

Mary Immaculate Parish

716 E. Washington St.
Kirksville, MO 63501

December 31, 2023
The Holy Family of Jesus,
Mary, and Joseph

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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
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.

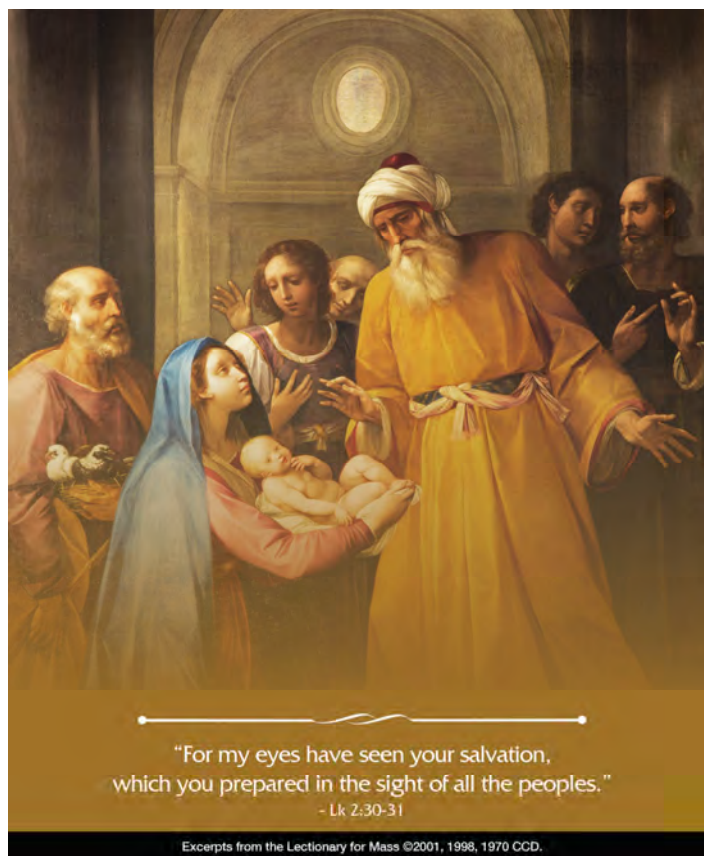
Communion to the Sick

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 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 worshipping with us!



St. Rose of Lima
911 Rombauer Ave.
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Catholic Newman Center
709 S. Davis St.
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Clergy

Msgr. Marion Makarewicz, V.F., Pastor
Fr. Cesar Alejandro Anicama,
Associate Pastor

Deacons Dave Ream OFS, Chris Korte,
& Edwin Pacheco, Assistants to the
Pastor

Hispanic Ministry

Deacon Edwin Pacheco

Parish Staff

Lynn Carter OFS, Secretary and Safe
Environment/VIRTUS Coordinator
Mary Wolken, Bookkeeper

Chris Koch, PSR Coordinator

Newman Center

Deacon Chris Korte, Director
Fr. Boniface Kasita Nzabonimpa,
Chaplain

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Katie Everette, President
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Sabra Adams, Secretary
Alayna McKim
Damian Schulte
Matt Wolken
Sandra Novinger
Pat Williams

Mary Immaculate School
Ann Gray, Principal

Calendar of Events

Monday, January 1—The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord and the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Parish Center closed. Not a Holy Day of Obligation.

Tuesday, January 2—Saints Basil the Great & Gregory Nanzianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church

Wednesday, January 3—The Most Holy Name of Jesus

Thursday, January 4—Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious
School starts

Friday, January 5—Saint John Neumann, Bishop
4:30pm Confessions, Church

Saturday, January 6—Saint André Bessette, Religious
4:30pm Confessions, Church

Sunday, January 7—The Epiphany of the Lord

Mass Intentions: January 1-7, 2023

Mary Immaculate

Monday	10:00am	Robert Hamley (birthday)
Tuesday	5:30pm	† Lisa Welch
Wednesday	7:00am	† Virgil Rock
Thursday	8:00am	† Junior & Marie Johnson
Friday	7:00am	† Jim Graves
Saturday	5:30pm	† Don Deiters
Sunday	9:00am	† Frank Hoog
	11:00am	For the People

St. Rose

Sunday	7:30am	† Clay Darr, Tommy Jones, Doug Jones, Otis & Carmelita McVay
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Fellowship Carry-In Breakfast

January 7, 2023 in the school gym after 9am Mass

Carry-in breakfast food to share with your fellow parishioners. All are welcome even if you attended another Mass.




