## Mary Immaculate Parish

 716 E. Wasfington St. Kirksville, MO 63501
## September 10, 2023 23rd Sunday in Ordinary IIme

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Lynn Carter, ofs secretary@miparish.org Kindly submit bulletin items for publication by 3pm on the Monday prior. Thank you!
Mary Immaculate School 660-665-1006

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

Friday and Saturday at 4:30 p.m. in the church (Newman Center on Saturday, September 16)

## 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.


## 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! You may contact the parish office, find forms in the rack at the side entrance to the church, or look for the "New to Our Parish" tab at www.miparish.org

Thank you for worshiping with us!


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| Lynn Carter OFS, Secretary and VIRTUS/Safe Environment Coordinator |  |

## Calendar of Events

Monday, September 11 —Weekday in Ordinary Time 5:30pm Women's Ministry Rosary Walk, meet at church 6:30pm Scouts, Cafeteria and Gym
Tuesday, September 12-The Most Holy Name of Mary 4:00pm Bible Study, Parish Center 7:00pm EMHC training, Church
Wednesday, September 13—Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop 6:00pm RCIA, Parish Center and Doctor of the Church 6:30pm PSR, School
Thursday, September 14—The Exaltation of the Holy Cross 3:00pm Franciscan Adventure study group, Parish Center 6:00pm Knights of Columbus, Don Westhoff home
Friday, September 15—Our Lady of Sorrows
3:00pm Direct Support Professionals Appreciation event, Detweiler Park
4:30pm Confessions, Church
Saturday, September 16-Saints Cornelius, Pope, \& Cyprian, 8:00am Hope's Kitchen, Cafeteria

Bishop, Martyrs
10:00am Lector Training, Parish Center
4:30pm Confessions, Newman Center
Sunday, September 17-24th Sunday in Ordinary Time 4:00pm NEMO Country Dance, Gym

## Mass Intentions: September 11-17, 2023

## Mary Immaculate

| Monday | No Mass |  |
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| Tuesday | 5:30pm | † Clem and Irene Rock |
| Wednesday | 7:00am | † Walter, Wanda, \& Rita Gladbach |
| Thursday | 8:00am | † Andy \& Scotty Mihalevich |
| Friday | 7:00am | † Vi Martin |
| Sunday | 7:30am | For the People |
|  | 9:00am | † Mary Ann Schenewerk |

From September 17 through (approximately) October 8, the 7:30am Sunday Masses will be celebrated at Mary Immaculate, to accommodate the bridge closing in Novinger.

## newman Center

Saturday $5: 30 \mathrm{pm} \dagger$ Deacon Philip Ordonio III Sunday 11:00am † Helen Todd


Our August food collection yielded 248 pounds of food, mostly beans. Thank you for your commitment to this vital local ministry!

Readings For The Week
Sunday: Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8 -9 (8)/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20
Monday: Col 1:24-2:3/Ps 62:6-7, 9/Lk 6:6-11
Tuesday: Col 2:6-15/Ps 145:1b-2, 89, 10-11/Lk 6:12-19
Wednesday: Col 3:1-11/Ps 145:2-3, 10-11, 12-13ab/Lk 6:20-26
Thursday: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc2, 34-35, 36-37, 38/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17
Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Ps 16:1b2a and 5, 7-8, 11/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
Saturday: 1 Tm 1:15-17/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7/Lk 6:43-49
Next Sunday: Sir 27:30-28:7/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 (8)/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-3


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

| Stewardship News |  |
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| Budget Goal per Month | $\$ 52,083$ |
| Weekly Goal | $\$ 12,020$ |
| August Offertory | $\$ \mathbf{6 4 , 7 9 5}$ |
| Difference | $\mathbf{+ 1 2 , 7 1 2}$ |
| Week 1 | $\$ 15,896$ |
| Week 2 | $\$ 19,862$ |
| Week 3 | $\$ 7,458$ |
| Week 4 | $\$ 7,097$ |
| Electronic Transfers | $\$ 14,482$ |


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| Council 3375 and Assembly 3824 will <br> have a joint meeting and carry-in <br> dinner at 6 pm, Thursday, September <br> 14, at Don Westhoff's house. Meat <br> and beverages will be provided. <br> Please bring a side dish, salad, dessert <br> or appetizer. Please let GK Glenn <br> Wehner know if you plan to attend. |

## September Birthdays




BIBLESTUDY

Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study Group meets at 4-5:15pm on Tuesday afternoons in the parish center. All are welcome to attend. We are currently discussing the upcoming Sunday readings. Come as you are-no prep necessary! For more info, please contact Sharon at smcgahan@truman.edu or 660-988-7012.

