



Saint John Francis Regis Parish

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Fr. Emmanuel Lopez, Parochial Vicar

March 10, 2024

Come Home to Communion

Weekend Masses

Saturday: 3:00PM

Sunday: 8:30AM, 10:30AM & 5:00PM In Spanish

Daily Mass

Tuesday - Friday: 8:30AM

Confessions

Sat: 2:00PM & *Wed:* 6:00PM

& by appointment

Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday: 6:00-7:00PM

Parish Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 8AM-3PM

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Parish Council

Deacon Ken Albers	Geri Haile
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Glen Ernstmann	Deanna Perry
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Grace Givens	John Wood

DECLINE TO SIGN

Don't sign your rights and freedom away by signing an abortion initiative petition that would alter Missouri's Constitution!

Don't let lobbying groups and out-of-state special interests inject abortion politics where it doesn't belong and where it isn't wanted.

This extreme initiative petition could:

- **Legalize abortion as a method of birth control** and abortion after a baby can survive outside the womb.
- Allow unlicensed abortion clinics in your neighborhood - even near schools and churches.
- Give power to judges and **the government to force Missouri taxpayers to fund abortions.**
- Permit governmental intrusion in health care decisions made by parents with their children.

Don't be fooled! Signature collectors might tell you that it's for "women's health" or "reproductive rights" or "to restore Roe"—or that's it's "pro-life" or "pro-choice"—or say **anything** to get you to sign. **Don't believe them!**

For more information on **Decline to Sign**, contact Missouri Stands with Women at mostandswithwomen.org

DECLINE TO SIGN any petition that lets lobbying groups and the government take away your rights and freedom! Tell family, friends, neighbors, coworkers and everybody to **DECLINE TO SIGN.**

The future of Missouri is counting on you!

FEED YOUR FAITH

In honor of **St. Patrick's Day** next week, we will be showing a movie about the life of this beloved saint tomorrow night, March 11. The movie begins with his childhood and kidnapping in Italy, and goes through how he became a priest and missionary to Ireland. This incredible saint confronted and converted a whole pagan country armed only with his faith! Come for a corned beef and cabbage dinner at 5:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall, then stay for our *Devotions to the Sacred Heart of Jesus*, and our **St. Patrick** movie at 6:15 p.m.. Everyone is welcome.

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION

This week we take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection to reveal Christ's love to our brothers and sisters in need. This collection makes grants to six Catholic agencies that provide relief and support for struggling communities and work for peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters, both here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief



Holy Donuts
Friday, March 15
at 9am
 in the Gathering Space

Parish Support
February 26-March 3, 2024

<u>Contribution Income</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Weekly Offertory	\$ 19,244
Plate	\$ 1,257
Online Giving	\$ 4,519
Total	\$ 25,020

THOUGHTS FROM FR. EMMANUEL

Friends,
 Today is the halfway mark of the Sundays of Lent. This Sunday is known as *Laetare* Sunday for the first word of the Introit or Entrance Antiphon *laetare* (rejoice); it is a Sunday of joy. The celebrant has the option to wear rose-colored vestments. This is also the Second Scrutiny in preparation for the baptism of adults at the Easter Vigil.

The Church's liturgy, on this the Fourth Sunday of Lent, invites us to retrace one of the fundamental dynamics of our baptismal re-birth through the Gospel account of the healing of the 'man born blind'. It is the passage from the darkness of sin and error to the Light of God, who is the Risen Christ.

Remember to continue inviting others to come back to communion and participate in the many groups we have in our Church and do not forget to help us match the Academy for the 2024 Luau.

In Christ,
 Fr. Emmanuel Lopez

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Please join us for Stations of the Cross this **Friday, March 15, at 4:30pm** in the Church. This is a great way to journey with Jesus during the season of Lent.

EASTER BAG DONATIONS

Once again, we are asking for your help for our friends at The Village at Carroll Park Care Facility in Grandview, MO. We need donations of individually wrapped Easter candy and snacks, jelly beans, travel size toiletries (shampoo, lotion, etc.), pocket combs, pens, note cards, playing cards, small note pads, Post-It notes, individual size packets of Kleenex, etc. to put together bags in time for Easter. We will also gladly accept cash donations to purchase needed items. (Please take the cash donations to the Parish Office). Place all other donations in the baskets by **Sunday, March 17**. Thank you!



