

St. Joseph's Catholic Church



Risen Lord Catholic Church



All Saints Catholic Church



ADVENT/ CHRISTMAS 2024

St. Joseph's Catholic Church

78 St. Josephs Lane
Woodlawn VA 24381-1101
Sunday English Mass 11:30am
Spanish Mass: 1:30 PM
Daily Mass: Wednesday & Friday
9:00am
Spanish Weekday Mass : Thurs. 6:00
pm
Sacrament of Reconciliation
Before Mass 11:00-11:15 am

Risen Lord Catholic Church

59 Mountain View Loop
Stuart, VA 24133
Sunday Mass: 8:30 AM
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Sun. 7:45-
8:15am

All Saints Catholic Church

598 Needmore Lane, NE
Floyd, VA 24091 (540)763-6000
Mass: English
Saturday Vigil at 5:00 PM
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Sat. 4:15-
4:45pm

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Woodlawn, Virginia 24381-1101

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MASS SCHEDULE

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION (Holy Day of Obligation)

Monday December 9

9:00AM St Joseph (English)

12:00PM Risen Lord

6:00PM St. Joseph (Spanish)

6:00PM All Saints

VIRGEN DE GUADALUPE

6:00PM Misa en Español

Tuesday December 24

5:00PM All Saints

8:00PM St Joseph (Bilingual- Christmas Vigil)

Wednesday December 25 CHRISTMAS DAY

8:30AM Risen Lord

11:30AM St Joseph (English)

1:30PM St Joseph (Spanish)

December 31/ January 1 NEW YEARS DAY 2025

All Saints- TBD

8:30AM Risen Lord

11:30AM St. Joseph (English)

6:00PM St Joseph (Spanish)



DECEMBER 2024

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FR. HERMAN'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

I welcome you to this new Liturgical Year which we begin with the season of advent. Advent is a time of waiting for Christ, allowing Jesus to be reborn in our lives. It is also a time for purifying our hearts by repentance and for renewing our lives by reflecting on and experiencing the several comings of Christ into our lives. Besides coming into our world through birth, Jesus comes into our life as we live it through His Church, its Sacraments, the Word of God and through the worshipping community.

Advent is a time for worshipping together, singing songs of praise, sharing acts of kindness and generosity with others as a reflection of His love for all humanity.

We need to prepare ourselves for Christ's second coming by allowing Jesus to be reborn daily in our lives. Advent gives us time to make this preparation — repenting of and confessing our sins, renewing our lives through prayer and penance, and sharing our blessings with others. In Advent, we also need to check for what needs to be put right in our lives, to see where we have failed, and to assess the ways in which we can do better.

Christ could be born a thousand times in Bethlehem—but all in vain until He is born in you.

As we approach this special holiday on December 25th, I encourage you to reflect on the true meaning of Christmas. It is not just an occasion for gift-giving and making merry but is a celebration of God's greatest gift to mankind: His coming as Emmanuel - "God with us" Mt. 1:23.

Christmas is preceded by four weeks of intense spiritual preparation for the coming of the Messiah.

During this season of Advent, which marks the period leading up to Christmas, we often engage in special practices and reflections to prepare our hearts for this great spiritual celebration.

Advent is also a time of expectant waiting and preparation, where we focus on Jesus' coming as a baby in Bethlehem and look forward to His promised return.

At the beginning of advent, the advent-wreath with four candles is blessed and on the first Sunday of advent, one Candle on the advent wreath is lit, then an additional candle for each successive Sunday, until all the four candles are lit by the fourth Sunday of advent.

This ceremony is done at the church, however Christians are also encouraged to have advent wreaths in their homes.

Lighting candles on an Advent wreath each Sunday leading up to Christmas, symbolizes hope, love, joy, and peace. Others may use this time for personal or communal prayer, Scripture reading, acts of charity and goodwill toward others.

Consider how you can live out the values He taught during this special time such as love for one another, acts of kindness, forgiveness, and sharing with those in need. This approach will help to keep your focus on what truly matters during this holiday season: preparing your heart for Jesus as we celebrate together.