Rest in Peace

Ed Schneider (12/16)

Margaret Delaney, mother of Bob Delaney (12/18)

Readings For The Week

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 or Ps

105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Col 3:12-21 or or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/Lk 2:22-40

Monday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (2a)/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 1:19-28

Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:29—3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6/Jn 1:29-34

Thursday: 1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Jn 1:35-42

Friday: 1 Jn 3:11-21/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Jn 1:43-51

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-38

Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

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 **\$ 9,743**

Week 4 **\$ 3,827**

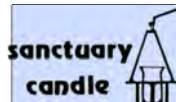
Electronic Transfers **\$ 14,732**



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Fridays from 7:45am to 6pm.



The next regular meeting (second Thursday monthly) of the William Eagen Council will be January 11 at 7:30pm in the cafeteria.



The sanctuary lamp is offered for the repose of the souls of the deceased members of the Sandra and Joe Novinger family, and for the spiritual and temporal welfare of those family members celebrating birthdays this month.

January Birthdays

1/1 Josephina Selvesto Beringi	James Gonnerman	Lance Llewellyn
Barb Hall	Lilyann Groseclose	David Moore
Rebecca Kirkpatrick	Jesse Grove	James Quinn
Tim Spencer	Pamela Hickman	Carol Schneider
Bob Theobald	Mark Macomber	1/21 Jurnel-Raphael Zayembwa
1/2 David Janes	1/13 Fortuna Yamba	1/22 Jack Davis
1/3 Ava Schwend	1/14 Janet Cooper	Susan Foster
Damon Swisher	Adelyn Williams	Jack Wilson
1/5 Ethan Begley	1/15 Jared Grgurich	1/23 Daniel Sarkar, Jr.
Susan Boren	Don Westhoff	Matt Williams
Paula Foster	1/17 Domenico Amidei	1/24 Didier Enswe
Larry Fox	Randy Fortenberry	1/25 Kendyl Blanke
Shawnee Kellison	Erick Kisende	Brice Zayembwa
1/6 Claire Davis	Teresa Ziegler	1/26 Katie Clay
Marcia Jock	1/18 Richard Bazel	Foster Janes
Jenna Grgurich	Ellette Hettinger	Tara Seedorf
Bea Schulte	Daniel Holte	1/27 Brennain Degenhardt
1/7 Andrew Fleak	Charles Kelly	Maxine Martin
1/8 Jane Dager	Deacon Chris Korte	1/28 Catherine Mc Cormick
Xavier Speak	Teagan Nolan	1/29 Andrea Maag
1/9 Cecilia Pacheco	Chloe Schwend	Henry Tiedemann
1/11 Tom DeBlauw	1/19 Eliana Williams	1/30 Eloise Wiles
1/12 Hayden Clay	1/20 Diana Beets	1/31 David Petre
Robert Dager	Amelia Hernandez	Dane Stephenson

Congratulations to these people! If you have January 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.



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

January Wedding Anniversaries

Leonard and Mary Tetlak, **51 years** on 1/12
Larry and Madonna Sorrell, **66 years** on 1/19

The first Tuesday monthly (**January 2**) 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 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: Miss Kreps Kindergarten: Mrs. Bailey
1st/2nd: Mrs. Long 5th/6th: Mrs. Speak
3rd/4th: Mrs. Hays 7th/8th: Mrs. Murmylo



DATES TO REMEMBER:
Dec. 21-Jan. 3 – Christmas Break, No School

Ladies, have you heard?

MARY IMMACULATE WELCOME

April 20 & 21



Photo by Ben White

From the Desk of Deacon Dave, O.F.S.



Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,
May the Lord give you His peace!

On December 17th, the Third Sunday of Advent, the Secular Franciscans of our parish were very happy to sponsor a display of Christmas creches in our parish center after the Sunday morning Masses. You see, the entire Franciscan Family worldwide is in the midst of “the Centenaries,” a multi-year celebration marking the 800th anniversaries of significant events in the life of our founder, Saint Francis of Assisi. This year we observe the Church’s official approval of the Rule of Life of the Order of Friars Minor by Pope Honorius III on November 29, 1223 as well as the first enactment of the Nativity scene by Saint Francis at Christmas Midnight Mass on December 24, 1223 in the little town of Greccio, Italy.

Saint Francis and those who follow his way of following the Lord Jesus and living the Gospel always have a special place deep in our hearts for the Nativity of our Lord. Imagine – the very Word of God, the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity, through whom all things were created and remain in existence, condescends to take on flesh and be born as a human infant – to show us how much God loves us! Such is the love of God for us!

What follows is an excerpt from a work entitled *The Little Flowers of St. Francis* (Fioretti in Italian) which relates the story of how Jesus showed His love for Saint Clare of Assisi, the first Franciscan woman. This episode in St. Clare’s life caused Venerable Pope Pius XII to declare St. Clare the heavenly patroness of television in 1958.

