

# Mary Immaculate Parish

716 E. Washington St.  
Kirksville, MO 63501

## Office hours 8am to 3pm Monday-Friday

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Kindly submit bulletin items for publication by 3pm on the Monday prior. Thank you!

**Mary Immaculate School** 660-665-1006

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Fridays and Saturdays, 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.

SECOND SUNDAY OF

# Advent



DECEMBER 4, 2022

John the Baptist appeared,  
preaching in the desert of Judea and saying,  
"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!"

MATTHEW 3:1

## 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 at MI**, with the brief exception of the moment of reception of Holy Communion.



### Catholic Newman Center

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



### St. Rose of Lima

911 Rombauer Ave.  
Novinger, MO 63559

### Clergy

Msgr. Marion Makarewicz, V.F., Pastor  
Deacons Dave Ream OFS, Chris Korte,  
& Edwin Pacheco, Assistants to the Pastor

### Parish Staff

Mat & Janelle Stephens, Youth Ministers  
Mary Wolken, Bookkeeper  
Chris Koch, PSR Coordinator

Lynn Carter OFS, Secretary and  
VIRTUS/Safe Environment  
Coordinator

### Parish Pastoral Council Members

Matt Wolken, President  
Kathleen Everette, Vice President  
Chris Koch, Secretary

Sabra Adams Patrick Nolan  
Damian Schulte Ben Seedorf

### Hispanic Ministry

Deacon Edwin Pacheco

### Mary Immaculate School

Ann Gray, Principal

### Newman Center

Deacon Chris Korte, Director  
Rev. Simeon Etonu, Chaplain

## Calendar of Events

**Monday, December 5**—*Advent Weekday*  
6:30pm Scouts, Cafeteria and Gym

**Tuesday, December 6** —*Saint Nicholas, Bishop*  
4:00pm Bible study, Parish Center

**Wednesday, December 7**—*St. Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor of the Church*  
6:30pm Youth Ministry and PSR go to Mass

**Thursday, December 8**—*The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary*  
**Holy Day of Obligation**  
**Parish Center closed**  
3:00pm Ignatian Adventure, Parish Center

**Friday, December 9**—*Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin*  
4:30pm Confessions, Church

**Saturday, December 10**—*Advent Weekday*  
4:30pm Confessions, Church

**Sunday, December 11**—*Third Sunday of Advent*  
2:00pm Communal Penance Service, Newman Center

## Readings For The Week

**Monday:** Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Lk 5:17-26

**Tuesday:** Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13; Mt 18:12-14

**Wednesday:** Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30

**Thursday:** Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

**Friday:** Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19

**Saturday:** Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

**Sunday:** Is 35:1-6a, 10; Ps 146:6-10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11

## Mass Intentions: December 5-11, 2022

### Mary Immaculate

Monday		No Mass
Tuesday	<b>7:00pm</b>	† Robert Theobald, Sr. (Spanish)
Wednesday	<b>6:30pm</b>	† Junior and Marie Johnson
Thursday	8:00am	For the People
	<b>6:30pm</b>	† Paulie Schmitz
Friday	7:00 am	† George Sutter
Saturday	5:30pm	† Deacon Philip Ordonio III
Sunday	9:00am	† James and Eileen Goroski
Masks required	11:00am	† Gladys Koch

### St. Rose

Sunday 7:30am For the People

### Newman Center

Wednesday 9:00pm  
Sunday 11:00am Last regular Mass before winter break

## Stewardship News

<b>Budget Goal per Month</b>	<b>\$ 47,920</b>
<b>Weekly Goal</b>	<b>\$ 11,060</b>
<b>November Offertory</b>	<b>\$ 47,600</b>
Difference	<b>&lt;-\$320&gt;</b>
Week 1	<b>\$ 14,309</b>
Week 2	<b>\$ 4,634</b>
Week 3	<b>\$ 8,394</b>
Week 4	<b>\$ 7,317</b>
Electronic Transfers	<b>\$ 12,946</b>



301 lbs. of cereal and other food from the November collection!



