) and the Salvation Army (TSA) to vet people by requiring them to do intake paperwork with either agency. Not only did this help us steward our funds better, but it got the recipients connected to more comprehensive help. TSA has a program called Pathways of Hope, and when those participants put in the work to get their lives back on track, we are happy to invest in their success, knowing that it will bear fruit in the long term.

In May of 2020, Truman asked for our help and we paid rent for two apartments full of Nepalese exchange students who were stranded here because of the pandemic, unable to work because of the terms of their student visas. In late 2020, we started hearing from Preferred Family, asking for help paying the fees for their clients to obtain birth certificates, which is the first step toward getting state ID, necessary to obtain employment. We donated Christmas Blessing Boxes to Pantry for Adair County (PAC), and during the terrible cold snap that winter, we were able to send trusted repairmen to help a couple of people with broken pipes and malfunctioning furnaces.

In fiscal year 2020/21, you donated nearly \$18,000 toward the care of our brothers and sisters in need. We started helping regularly with rent after the covid eviction moratorium ended, with proper documentation. PAC volunteers now keep the parish center stocked with groceries to provide emergency boxes to those who need food before the next

distribution day. Over the last few months we've also started collaborating with the SB40 Disability Board, to help provide some of the equipment needed by their clients, which is too expensive for many clients to afford, and not fully covered by grant funding or insurance. This has included items like a harnessed swing and home and auto safety devices. SB40 is also hosting a Community Engagement conference in March, so I'll report back on that next month.

The interagency collaboration is amazing: each has its own niche, and when we all come together, we can get some real work done.

The nitty gritty: We pledge by phone or online. The motel and utility companies treat a pledge like cash in hand, and we put a check in the mail within a few days. The SB40 Board makes the necessary purchases on account, and then emails a copy of the receipt, and we send them our contribution by check. I generally email landlords to get scans of lease documentation and make pledges. Everything is logged on paper in a binder, and we've got at least the last couple of years in digital format as well, so that we can look people up quickly to see their history with us.

In February, we received a call from another agency. A client had come in with the presenting problem of needing help with rent. A little gentle exploration revealed layers of need: a situation of abuse and neglect, an ongoing untreated medical issue, and a very simple need that we rarely think of, because most of us just take access for granted: This woman had no feminine hygiene products. She couldn't afford them, but without them she had to leave work repeatedly to clean up, so it was a downward spiral putting her job at risk. CAP NEMO can't just hand people cash, so they called us. We can't disburse cash either, so I emailed several parishioners who came to mind, and asked if they would be willing to help. Two women said they could shop and deliver over the lunch hour. Two more donated cash, and a third said she couldn't leave work, but she could order an e-gift card and email it to one of the shoppers. Another made a personal connection to help address the medical issue. This caseworker and her client were overwhelmed to see the love and care expressed by Catholics for one of "the least of these." It is a tremendous ongoing witness in the community when we can help financially, but it was even more a blessing that people were willing to take time out of their day to come together on short notice and meet this need.

I'm so proud to be a part of Mary Immaculate parish. Sometimes Quarter Sunday calls are simple, and sometimes they are complicated. Sometimes people are difficult and exhausting, and sometimes (usually!) they are polite and grateful. However it goes, it is a privilege to represent you to the community, and to work together to advance the kingdom of God in northeast Missouri. Thank you so much for your faithful support!