Chapter XXXV: HOW ST. CLARE, BEING ILL, WAS MIRACULOUSLY CARRIED, ON CHRISTMAS NIGHT, TO THE CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS, WHERE SHE ASSISTED AT THE OFFICE

St. Clare was at one time so dangerously ill that she could not go to church with the other nuns to say the Office on the night of the Nativity of Christ. All the other sisters went to Matins; but she remained in bed, very sorrowful because she could not go with her sisters to receive spiritual consolation. But Jesus

Christ, her Spouse, unwilling to leave her comfortless, carried her miraculously to the church of St. Francis, so that she was present at Matins, assisted at the Midnight Mass, and received Holy Communion, after which she was carried back to her bed.



When the nuns returned to their convent, the ceremonies being ended at San Damiano, they went to St. Clare and said to her: “O Sister Clare, our Mother, what great consolations we have experienced at this feast of the Holy Nativity! Oh, if it had but pleased God that you should have been with us!” To this St. Clare answered: “Praise and glory be to our Lord Jesus Christ, the blessed one, my beloved sisters and daughters; for I have not only assisted at all the solemnities of this most holy night, but I have experienced in my soul even greater consolations than those which have been your share; for by the intercession of my father, St. Francis, and through the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ I have been personally present in the church of my venerable father, St. Francis, and with the ears of my body and those of my spirit have heard all the Office, and the sounds of the organ, and the singing, and have likewise received there the most Holy Communion. Rejoice, then, because of these graces which I have received, and return to thanks to our Lord Jesus Christ.

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With a brother’s love in the Lord and Mary Immaculate,

Deacon Dave, O.F.S. T In Persona Christi Servi



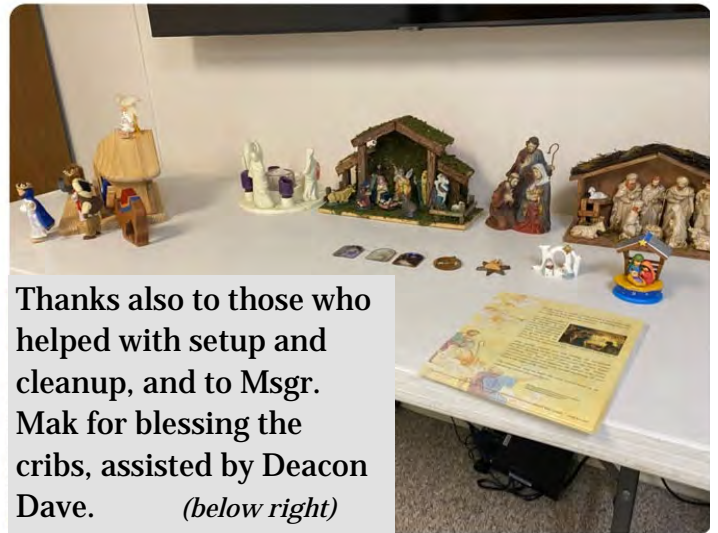
Setup crew: Teri Tichenor, Lynn Carter OFS, Thérèse & Deacon Dave Ream, OFSs



800 years of nativity scenes, from St. Francis at Greccio in 1223 until now



Many thanks to the Secular Franciscans for hosting, and to all the parishioners who shared their crèches.



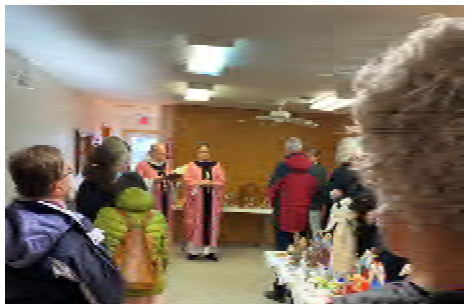
Thanks also to those who helped with setup and cleanup, and to Msgr. Mak for blessing the cribs, assisted by Deacon Dave. (below right)



The Chapel of the Crèche, built at the cave where St. Francis enacted the first nativity scene, with live animals.



On December 17, 2023, Mary Immaculate parish celebrated the 800th anniversary of the very first manger scene.





Decorating for the Season!

People were very generous in their response in providing money for Christmas decorations. Thank you very much!

