



# Saint John Francis Regis Parish

8941 James A. Reed Road Kansas City, Missouri 64138 (816) 761-1608

[www.stregischurch.com](http://www.stregischurch.com)

Fr. Emmanuel Lopez, Pastor

September 14, 2025

## ***Come Home to Communion***

### **Weekend Masses**

*Saturday:* 3:00PM

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

### **Daily Mass**

*Tuesday - Friday:* 8:30AM

*Tuesday - 7:00PM In Spanish*

### **Confessions**

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

& by appointment

### **Eucharistic Adoration**

*Wednesday:* 6:00-7:00PM

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

Parish Office (816) 761-1608

Emergencies 761-1608

School Office 763-5837

Religious Education 761-1608

FAX 966-1350

### **Parish Staff**

Fr. Emmanuel Lopez Ext. 302

Deacon Ken Albers

Deacon Richard Gross

Deacon Juan Rodriguez

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Diane Banks, Music Ministry (816) 765-9464

Roger Cashman, Maintenance Ext. 307

Esmeralda Lopez, Hispanic Ministry Ext. 303

Colleen Melchior, Office Manager Ext. 301

Marilyn Moore, School Secretary Ext. 311

Rachel Samson, DRE & Faith Formation Ext. 306

Eric Stice, Business Manager Ext. 304

Missionary Servants of the Word (816) 588-7609

Diocesan Ombudsman (816) 812-2500

Victim Advocate (816) 392-0011

### **Parish Council**

Deacon Ken Albers Deacon Richard Gross

Mike Apprill Fr. Emmanuel Lopez

Abraham Benavides Frankline Musongwe

Glen Ernstmann Deanna Perry

Robin Fisher Randy Seever

Grace Givens John Wood

THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS  
THAT THE WORLD  
MIGHT BE  
**SAVED.**

— JOHN 3:17 —





Anointing of the Sick the weekend of September 13-14 after all masses.

## LATIN AMERICA COLLECTION

Next week we will take up the Collection for the Church in Latin America. For many in Latin America and the Caribbean, a rising secular culture, difficult rural terrain and a shortage of ministers all present obstacles to practicing the faith. Your support for the collection provides lay leadership training, catechesis, priestly and religious formation, and other programs to share our Catholic faith with those who long to hear the Good News of Christ. To learn more about how your gifts makes a difference, visit [www.usccb.org/latin-america](http://www.usccb.org/latin-america).



**Holy Donuts**  
Friday, Sept. 19  
at 9am  
in the Gathering Space

## Parish Support August 25-September 7, 2025

| <u>Contribution Income</u> | <u>Amount</u>    |
|----------------------------|------------------|
| Weekly Offertory           | \$ 10,716        |
| Plate                      | \$ 3,126         |
| Online Giving              | \$ 6,518         |
| IRA Distribution           | \$ _____         |
| <b>Total</b>               | <b>\$ 20,360</b> |

Any parishioner who has questions regarding the parish finances can email: [estice@regischurch.org](mailto:estice@regischurch.org)

## THOUGHTS FROM FR. EMMANUEL

Friends, we celebrate this feast of the Exaltation of the Cross for two reasons: (1) to understand the history of the discovery and recovery of the True Cross and (2) to appreciate better the importance of the symbol and reality of Christ's sacrificial love, namely, the cross in the daily life of every Christian.

The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross is one of twelve "Master feasts" celebrated in the Church to honor Jesus Christ, our Lord and Master. This feast is celebrated to memorialize the first installation of the remnants of the true cross of Jesus in the Church of the Holy Sepulcher on Mount Calvary, September 14, AD 335, and its reinstallation on September 14, AD 630.

