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**OLD ST. FERDINAND SHRINE IS HOSTING TABLESCAPES FUNDRAISER NOVEMBER 19-
DECEMBER 5**

Come and get inspired by festive table and mantle scenes, just in time for the holidays.

The Old St. Ferdinand Shrine is happy to announce the return of one of its most popular events, TablesCAPES! Local businesses have sponsored talented designers and crafters to decorate over 15 tables, mantles, and the church for the holiday season. Come and get inspired for the holidays! Raffle tickets will be available for a chance to win tablescape décor and other holiday items.

Tickets are \$5 and are available for purchase at the door. Money raised will be put towards updating and restoring 200-year-old weather-worn exterior doors of the Shrine.

Tablescapes will be open during all the Florissant holiday events, including, the Old Town Market Stroll on Friday, November 19th, Miracle on rue St. Francois St on November 27th, and the Old Town House Tour on November 28th.

Event Dates:

- Friday, Nov 19: 5pm-8pm
- Saturday, Nov 27: 11am-8pm
- Sunday, Nov 28: 11am-4pm
- Wednesday, Dec 1: 11am-4pm
- Thursday Dec 2: 11am-4pm
- Friday, Dec 3: 12 noon-4pm
- Saturday, Dec 4: 10am-4pm
- Sunday, Dec 5: 11am-2pm

The Old St. Ferdinand Shrine is more than just the Church, on the grounds is a convent, church, rectory, and a Schoolhouse. These buildings represent a physical link to American pioneer times, the North American Jesuit Missions to the Native Americans as well as the home of Catholic education in the Midwest. The 1819 convent is the site of the first Catholic school between the Mississippi River and Rocky Mountains. The 1821 Church is the oldest remaining church building in the Louisiana Purchase Territory. It was the home of canonized Catholic saint, Saint Rose Philippine Duchesne, one of eleven saints from the United States.

To learn more about the Shrine, tours are available by appointment. The Church is available for weddings, baptisms, and funerals. The School House is available for rent for celebrations, meetings, classes, and retreats. The used book store is open every Saturday from 10am-noon. For more information, visit www.OLDSTFERDINANDSHRINE.COM and our Facebook page.

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