Mary Immaculate Parish

716 E. Washington St. Kirksville, MO 63501

December 10, 2023 Second Sunday of Advent

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 and Wednesday at 7pm at the Newman Center **Baptism**

Contact the Parish Center for requirements. Marriage

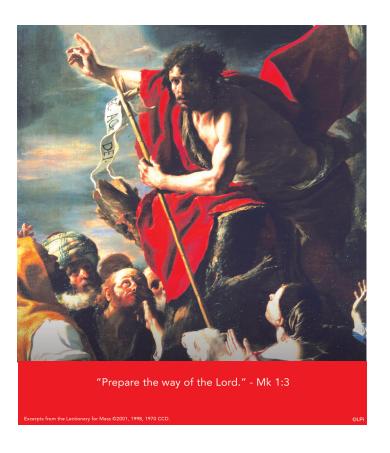
Six months notice required for preparation. **Communion to the Sick**

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 old 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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Mary Immaculate School

Ann Gray, Principal

Calendar of Events

Monday, December 11—Saint Damasus I, Pope

6:30pm Scouts, Cafeteria and Gym

Tuesday, December 12—Our Lady of Guadalupe

4:00pm Bible Study, Parish Center

Wednesday, December 13—Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr

6:00pm RCIA, Parish Center

Thursday, December 14—Saint John of the Cross, Priest and

Doctor of the Church

3:00pm Franciscan study group, Parish Center

Friday, December 15— Advent Weekday

4:30pm Confessions, Church

Saturday, December 16—Advent Weekday

4:30pm Confessions, Church

6:00pm Knights of Columbus Christmas Party, Newman

Sunday, December 17-Third Sunday of Advent

Nativity displays and coffee & donuts in the Parish Center after 9am and 11am Masses.

Readings For The Week

Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 (8)/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8 **Monday:** Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and

10, 11-12, 13-14/Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt 13:18bcde, 19/Lk

1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-

2, 3-4, 8 and 10/Mt 11:28-30

Thursday: Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and

9, 10-11, 12-13ab/Mt 11:11-15

Friday: Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4

and 6/Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19/Mt

17:9a, 10-13

Next Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54 (Is 61:10b)/1

Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

Mass Intentions: December 11-17, 2023

Mary Immaculate

Monday No Mass
Tuesday 5:30pm † Dana Delaware

Wednesday 7:00am † Charles (Sonny) Eller

Thursday 8:00am † Emily Kate Kirk Friday 7:00am † Ge Shipeng Saturday 5:30pm For the People Sunday 9:00am † Rick Hoskins

11:00am Reid Cowan

St. Rose

Sunday 7:30am Otis McVay, Clay Darr, Tommy

Jones, Douglas Jones, and

Carmelita McVav

Newman Center

Wednesday 8:00pm



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

Stewardship News

Budget Goal per Month	\$ 52,083
Weekly Goal	\$ 12,020
November Offertory	\$ 52,234
Difference	+\$ 151
Week 1	\$ 17,250
Week 2	\$ 6,523
Week 3	\$ 9 <i>,743</i>
Week 4	\$ 3,827
Electronic Transfers	\$ <i>14,732</i>



Adoration on Fridays from 7:45am until 6pm



The Knights of Columbus Christmas party will be on December 16th at 6pm, with dinner served at 6:30pm. \$17.50 per person; please RSVP with a check (dropped off at Newman or the parish center) by December 11th.

There will be the annual White Elephant Gift Grab (max \$10)



December Birthdays

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	Penelope Wilson		Edward Schneider	12/24 Lisa Dahlman	P ₹ #. ₩
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This year is the 800th anniversary of the very first nativity scene, set up by St. Francis of Assisi in Greccio, Italy. To commemorate the occasion, we invite parishioners to lend us their creches for a **special display in the parish center after the 9am and 11am Masses on December 17th.** Donuts and coffee will be moved from the cafeteria to the parish center, and will be offered after both Masses.