The original cross on which Jesus was crucified was excavated in AD 326 by a team led by St. Helena, the mother of the first Christian Roman Emperor, Constantine. The Emperor built the Church of the Holy Sepulcher on Calvary, it was consecrated on September 14, AD 335, and the remains of the cross were installed in it by Archbishop Maccharios of Jerusalem. After three centuries, the Persians invaded Jerusalem, plundered it of all valuables and took with them the relic of the Holy Cross. In AD 630, Emperor Heraclius II defeated the Persians, recaptured the casket containing the holy relic, and reinstalled it in the rebuilt Church, which was destroyed by Muslims in 1009. The crusaders rebuilt it as the present Church of the Holy Sepulcher in 1149. The largest fragment of the holy cross is now kept in Santa Croce Church in Rome. May the Cross lead us to heaven.

Finally, please check your emails or the Academy website, as we kick off the 2025 Academy appeal and let us support our scholars to continue receiving quality Catholic education.

In Christ,

Fr Emmanuel Lopez



## FR. LOPEZ BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

You are invited to celebrate Fr. Emmanuel's birthday at a Potluck dinner on **Saturday, September 21**. There will be Holy Hour in the Church at 5pm and then dinner in the Parish Hall at 6pm.

## CONGRATULATIONS

Deacon Ken Albers has been named by the Scouting America National Special Needs and Disabilities Committee as one of two of the 2025 recipients of the Woods Services Award, presented to Scouters for their outstanding service to Scouts with special needs. The Woods Services Award is a national-level recognition for volunteer adults. Recipients are selected by the National Special Needs and Disabilities Committee and presented by Woods Services, a non-profit based in Langhorne, Pennsylvania, dedicated to the advocacy and service of people with exceptional challenges, disabilities and complex needs. Congratulations Ken, that is a great honor and thanks for being a part of our Catholic Committee on Scouting team.

## FEED YOUR FAITH

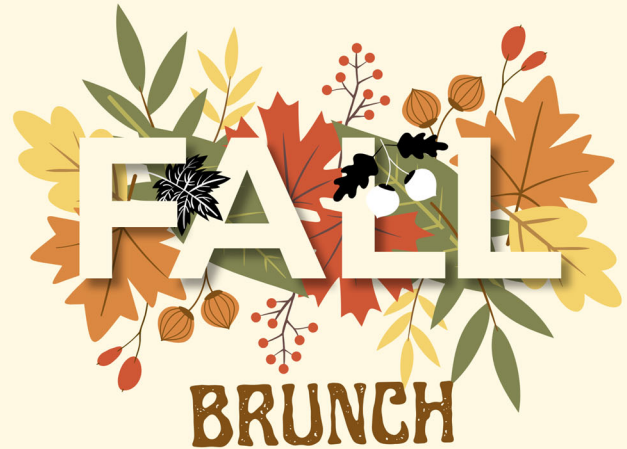
**Feed Your Faith** began a DVD series by Bishop Barron, **The Mass** last week. Even for those of us who have gone to Mass all our lives, this series is exceptionally well-done and worth seeing. Join us tomorrow night, September 15, for dinner at 5:30, prayers to the Sacred Heart at 6:00, and then Episode Three: *God Speaks Our Story* and Episode Four: *Responding to God*. We guarantee the Mass will take on new meaning after seeing this series.

## 40 DAYS FOR LIFE PRAYER CAMPAIGN

The campaign runs from September 24-November 2. During the campaign participants are invited to a prayer vigil outside the Center for Women's Health Abortion Facility at 4840 College Blvd., Overland Park KS. Dedicated to ending abortion in Kansas City peacefully and prayerfully. Make plans now to come out and pray with a friend! The St. Regis Day to Pray is **Wednesday, September 24th** from 7am-1pm, rain or shine. You are welcome to bring a chair. Please sign up to help cover these few hours. The sign-up sheet is at the feet of St. Michael in the lobby. Contact Mary Ernstmann with questions, 816-392-3684 or Wendy at 40daysforlifekc@gmail.com