During the season of Advent, you don't necessarily need to make or create anything specific, but it's a time for spiritual preparation and reflection. You might want to consider setting aside some quiet time each day for prayer, meditation, or reading from the Bible as a way to focus on the meaning of Jesus' coming into the world. Ultimately, what's most important is cultivating a spirit of expectation and readiness in your heart for celebrating Jesus' arrival on Christmas.

I appreciate your generous contribution towards the success of pastoral ministry in our parishes since the beginning of this year. My prayer is that Jesus be reborn in your hearts and life during Christmas and every day of the New Year 2025. May He radiate His presence from within you to others through unconditional forgiveness and humble service.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Les doy la bienvenida a este nuevo Año Litúrgico que iniciamos con el tiempo de Adviento. El Adviento es un tiempo de espera de Cristo, permitiendo que Jesús renazca en nuestras vidas. También es un tiempo para purificar nuestros corazones mediante el arrepentimiento y para renovar nuestras vidas reflexionando y experimentando las diversas venidas de Cristo en nuestras vidas.

Además de venir a nuestro mundo a través del nacimiento, Jesús viene a nuestra vida tal como la vivimos a través de Su Iglesia, sus Sacramentos, la Palabra de Dios y a través de la comunidad de adoración.

El Adviento es un tiempo para adorar juntos, cantar canciones de alabanza, compartir actos de bondad y generosidad con los demás como reflejo de Su amor por toda la humanidad.

Necesitamos prepararnos para la segunda venida de Cristo per-

mitiendo que Jesús renazca diariamente en nuestras vidas. El Adviento nos da tiempo para hacer esta preparación: arrepintiéndonos y confesando nuestros pecados, renovando nuestras vidas a través de la oración y la penitencia, y compartiendo nuestras bendiciones con los demás. En Adviento, también necesitamos revisar qué es lo que se debe corregir en nuestras vidas, ver dónde hemos fallado y evaluar las formas en que podemos hacerlo mejor.

Cristo podría nacer mil veces en Belén, pero todo en vano hasta que nazca en ti.

Al acercarnos a esta festividad especial del 25 de diciembre, te animo a reflexionar sobre el verdadero significado de la Navidad. No es solo una ocasión para dar regalos y divertirse, sino una celebración del mayor regalo de Dios a la humanidad: Su venida como Emmanuel - "Dios con nosotros" (Mt. 1:23).

La Navidad está precedida por cuatro semanas de intensa preparación espiritual para la venida del Mesías.

Durante esta temporada de Adviento, que marca el período previo a la Navidad, a menudo participamos en prácticas y reflexiones especiales para preparar nuestros corazones para esta gran celebración espiritual.

El Adviento también es un tiempo de espera y preparación expectantes, donde nos centramos en la venida de Jesús como un bebé en Belén y esperamos con ansias su regreso prometido.

Al comienzo del Adviento, se bendice la corona de Adviento con cuatro velas y el primer domingo de Adviento se enciende una vela de la corona de Adviento, luego una vela adicional cada domingo sucesivo, hasta que las cuatro velas estén encendidas el cuarto domingo de Adviento.

Esta ceremonia se realiza en la iglesia, sin embargo, también se anima a los cristianos a tener coronas de Adviento en sus hogares. Encender velas en una corona de Adviento cada domingo antes de Navidad simboliza esperanza, amor, alegría y paz. Otros pueden usar este tiempo para la oración personal o comunitaria, la lectura de las Sagradas Escrituras, actos de caridad y buena voluntad hacia los demás.

Considere cómo puede vivir los valores que Él enseñó durante este tiempo especial, como el amor mutuo, los actos de bondad, el perdón y el compartir con los necesitados. Este enfoque le ayudará a mantener su enfoque en lo que realmente importa durante esta temporada navideña: preparar su corazón para Jesús mientras celebramos juntos.

Durante la temporada de Adviento, no necesariamente necesita hacer o crear algo específico, pero es un momento de preparación espiritual y reflexión. Tal vez desee considerar reservar un tiempo tranquilo cada día para la oración, la meditación o la lectura de la Biblia como una forma de concentrarse en el significado de la llegada de Jesús al mundo.

