Mary Immaculate Parish

716 E. Washington St. Kirksville, MO 63501

February 4, 2024

Office hours 8am to 3pm Mon-Fri

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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

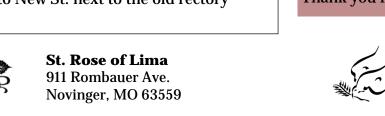
Six months notice required for preparation.

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 old rectory garage.



Fr. Cesar Alejandro Anicama, **Associate Pastor**

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

Hispanic Ministry

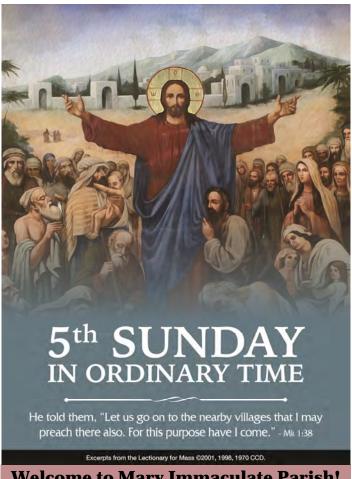
Deacon Edwin Pacheco

Parish Staff

Msgr. Marion Makarewicz, V.F., Pastor 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



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!

Catholic Newman Center 709 S. Davis St.

Kirksville, MO 63501 (660) 665-4357

Parish Pastoral Council Members

Katie Everette, President Ben Seedorf, Vice President Sabra Adams, Secretary Sandra Novinger Alayna McKim **Damian Schulte** Pat Williams

Matt Wolken **Mary Immaculate School**

Ann Gray, Principal

Calendar of Events

Monday, February 5—Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr

6:30pm Scouts, Cafeteria and Gym

Tuesday, February 6—St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs

4:00pm Bible Study, Parish Center

6:30pm Education Commission meeting, Parish Center

Wednesday, February 7—Weekday in Ordinary Time

3:00pm Staff meeting, Parish Center

6:00pm RCIA, Parish Center

6:30pm PSR, School

Thursday, February 8—Saint Jerome Emiliani; Saint Josephine Bakhita, Virgin

3:00pm Franciscan Adventure study group, Parish Center

7:30pm Knights of Columbus, Cafeteria

Friday, February 9—Weekday in Ordinary Time

4:30pm Confessions, Church

Saturday, February 10—Saint Scholastica, Virgin

4:30pm Confessions, Church

5:30pm Night of Merriment: Denim & Diamonds, White

Oaks Barn

Sunday, February 11-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Intentions: February 5-11, 2024

Mary Immaculate

Monday No Mass Tuesday 5:30pm † Ruth Schulte Wednesday 7:00am † Junior & Marie Johnson Thursday 8:00am † Dana Delaware

Friday 7:00am † Clem and Irene Rock

Saturday 5:30pm † Scott Joseph Todd and Charles Monroe Dodd

† Emily Kate Kirk

Sunday 9:00am

11:00am + Leo and Marie Ludden

St. Rose

For the People Sunday 7:30am

Newman Center

To be determined



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



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

Readings For The Week

Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 (see 3a)/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/ Mk 1:29-39

Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Ps 132:6-

7, 8-10/Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Ps 84:3, 4, 5 and 10, 11/Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10/Ps 37:5-

6, 30-31, 39-40/Mk 7:14-23

Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13/Ps 106:3-4, 35-36, 37 and 40/Mk 7:24-30

Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-13, 14-15/Mk 7:31-37 Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-20, 21-22/Mk 8:1-10

Next Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 (7)/1 Cor 10:31—11:1/Mk 1:40-45

Stewardship News

Budget Goal per Month	\$ 52,083
Weekly Goal	\$ 12,020
December Offertory	\$ 68,016
Difference	+\$ 15,933
Week 1	\$ 25,738
Week 2	\$ 8,339
Week 3	\$ 6 <i>,74</i> 9
Week 4	\$ 5,404
Week 5	\$ 6,779
Electronic Transfers	\$ 15,007



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

~Chris Koch, PSR Coordinator



The next regular meeting (second Thursday monthly) of the William Eagen Council will be February 8 at 7:30pm in the cafeteria.