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

## Immaculate Conception Masses Holy Day of Obligation

**December 7 6:30pm**  
**December 8 8:00am and 6:30pm**

**All at Mary Immaculate**



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

## December Birthdays

12/1 Garrett Antoine	12/10 Jessica Jones	12/22 Oscar Day
Tom Doorack	Roger Kellison	12/23 Patrick Nolan
Ashlin Wilson	Mary Mangini	Damian Schulte
12/2 Jonathan Barhorst	12/11 Sophia Maag	12/24 Lisa Dahlman
Robert Mollick	Doug Nichting	Harry Davis
Joshua Pacheco	Edward Schneider	12/25 Rosemarie Klassen
Penelope Wilson	Case Swisher	Jesus of Nazareth
12/3 Mary Antoine	Olivia Williams	12/27 David Fleak
Mike Early	12/12 Chris Mansfield	Katy Korte
Tom Hawkins	12/13 Kate Speak	12/28 Kiersten Marek
Theresa Kelly	12/14 Cindy DeLeeuw	Arletta Nelson
Lysle Meyer	Emma Palumbo	12/29 Bridgette Hays
Cooper Noah	12/15 Bess Willis	Kevin Head
12/4 Nicole Fleak	12/16 Pat Vanderhoof	Garrett McKim
Karen Hutchens	12/17 Elijah Elmlinger	Bonita Schmitz
Jackson Vogt	Christian Kilmer	12/30 Kimberly DeLeon
12/6 Meghan Schulte	12/18 Dale Schenewerk	Chad Miller
12/7 Luke Sarkar	12/19 Steve Kuttenkuler	Clarisse Nlandu
Jennifer Wilson	Terese Roberts	Susan Speak
12/8 Lucas Sweet	12/20 Jeremy Day	Lucy Tiedemann
12/9 Ian DeLeeuw	Ashley Delaney	Will Tiedemann
Ann Gray	Heather Erickson-Davis	
Loretta McClanahan	Mary Jane Kiefer	
Steven Webb	12/21 Margie Kurz	
Jusiel-Urielle Zayembwa	Vivian Wilson	

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

## December Wedding Anniversaries

Damon and Paula Swisher, 10 years on 12/1  
 Glenn and Vicky Wehner, **45 years** on 12/10  
 George and Diane Schulte, **51 years** on 12/18  
 Brent and Susan Speak, 23 years on 12/18  
 Charlie and Tina Zeman, 36 years on 12/20  
 Steve and Kit Hadwiger 37 years on 12/26  
 Jay and Vicki Benson, 29 years on 12/31  
 Todd and Kristina Palumbo, 29 years on 12/31



**Quilt tickets for 2023 are on sale, at \$10 each. Tickets are good all year, so you can win more than once! The most recent donation from the Piecemakers to the parish was the replacement of the HVAC system in the parish center, for which we are very grateful!**



**The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for December: We pray that volunteer non-profit organizations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation.**

**Bishop McKnight's Prayer Intention for December: During the holiday season, may our self-centeredness be replaced with generosity; our frustration with compassion; our anxieties with patience; and our intolerance with understanding.**



### DATES TO REMEMBER:

**Dec. 8** – Immaculate Conception Mass – 8:00 am  
**Dec. 9** – Early Dismissal (1:30 pm); Faculty Mtg  
**Dec. 9** – Polar Express Family Night

# From the Pastor

## The Advent Entrance Antiphons

For the last sixty years in most US parishes, we have sung songs or hymns at the Entrance Procession at Mass. We have fully embraced worship in English, transitioning rather quickly and completely from Latin.

My faith has been nourished so much by the rich variety of scripture-based songs, or theologically deep hymns that has become the common repertoire. In general, we have succeeded in engaging the average person in full, active, and conscious participation in the liturgy by joining in song. Some communities are more successful than others in this effort. My own observation is that we have quite a lot of work to do if we are to get to the next level of participation and have everyone join in every time we sing.

