



# REGIS REVIEW

A newsletter for the community of St. John Francis Regis Parish

Fall 2018

## WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE A GOOD STEWARD?

Stewardship is an invitation for people to recognize the presence of God in their lives: in their families, in their work, in the association with the Church, in receiving of the sacraments, and in the work they do for the building of the Kingdom.

Being a good steward embodies four specific qualities: 1) Grateful: Thanking God for the blessings we have received. 2) Responsible with the blessings God has bestowed upon us. 3) Sharing. When we give we receive far more in return. 4) Accountable. Remembering the parable of the stewards to whom the master entrusted silver pieces? They had to render an account of their stewardship.

One day we will all be held accountable to God for the many gifts he gave us to manage. Hopefully, we will be able to say, "Lord, I tried to thank you every day; I tried to be responsible with those gifts. And I tried to share those gifts with others." Our hope is

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## ADDRESSING VIOLENCE IN OUR WORLD

*By Deacon Robert Falke*

Violent crime is an epidemic in our metropolitan area. It does not discriminate based upon race, class, or neighborhood. As I sit here writing this article the Kansas City Police Department is investigating Kansas City's 121st murder of the year and it happened within two blocks of St Regis. Our rising violence can be disheartening and we can easily feel hopeless, but as Christians we are called to be disciples and spread the Good News.

For eight consecutive Saturday evenings this summer St. Regis hosted Club KC. Club KC was originally introduced by the City to address the number of teenager incidents on the Country Club Plaza. Club KC provides a safe, supervised entertainment environment for teenagers to enjoy on Saturday evenings. In the past, these events were held closer to downtown, but this year the Parks Department decided to move it to the southeast part of town and we were happy to be the chosen location.

ArtsTech is the main facilitator of these evenings and this year they had an amazing array of activities: Speed painting, poetry slam, nerd night, DJ hip hop dance off, movie night, battle of the drumlines, a fashion show and the finale was, a talent show. Attendance ranged from 40 to 500

young people. ArtsTech is a public/private collaborative venture that offers young people and the community an opportunity to advance their artistic and technological skills in an entrepreneurial business environment. They have programming year round to assist young people with finding and growing their natural talents.



We look forward to continuing our relationship with ArtsTech in the future and we hope to host Club KC again next summer.

# LETTER FROM FR. SEAN

Dear St. Regis Family and Friends,

**W**e have had quite an exciting spring and summer season here at St. Regis Parish. Our Luau was once again a great success because of the incredible planning and hard work of all our amazing volunteers. We are truly grateful for Kansas City Royals Hall of Famer, Frank White, being our keynote speaker in honoring our legacy of catholic education as seen through the lives of Sr. Marie Neff and Sr. Therese Pfeiffer who were honored. In building upon the 53 years of catholic education, St. Regis Academy embarked upon a new beginning this August, with our Classical Liberal Arts Curriculum. Bishop Johnston celebrated Mass to kick off the school year calling St. Regis faculty and scholars to ask the Holy Spirit to help us not just grow in human knowledge, but seek to grow also in being wise and good. I am truly grateful for all the hard work that has gone into launching St. Regis Academy.



I would like to invite all our St. Regis Alumni from our parish and school to come home for an awesome Alumni weekend. It is going to kick off on Friday, September 28th with Recess at Regis from 6-9pm. Join us for hot dogs, beer and yard games at the St. Regis Parking Lot and Football Field. Saturday, September 29th all St. Regis Alumni are invited to 4:30pm Mass. We will have a tour of the school to follow with cocktail hour at 5:30pm. Adults 21 and older are invited to the parish hall for dinner and awards ceremony at 6:30pm. To finish off the weekend we will have many of our current St. Regis scholars from our new St. Regis Academy attending our 10:30 am Mass. The annual Fall Festival will commence from 11:30am to 3pm in St. Regis parking lot. The Craft Fair will be in the parish hall from 11:30am to 4:30pm. Now that is truly a FALL KICKOFF that we hope to see all our St. Regis friends and family from the paint shop days in 1964 up to the current St. Regis parishioners and families from our new Academy and Early Childhood Center. I hope you enjoy our St. Regis Review. May the blessings of Almighty God shine brightly upon you and all your loved ones.

All for the Greater Glorv of God,

*Fr. Sean McCaffery*

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**M**ary Ernstmann is being recognized with the Missouri Catholic Conference Citizen Recognition Award for the Kansas City-St. Joseph Diocese. Bishop James V. Johnston, Jr. will present her with the award at the MCC Annual Assembly at Helias Catholic High School in Jefferson City on Saturday, October 6.

## FATHER BECKER

**F**ather Becker spent some time serving at St Regis during his priestly formation and is now assigned to the Co-Cathedral in St. Joseph, MO.