February Birthdays

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	Blair York	2/20	Rachel Case		Regina Lindhorst	
2/7	Clement Kalonda		Melina Mansfield		Bodie Western	the in



Please continue to pray for Fr. Alex as he recovers from a serious car accident. He has graduated from Rusk, and his current address is:

Father Cesar Alejandro Anicama Jorges The Neighborhoods by TigerPlace 3003 Falling Leaf Ct. Columbia MO 65201

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February Wedding Anniversaries

Charles Lemley & Margaret Wilson, 37 years on 2/14 Michael and Melissa Grgurich, 25 years on 2/20

World Day for Consecrated Life will be celebrated in the Church on Friday, February 2, 2024, and in parishes over the weekend of February 3-4, 2024. Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life, and be sure to thank them on their special day. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God's gift of their vocation.





From Stewardship Sunday

Brent Speak offered this stewardship talk at the end of Mass in October, during the kickoff of the annual Catholic Stewardship Renewal. Several parishioners who were at a different Mass that weekend asked for a printed copy of the talk. We thought it might be encouraging to the parish as a whole, so with Brent's permission, we offer it here:

My name is Brent Speak. My family and I have been attending here for around 7 years. The first Mass that we actually attended was the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. If you would have told me 10 years ago, that I would be standing up here and giving a personal narrative (a testimony of sorts) of how it was that I came to come to Mary Immaculate, a Catholic Church, I would have scarcely believed you. You see, I was born and raised a Protestant—in the Fundamentalist/ Evangelical strain. We were not nominal Protestants, either. We went to church twice on Sundays, as well as once on Wednesday nights. That doesn't include Sunday school and children's church, as well as church camps and various revivals and everything that comes along with those. My brother is a pastor in Macon, and I was even a deacon (akin to the Parish Pastoral Council) at the time I was called out of that church. I will always be grateful for the formation that I received, even though I ultimately realized that it was fundamentally inadequate, that is to say, incomplete.

My joining the Church was not much short of being miraculous, I suppose. I have heard multiple times that people either marry their way into the Church or read their way into the Church. I was neither, and yet, I was both.

I was reconciled to the Church on December 18th, 2016—this happened to be our wedding anniversary. This was improbable in and of itself. I recall once telling a girl who was chasing me, "I could never date a Catholic." And while this was in part an evasive maneuver, it was also true. Somehow, she eventually caught me, and we were married at St. Bonaventure in Marceline. I promptly "converted" her to a Protestant, or maybe she just started coming along with me without too

much protest.

This continued on for about 15 years of marriage. Little did I know that things were going to shift dramatically (and somewhat miraculously). Since moving back to Kirksville, my kids had always attended school here at Mary Immaculate. As it would happen, Msgr. Cox was assigned to be the pastor. Growing up, my wife knew him well. When Msgr. Cox realized that she was no longer a practicing Catholic, he began to pray for her daily. My wife began to feel the call to come home. She never relayed this feeling to me. However, she began to pray for God to spur my reconciliation, and He did. Out of the blue, for 3 nights in a row, I was awakened in the middle of the night with the overwhelming sense that I should become Catholic. The next Sunday, while I was sitting in my former church running the soundboard, I knew that I was no longer where I belonged. I was called to be Catholic. I was called to conversion. At that moment, I sent an email to the Director of Religious Education at Mary Immaculate and asked to join the RCIA classes.

My brother being a pastor, and my father a deacon at the church that I used to attend, I knew that I would have to be able to give an answer for why I chose this path. So, I started to read. I read and I read, because I wanted, when questioned, to have an intellectual leg to stand on. Also, I had been called to be Catholic—there was no question about that in my mind—but I really wanted to thoroughly know what I said I believed.