## FRIENDS OF REGIS



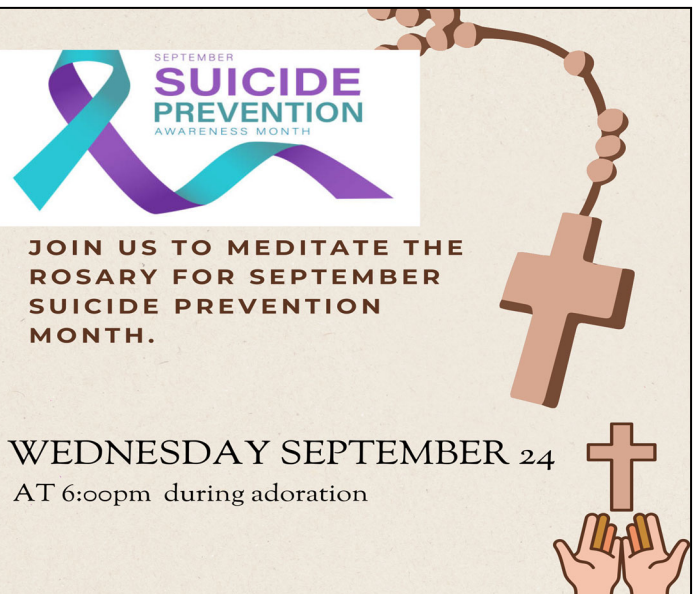
**OCTOBER 1, 2025 9AM**

FOOD | DRINKS | FELLOWSHIP

ST. REGIS CHURCH PARISH HALL  
SIGN UP SHEET IN THE GATHERING SPACE  
**COST \$5.00 AT THE DOOR**

## 988 SUICIDE AND CRISIS LINE

Are you in crisis? Feeling overwhelmed? Not sure where to turn? You are not alone and we can help! Do not hesitate - call or text 988 now! Languages: English and Spanish. Hours: Available 24 hours.



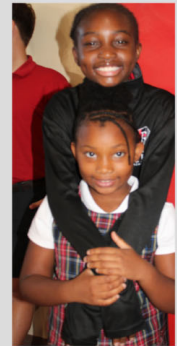
# Academy Corner

## Let your Light Shine!

We're back in session and off to a great start!

We are thrilled to share that our starting enrollment this year is 143 scholars—and growing! Our largest class has 24 scholars, and now the real work begins. Please continue to keep our dedicated staff in your prayers as they work to meet the needs of every child.

As we enjoy so many celebrations and activities at the start of the year, the biggest topic of conversation across our campus has been scholar safety. We have been meeting with KCPD and several security companies to review our practices and policies. Together, we are identifying and prioritizing additional action steps to ensure the safety and well-being of all scholars.



### Important Dates:

Wednesday, September 17, 2025 - 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Midterm

October 15 - End of Quarter 1

October 15 - 22 - Ignatius Book Fair

October 28 - 30 - CORDA Candle Sale



A heartfelt thank you to all who joined us for our Back to School Brunch! It was a joy to share the wonderful things happening at the Academy and to celebrate the year ahead together. Thanks to your generosity, we have already raised over \$85,000 toward our annual goal of \$135,000. We are truly blessed by the support and commitment of our community, and we look forward to all that we will accomplish together this year.

### THAT MAN IS YOU

That Man Is You will be resuming our program for the men of St. Regis Parish, starting on Saturday, September 13, 2025, and continuing through Saturday, December 13, 2025 (with a week off for Thanksgiving). TMIY is a gathering of St. Regis men who wish to enhance their faith life, and grow in God's love and become better followers of His plan for us. We meet at the MEC building, beginning with breakfast at 6:45 a.m., and our program begins at 7:00 a.m., followed by a group discussion, and we adjourn by 8:00 a.m. This year's program is titled: "The Light of Men", will focus on discovering that God is not of this world, but He is within each of us. We will learn how to overcome the power of sin, and embrace a new way of living. We'll have ten exciting and enthusiastic speakers in this year's programs to lead us on our walk to becoming better husbands, fathers, friends and men. Come and join us on our journey. For more information, call or email Dave Vorbeck at: (816) 935-3562, or [dvorbeck2254@att.net](mailto:dvorbeck2254@att.net).