## TOTUS TUUS

**T**otus Tuus is a vacation bible school experience led by diocesan trained youth and seminarians designed to teach children about their faith in an environment that's safe, stimulating and rewarding.

Many of this year's participants expressed their approval by stating, "I wish this camp was for the whole summer."

Summer 2018 Totus Tuus class of younger children after closing Mass, with Father Rocha and Father McCaffrey.



Father Jayson Becker , center rear , after saying his first Mass at St Regis , just four days after his ordination that took place at the Cathedral in KC Mo on May 19th .



# 5TH ANNUAL LUAU A GREAT SUCCESS

**I**t was a cool spring evening on April 14th for the 5th Annual St. Regis School Luau. The event was held at St. Michael the Archangel High School and a great time was had by the 400 people in attendance. Besides the silent auction, dinner, dancing and live music, the guest speaker Frank White, Royal All Star 2nd baseman, gave a nice tribute to Sr. Marie Neff. Sr. Maire and Frank became good friends when his two children attend St. Regis School during her years as principal.

The Luau is the biggest fund raiser our school has and is critical for our ongoing school success. We are grateful to know that our school families, parishioners, alumni and friends continue to support our school from its humble beginning in 1966 through today. That is why it is exciting to announce that this year's Luau was the best ever raising over \$280,000. The funds will go toward tuition assistance and help fund the new St. Regis Academy curriculum.

A special thanks to the parishioners who stepped up in January to put up the first \$50,000 and to others that made matching donations. In addition, we had many people donating or buying auction items, business donations, a live auction and those supported our effort by attending. Finally, we have those who made donations in honor of Sr. Marie and Sr. Therese. You all deserve a big:



## DONATE TO OUR SCHOOL

If you want to help support our St. Regis Academy school, go to the website at [www.stregischurch.com](http://www.stregischurch.com) and click "Donate to our School" and select "Support our School" or send a check to St. Regis, 8941 James A Reed Rd, KCMO 64138.



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# ST. REGIS ACADEMY

St. Regis Academy is off to a wonderful start for the 2018-2019 year! We are so pleased to welcome our new staff members and to care for our 172 scholars between our Elementary and Early Childhood Center.

Over the summer, many of our staff prepared for the school year by attending a Staff Development for Educators conference on STREAM (Science, Technology, Religion, Arts, and Math) education. Teachers learned specific strategies to help further engage our students in the fields of math and science. Additionally, our staff began to learn much about Classical Education by reading such texts as *A Little History of the World* by E.H. Gombrich and *The Seven Laws of Teaching* by John Milton Gregory.

St. Regis Academy staff will continue training on Classical Education throughout the year and in August the staff will be joined by a trainer from the Institute of Catholic Liberal Education.

While we are very excited for every aspect of STREAM and Classical Education, one of the most notable additions to our Academy is the study of historical time periods specific to each grade. The history program is intentionally integrated with our literature and religion instruction. This creates an atmosphere that helps scholars to immerse themselves in a time period, exploring the culture and applying their experience with virtuous living to the decisions made by those being studied. Older scholars in the dialectical stage will begin to con-



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*Catholic Classical Education*

template alternate outcomes based on more careful thought (and hindsight). This will enable our scholars to see how actions and consequences are related and the importance of directing them toward the good.

Robin Sowders M.Ed  
*Principal and Director  
St. Regis Academy and  
Early Childhood Center*

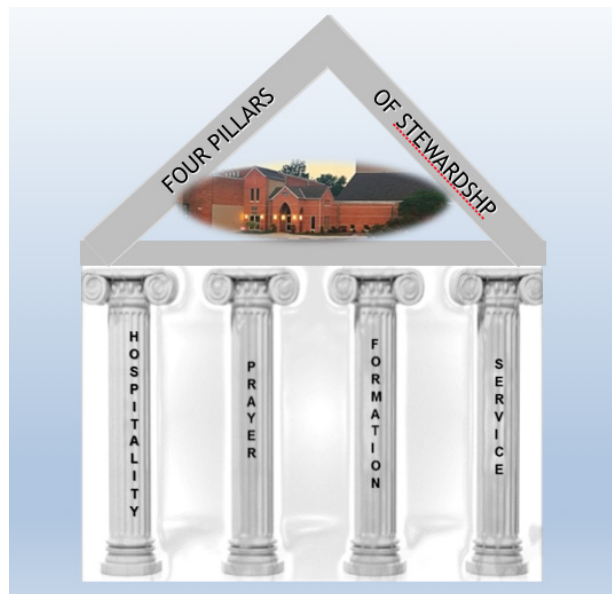
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that the Lord responds, "Well done, good and faithful servant ... enter into the joy of your master" (cf. MT. 25:21).