This isn't meant to be an evaluation of our parish's musical talent. I am inviting everyone to consider what are the values at play when we gather for Sunday worship and how taking some time to reflect on the values the Church offers for glorifying God and for our sanctification.

We can all agree that music is something that human beings hold as valuable. Aside from styles and preferences, it is clear that most people see music as an essential component of making things beautiful, or at least special in some way.

Since the updated translation of the Roman Missal was published in 2010, those who are tasked with forming the ministers and the people regarding the art of celebrating the Mass have been working on ways to use the antiphons that are provided in the Missal more regularly. We already do this well when it comes to the antiphon/refrain and text for the responsorial psalm. But most people don't realize that each Mass we celebrate has a specific antiphon written for the Entrance and Communion processions.

Father Dan Merz of our diocese and who worked at the Bishops' Conference in the Divine Worship Office has especially invited the priests of the diocese to become more familiar with using the antiphons and psalm texts. At the Priests Institute each fall, we have been primarily singing antiphons and psalms instead of songs and hymns.

This is something that the Worship Commission and the musicians have been discussing this past year. There is no specific plan for the use of antiphons for the beginning of Mass and for Communion, but we are considering how we might use these liturgical gems more frequently. I would like everyone to know about something the Church has treasured as a great value for many centuries and see how we could appropriate them into our worship.

It's a big challenge and just something to keep in mind as we continue to enhance the collaboration required to provide music in service of the liturgy. I really appreciate all those who are so generous in their service of leadership in music ministry. And I invite parishioners with even the most humble musical gifts to consider becoming part of music ministry. Andrew and Chiara Schaper are the coordinators for music ministry. Please contact them to discuss what role you could play in our music ministry.

So, all that is a prelude to simply introducing the texts of the Entrance Antiphons for Advent. Some might remember these before the new rites were introduced. Many of the themes and ideas of these antiphons are used in some of the music composed in recent years. Throughout the history of their use in the Roman Rite, their message has shaped how we celebrate Advent, and prepare for the coming of the Lord.

**Ad Te Levavi:** The First Sunday of Advent is based on Psalm 25 (24 in traditional numbering).

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God.  
In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame.  
Nor let my enemies exult over me;  
and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

Given the strong thematic elements of the readings for the First Sunday of Advent centered around the Second Coming and the Day of Judgment, the Church surprises us with a simple statement of trust, but with a good hint of bargaining with God. As with many of the psalms, there is implied a continuing conversation with God in the prayer. "God, I am putting my hope on you. Don't embarrass me in front of my enemies. You wouldn't want to see them laughing at my misplaced trust." This antiphon examines the very real and personal consequences for the one who is waiting for the Lord who seems to be taking His time. It captures perfectly the manner in which the Advent antiphons focus on the human emotional experience of watching and waiting.

**Populus Sion:** Isaiah 30 is the source for the Second Sunday of Advent.

O people of Sion, behold,  
the Lord will come to save the nations,  
and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard  
in the joy of your heart.

This antiphon demonstrates the particular flavor of Advent penitence. The Gospel that will be proclaimed shortly thereafter is the sobering call of John the Baptist to turn away from sin and evil. The hard work of repentance, of straightening out that which sin has made crooked, is a necessary part of Advent. That is why we will have a communal reconciliation service next Sunday. But repentance is just the first step to salvation. The Entrance

Antiphon introduces the Advent theme that is first and foremost: our joy when the Lord comes. Universal joy and gladness. Sometimes our hopes are just too small. This antiphon suggests we hope bigger.

**Gaudete in Domino semper:** Philippians 4 gives us the most familiar of the Advent antiphons.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice.  
Indeed, the Lord is near.