RCIA was a process that changed my life. Because I grew up Protestant, the concept of an ongoing conversion was completely lost on me. As I began to learn about my new Faith, it became more than just a cognitive assent. A change of heart occurred, as well as a change of mind.

God spurring me along to join RCIA was a miracle, but not the only one. God then sent me another miracle, a tangible miracle, in that I was able to come into contact with dynamic members of the body of Christ: that is His Church. Pat Lehr, Don Crosby, soon to be Deacon Chris Korte were with me as I went through this process. I learned, I grew, I changed. I began to realize what it meant to live a

sacramental life. I have always heard that I was supposed to be part of the Body of Christ, but they made it seem more tangible than I had previously experienced (not that I didn't encounter dynamic and devout Christians growing up, because I did). Their teaching, fellowship, and the life that they lived, God used as a witness to His grace in my ongoing conversion.

God's grace brought me to the Church. God's grace also brought me to members of the Body of Christ who picked me up and carried me along the way. Without answering their call to stewardship, the local congregation would certainly be different. I know that I would certainly be different.

I am called, we are all called. Sometimes my answering the call is hampered by self-doubt, lack of time and all of the other excuses that I can devise. However, I know my life would be less had others not given of their time and talent. I pray that I can be such a member of the Body of Christ that down the road that I may be used as an instrument of God's grace in someone else's life. While I know that I may occasionally fail, I do love what Monsignor Makarewicz said once in a homily. I know that I am pulling it a little out of context, but he said, "Remember the invitation continues." I do pray that I will always echo the prophet Isaiah in saying, "Here am I Lord, send me."



Bishop McKnight's Prayer Intention for February: For the depressed and those suffering from mental illness; may the active compassion of the Church bring healing and consolation to those who are tempted to despair.

The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for February: We pray that those with a terminal illness, and their families, receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment.





Until February 13, we are collecting **canned soup for the PAC Souper Bowl.** MI donated about 900 cans last

year, and we need to bump it up to 1000 to win. Let's do it, in honor of Dana Delaware! Feel free to bring donations to the parish center any time we're open.

Thank you

to Monsignor Makarewicz and Mary Immaculate parishioners for the prayers, love, visits, memorial gifts, food, cards and phone calls extended to our family during the illness and death of our wife, mother and sister, Cartalene Ruddell. We rejoice knowing Cartalene has joined her sister, Margery Leavitt and their parents, Carter and Mary Patton, in eternal paradise. Again, thank you for the prayers offered during this difficult time and for continued prayers for Ronald, the Ruddell children and Cartalene's sisters, Mary Maye Bennett and Jo Ellen Hays.

Ronald now resides in Chesterfield, close to their daughter. If you wish to contact him his address is 1020 Woodsmill Road, Apt. 329, Chesterfield MO 63017. His phone number is: 314.392.9645.

In Faith and Love,
The Cartalene Ruddell Family



DATES TO REMEMBER:

Feb. 3-4—Uniform Weekend: Wear uniforms to Mass

Feb. 6 – ACRE Testing, 5th and 8th Grade

Feb. 6 – 3rd Quarter Midterm

Feb. 9 – Early Dismissal (12:30 pm); Faculty meeting

Feb. 10 – Denim and Diamonds Event

Feb. 13 – Valentine's Parties, 2:00 pm

Feb. 14 – Ash Wednesday, Mass at 8:00 am



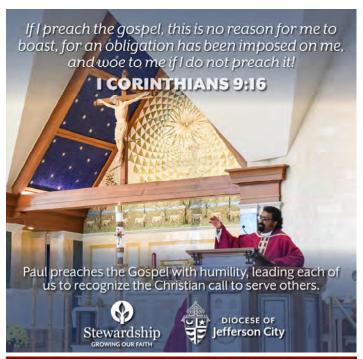
Quilt tickets are \$10, and are good for the whole year. Purchase at the Parish Center, or ask your favorite Piecemaker. Get yours soon, as the first drawing will be at the end of February!