At St. Regis there are many ways to live out the stewardship way of life. This year we will continue the theme: "Where do you fit in the four pillars of stewardship". The four pillars are Hospitality, Prayer, Formation and Service. Each of the 50 plus ministries and programs at St. Regis have been assigned under the pillar that best represents its' relationship to the Stewardship way of life.

If you have not been involved in one or more of our ministries, prayerfully consider sharing your time and talent through one of our ministries. To find out more information St. Regis will host two ministry fairs weekend. They will be held in the Gathering Space after the Masses on October 13-14 and October 27-28. Refreshments will be provided. Also looks for Fr. Sean's letter in the mail in late September which will provide more information.





# CATHOLIC CLASSICAL EDUCATION

## Grade PreK/K:

- Cradle of Civilization (Creation to 530 BC)
- The Nomads
- Ancient Egypt (@3100 BC)
- Ancient Sumerians (@5500 BC)
- Jewish People
- Babylonians (2300 BC - 1000 AD: invasion from 587 BC - 538 BC)
- Assyrians (2500 - 609 BC: invasion 721 BC)
- Middle Kingdom of Egypt (2050 BC - 1710 BC)
- New Kingdom of Egypt/Exodus (1550 BC - 1077 BC)
- Phoenicians
- Medes/Persians (678 BC-549 BC)

## Grade 1:

- Greek Civilization (1300 BC - 323 BC)
- Life in Early Crete (1300 BC)
- Early Greeks
- Greek Civilization (@800 BC)
- Sparta and Athens (Sparta Military Dominant 650 BC - 371 BC, Athens From Solon's Reforms 594 BC - 146 BC)
- Greek Gods
- Wars of the Gods
- Alexander the Great (336 BC - 323 BC)

## Grade 2:

- Roman Civilization (753 BC - 476 AD)
- Rise of Rome (753)
- Roman Empire
- The Punic Wars (149 BC - 146 BC)
- The Rise of Julius Caesar (49 BC - 44 BC)
- Augustus Caesar (27 BC - 14 AD)
- The Beginning of Christianity (
- The End of the Jewish Nation
- Nero (54-68)
- Constantine (306-337)
- Rome Divided in Two (285 - Diocletian, 395 - Theodosius)

- Attacking Barbarians
- The End of Rome (476 AD)

## Grade 3:

- Medieval (476 AD- 1453 AD)
- St. Patrick (@450 AD)
- King Arthur (@ 500 AD)
- Charles Martel (718-741)
- Charlemagne (Holy Roman Emperor) - King of Franks (768-800), Holy Roman Emperor (800-813)
- Monasteries
- The Rise of Nationalities
- The Crusades (1095 - 1291)
- Knights (1119 - 1312 )
- Time of Progress and Discovery
- The University and the Bible (1000-1400)
- Teutonic Invasion (1409-1411)
- The Fall of Constantinople (1453)

## Grade 4:

- Modern Times (Renaissance/Exploration) (1453 AD - 1850 AD) All dates to be considered AD
- Exploration
- Reformation (1517 - 1648) and Counter- Reformation (1545 - 1648)
- Henry VIII (1509 - 1547)
- Queen Mary(1553- 1558), Queen Elizabeth (1558 - 1603), Mary, Queen of Scots (1542 - 1567)
- Empires: British, Napoleon (1804 - 1814), Ottoman (1516-1820)
- French Revolution (1789 -1799)
- World Wars (1860 - 1945)\*

## Grade 5:

- The American Year (1492 - 1945)
- Colonization and Colonial Life (1492 - 1776)
- North American Indians
- American Revolution (1775 - 1783)
- From Declaration to Constitution (1776 - 1789)

- Civil War (1861 -1865)
- Westward Expansion (1803 - 1856)
- Lewis and Clark (1804 -1806)
- America in the World Wars

## Grade 6:

- The Ancient Year (Creation - 476 AD)
- Also refer to Grades K-2 Topics
- Old Testament Through Rebuilding of the Temple (Creation - 516 BC)
- Greek History/Civilization (1300 BC - 323 BC)
- Pagan Rome/Christian Rome (753 BC - 476 AD)
- New Testament

## Grade 7:

- The Christendom Year ( 400 AD - 1650 AD)
- Also refer to Grade 3 Topics
- Rise of Christendom
- Life in Middle Ages (400 - 1400)
- Crusades and the Decline of Middle Ages (1095 - 1400)
- Renaissance and Reformation (1517- 1648)

## Grade 8:

- The New World Year (1492 AD - 1968 AD)
- Also refer to Grade 4-5 Topics
- Explorers/ Colonizers
- Missionaries
- American Revolution (1775 - 1783)
- Declaration to Constitution (1776 - 1789)
- Slavery (1789 - 1861)
- Civil War (1861 - 1865)
- Reconstruction
- World Wars (1914 - 1945)
- Civil Rights (1954 - 1968)



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Thursday 8:30 a.m.  
Friday 8:30 a.m.

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