GIVEN IN MEMORY OF:

- Levi Tarr, Amanda & Jessica, L.B.Tarr, Glenn & Leora Sandefur and Fr. Bill Kottenstette from Tammy Tarr
- Jack Eskra, Bessie Eskra, Frank Williams from Barbara Williams
- The Jarecki and Vittetoe Families from Dwain & Fran Vittetoe
- Gene Maag from The Maag Family
- James & Ellen Magee from The McCormick Family
- Lester & Janie Sayre, Rowena Hughes, Elaine Kuttenkuler from Roger & Shawnee Kellison and Family
- Elaine Scott and Rodney Scott from Charlotte Bailey
- Father Pat Shortt, Chester & Loretta Turner and Larry McClanahan from Odilia Turner
- Don Deiters, Chuck & Alice Houston, Ed & Fern Deiters from Willa Deiters
- Mary & Gabriel Tiso; Erna & Heinz C. Woehlk; Geri Ruggieri & Florence Roth from Heinz & Mary Lou Woehlk & Family
- Denny Schwartz from Vickie Schwartz, Tim Spencer, Kevin & Tammie Phipps, Gage, Emma & Isabel
- Linda Ewing from her family
- Lawrence & Joyce Wilp from Kocoa Vandike
- Bridget Kurz, Robert & Lorraine Brower, Albert Kurz, Sr., Pete & Vicki Hillebrand from Albert & Margie Kurz
- Joe & Louise Cuculich and Louis & Antonia Cuculich from Barb & Bill Middleton
- Andy & Scotty Mihalevich from Dave & Lynn Petre
- Virl Garlock, Alverna Garlock & Clyde Garlock from Anna Marie Newman
- Roger Festa from Angela and Dean
- Allison Pfeiffer and Shane Ferguson from Don & Carol McCoy and Ann Ferguson
- Paulie Schmitz from Lovella Schmitz & Family
- Clayton Dillavou, Beth Palomo, Joe Hunn from Janet Dillavou
- The Mitchells: Allen Sr. & Sarah, Christopher and Alex. The Wolkens: Donald & Dorothy, Mike & Carol, Don and Dolores. from Matt & Mary Wolken
- Emily Kate Kirk, Dorothy Floyd from Don & Kathy Westhoff
- Dale Martin from The Dale Martin Family
- Shane & Vicki Hall, Mark & B.Dempsey, Patricia Harriman from Barbara and Matthew Hall



GIVEN IN HONOR OF:

- Mary Immaculate Parish, Fr. Alex, Msgr.Mak, Deacon Dave, Deacon Chris and Deacon Edwin, School Faculty and Staff from Roger and Shawnee Kellison and Family
- Lynn Carter, Mary Wolken and Chris Koch from anonymous



BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study Group meets at 4-5:15pm on Tuesday afternoons in the parish center.

All are welcome to attend. Come as you are—no prep necessary!

We will resume on January 9.

For more info, please contact Sharon at smcgahan@truman.edu or 660-988-7012.

The **Franciscan Adventure study group** meets on the (usually) 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. We are done for December and **will resume January 18.**



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 January: Let us pray that the Holy Spirit helps us recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community, and to discover the richness of different ritual traditions in the heart of the Catholic Church.



The December quilt drawing winner is Vicky Wehner, for the first time in 30+ years of helping create these masterpieces!

Quilt tickets are \$10, are good for the whole year, and can be purchased from the parish center or your favorite Piecemaker.

Please Pray For Our Sick Loved Ones

Father Alex Anicama, Theresa Armentrout, Diana Baldassarro, aunt of Darice Todd, Debi Barlow, Gayle Barnard, sister of Dale Schenewerk, Emily Bartholomew, daughter of Clive Renfro, 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 Durlinger, 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, Thomas 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, 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 Renfro, 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.

MARY IMMACULATE
NIGHT OF MERRIMENT

*Denim &
Diamonds*

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MICHELLE LEMMON 816.519.5374

Now accepting Table Captains for Mary Immaculate Night of Merriment (formerly known as the Sweetheart Dinner)!! There are a limited number of tables available, and we expect them to fill up quickly – so don't delay!!

Ticket Options: •Table for 8 \$600/table OR
•Individual Ticket \$75/person (Seating assigned)

Grab your best dance partner and closest friends & bust out your fancy denim to come enjoy a fun filled evening together!

****NEW THIS YEAR** VIP Table:** \$1,000/table
Feelin' fancy?!? We will roll out the denim carpet & bling for you! You will receive special treatment all evening, including preferred seating, special recognition, your own personal server, and 2 bottles of wine + beer. You also get the pleasure of being served dinner before other patrons!

Call or text Michelle Lemmon to reserve your tickets: (816)-519-5374 mj_seufert@yahoo.com



Please continue to pray for Fr. Alex as he recovers from a serious car accident. He is now at Rusk Rehabilitation Hospital, 315 Business Loop 70 W, Columbia, MO 65203.





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