## The Franciscan Adventure study group

 meets on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month at 3 pm in the parish center, to discuss Franciscan Spirituality using A Knight and a Lady by Bret Thoman OFS.MARY IMMACULATE
SWEETHEART DINNER
Did you love the Sweetheart Dinner? We need a
new coordinator to make it happen for 2024. Please
contact the parish center if you would be willing to
serve in this way. serve in this way.

## September Wedding Anniversaries

Randy and Donna Fortenberry, 50 years on $9 / 1$
Walter and Dawn Howd, 16 years on $9 / 1$ Jimmy and Debbie Groseclose, 43 years on 9/6 Roger and Shawnee Kellison, 42 years on 9/12

David and Ann Gray, 20 years on 9/13 Larry and Jeanie Ewing, 44 years on $9 / 15$ Doug and Gay Nichting, 37 years on 9/20
Robert and Lori Ann Rupp, 29 years on 9/24
Mike and Marsha Jones, 30 years on $9 / 25$
Bill and Mary Kay Crnic, 59 years on $9 / 26$
Terrill and Terese Roberts, 45 years on $9 / 30$ William and Carolyn Hannam, 60 years on 9/30


The annual Mass at St. Mary of Adair is planned for September 24th at 1:30pm, with refreshments following. There is now a ramp entrance, so the building is accessible to those who might not have been able to join us before!

## From the Deacon's Desk

Walking on the Water<br>Deacon Chris Korte<br>Homily on the 19 ${ }^{\text {n }}$ Sunday in Ordinary Time (August 13, 2023)

In our Gospel reading today, Jesus dismisses the crowds and goes off alone to a mountain to pray. Last week we also had in our Gospel where Jesus went up a mountain to pray, and there with him were Moses and Elijah. Here in our first reading today, is the account of Elijah going up the mountain to pray.

Why was Elijah going up this mountain to pray? First, he was running for his life. But more, he was retracing the steps of Moses. He spent 40 days in the desert and climbed here. To reconnect with something... re-establish something... renew something... that had been lost.

He is being called to be a prophet to his people. But before he speaks to them, the first thing a prophet has to learn is to LISTEN. Before he gives a word to his people, he has to receive it. To listen for God. To listen for God's word. To wait. And to watch. And to DISCERN. How do you recognize God's voice? How can you tell if this is coming from God... or from something else? Leading to God... or leading to something else?... is of God... or something else?

We hear how he experiences this powerful explosion of thunder and lightning... that's not it... earthquake and rocks... that's not it... It was a tiny wind... quiet... still, small voice... That was it - more powerful than the earthquake - that is what commanded his attention. How can you recognize God's voice?

God's voice is powerful, but is also still. At peace. God's voice also has an effect on the one who hears - God's voice stills... doesn't rush or harass. Gives encouragement and reassures... doesn't frighten or discourage... enlightens and gives conviction... doesn't confuse or worry...

But it is not that God just says nice things or just calls us to some nice place. If God speaks to you, it is for a good reason... probably to tell you something
important... to ask something important of you... to call you to be a part of something... to share something from yourself...

You might not understand at first. It doesn't make sense!... but that still, small voice says, trust Me. It might lead you in a way you do not want to go... but that still small voice says, I know... it is scary... it is big... but I am with you... we will do it together.

We see this with our Gospel today with Peter and the apostles in this boat on the sea. When Jesus comes to them, it really calls Peter out of his comfort zone. Jesus sees this, knows this, and speaks to Peter - Be brave. Don't be scared. It's me.

On the one hand it is to help reassure Peter - it's Me. But there is something else happening here as well. For Jesus to say "It is I"... if you spoke Hebrew you would also hear this another way. It is very familiar to how God revealed himself to Moses "I AM."

Peter gets this. He immediately responds and says "Lord..." He calls him LORD - not Master, not Rabbi, not Teacher. He uses the one word that the Jewish people used for God, in place of using the sacred name "I AM." If it is you - if YOU ARE command me to come to you.

Peter is willing to listen, and willing to go where he is called - even if that means onto the water, into the chaos, the storm, the dark. If you call me - I will go. Here he is, holding on to the one thing he knows: BOATS! The one thing he knows that gives him a sense of who he is, his identity, a sense of some kind of security, or control. And he makes a choice - between what he knows and is an expert in... or Jesus in a storm. And he says, I will go with you, Jesus. I am more sure there with Jesus than I am with all I know and have. Peter sees through all the chaos, sees past all the storm and darkness, and sees Jesus for who he is.

And I love Peter, because when he is called, he can't take two steps without messing up. How many times I have felt this way? I try to follow God, and then I falter. It becomes scary, or difficult. I feel I am in over my head. I become tempted.

When this happens to Peter, immediately he
cries out. Lord save me! He prays. In that cry is fear, and desperation. I know what that is like. But it is also a profession of faith, of trust in Jesus.

