Mary Immaculate Parish

716 E. Washington St. Kirksville, MO 63501

September 17, 2023 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Office hours 8am to 3pm Mon-Fri 660-665-2466 (voice) www.miparish.org 80-AD-BVMARY (text)

Msgr. Marion Makarewicz, V.F. Pastor Monsignor.Mak@miparish.org

Lynn Carter, of 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 **Baptism**

Contact the Parish Center for requirements. Marriage

Six months notice required for preparation.

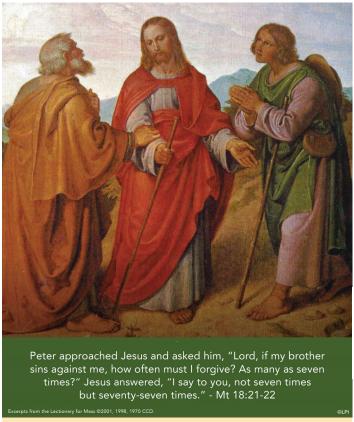
Communion to the Sick

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!



St. Rose of Lima

911 Rombauer Ave. Novinger, MO 63559



Catholic Newman Center

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

Clergy

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

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Katie Everette, President Ben Seedorf, Vice President Sabra Adams, Secretary

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Matt Wolken

Calendar of Events

Monday, September 18 — Weekday in Ordinary Time

6:30pm Scouts, Cafeteria and Gym

Tuesday, September 19—Saint Januarius, Bishop and Martyr 4:00pm Bible Study, Parish Center

Wednesday, September 20—Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Priest, and Paul Chŏng Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs

4:00pm Social Concerns Commission, Parish Center

6:00pm RCIA, Parish Center

Men's Ministry, St. Andrews Community Room 6:30pm PSR, School

Thursday, September 21—St. Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist 6:30pm Administration Commission, Parish Center

Friday, September 22—Weekday in Ordinary Time 4:30pm Confessions, Church

Saturday, September 23—Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest 9:00am Catholic Charities PEACE event, Parish Center 4:30pm Confessions, Church

Sunday, September 24-25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1:00pm Lector training, Parish Center

1:30pm Mass, St. Mary of Adair

4:00pm NEMO Country Dance, Gym

Mass Intentions: September 18-24, 2023

Mary Immaculate

Monday			No Mass		
Tuesday	5:30pm	†	Jan Witt Russell		
Wednesday	7:00am		Nilo Tiburan (birthday)		
Thursday	8:00am	†	Lorraine Brower		
Friday	7:00am	†	Lisa Welch		
Saturday	5:30pm	†	Arthur Todd		
Sunday	7:30am		For the People		
	9:00am	†	Albert Kurz, Sr.		

St. Rose

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

Newman Center

Sunday 11:00am † John Eller

St. Mary of Adair

Sunday 1:30pm

Readings For The Week

Sunday: Sir 27:30—28:7/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 (8)/Rom 14:7-9/

Mt 18:21-35

Monday: 1 Tm 2:1-8/Ps 28:2, 7, 8-

9/Lk 7:1-10

Tuesday: 1 Tm 3:1-13/Ps 101:1b-2ab, 2cd-3ab, 5, 6/Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16/Ps 111:1-

2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 7:31-35

Thursday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-

3, 4-5/Mt 9:9-13

Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12/Ps 49:6-7, 8-

10, 17-18, 19-20/Lk 8:1-3

Saturday: 1 Tm 6:13-16/Ps 100:1b-

2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 8:4-15

Next Sunday: Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18 (18a)/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/

Mt 20:1-16



The sanctuary lamp is offered for a special intention by Barb Williams

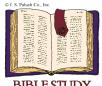


Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Fridays from 7:30am until 6pm

Stewardship News							
Budget Goal per Month	\$ 52,083						
Weekly Goal	\$ 12,020						
August Offertory	\$ 64,795						
Difference	+\$ 12,712						
Week 1	\$ 15,896						
Week 2	\$ 19,862						
Week 3	\$ 7 <i>,458</i>						
Week 4	\$ 7,097						
Electronic Transfers	\$ <i>14,482</i>						