Why the pink (liturgically known as “rose”)? This antiphon says it all. There is so much more to the Third Sunday of Advent than a break from the purple (liturgically known as “violet”). Back in the day, simplicity in food, drink, and music—sacrifice isn’t only for Lent—was much more noticeable. Typically the organ was silenced during Advent. Even today the rule is that instruments should only be used to support singing with no organ or other instrumental pieces. On the Third Sunday of Advent, the rose reminds us that joy in meeting the Lord is one of the most important goals of the season. Think of chapter 15 of the Gospel of Luke and the parables of joy at finding what is lost. If God is joyful at the salvation of the lost, then we too will know the joy we long for in every encounter with the Lord. Rejoice always? We are familiar with the recommendation to pray always. Is constant joy even possible? This antiphon seems to say yes!

**Rorate, cæli, desuper:** The Fourth Sunday’s antiphon from Isaiah 45 is a perfect expression of how the Advent Season’s themes are literally rooted in the human experience.

Drop down dew from above, ye heavens,  
and let the clouds rain down the Just One;  
let the earth be opened and bring forth a Savior.

I often think that there is a kind of bait and switch going on in Advent. Well, more like a carrot and stick, with the stick coming first and the carrot at the end. So we start out with a terrifying look at the end that comes to all things, and to each of us. But Advent is at its heart preparing to celebrate with joy the Incarnation. That most clearly is represented by Christmas. But it is much more than just celebrating the birth of Christ. This Sunday’s antiphon gives us an image we can understand. God comes forth from the stuff of the earth just as surely as a plant springs out of the ground. We are invited to consider the Incarnation of Christ as more than just the Son of God coming in the flesh. The true goal of the Incarnation is to redeem all things. And this earthy image reminds us again at how universal in hope our desire for redemption truly is. Jesus is Emmanuel, God-with-us.



## 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 18, 2022. Thank you!

*Given in Memory of:*

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*Given in Honor of:*

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*From:*

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### Deanery Advent Penance Services

Dec 7	Holy Family	Hannibal	6:30pm
Dec 11	Newman Ctr	Kirksville	2:00pm
Dec 13	Imm. Conception	Brookfield	6:30pm
	St. Joseph	Palmyra	6:30pm
Dec 14	St. Joseph	Edina	7:00pm
Dec 15	St. Mary	Shelbina	7:00pm
Dec 18	St. Bonaventure	Marceline	7:00pm
Dec 19	Queen of Peace	Ewing	7:00pm
Dec 20	St. Joseph	Canton	7:00pm



St. Joseph Church in Edina is in need of a Director of Religious Education and a secretary. Both positions are part time and fewer than 15 hours per week. Please call the office at 660-397-2183 M,T,TH,F 1-4pm to request an application.



**BIBLE STUDY**

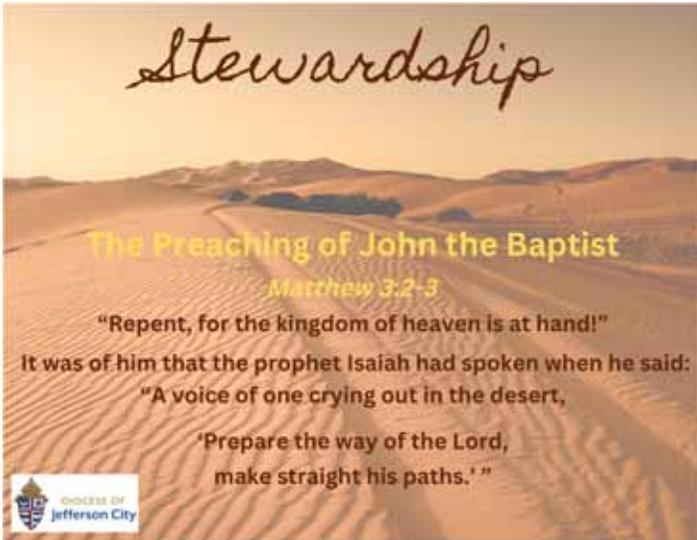
**Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study Group** has started the second half of the diocesan stewardship study. All are welcome! They meet at 4pm in the parish center, and expect to be together December 6, then break for the holidays and resume January 10. For more info, please contact Sharon at smcgahan@truman.edu or 660-988-7012.