Peter cries out Lord, save me! If you spoke Hebrew you would hear this. He cries out Lord save - which is Jesus' name. Jesus in Hebrew means Lord save. His prayer is calling Jesus' name. He says Lord save me! Jesus - me. Together. And that is what happens. Jesus immediately reaches out and grabs him by the hand and lifts him up - I got you. This little prayer is Peter reaching out to Jesus, and Jesus reaching out to him.

Jesus chides Peter a little, reprimands him - Oh, Peter, you of little faith... but I think it was also an affirmation. Oh Peter, you of little faith - it's perfect. You have the faith of a little one. Who
knows and feels I am small... I am weak... I mess up... I am not good at this... but I will jump in with you... and hold out my hand to you... That is a little faith. And that little faith, and that little prayer, is more powerful than the storm.

When Jesus appeared to Peter and the apostles, it was not in a way they understood, or recognized. Peter said to Jesus, If it is you, call to me, speak to me. When Jesus spoke to him, Peter knew it was him. He knew Jesus. I would know that voice anywhere. The way it spoke to his heart.

If we are to hear Jesus speak to us, we need to know Him. And we need to have some quiet, some stillness, even in the storm, to listen, to let that voice come through. And we need to be willing to go.

When God speaks to you, it may not be in a way you were expecting, not what you were expecting. But there will be a still, small voice. It may remind you of something or someone, make you think of something - Hey, give this person a call. Hey, this person needs your help. Hey, you should volunteer with this. It may say to you, Hey, this thing you have been doing, it is time to let this go. It may say to you, Hey, why don't you put that down and spend some time with Me.

It takes practice, every day. I don't know what storm you are in right now - and some of you might not be in any storm - Now is the time to practice for when the storm comes. For those of you who are in a storm right now - maybe a big challenge... or a big change... or a loss... have a "little faith". Pray, Lord, if it is You, call me to come to You. If you falter, pray, Lord, save me.

It might not be that Jesus leads you out of the storm, but into it, together.

Meaningful Mondays Rosary Walk will be held on the 2nd and 4th Monday of every month at 5:30pm. We will meet on the 11th and 25th of September. Please meet at the church. No hills!

Please join our Private Facebook Group: MI Women's Ministry.

## Prayer Before Shopping

Thank You, Lord, for all Your gifts. For bestowing upon us the necessary food and things of daily use. Free us from attachment to the things we possess and enable us to share sacrificially with those who have less than us. Teach us to be content with what is necessary. Protect us from greed, avarice and waste.

May our daily choices serve to achieve justice in the world, not exploitation of the planet and its poor. We ask for the needed wisdom, sensitive hearts, and the virtue of moderation, so that when we purchase goods we are guided not only by our own benefit, but by concern for the common good, the rights of workers, the proper treatment of animals, and the consequences for the environment.

Help us always to remember that You are our highest Good, and all that we have we owe to You. Amen

From Laudato Si Prayer booklet
Originally written in Polish by Małgorzata Rzym, Laudato Si' Animator. Warsaw, Poland

*Bishop McKnight's Prayer Intention for September: For the police, fire, and EMS workers serving their communities in uniform; may all first responders be preserved from harm as they serve to keep us safe.

The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for September: We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.


Quilt ickets are \$10/ea, and last all year. Inquire at the parish center or see your favorite Piecemaker to purchase.


## PSR starts Sept. 13

Our Parish School of Religion (PSR) classes will start on Sept. 13. They are for 4 year olds to 8th graders who are in the public school or homeschooled. Classes are held at Mary Immaculate School and are from 6:307:45 pm on Wednesday nights. If you have a child that you would like to attend, please contact me at chris.koch@miparish.org so I can send you the registration paperwork. It is also on the Mary Immaculate website under New to Our Church, with the parish registration packet.

Chris Koch, PSR Coordinator

## Catholic U $_{\text {Charities }}$ <br> of Central and Northern Missouri <br> Parish Engagement and Charity Event <br> MARY IMMACULATE <br> NORTH DEANERY | KIRKSVILLE, MO

Saturday, September 23th, 2023 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
RSVP at https://cccnmo.diojeffcity.org/peace/ or contact the parish center for assistance.


The Men's Spirituality group will meet this month on September 20 from 6-7 pm at St. Andrews (500 S. Osteopathy) in the community room.