September Birthdays

9/1	Henry Clay		Terry Olson	9/21	Zachary Fleak	Cong anniv no ac Parisl
	Anna Marie Newman	9/10	Ryan Groseclose	9/22	Mindy Caldwell	ng niv acl rish
9/2	Kevin Head		Jacob Hubbard		Warren Easley	Congratulat anniversary no acknowl Parish Cent
9/4	Larry Bradshaw		Isaiah Meinen		Betty Milas	ılatic ary c ywlec enter
9/5	Adam Kinney		Micki Powell	9/23	Rachel Hubbard	Congratulations anniversary or ban acknowledge Parish Center.
	Waylon Rice		Ella Schmitz		Becky Martin	s to birt emo
	Azalea May Scroggs	9/11	Gabriella Nichting		Abigail Rourke	ngratulations to the iversary or birthda acknowledgement ish Center.
9/6	Michele Behnen		Mackenzie Nichting		Rosemary Shook	ese ay be
	Mary Carol Early		Shayla Reynolds		Shelly Wood	
9/7	Alexis Bergman	9/12	Zoe Korte	9/24	Dean Maag	people! nd you printed
	Ashley Cass	9/13	Andrea Davis	9/25	Donna Hicks	<u> </u>
	Beverly Morrissey		Lillian Webb		Francisco Robles	_ (v
	Jason Porter		Chaselyn Western	9/26	Logan Curtis	
	Callyn Schwend	9/14	Aven Eitel		Katherine Sicard	u have a t on the bulletin,
9/8	Sonny Leyden		Herb Sieren		Margaret Wilson	ve a the etin
	Edwin Pacheco	9/15	Travis Gregory	9/27	George Peters	
	Jessica Scroggs	9/17	Jonna Eichelberger	9/28	Lonnie Lemmon	September list, or if you please con
	Dale Vandike		Madonna Sorell		Farren Sharp	mb r if e c
9/9	Christian Kambulu	9/18	Max Rourke		Heinz Woehlk	oer you onta
	Calvin Kilmer	9/19	Samuel Sweet		Kannan Wood	ber f you prefe contact the
	Sarah Leyden	9/20	Kathleen Kelly	9/30	Sherry Baker	prefer
	Cormac Nolan		Kylee Waddle		Emma Murmylo	· 4



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 3pm 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.

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!

Gospel Meditation

When I was in second grade, my prized possession was a metal Star Wars-themed lunch box. After school one day, another student ripped it from my hands. I helplessly watched in horror as my classmate threw it to the ground and violently stomped it into an unrecognizable heap of junk. I came home covered in tears of shame and rage. After a few months, I never thought about it again ... until I was almost thirty years old and on a retreat to prepare for ordination to the priesthood.

That childhood memory — and the attendant outrage — came back afresh. My spiritual director helped me in the process of acknowledging that I was angry because that kid owed me my lunch box. Then she helped me, through the grace of Jesus, to forgive the debt. Almost immediately I felt a new peace. I was amazed that I hadn't forgotten what I had lost, even from years before. Aren't we human beings simply amazing at remembering what people owe us?

We see this week in Jesus' parable a servant who is forgiven much but then commands another servant: "Pay back what you owe!" He can't forget or let go of how he was wronged. He remembers — and he becomes a monster because of it. If only he had remembered not only the debts owed to him, but also his greater debt owed to — and forgiven by — his master. It's natural for us to remember what others owe us. But when we contextualize those offenses in Jesus' mercy toward us and them, we're free to be merciful like the Master and less like a monster who never forgets.