En última instancia, lo más importante es cultivar un espíritu de expectativa y preparación en su corazón para celebrar la llegada de Jesús en Navidad.

Aprecio su generosa contribución al éxito del ministerio pastoral en nuestras parroquias desde principios de este año.

Mi oración es que Jesús renazca en vuestros corazones y vuestras vidas durante la Navidad y todos los días del Año Nuevo 2025. Que Él irradie Su presencia desde vuestro interior hacia los demás a través del perdón incondicional y el servicio humilde.

Feliz Navidad y Feliz Año Nuevo



ALL SAINTS COVERED DISH

Fellowship Meal

Parishioners of All

Saints will have covered dish fellowship meal on the third Saturday of each month following the 5:00 Mass. The meal will be held Lutheran Church Hall across the street from All Saints.



RISEN LORD FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

Breakfast will be served after Mass on December 15. All are welcome to attend this fun fellowship event.



ST JOSEPH CHRIST- MAS LUNCHEON

DECEMBER 15 will be next St. Joseph pot luck and fellowship luncheon. Bring your favorite finger foods, side, drink and dessert to share at this fun filled fellowship event.



Dedicated to helping you heal

Virtual Support Group for those who have suffered abuse by clergy or lay personnel residing in the Catholic Diocese of Richmond.

We invite you to join the group on the first Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. These gatherings, led by an independent facilitator, will offer a safe environment for participants to connect, share experiences, support, and heal.

Spouses and affected community members are also welcome.

Questions? Email
vac@richmonddiocese.org

QR code for joining the virtual support group.



December 2024

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January 2025

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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1 December 2024
First Sunday of Advent
First Reading: [Jeremiah 33: 14-16](#)
Responsorial Psalm: [Psalms 25: 4-5, 8-9, 10, 14](#)
Second Reading: [First Thessalonians 3: 12 - 4: 2](#)
Alleluia: [Psalms 85: 8](#)
Gospel: [Luke 21: 25-28, 34-36](#)

2 December 2024
First Reading: [Isaiah 2: 1-5](#)
Responsorial Psalm: [Psalms 122: 1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9](#)
Alleluia: [Psalms 80: 4](#)
Gospel: [Matthew 8: 5-11](#)

3 December 2024
First Reading: [Isaiah 11: 1-10](#)
Responsorial Psalm: [Psalms 72: 1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17](#)
Gospel: [Luke 10: 21-24](#)

4 December 2024
First Reading: [Isaiah 25: 6-10a](#)
Responsorial Psalm: [Psalms 23: 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6](#)
Gospel: [Matthew 15: 29-37](#)

5 December 2024
First Reading: [Isaiah 26: 1-6](#)
Responsorial Psalm: [Psalms 118: 1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a](#)
Alleluia: [Isaiah 55: 6](#)
Gospel: [Matthew 7: 21, 24-27](#)

6 December 2024
First Reading: [Isaiah 29: 17-24](#)
Responsorial Psalm: [Psalms 27: 1, 4, 13-14](#)
Gospel: [Matthew 9: 27-31](#)

7 December 2024
First Reading: [Isaiah 30: 19-21, 23-26](#)
Responsorial Psalm: [Psalms 147: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6](#)
Alleluia: [Isaiah 33: 22](#)
Gospel: [Matthew 9: 35 - 10: 1, 5a, 6-8](#)

8 December 2024
Second Sunday of Advent
First Reading: [Baruch 5: 1-9](#)
Responsorial Psalm: [Psalms 126: 1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6](#)

9 December 2024
Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Solemnity
First Reading: [Genesis 3: 9-15, 20](#)
Responsorial Psalm: [Psalms 98: 1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4](#)
Alleluia: [Luke 1: 28](#)
Gospel: [Luke 1: 26-38](#)

10 December 2024
First Reading: [Isaiah 40: 1-11](#)
Responsorial Psalm: [Psalms 96: 1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13](#)
Gospel: [Matthew 18: 12-14](#)

11 December 2024
First Reading: [Isaiah 40: 25-31](#)
Responsorial Psalm: [Psalms 103: 1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10](#)
Gospel: [Matthew 11: 28-30](#)