Our **Parish School of Religion** or PSR Program is for all Parish children who are in Preschool (age 4) through 8th grade who are not enrolled at Mary Immaculate School. We meet at Mary Immaculate School on most **Wednesday nights 6:30-7:45 pm**. This year, the 7th/8th Graders will have Confirmation preparation and attendance is required for the students to be confirmed.

Contact me at [chris.koch@miparish.org](mailto:chris.koch@miparish.org) to register your child(ren) if you are a new family in the Parish.

~Chris Koch, Mary Immaculate PSR Coordinator



The second Tuesday monthly (**December 13**) is Bellacinos Payback Night. There is now a form required to give proper credit to the parish school and to the specific class. Please go to [miparish.org](http://miparish.org) and then click on Resources at the far right of the blue bar at the top of the page to find the PDF, or check the back table at church.

Pre-K: Mrs. Ihnat Kindergarten: Mrs. Bailey  
1st/2nd: Mrs. Long 5th/6th: Mrs. Singleton  
3rd/4th: Mrs. Hays 7th/8th: Mrs. Murmylo



## Christmas Mass Schedule

### Christmas Eve

**4:30pm at the Newman Center**  
**Midnight at Mary Immaculate**

### Christmas Day

**7:30am at St. Rose**  
**9:30am at Mary Immaculate**

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



Please remember to bring your Giving Tree gifts to church by **Sunday, December 11**, to allow time for sorting and delivery before Christmas. The collection box is by the literature table near the side entrance at Mary Immaculate, and in the vestibule at St.

Rose. A helpful hint: **take a quick photo of your tags** when you take them off the tree, or write down the identifying letter/number code. Every year a few people lose their tags, and it's much easier to get your gifts to the right place if you can tell us the code. Thank you for your generous response to our ministry of charity!

**December Youth Ministry**

12/7 - Mass at MI (YM leading music) 6:30pm  
12/14 - Christmas Fun and Games (last YM of the year)  
6:30-8 at Newman

Email [youthministry@miparish.org](mailto:youthministry@miparish.org)

## Please Pray For Our Sick Loved Ones

Theresa Armentrout, Debi Barlow, Laura Bell, Mary Maye Bennett, Sheryll Bentley, Sam Berendzen, Deacon Ken & Marianne Berry, Dan Bishop, Troy Bruner, son of Denise & Mike Bruner, Roger Butt, Verla Choitz, sister of Carol McCoy, Raquel Cooley, friend of V.R. Hatfield, Reid Cowan, Kristina Crockett, Carol Daugherty, Carol Davis, Willa Deiters, Mary & Scott Detring, Larry Dieker, brother of Sandy Lammers, Larry Duarte, Ann Ferguson, Sheldon Fessler, friend of the Behnen family, Amy Fleshman, Paula Foster, Mike Fox, Caitlin Frushour Estes, family of Maxine Martin, Amy Frye, Steve Frye, Bishop John Gaydos, Pamela Gobier, niece of Bobbi Hogenson, Dorothy Gonnerman, Anne Gramling, Flo Griesbaum, Caleb Griffel, Beverly & Gary Grubrich, Bill Hannant, Susan Hellmer, sister of Sandy Lammers, Tracy Herman, sister of Marsha Jones, Tony Hettinger, Don Hoerner, Bobbi Hogenson, Rick Hoskins, father of 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, Mary Martin, Sally Martin, Vi Martin, Cindy Mayberry, Allison McBee, cousin of Don McCoy, Ron McClanahan, Carmelita McVay, Joe Mihalevich, brother of Twerps Mihalevich, Maureen Miltzer, friend of the Kurz family, Judi Misale, Annie Morin, Glenn Neuweg, Gay Nichting, Jo Ann Pearce, Jerry Platt, Vivian Prose, sister of Darice Todd, Aleksandra Pulsucki, Sherri Ray, Florence Rene, Clive Renfroe, Joey Renick, Tina Rinaldi, family of Martin Rupe, brother in law of Maxine Martin, Rick Sayre, Carolyn Shaffer, Donna Schmitt, Bernard Schreck, father of Marsha Jones, Joe Schreck, cousin of Marsha Jones, Dorothy Selby, Dawn Shaw, daughter of Willa Deiters, Jean Ann Sidwell, Madonna Sorell, Jim & JoAnne Spalding, Tim Spencer, Tammy & Levi Tarr, Kaitlin (Early) Taylor, Helen Todd, mother of Brian Todd, Dr. J.D. Vater, Ryan Wallace, nephew of Mary Myers, Susan Wallin, Mother of Melissa Passe, Lisa Welch, Wilma Wellman, Gerhard and Elisabeth Wiedermann, parents of Andrea Davis, Barb Williams, Delana Wilson, Rod Yuskis, Bob Zuccarini, nephew of Elsie Eddy, Brian Zweimiller, brother-in-law of Brian and Darice Todd. *Please contact the parish office to have a name added to or removed from the prayer list.*