Nativities may be brought to the parish center this week, and picked up the week after. Please label your set!

If you have any fun details to share, like where you acquired it, or if it's made of an unusual material, I'll

have index cards available. We plan on having at least 2-3 kid-safe displays so that there is something the little ones can touch, and we'll have coloring sheets as well. There will be two Secular Franciscans supervising at all times, and we request that

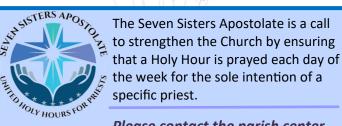


parents watch their children closely so that no one's treasures are damaged. Nativities will be blessed at the conclusion of the display.

December Wedding Anniversaries

Lucy Tiedemann
Will Tiedemann

Damon and Paula Swisher, 11 years on 12/1 Glenn and Vicky Wehner, 46 years on 12/10 George and Diane Schulte, 52 years on 12/18 Brent and Susan Speak, 24 years on 12/18 Charlie and Tina Zeman, 37 years on 12/20 Steve and Kit Hadwiger 38 years on 12/26 Jay and Vicki Benson, 30 years on 12/31 Todd and Kristina Palumbo, 30 years on 12/31



Please contact the parish center to join a group forming to pray for Fr. Alex!



There will be no walking rosary in December. Watch this space for January details!



Local Benevolence Update

Thank you so much to those of you who are faithfully tithing so that we can budget \$1000/

mo for local benevolence, and also to those who give over and above. There have been so. many. calls lately! The new client advocate at CAP NEMO is really great about initiating collaboration, and we have been splitting a number of bills for people. Since I last updated you at the very beginning of November (and as of sending this to the printer on December 4), we have provided four nights of emergency shelter, paid on 13 water bills, two electric bills, and helped five people with rent. The Parkview Terrace apartments are receiving tenants now, and several people are seeking help with deposits. We always wait until they have collected enough from other sources to be sure they can move in (or not be evicted) before I cut a check.

In late October, Deacon Chris asked for help with a pair of work-appropriate shoes for an AM Housing resident. We do not typically assist with this sort of thing because we tried it once and it went very badly (like, *the police had to be called to the store* level badly). Since Deacon Chris was willing to take responsibility for the process from start to finish, we were happy to reimburse him and this time it ended well.

The social services coordinator at the Salvation Army has resigned to take a position with Lutheran Family and Children's Services. This is a case management position, with limited inhouse funding. Unfortunately, this means that there is no one at the Salvation Army to coordinate the Ameren Keeping Current funding, and at least one client has fallen into a crack in the system. Their mother fraudulently established service in their name and then defaulted, which they discovered when they tried to open an account at a new address and suddenly had a \$1,200 balance. This gave me the opportunity to contact the customer advocacy manager at Ameren to look into the case, and I'm not part of that communication any longer, but they are in the best possible hands now.

Normally we only help with utilities and housing, but when there is a good bit of collaboration involved, we can sometimes work outside those lines. This month we helped a client of HUD, Avenues, and CAP NEMO, with whom I had extensive direct conversation as well. CAP NEMO was actually paying for most of a brake replacement (the vehicle was not safe to drive and the client has 3 kids), which is such a rare thing that when they asked us to chip in, I was inclined to say yes. Normally we would pay on utility bills to free up the client's own money for expenses like this, but because they fled domestic violence and haven't vet been able to find employment, HUD pays the rent in full, and they hadn't vet received a utility bill.

We helped with an ordinary rent payment for a previous client, but this time when we were talking, they disclosed that they were a Truman student, a bit older than the students who begin immediately after high school. The person is under serious financial pressure, with full-time schooling and a part time job in retail, as well as some mental health struggles. I was able to email them a LIHEAP application to get heat taken care of for the winter, and suggest that they visit the financial aid office at Truman to ask about the scholarships that are available specifically for non-traditional students. I happen to be personally acquainted with the student's advisor, so I sent her an email summarizing our conversation (with a note that I understood she would not be able to reply, for privacy reasons) and asked the student to sit down with the advisor to do a thorough assessment of their situation. Now the advisor is more aware of the community resources available, and in turn, she let me know that Truman is planning to have a community-facing office as part of their renovation of Kirk Building to have a central home for student services. Yav for more collaboration!