12 December 2024
Our Lady of Guadalupe Feast
First Reading: [Zechariah 2: 14-17](#)
or Revelation 11: 19a; 12: 1-6a, 10ab
Responsorial Psalm: [Judith 13: 18bcde, 19](#)
Gospel: [Luke 1: 26-38](#) or [Luke 1: 39-47](#)

13 December 2024
First Reading: [Isaiah 48: 17-19](#)
Responsorial Psalm: [Psalms 1: 1-2, 3, 4 and 6](#)
Gospel: [Matthew 11: 16-19](#)

14 December 2024
Fourth Sunday of Advent (O Rex Gentium)
First Reading: [Sirach 48: 1-4, 9-11](#)
Responsorial Psalm: [Psalms 80: 2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19](#)
Alleluia: [Luke 3: 4, 6](#)
Gospel: [Matthew 17: 9a, 10-13](#)

15 December 2024
Third Sunday of Advent
First Reading: [Zechariah 3: 14-18a](#)
Responsorial Psalm: [Isaiah 12: 2-3, 4, 5-6](#)

16 December 2024
First Reading: [Numbers 24: 2-7, 15-17](#)
Responsorial Psalm: [Psalms 25: 4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9](#)
Alleluia: [Psalms 85: 8](#)
Gospel: [Matthew 21: 23-27](#)

17 December 2024
First Reading: [Genesis 49: 2, 8-10](#)
Responsorial Psalm: [Psalms 72: 1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17](#)
Gospel: [Matthew 1: 1-17](#)

18 December 2024
First Reading: [Jeremiah 23: 5-8](#)
Responsorial Psalm: [Psalms 72: 1-2, 12-13, 18-19](#)
Gospel: [Matthew 1: 18-25](#)

19 December 2024
First Reading: [Judges 13: 2-7, 24-25a](#)
Responsorial Psalm: [Psalms 71: 3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17](#)
Gospel: [Luke 1: 5-25](#)

20 December 2024
First Reading: [Isaiah 7: 10-14](#)
Responsorial Psalm: [Psalms 24: 1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6](#)
Gospel: [Luke 1: 26-38](#)

21 December 2024
First Reading: [Songs 2: 8-14](#)
or Zephaniah 3: 14-18a
Responsorial Psalm: [Psalms 33: 2-3, 11-12, 20-21](#)
Gospel: [Luke 1: 39-45](#)

22 December 2024
Fourth Sunday of Advent (O Rex Gentium)
First Reading: [Micah 5: 1-4a](#)
Responsorial Psalm: [Psalms 80: 2-3, 15-16, 18-19](#)
Second Reading: [Hebrews 10: 5-10](#)
Alleluia: [Luke 1: 38](#)
Gospel: [Luke 1: 39-45](#)

23 December 2024
First Reading: [Malachi 3: 1-4, 23-24](#)
Responsorial Psalm: [Psalms 25: 4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14](#)
Gospel: [Luke 1: 57-66](#)

24 December 2024
First Reading: [Second Samuel 7: 1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16](#)
Responsorial Psalm: [Psalms 89: 2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29](#)
Gospel: [Luke 1: 67-79](#)

25 December 2024 – Vigil
The Nativity of the Lord Solemnity, Holy Day of Obligation/ Vigil
First Reading: [Isaiah 62: 1-5](#)
Responsorial Psalm: [Psalms 89: 4-5, 16-17, 27, 29](#)
Second Reading: [Acts 13: 16-17, 22-25](#)
Gospel: [Matthew 1: 1-25](#)

26 December 2024
First Reading: [Acts 6: 8-10; 7: 54-59](#)
Responsorial Psalm: [Psalms 31: 3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17](#)
Alleluia: [Psalms 118: 26a, 27a](#)
Gospel: [Matthew 10: 17-22](#)

27 December 2024
First Reading: [First John 1: 1-4](#)
Responsorial Psalm: [Psalms 97: 1-2, 5-6, 11-12](#)
Gospel: [John 20: 1a and 2-8](#)