LENTEN REFLECTIONS
 Deacons Ken and Richard will be doing Lenten Reflections right after the Wednesday Holy Hour on **March 13 & 20** in the Church. Everyone is invited.

CHRISTIAN SEDER MEAL
 We will be celebrating a Seder Meal on **Thursday, March 21st at 6:30 pm** in the parish hall. Please sign up in the gather space if you plan to attend. The Seder Meal is a modification of the Jewish ritual in a Christian context. In addition to a pot luck meal, there are ceremonial foods and scripture readings. When we observe the Seder Meal as Christians, our understanding of important New Testament truths is enriched. We recognize more fully God's active role in human affairs and indeed His presence in our own lives. Our appreciation of the Eucharist is heightened. We discover the firm spiritual roots which our faith has in Judaism and realize more fully the bonds which join us to our Jewish brothers and sisters.

This is the final week to purchase a raffle ticket!

**St. Regis
 Annual Raffle 2024**

One of our biggest Fundraisers of the year!

Have you sold YOUR tickets yet?

8 cash prizes:
 One \$1000 prize
 Two \$500 prizes
 & Five \$100 prizes

Drawings will be held after the 10:30am Mass on Sunday, March 17.

You do not need to be present to win.



ANNUAL LENTEN SHRIMP BOIL DINNERS
 Fridays during Lent
 5-7pm in the Parish Hall

Choose from:

- Jumbo Boiled Shrimp - \$12
- Battered Fish Filet - \$12
- 1/2 Shrimp & 1/2 Fish - \$12
- Fish Taco (on corn tortilla) - \$12
- Cheese Pizza (by the slice) \$6
- Family Meal Deal - \$40 (maximum for immediate families)



Sides include: new potatoes, corn on the cob, coleslaw, roll and hush puppies. Beverages: lemonade, tea, coffee and water. Desserts and soda pop also available for purchase.

TRIVIA Night

Hosted by the St. Regis Knights of Columbus Council #13671

**Saturday, March 16, 7-10pm
 in the St. Regis Parish Hall**

Cost is \$15 per person
 Tables of 8 available with reservations

BYOB and Appetizers for your table
 Beer/wine/soda available for donation

For information, or to make reservations by phone or email, you may contact Dave Vorbeck, at 816-935-3562, or dvorbeck2254@att.net or Terry Lynch, at 816-966-1828, or tlynch@kc.rr.com.

FOOD COLLECTION
 Next weekend, **March 16 & 17** is our monthly food collection. Your canned goods and other non-perishable food donations help keep the food pantry stocked. We are in need of Chicken Helper, canned fruit & vegetables, cereal, pancake mix & syrup, pasta & sauce and Chunky Soup. Your donated food items are greatly appreciated. Thanks for your continued support of this ministry.



What's been happening at the Academy?

Lenten Experience: Seder Meals



Academy Corner

Luau Updates

As we continue to prepare for our Luau in April, we are asking for help with the following:

- **Bottles of Wine** for the wine pull.
- **Sponsorships!** There are multiple levels available. Contact Darby O'Neill if you're interested (doneill@regisacademy.org).
- **Silent and Live Auction Items!** We are accepting all kinds of donations, big and small, but you can also check out our wish list by using the QR code here:



2024 Luau Parish Matching Tracker

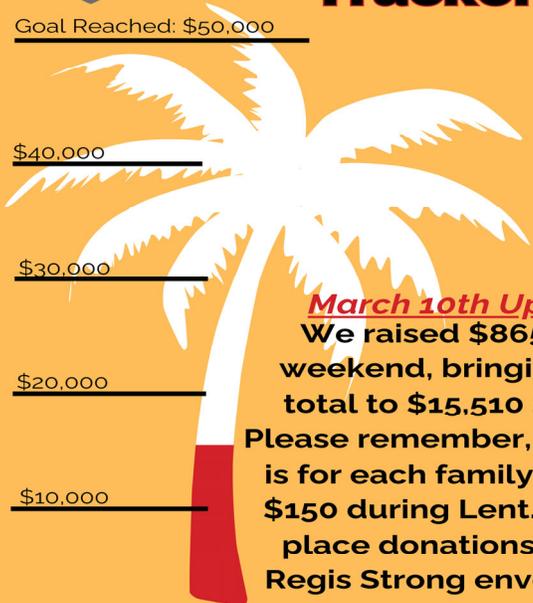
Goal Reached: \$50,000

\$40,000

\$30,000

\$20,000

\$10,000



March 10th Update

We raised \$865 last weekend, bringing our total to \$15,510 so far!

Please remember, the goal is for each family to give \$150 during Lent. Please place donations in the Regis Strong envelopes!

COLECTA DE CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

Esta semana retomamos la Colecta de Catholic Relief Services para revelar el amor de Cristo a nuestros hermanos y hermanas necesitados. Esta colecta otorga subvenciones a seis agencias católicas que brindan ayuda y apoyo a las comunidades en dificultades y trabajan por la paz y la reconciliación entre nuestros hermanos y hermanas marginados, tanto aquí como en todo el mundo. Por favor, considere en oración cómo puede apoyar la colecta. Más información sobre la colección en www.usccb.org/catholic-relief

STACIONES DE LA CROSS

Únase a nosotros para el Vía Crucis este **viernes, 15 de marzo, a las 7 p.m.** en la Iglesia. Esta es una excelente manera de viajar con Jesús durante la temporada de Cuaresma.



PENSAMIENTOS DEL P. EMMANUEL

Amigos,

Hoy es la mitad de los domingos de Cuaresma. Este domingo es conocido como *el Domingo Laetare* por la primera palabra del Introito o Antífona de Entrada *laetare* (regocijaos); es un domingo de alegría. El celebrante tiene la opción de usar vestimentas de color rosa. Este es también el Segundo Escrutinio en preparación para el bautismo de adultos en la Vigilia Pascual.

La liturgia de la Iglesia, en este cuarto domingo de Cuaresma, nos invita a recorrer una de las dinámicas fundamentales de nuestro renacimiento bautismal a través del relato evangélico de la curación del "ciego de nacimiento". Es el paso de las tinieblas del pecado y del error a la Luz de Dios, que es Cristo Resucitado.

Recuerden seguir invitando a otros a volver a comulgar y participar en los muchos grupos que tenemos en nuestra Iglesia y no se olviden de ayudarnos a igualar la Academia para el Luau 2024.

En Cristo,

P. Emmanuel López

DONACIONES DE BOLSAS DE PASCUA

Una vez más, le pedimos su ayuda para nuestros amigos de The Village at Carroll Park Care Facility en Grandview, MO. Necesitamos donaciones de dulces y bocadillos de Pascua envueltos individualmente, gominolas, artículos de tocador de tamaño de viaje (champú, loción, etc.), peines de bolsillo, bolígrafos, tarjetas de notas, naipes, blocs de notas pequeños, notas Post-It, paquetes de Kleenex de tamaño individual, etc. para armar las bolsas a tiempo para la Pascua. También aceptaremos donaciones en efectivo para comprar los artículos necesarios. (Por favor, lleve las donaciones en efectivo a la Oficina Parroquial). Coloque todas las demás donaciones en las canastas antes del **domingo 17 de marzo**. ¡Gracias!

RECOGIDA DE ALIMENTOS

El próximo fin de semana, **16 y 17 de marzo**, es nuestra colecta mensual de alimentos. Sus productos enlatados y otras donaciones de alimentos no perecederos ayudan a mantener abastecida la despensa de alimentos. Necesitamos Chicken Helper, frutas y verduras enlatadas, cereales, mezcla para panqueques y jarabe, pasta y salsa y sopa con trozos. Sus alimentos donados son muy apreciados. Gracias por su continuo apoyo a este ministerio.

¡Esta es la última semana para comprar un boleto de rifa!

**St. Regis
Sorteo Anual 2024**

Uno de nuestros mayores
¡Recaudaciones de fondos del año!

¿Ya vendiste TUS entradas?