At the very beginning of this month, we had a call from a parent in another state. Their adult child was developmentally disabled, and a scammer posing as a friend had brought them to Kirksville, then taken all their possessions (including ID, which makes lodging and

transportation *very* difficult) and kicked them out. They were very frightened, and had nothing but the clothes on their back. Working with CAP NEMO, we were able to help get them nights at the Budget Host and some food and personal support for a few days until someone was able to come for them. Their parents have a number of foster children and weren't able to drop everything to get here, so they were very grateful that we were able to take care of their child for them.

We had ten guests for the collaborator luncheon on November 6, including four brand new faces. It was heartwarming to send out the invitation and find that those who came last time added some coworkers to be invited this time around. There is a new client advocate at CAP NEMO. and three of the ladies who work in the background there with LIHEAP and other programs also came, and Deacon Chris joined us on behalf of AM Housing. Other guests were from SB40. We had a chili lunch, but we started with dessert first, because Mrs. Grav was in a baking mood and that morning delivered a pan of homemade apple dumplings, which came out of the oven minutes before everyone arrived. Why wait, right? (The main meal was paid for by a private donation, NOT local benevolence funds. We also have a line item in the budget for Parish Center Hospitality, so please be assured that all of your donations to help people do go directly to people in need.) This meeting is "no bosses and no agenda," really just an opportunity for Mary Immaculate to thank them for the collaboration, but one action item that arose during the conversation was a request for us to host a larger gathering after the holidays (but still in the winter, because they want chili again!), inviting representatives from every church and agency in town that could be a potential collaborator. Mary Immaculate is unique in the area, in that we know our budget each month, and when someone calls, we can make a decision on a pledge on the spot (pending documentation, etc.). Other places either have people fill out an application, or they have to call a committee meeting when several requests have accumulated, that sort of thing. And we don't know who can cover what kind of

expense, to know where to send people. CAP NEMO and SB40 would be glad to spread the requests around if they knew who else they could call. So it's on my agenda for the new year to look into putting this together.

HELP WANTED:

#1 A lot of local benevolence can't be delegated, because I'm the only one here to answer the phone, but if anyone(s) would like to help identify the appropriate contacts at the other churches/agencies in town and work up an invitation and agenda for this big meeting, that would be most welcome!

#2 It's getting hard to keep up with our distribution of brown bags: making them up, but especially keeping an inventory to know what I need to ask for in terms of donations so that we hit all the food groups. I've been caught empty handed twice this month, and I hate to do that to hungry people! We have given out more than 150 since we started, not including the ones for the NEMO Connect event. If anyone would be willing to be the point person for these so that all I have to do is hand them out and mention when we run low, that would be super helpful.

Thanks again for your work in advancing the kingdom of God in Northeast Missouri!



Christmas Masses

Christmas is on a Monday this year. Please attend one Mass as usual for the 4th Sunday of Advent, and then choose one of the below Masses for Christmas:

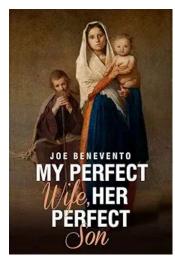
4pm Sunday at the Newman Center

Midnight at Mary Immaculate

9am Monday at St. Rose

11am Monday at Mary Immaculate

Mary, Mother of God (New Year's Day) also falls on a Monday, and it is not a holy day of obligation this year. Mass will be offered at 10am,