28 December 2024
First Reading: [First John 1: 5 - 2: 2](#)
Responsorial Psalm: [Psalms 124: 2-3, 4-5, 7b-8](#)
Gospel: [Matthew 2: 13-18](#)

29 December 2024
Holy Family Feast
First Reading: [First Samuel 1: 20-22, 24-28](#) or [Sirach 3: 2-6, 12-14](#)
Responsorial Psalm: [Psalms 84: 2-3, 5-6, 9-10](#) or [Psalms 128: 1-2, 3, 4-5](#)
Second Reading: [First John 3: 1-2, 21-24](#)
or Colossians 3: 12-21
Alleluia: [Colossians 3: 15a, 16a](#) or [Acts 16: 14b](#)
Gospel: [Luke 2: 41-52](#)

30 December 2024
First Reading: [First John 2: 12-17](#)
Responsorial Psalm: [Psalms 96: 7-8a, 8b-9, 10](#)
Gospel: [Luke 2: 36-40](#)

31 December 2024
First Reading: [First John 2: 18-21](#)
Responsorial Psalm: [Psalms 96: 1-2, 11-12, 13](#)
Alleluia: [John 1: 14a, 12a](#)
Gospel: [John 1: 1-18](#)

25 December 2024 – Day
The Nativity of the Lord Solemnity, Holy Day of Obligation/ Day
First Reading: [Isaiah 52: 7-10](#)
Responsorial Psalm: [Psalms 98: 1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6](#)
Second Reading: [Hebrews 1: 1-6](#)
Gospel: [John 1: 1-18](#)

25 December 2024 – Dawn
The Nativity of the Lord Solemnity, Holy Day of Obligation/ Dawn
First Reading: [Isaiah 62: 11-12](#)
Responsorial Psalm: [Psalms 97: 1, 6, 11-12](#)
Second Reading: [Titus 3: 4-7](#)
Alleluia: [Luke 2: 14](#)
Gospel: [Luke 2: 15-20](#)

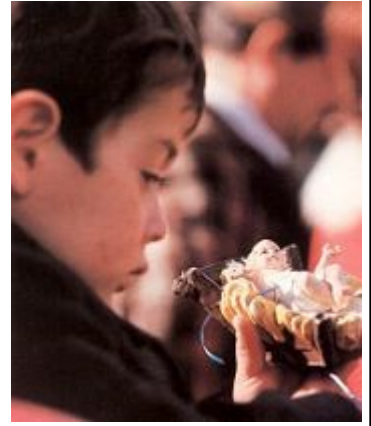
25 December 2024 – Dawn
The Nativity of the Lord Solemnity, Holy Day of Obligation/ Dawn
First Reading: [Isaiah 62: 11-12](#)
Responsorial Psalm: [Psalms 97: 1, 6, 11-12](#)
Second Reading: [Titus 3: 4-7](#)
Alleluia: [Luke 2: 14](#)
Gospel: [Luke 2: 15-20](#)

Feasts for December 2024

1. FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT, *Sunday*
3. Francis Xavier, *Memorial*
6. Nicholas, *Opt. Mem.*
7. Ambrose, *Memorial*
8. SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT, *Sunday*
9. **IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY**, *Solemnity*
11. Damasus I, *Opt. Mem.*
12. **Our Lady of Guadalupe (USA)**, *Feast*
13. Lucy, *Memorial*
14. John of the Cross, *Memorial*
15. THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT, GAUDETE SUNDAY, *Sunday*
21. Peter Canisius; O Dayspring; Ember Saturday, *Opt. Mem.*
22. FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT, *Sunday*
23. John of Kanty; O Emmanuel, *Opt. Mem.*
25. **NATIVITY OF THE LORD (Christmas)**, *Solemnity*
26. **Stephen**, *Feast*
27. **John, Apostle**, *Feast*
28. **Holy Innocents**, *Feast*
29. **Feast of the Holy Family**, *Feast*
31. Seventh Day in the Octave of Christmas; Sylvester L, *Opt. Mem.*

The Reason for the Season

The month of December is filled with expectation and celebration. Preparation is the key word for the first 24 days of December. Everyone is getting ready for Christmas — shopping and decorating, baking and cleaning. Too often, however, we are so busy with the material preparations that we lose sight of the real reason for our activity.