Please Pray For Our Sick Loved Ones

Marion Airale, Theresa Armentrout, Debi Barlow, Laura Bell, Mary Maye Bentley, Bennett. Sheryll Berendzen, Deacon Ken & Marianne Berry, Dan Bishop, Deborah Brown, Troy Bruner, son of Denise & Bruner, Roger Butt, Raquel Cooley. friend of V.R. Hatfield, Reid Cowan, Kristina Crockett, Carol Daugherty, Carol Davis, Willa Deiters, Mary & Scott Detring, Clayton Dillavou, Larry Duarte, Durflinger family, relatives of Maxine Martin, Ann Ferguson, Amy Fleshman, Paula Foster, Mike Fox, Steve Frye, Dorothy Gonnerman, James Goroski, father of Evonne Bird, Anne Gramling, Andy Grgurich, Flo Griesbaum, Caleb Griffel, Beverly & Gary Grubrich, Bill Hannant, Rick Hatfield, son-in-law of Loretta McClanahan, Emily Hays, Eldon and Jo Ellen Hays' sister-in-law, Susan Hellmer, sister of Sandy Lammers, Tracy Herman, sister of Marsha Jones, Tony Hettinger, Don Hoerner, **Bobbi** Hogenson, Rick Hoskins, father Susan Speak, Kathy Howard, Patsy Jones, Dr. Charles Kline, Steve Koch, brother of Chris Koch and Susan Foster. Thomasa Koch, sister-in-law of Chris Koch and Susan Foster, Gannon Kriegshauser, great nephew of Mark & Judy Blacksmith, Pat Lehr, Tim Lewin, Thomas Lorenz, Ann Lowe, Rita Ludden, Bernice Maag, Logan Maher, Pat Maloney, mother of Mindy Grissom. Mary Martin, Sally Martin, Vi Martin, Cindy Mayberry, Ron McClanahan, Carmelita McVay, Josh Meyer, Joe of Mihalevich. brother Mihalevich, Joe and Judi Misale, Annie Morin, Glenn Neuweg, Gay Nichting, Jo Ann Pearce, Sharon Petersen, Jerry Platt. Vivian Prose. sister of Darice Todd, Leona Ragsdale, Sherri Ray, Florence Rene, Clive Renfroe, Joey Renick, Tina Rinaldi, Rick Sayre, Shaffer, Donna Schmitt. Carolyn Bernard Schreck, father of Marsha Jones, Dawn Shaw, daughter of Willa Deiters, Jean Ann Sidwell, Jane Smith, sister of Dottie Walker. Madonna Sorell. Jim & JoAnne Spalding, Tim Spencer, Tammy & Levi Tarr, Helen Todd, mother of Brian Todd, Dr. J.D. Vater, John Wallace, brother of Mary Myers, Lisa Welch, Jim Welschmeyer, father of Katy Korte, Wilma Wellman, Gerhard and Wiedermann, parents Elisabeth Andrea Davis, Barb Williams, Delana Wilson, Rod Yuskis

Please contact the Parish Center to have a name added to or removed from the prayer list.

School News for the Parish Bulletin - February 21, 2022

Hi, All!

We did get to have our Disney Day this week. Fun was had by all. Even the teachers got into character. Catholic Schools Week started and ended on a wonderful note. We are so blessed with wonderful teachers, staff, parents and students.

If you didn't have a chance to go to the Sweetheart Dinner, you missed out. These lovely sweethearts did a marvelous job organizing, decorating, preparing, etc. Thank you to: Jenny Wilson,





Melissa Cleaver, Sarah Leyden, and Kristin Rouner. It was marvelous. Shout out to all those who donated to, helped with, and made the event a success.

If you haven't heard, we are going to be going through a site review of our school on February 23 - 25, 2022. Sarah Leyden and Courtney Bonnell are co-chairing the leadership of the review. They have done a wonderful job. We all appreciate them greatly. It's a whole school event. Lots of parents, teachers and students have put a lot of work into making this review the best yet. An outside team comes to look at our school in eleven areas: 1. Mission and Philosophy 2. Climate 3. Leadership 4. Personnel 5. Curriculum 6. Instruction 7. Services 8. Facilities

9. Finance 10. Early Childhood Program 11. Before and After School Care Programs. We are hoping to get a great review. I'll let you know more about that next week. We sure could use some prayers this week.

We heard some great news this week. Mrs. Murmylo had her 7th and 8th grade class participate in an essay contest sponsored by the Kirksville MLK Jr. Community Celebration Committee. WE HAD WINNERS! Rosemary Shook won 2nd place and Eleisa Korte won 3rd place. They each received a certificate and a gift card. Some of the other students: Aiden Bergman, Jack Quinn, Cormac Nolan, Daxtyn Eskra, Cristian Bergman, Etienne Begley, Jonathan Barhorst, Neely Miller, Calvin Ihnat, Nathan Webb, and



Adelphi Eichelberger also received participation certificates and gift cards. Thanks, Mrs. Murmylo! Well done, everyone! You all make us proud!

This past week we had 2 snow days. God works in mysterious ways; the faculty and staff needed a few days off. You do know the teachers love a good snow day just as much as the kids, right? When I was teaching, it seemed it always came at just the right time. This year has been a little stressful, as it is our second year teaching during the COVID19 pandemic. I am sorry to all those parents out there who probably don't love a snow day as much as teachers and students, but here's hoping you got to spend a relaxing few days together.

That's the news from this week. I'll come back with more next week!

Love and blessings, Ann



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