Parishioner Joe Benevento has had a new book come out in 2023, "My Perfect Wife, Her Perfect Son," a sometimes comic but always very Catholic and reverent account of the Holy Family through the viewpoint of St. Joseph. The book has been reviewed and endorsed by a number of Catholic writers and

theologians, including Father Patrick Gilger of Lovola U, in Chicago and Dr. Hosffman Ospino of Boston College and has over 30 5 star reviews on Amazon. Recently, Joe committed to contributing 100% of all his author royalties on the novel in perpetuity to Catholic Charities of Central and Northern Missouri. They are now working with him to try to increase awareness about the novel. Joe will be doing a series of Advent Reflections, which Catholic Charities will air as a podcast. They are especially hopeful that parishioners throughout our area will purchase the novel as an Advent read and/or Christmas gift. More than a third of the novel covers the events in the traditional Biblical Christmas narrative, while the remainder is an imaginative look at what the Holy Family's life might have been like right up to just before Christ's ministry. The book is available through amazon or any number of online venues.

Angel Tree gifts are due back this weekend, please! If you have any problem with the deadline or misplaced your angel, please contact the parish center ASAP.





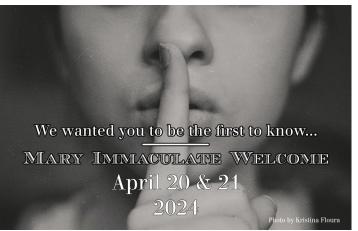
DATES TO REMEMBER:

Dec. 13 – Christmas Program, 2:00 pm and 6:00 pm

Dec. 18 – Picture Retakes

Dec. 20 – Christmas Parties, 9:00am Early Dismissal, 12:30 pm 2nd Quarter Ends

Dec. 21-Jan. 3 – Christmas Break, No School





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. Classes will resume **January 17.** If you have a child that you would like to attend, please contact me at chris.koch@miparish.org

~Chris Koch, PSR Coordinator



Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study Group meets at 4-5:15pm on Tuesday afternoons in the parish center. All are welcome to BIBLESTUDY attend. Come as you are—no prep

necessary! During Advent, we are using the **Catholic Stewardship Renewal small** group study published by the diocese. 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. December 14th will be our only meeting this month.



Bishop McKnight's Prayer Intention for December: For the family; that all fathers, mothers and children of our community may follow the example of the Holy Family in practicing the virtues of family life and be bound more strongly together in the bonds of charity.

The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for December: We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the center of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.

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, 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, Janice Durflinger, sister to Maxin Martin, Autumn (Sparks) Early, daughter-in-law of Mike and Mary Carol Early, Elsie Eddy, Ann Ferguson, Sheldon Fessler, friend of the Behnen family, Annie Fisher, Amy Fleshman, Paula Foster, Mike Fox, Chuck Freeman family and Francine Freeman, family of Maxine Martin, Amy Frye, Steve Frye, Pamela Gobier, niece of Bobbi Hogenson, 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 Susan Foster. Karen Konarski. 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, Alayna McKim, Maureen Militzer, friend of the Kurz family, Judi Misale, Annie Morin, Glenn Neuweg, Gay Nichting, Maria Nolting, Jo Ann Pearce, Jerry Platt, Aleksandra Pulsucki, Sherri Ray, Terra Razo, Dan Reents, nephew of Vicky Wehner, Florence Rene, Clive Renfroe, Terese Roberts, 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, Judy Skiggs, friend of Bess Willis, Madonna Sorell, Jim & JoAnne Spalding, Tim Spencer, Kristin Swann, daughter of Robert Graves, Tammy Tarr, Kaitlin (Early) Taylor, Leonard Tonrick, father of Sarah Curtis, 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.



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 17, 2022. Thank you!

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Our food collection weekend for December will be at all Masses the **16th/17th** with

the **Drive Through on the 18th** from 1-2pm in front of the school. Our requested items are **canned fruit and jellies**, and all unexpired non-perishable grocery items will be gratefully accepted. As always, you may bring donations to the parish center any time during open hours.

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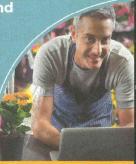
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