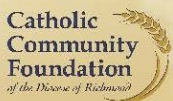


Christmas is a Christian feast — and we must reclaim it as such! In the same way that a family eagerly prepares for a baby, so in Advent should we prepare for the coming of the Christ Child. We should keep Advent as a season of waiting and longing, of conversion and of hope and keep our thoughts on the incredible love and humility of our God in taking on the flesh of the Virgin Mary. Let us not forget to prepare a peaceful place in our hearts wherein our Savior may come to dwell. The best person we can turn to for help during Advent is Mary, Christ's and our Mother. She awaited the day of His birth with more eagerness than any other human being. Her preparation was complete in every respect. Let's crown our preparation and borrow something of Mary's prayerfulness, her purity and whole-hearted submission to God's will.

As we wrap up another year, now is the time to make your year end gift!

Did you know that you can make a gift of cash, stock or a Qualified Charitable Donation from your IRA before December 31 and enjoy a charitable tax deduction and valuable tax savings on this year's tax return?

Make Your End of Year Gift Today!



UGANDA MISSION COLLECTIONS

Thanks to the overwhelming generosity of the parish community, as of December 5, 2024 we have raised \$9,117 to support the parish mission efforts (St. Peter's Parish) in Uganda .

Additional funds and pledges will be recorded as received. Thank you for your most generous support.

Scan to donate or visit
RichmondCatholicFoundation.org/Appeal



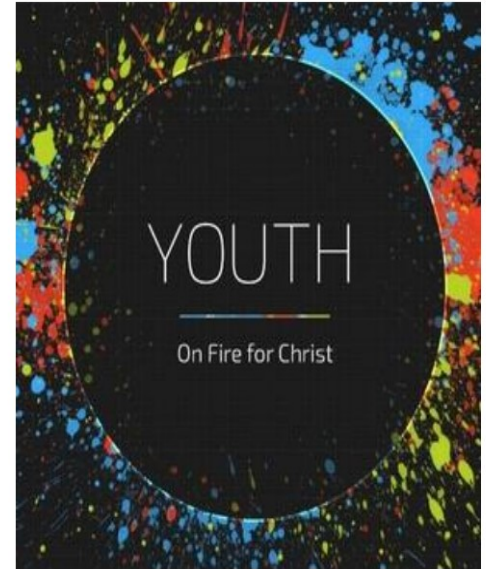
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 those in Need



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2024 Annual Diocesan Appeal

CALLING YOUTH OF ALL
 AGES!



We want to cordially invite all families and youth to our fantastic youth group hosted by All Saints Catholic Church in Floyd on the first Monday of every month! Our events start at 6:30 and end at 8:30. We understand this can be a haul for some, but every child and parent alike who make the drive look forward to it every month. We focus on Catechesis through fun! We have Catholic Jeopardy, Evangelization, Apologetics and many more in lessons. Which of course are all integrated into fun activities to keep our oldest kid (20) to our youngest (5) engaged and learning!

Please reach out to Amy Provencher DRE of All Saints for more information

Email Amy @ a.s.provencher26@gmail.com or call/text Amy @ 540-385-1664

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FOUR CLASS LEVELS:

Beginner Level (Basics)
 Thursdays 5:30 - 6:30 pm
 Learn basic Line Dance steps

Beginner Plus Level
 Thursdays 6:45 - 7:45 pm
 Add Syncopated steps & rhythms to the Basics

Improver Level
 Mondays 5:30 - 6:30 pm
 Take it up a notch. More complicated steps/patterns.

Intermediate Level
 Mondays 6:45 - 7:45 pm
 This class is for the dancer who is comfortable with different rhythms, steps, and syncopations.

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All classes are on-going/drop-in \$5 per person, per class

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Instructor: Sue Ann Ehmann

Pre-registration is required by calling 276-634-4644.

Social distancing guidelines will apply and masks are required for indoor classes, except while exercising.

**** No one with a fever, symptoms of Covid-19, or known exposure to a Covid-19 case in the prior 14 days, is permitted to attend programs. ****



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