Please prayerfully consider becoming an Extraordinary **Minister of Holy Communion. Qualifications for this ministry** include:

- A strong commitment to the Catholic faith and the teachings of the Church.
- Active participation in the sacramental life of the Church.
- A spirit of humility, reverence, and compassion.
- Willingness to undergo training sessions provided by the parish, and complete the diocesan safe environment requirements

For more information or to volunteer, please contact Trish Sexton psexton@atsu.edu or (660) 626-4954









BIBLE STUDY

on Tuesday afternoons in the parish center. All are welcome to attend. Come as you are—no prep

Study Group meets at 4-5:15pm

Tuesday Afternoon Bible

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

The Franciscan Adventure study group will meet on February 8 to finish our last chapter, before transitioning to a **Benedictine Adventure study group** led by Deacon Chris Korte. We will continue to meet on the (usually) second and fourth Thursdays of each month at 3pm in the parish center.

Blessing of Throats: Everyone will have the opportunity to receive the traditional Blessing of Throats in honor of **St. Blaise** after all the Masses this weekend. St. Blaise of Sebaste was a physician and the bishop of Sebastea, in modern -day Armenia, around the 3rd century A.D. Not much is known about his life, but we do know that many people came to him seeking healing for body and soul. St. Blaise became associated with blessings of the throat after a miracle he performed shortly before his death. According to his Acts, as St. Blaise was being taken into custody by the Roman authorities, a child nearby was choking on a fishbone. His mother threw herself at the saint's feet and begged him for his intercession. Blaise prayed for the child, who was then cured. As a result, St. Blaise often intercedes for protection against illnesses and injuries of the throat. (Some accounts state that Blaise had been given two candles and formed the candles in a cross around the boy's throat.) The tradition of blessing throats dates back to the 8th century and is derived from the Book of Blessings, a liturgical book that contains instructions for Catholic ritual blessings. Within the *Book of Blessings* is the *Order of the* Blessing of Throats on the Feast of Saint Blaise, which states that, to bless someone's throat, two candles are joined with a red ribbon and the sign

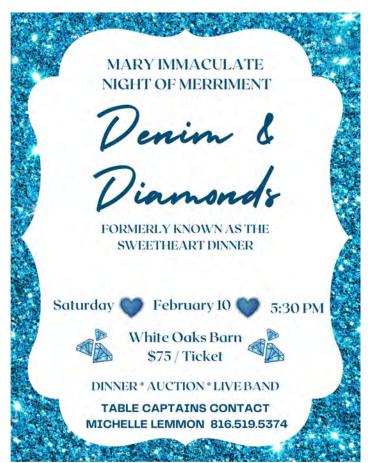
of the cross is made while the priest or deacon says the following: "Through the intercession of St. Blaise. bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from every disease of the throat and from every other illness. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."



Please Pray For Our Sick Loved Ones

Father Alex Anicama, 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, 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 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, Jeff Purcell, friend of Matt and Mary Wolken, 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.



TICKETS STILL AVAILABLE: Now selling individual/couple tickets for Mary **Immaculate Night of Merriment (formerly** known as the Sweetheart Dinner)!! Come enjoy live music by Riker and partake in the silent auction & live auction bidding - we have some great items lined up that you won't want to miss!

Ticket Options:

Individual Ticket —>\$75/person **Couple Ticket—>\$150/couple**

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

We hope to celebrate & enjoy a fun-filled evening out fundraising for our beloved Catholic school! We look forward to seeing school parents, parishioners, faculty, and alumni on February 10th!



Walking Rosaries for February Women's will be the 12th and the 26th of Ministry February. Please meet at the

church, and the weather will determine whether we walk outside or remain inside.

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