## Local Benevolence Update

Thank you to all of you who are tithing and even contributing over-and-above to help care for those in need in the community! In November, we helped with four electric bills, six water bills, and three nights of emergency housing. In addition, we funded one state ID (“non-drivers license”), which will allow the holder to apply for jobs. We also paid the full water deposit for a single-parent family with several children that escaped domestic violence in another state. They are enrolled in The Salvation Army’s Pathways of Hope program, which provides “targeted services to families with a desire to take action to break the generational cycle of crisis and enable a path out of poverty.” TSA/POH policies are such that they can help with bills, but they can’t pay anything toward a deposit. When they reached out to us, I knew that pledging the full amount would pretty much deplete our account, and I remarked to the social services director at TSA that it would be a stretch, but God likes those challenges, right? She agreed, and just a couple of days later a donation came in that covered it, plus a bit more. And then another donation came in, just in time to meet a request from Preferred Family, where a client was being released to a sober-living home, and he needed funds for a deposit. We’ve done this a couple of times before, and I feel like it’s one of the most significant life-changing non-bandaid ways we can help a person. The homes require a deposit of around \$200, and then within a week or two of moving in, the resident is expected to have a job and pay their own minimal rent and expenses. The case worker at PFH is going to ask a couple of clients to write something about this for us in their own words, which I will share when received.



Now I need to clear up a misconception that I heard from a surprising number of people a couple of weeks ago: if you would like to make a direct contribution to Quarter Sunday/local benevolence, over and above your tithe, **YES, you absolutely may do that!** I was approached by people very concerned about the cold snap and what it meant for our homeless brothers and sisters in particular, disappointed that they “weren’t allowed” to send anything extra to Quarter Sunday. Yikes! We have QS in the budget now, so that it is a *ministry of the entire parish*, not just of the people who decided to contribute when the monthly collection happened. But that doesn’t mean you can’t contribute directly, should you feel so called. At the social services inter-agency zoom meeting in mid-November, it was noted that there is a very clear influx of homeless individuals and families into Kirksville right now. It’s terrible timing with the weather! So I’m not at all surprised that the Holy Spirit is poking people, and we will be very happy to accept your donations and put them to work caring for those in need.

Thank you so much for your support!