8 premios en efectivo:
Un premio de \$1000
Dos premios de \$500
y cinco premios de \$100

Los sorteos se llevarán a cabo después de la Misa a las 10:30am el domingo 17 de marzo.

No es necesario estar presente para ganar.

CAMARONES DE CUARESMA

Viernes durante la Cuaresma
5-7pm en el Salón Parroquial

Escoja entre:

- Camarones hervidos gigantes - \$ 12
- Filete de pescado - \$ 12
- 1/2 Camarones y 1/2 Pescado - \$12
- Taco de pescado (en tortilla de maíz) - \$12
- Pizza de queso (por rebanada) \$6
- Oferta de comida familiar - \$40
(máximo para familiares directos)

Los acompañamientos incluyen: papas, mazorcas de maíz, ensalada de col, panecillos. Bebidas: limonada, té, café y agua. Los postres y los refrescos también están disponibles para su compra.

REFLEXIONES DE CUARESMA

Los diáconos Ken y Richard harán reflexiones de Cuaresma justo después de la Hora Santa del miércoles 13 y 20 de marzo en la Iglesia. Todo el mundo está invitado.

MENTAL HEALTH TIP

Show some love to someone in your life. Close, quality, relationships are key for a happy, healthy life



Month 7: We are in the home stretch! I now weigh about 3 pounds and I can use four of my senses-seeing, hearing, tasting and touching. My eyelids can now open and close and I can look around and respond to light. I also have a grip that is strong enough to support my body weight with one hand.

“I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, the blessing and the curse. So choose life in order that you may live...” Deut. 30:15-20

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

Wednesday, March 13th, is our St Regis Day to Pray at the 40 Days for Life site 4840 College Blvd.; Overland Park, KS 66211. We will be covering the hours from 7 am until 1 pm. You’re invited to stand and peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil on the public sidewalk outside the Center for Women’s Health abortion facility. You may bring a chair if you wish, and parking **IS** permitted adjacent to the prayer site at this time. Please sign up for the time you are available on the sign-up sheet at the feet of the St Michael statue. Contact Mary Ernstmann with any questions. 816.392.3684 thank you.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

We are looking for volunteers who could give rides and/or visit a parishioner who is recuperating from an accident. If you can help please call the Parish Office, 816-761-1608.

DIOCESAN NEWS

The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph is committed to combating sexual abuse in the Church. If you are a victim of sexual abuse, or if you *observe or suspect* sexual abuse: Call the Missouri Child Abuse Hotline at 1-800-392-3738 (if the victim is currently under the age of 18); Contact your local law enforcement agency or call 911, and after reporting to these civil and law enforcement authorities, report suspected *sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult* to the Diocesan Ombudsman, Joe Crayon, at 816-812-2500 or crayon@ombudsmankcsj.org, if the abuse involves a priest, deacon, employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph. The Diocese has a sincere commitment to providing care and healing resources to victims of sexual abuse and their families. Please contact Whitney True-Francis, Victim Assistance Coordinator, at 816-392-0011 or true.francis@diocesekcsj.org for more information.

Please Pray for those in the hospital this past week:

Yvonne Teeple

Please Remember In Your Prayers: Dennis Wadle, Aidan Jones, Joanne Whitehurse, Denise Kopek, Dolores Dick, McCartney Weist, Teresa Foster, Joseph Gregory, Margaret Kelly, Gregory Richard, Phil Hoffman, John Hoffman, Teefey Family, Hanger Family, Daniel & Jeneth Hunter, John Stadler, Genevieve Thieme, Pat Filley, JR Lillig, John Minton, Ben Rosenblum, Georgiana Smith, Mary Jill Reid, Rosie Murphy, Vickie Young, Lou & Terrie Ramsey, Bobby Washington, Andres Foncha, Tom Fournier, Jim Rouchka, Ken Stewart, Stephanie Eads, Robert Harvey, Rick Martin, Julie Boisen, Kathy Gross, Marek Family, Hodge Family, Sylvia Mooney, Jerry Crowley, Jane Marzano, Kenny Thornton, Michael Sheehan, Nathan Livingston, Mike & Pat Gallagher, Tammy Fayard, Jennifer Buddemeyer & family, Dianne Greene, Phoebe Reiting, Sean Pinkerton, Jerry Anselmo, Jack Deuschle, Mary Hunter, Martha Aquino, John Reyes, Sr., Lupita Sharkey, Yair Arvizu, Ann Kliem, Jane Fournier, John Weaver and the many parishioners who are experiencing situational and financial hardships.