## Please Pray For Our Sick Loved Ones

Theresa Armentrout, Diana Baldassaro, aunt of Darice Todd, Debi Barlow, Gayle Barnard, sister of Dale Schenewerk, Emily Bartholomew, daughter of Clive Renfroe, Laura Bell, Mary Maye Bennett, Sheryll Bentley, Sam Berendzen, Deacon Ken \& Marianne Berry, Nick Biggs, brother-in-law of Maxine Martin, Dan Bishop, Amanda Bobzien, daughter of Mike and Mary Carol Early, Paula Brawner, Troy Bruner, son of Denise \& Mike Bruner, Roger Butt, Verla Choitz, sister of Carol McCoy, Beverly Compton, Raquel Cooley, friend of V.R. Hatfield, Reid Cowan, Kristina Crockett, Don Crosby, Carol Daugherty, Adam Davis, Carol Davis, Willa Deiters, Mary \& Scott Detring, Larry Dieker, brother of Sandy Lammers, Larry Duarte, Autumn (Sparks) Early, daughter-in-law of Mike and Mary Carol Early, Elsie Eddy, Rex Ellebracht, friend of Maxine Martin, Ann Ferguson, Sheldon Fessler, friend of the Behnen family, Annie Fisher, Amy Fleshman, Paula Foster, Mike Fox, Amy Frye, Steve Frye, Pamela Gobier, niece of Bobbi Hogenson, Dorothy Gonnerman, Anne Gramling, Flo Griesbaum, sister of Sr. Ruth Ann Klauser, 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, 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, Karen Konarski, Gannon Kriegshauser, great nephew of Mark \& Judy Blacksmith, Pat Lehr, Faye Leppin, aunt of Lucky Wertin, Tim Lewin, Rita Ludden, Virginia Maag, Logan Maher, Mary Martin, Ron McClanahan, Alayna McKim, Carmelita McVay, Maureen Militzer, friend of the Kurz family, Judi Misale, Annie Morin, Glenn Neuweg, Gay Nichting, Maria Nolting, Jo Ann Pearce, Jerry Platt, Vivian Prose, sister of Darice Todd, Aleksandra Pulsucki, Sherri Ray, Terra Razo, Dan Reents, nephew of Vicky Wehner, Florence Rene, Clive Renfroe, Terese Roberts, Cartalene Ruddell, Rick Sayre, Donna Schmitt, Bernard Schreck, father of Marsha Jones, Joe Schreck, cousin of Marsha Jones, Dorothy Selby, Carolyn Shaffer, Dawn Shaw, daughter of Willa Deiters, Jean Ann Sidwell, Judy Skiggs, friend of Bess Willis, Madonna Sorell, Jim \& JoAnne Spalding, Tim Spencer, Tammy Tarr, Kaitlin (Early) Taylor, Kyle Wallace, Susan Wallin, mother of Melissa Passe, Glenn Wehner, Bryant Western, grandson of Bob and Mary Jane Kiefer, Elisabeth Wiedermann, mother of Andrea Davis, Barb Williams, Delana Wilson, Rod Yuskis, Junior Zuccarini, brother of Elsie Eddy, Brian Zweimiller, brother-in-law of Brian and Darice Todd.
Please contact the parish center to have a name added to or removed from the prayer list.

## The Three Day Cursillo Weekend

A Cursillo Weekend brings together a diverse group of Catholics to share the richness of many modes of worship and to broaden each one's appreciation for our Church. Lay people conduct the Weekend with two members of the clergy functioning as spiritual advisors. A Spiritual Advisor is usually a priest and the Assistant Spiritual Advisor is a deacon or religious.

Cursillo presumes that those who attend are already well grounded in the faith. It is not intended to be a conversion experience but an enriching and deepening of what is already there. It often provides new insights into our faith as well as fostering ministry among lay people.

The Weekend begins Thursday evening with meditation and prayer. Then blessed silence is kept until after worship on Friday morning. Following breakfast, participants are assigned to table groups for the remainder of the weekend.

The three days are filled with talks and group discussions with emphasis on the doctrine of Grace, the Sacraments, and the great Cursillo tripod: Piety/Study/Action. Plus there is fellowship, singing, good food, and time for privacy, meditation, prayer, and walks. The Eucharist is celebrated each day.

My name is Becky Sander, I am from Columbia, MO at Our Lady of Lourdes parish. I serve as the Pre-Cursillo Chair for the Diocese of Jefferson City. You may have seen me in early August at one of the Masses that weekend. We currently have a total of 7 men registered to attend, with 5 of them from your parishes. We have space for at least 13 more men.

When I attended a weekend, it truly enhanced my faith and definitely developed a spring board for future growth. I have found new and lasting friendships as well as individuals in my community to share with, as they help me stay on a true path with God by my side. May God assist you in your prayers and consideration to make a Cursillo Weekend. It is a wonderful encounter with Jesus Christ.

If you have any questions or concerns, please let me know. I can be reached by email: sander.becky@gmail.com or by text/ call: 573-808-3758, I will be overjoyed to chat with you.


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