Father John Muir ©LPi

The Hateful Things We Hug Tight

At the end of "Lord of the Rings: Return of the King," Gollum fights with Frodo for possession of the One Ring. He wins the fight, but in doing so topples over the edge of the mountain ledge, falling into the cavernous fires of Mount Doom. As he falls, we see him smile, and clutch the ring to his chest. He is happy. He has won what he spent his life pursuing.

It is only in the last millisecond before his face slips below the lava that we see his eyes widen in terror as he realizes the truth: the thing he clutches to his heart is the thing that killed him. In choosing the ring, he chooses death.

Sin, and the fallen nature of this world, makes us addicted to something that kills us.

Like any addiction, it is a vicious cycle. The less we forgive, the more hardhearted we become ... and the less we seek forgiveness ourselves.

What breaks the cycle? Reconciliation with God—or, Confession, as we call it. In fact, it does more than break the cycle. It turns it backward. Not only does it detoxify our souls of sin, it weakens our addiction to sin's effects—anger, vengeance, unforgiveness. The confession of evil works is the first beginning of good works, said St. Augustine.

Ultimately, I view our whole human life as a struggle on the ledge of a mountaintop. It is certain that we will choose sin — we always do. We will tumble over the side, toward ruin. But let us be Frodo, and not Gollum. Let us cling to the rock of the sacraments and accept the hand that would drag us away from the flames.

"Wrath and anger are hateful things, yet the sinner hugs them tight." — Sirach 27:30

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman ©LPi

Everyday Stewardship

Life was not always easy with my father when I was growing up. Let's just say he made many decisions along the way that led to fear, anger, and sadness for my family and me. Unfortunately, I was the only one in the family that would years later truly forgive him for his actions. My mother and sister held onto the resentment and anger they felt all their lives. For my father and me, reconciliation led to several years of a deepening relationship before his passing in 2011.

Forgiveness is not easy and I do not consider myself better or stronger because I was able to forgive and my family members could not. However, I can say that the blessings I received due to forgiveness and a renewed relationship with my father were far better than the animosity experienced by others. I also learned that forgiveness *Continued on the next page*

benefited me far more than my father.

As good stewards of time, we must realize that each passing day will never come again. What we do with that time is completely up to us. We can be wise and use it to build bridges, heal wounds, and cultivate love where there is hate. We can also choose to waste time in fear, resentment, and anger. I thank God often for the gift of my dad. However, I thank God more for the gift of time spent with him and the ability to see him not with my human eyes, but with the eyes of Jesus.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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None of us lives for oneself, and no one dies for oneself. For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's. For this is why Christ died and came to life, that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Romans 14:7-9

Everything we are and everything we have is a gift from God and we respond with a grateful heart by giving him our whole selves.









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



Mark your calendars! The next Women's Ministry fellowship night is **Wednesday**, **September 27th at 6:30pm**

at St. Andrew's (500 S. Osteopathy, park behind the very back of the building and walk through any of the doors to the Community Room (bottom level). People will be everywhere to point you in the right direction). Please bring an appetizer to share and a beverage of choice. We will have a short meeting and will also be discussing the book *A Biblical Walk Through the Mass*. If you need a book, please let us know. There still should be some available copies in the back of church.

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.

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.





DATES TO REMEMBER:

Sept. 20 – 1st Quarter Midterm

Sept. 21 - Home and School Meeting, 6:00 pm

Sept. 29 - PreK-2nd Fun Night - Pumpkin Patch

Oct. 2-6 – Achievement testing, Grades 3-8

Oct. 5 – No School Mass due to testing (Mass will still be celebrated, but the students will not attend)



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



Our Parish School of Religion (PSR) classes 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 6:30-7:45 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



MEN'S MINISTRY.

The Men's Spirituality group will meet this month on September 20 from 6-7 pm at St. Andrews Apartments (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.

Men's Weekend; September 28- October 1, 2023 at St. Joseph Parish, Edina, MO

Women's Weekend; October 19-22, 2023 at St. Joseph Parish, Edina, MO

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.

Contact the parish center for an application.



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