Please Pray for our parishioners’ family members serving in the military: Tyler Griggs, Buck Roberts, Cathy Roberts & Troy Fraser

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION WITH CONFESSIONS

Join us for Adoration and Confessions **every Wednesday 6:00-7:00pm.**

Liturgical Roles

March 16 & 17

Lectors

- 3:00pm Becky Smith & Jake Smith
- 8:30am Katie Radford & Dianne Schmidt
- 10:30am School

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

- 3:00pm Alex Pope & Dorothy Quinn
- 8:30am Pat Hanson & Mike Murtha
- 10:30am Cathy Albers & Elaine Allee

Servers

- 3:00pm Jonathan Rose
- 8:30am Aaron Palacios
- 10:30am Rowyn Crawford, Kai Townsend, Tyler Divis
Isabella Vazquez & Maribel Vazquez

Greeters

- 3:00pm Marvin Chaney & Manuel Botello
- 8:30am Jane Marzano & Ela Wilczynska
- 10:30am Alfred DeSouza & Ken Glasbrenner

Mass Coordinator

- 3:00pm Becky Smith
- 8:30am John Wood
- 10:30am Beth Divis

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, March 12

- 8:30am †Richard Schroer by the Glasbrenner Family
- 7:00pm †For All the Poor Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday, March 13

- †Bennett Kotok

Thursday, March 14

- For the Intentions of the Surber Family

Friday, March 15

- For the Intentions of the Kotok Family

Saturday, March 16

- 3:00pm †Jay McNamara by Jim & Ann Julo

Sunday, March 17

- 8:30am †Ruth Rodriguez
- 10:30am †Mary Dee Preston by John & Connie Wood
- 5:00pm People of St. John Francis Regis Parish

Sunday, March 10

- 8:00am Retreat/Sp
- 8:30am Mass
- 10:30am Mass
- 5:00pm Mass/Spanish

Monday, March 11

- 5:30pm Feed You Faith
- 6:30pm Bible Class/Sp
- 7:00pm Bible Class/Eng
- 7:00pm Social Service Ministry Council

Tuesday, March 12

- 8:30am Mass
- 9:30am Faith Enrichment
- 6:00pm Bible Class/Eng
- 6:30pm Rosary
- 7:00pm Neo. Way
- 7:00pm Mass/Spanish
- 7:30pm Bible Class/Sp

Wednesday, March 13

- 8:30am Mass
- 6:00pm Adoration/Confessions
- 6:00pm Religious Ed. & Parent Bible Study
- 7:00pm Bible Study/Sp
- 7:00pm Knight of Columbus

Thursday, March 14

- 8:30am Mass
- 9:30am Scripture Sharing
- 6:00pm Bible Class/Sp
- 6:00pm Bible Class/Eng
- 6:00pm Choir Rehearsal
- 6:00pm RCIA
- 6:00pm Confirmation/Sp

Friday, March 15

- 8:30am Mass
- 9:00am Holy Donuts
- 4:30pm Stations of the Cross/Eng
- 5:00pm Shrimp Boil
- 6:00pm Bible Class/Sp
- 6:00pm Choir Rehearsal/Sp
- 6:00pm Worship Council
- 7:00pm Stations of the Cross/Sp

Saturday, March 16

- 6:15am That Man Is You
- 11:00am Mother/Son Brunch
- 2:00pm Confessions
- 3:00pm Mass
- 7:00pm Knights of Columbus Trivia Night
- Food Collection

Sunday, March 17

- 8:30am Mass
- 10:30am Mass/All School
- 5:00pm Mass/Sp
- Food Collection

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BULLETIN DEADLINE

The deadline to put announcements in the bulletin is 8am on Tuesday prior to the following Sunday. Send announcements to cmelchior@regischurch.org