# ***Knights of Columbus***



## **Annual Christmas party**



Place: *The Newman Center*

Date: *December 17<sup>th</sup>*

Cost: *\$17.50 per person*    Time: *6:00 p.m. social*

*6:30 p.m. meal*    *Please RSVP with check by Dec 12<sup>th</sup>*

You may leave it either at the Newman Center or the Parish Center

Come for an evening of fun, food & Fraternity

We will have the White Elephant gift grab

(Please bring a wrapped gift of no more than \$10 value)





We believe the best place for a child to begin healing from abuse and neglect is in the home of a dedicated, loving caregiver. FosterAdopt Connect is a nonprofit committed to increasing the quality of life experienced by foster and adopted children and all children who experience significant abuse and neglect by providing support and advocacy to create a more caring and effective child welfare system. Our innovative programs and services directly benefit foster families and children by encouraging the practice of new evidence-based techniques and strategies for caregiving and connecting families to a vast network of peers who can provide individualized support and advocacy. We envision a future where every abused and neglected child receives the services they need to thrive, and families receive the support and resources to be nurturing caregivers.

**We listen. We act. We care.**

**Applying innovative solutions to help children heal from abuse and neglect. Join FosterAdopt Connect and help children and youth thrive today.**

**KIRKSVILLE, MO**

117 W. Potter Ave. Kirksville, MO 63501  
Phone: 660.279.0008

## **Programs**

### **ADVOCATES**

Pairs parents with foster care experts to help navigate the system.

### **KINSHIP NAVIGATOR**

Gives one-on-one support so kinship families can access their needed services.

### **CCYP/YOUTHRIVE**

Supports former foster youth and aging out youth and connects them with resources needed to thrive.

### **LEGAL ADVOCACY**

Connects current or former foster youth with attorney representation.

### **FOOD PANTRY AND CLOTHING CLOSET**

Supplies parents with essential items for their family.

### **TRAINING**

Helps families break the cycle of generational child abuse and neglect.

### **FOSTERING PREVENTION**

Helps at-risk families to build parenting skills and resilience in the home before a child would need to be removed.



**Hospice of Northeast Missouri  
Presents:**

## **Dealing With Grief During the Holidays**

The holidays are generally perceived as “the most wonderful time of the year.” But for those who are facing grief after the death of a loved one, the holidays may instead be a time filled with pain and sadness. Even those for whom grief is not as fresh, the holidays may serve as an annual reminder of the loss—not only of that person, but of tradition and celebration.

If you are struggling to figure out how to celebrate this holiday season without a loved one or if you are supporting someone who is struggling join us for this free seminar.

For questions about this event, call 660-627-9711.

### **WHEN:**

Wednesday, December 14, 2022

### **TIME:**

12:30 pm to 1:20 pm

### **WHERE:**

First United Methodist Church

300 E. Washington St. (enter through the South door)  
Kirksville, MO 63501

Sponsored by Hospice of Northeast Missouri, a service of Hannibal Regional, the only nonprofit hospice health care service in northeast Missouri that focuses on quality of life for people and their caregivers who are experiencing an advanced, life-limiting illness. Hospice of Northeast Missouri, a partner agency of the United Way of Northeast Missouri, serves Adair, Clark, Knox, Lewis, Macon, Putnam, Schuyler, Scotland, Sullivan, and Shelby counties.



**HOSPICE**  
*of Northeast Missouri*  
A service of Hannibal Regional

# Grief of Aging Support Group

## Ongoing Support Group

Carrol Davenport, Hospice of Northeast Missouri's Spiritual Care & Bereavement Coordinator, and Diane Johnson, Hospice volunteer and retired communication faculty at Truman State, will serve as facilitators of the monthly meetings where participants will explore dealing with getting older and experiencing the reality of "life is NOT what I thought it would be when I got to this point." Many of us had lots of plans for those later years, but instead are dealing with physical issues that keep us from doing all the things we want to do.

**WHEN:** Third Tuesday of each month  
(Current dates booked: December 20th, January 17th and February 21st)

**TIME:** 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm

**WHERE:** First United Methodist Church  
300 E. Washington St. (enter through the South door)  
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