## PENSAMIENTOS DEL P. EMMANUEL

Amigos, celebramos esta fiesta de la Exaltación de la Cruz por dos razones: (1) para comprender la historia del descubrimiento y recuperación de la Vera Cruz y (2) para apreciar mejor la importancia del símbolo y la realidad del amor sacrificial de Cristo, es decir, la cruz en la vida cotidiana de cada cristiano.

La Fiesta de la Exaltación de la Santa Cruz es una de las doce "Fiestas del Maestro" que se celebran en la Iglesia para honrar a Jesucristo, nuestro Señor y Maestro. Esta fiesta se celebra para conmemorar la primera instalación de los restos de la verdadera cruz de Jesús en la Iglesia del Santo Sepulcro en el Monte Calvario, el 14 de septiembre del año 335 d.C., y su reinstalación el 14 de septiembre del año 630 d.C.

La cruz original en la que Jesús fue crucificado fue excavada en el año 326 d.C. por un equipo dirigido por Santa Elena, la madre del primer emperador romano cristiano, Constantino. El emperador construyó la Iglesia del Santo Sepulcro en el Calvario, fue consagrada el 14 de septiembre del año 335 d.C., y los restos de la cruz fueron instalados en ella por el arzobispo Maccharios de Jerusalén. Después de tres siglos, los persas invadieron Jerusalén, la saquearon de todos los objetos de valor y se llevaron consigo la reliquia de la Santa Cruz. En el año 630 d.C., el emperador Heraclio II derrotó a los persas, recapturó el ataúd que contenía la reliquia sagrada y lo reinstaló en la iglesia reconstruida, que fue destruida por los musulmanes en 1009. Los cruzados la reconstruyeron como la actual Iglesia del Santo Sepulcro en 1149. El fragmento más grande de la santa cruz se conserva ahora en la iglesia de Santa Croce en Roma. Que la cruz nos lleve al cielo.

Finalmente, revise sus correos electrónicos o el sitio web de la Academia, ya que iniciamos la campaña de la Academia 2025 y permítanos apoyar a nuestros estudiantes para que continúen recibiendo una educación católica de calidad.

En Cristo,

P. Emmanuel López

## CELEBRACIÓN DEL CUMPLEAÑOS DEL P. LÓPEZ

Está invitado a celebrar el cumpleaños del P. Emmanuel en una cena compartida el **sábado 21 de septiembre**. Habrá Hora Santa en la Iglesia a las 5 p.m. y luego una cena en el Salón Parroquial a las 6 p.m.



## COLECCIÓN AMÉRICA LATINA

La próxima semana retomaremos la Colecta para la Iglesia en América Latina. Para muchos en América Latina y el Caribe, una cultura secular en ascenso, un terreno rural difícil y una escasez de ministros presentan obstáculos para practicar la fe. Su apoyo a la colecta proporciona capacitación en liderazgo laico, catequesis, formación sacerdotal y religiosa, y otros programas para compartir nuestra fe católica con aquellos que anhelan escuchar las Buenas Nuevas de Cristo. Para obtener más información sobre cómo sus donaciones marcan la diferencia, visite [www.usccb.org/latin-america](http://www.usccb.org/latin-america).

## 988 LÍNEA DE SUICIDIO Y CRISIS

¿Estás en crisis? ¿Te sientes abrumado? ¿No estás seguro de a dónde acudir? ¡No estás solo y podemos ayudarte! No lo dude, ¡llame o envíe un mensaje de texto al 988 ahora! Idiomas: Inglés y español. Horario: Disponible las 24 horas.

## FAFSA

Noche de información de FAFSA. Tiene un estudiante en el 12 grado en high school y no sabe como funciona la ayuda financiera o como buscar becas. Lo invitamos el jueves 18 de septiembre de 5-7pm en el MEC salón 4.

## IT'S NOT TOO LATE

**You can still join the Knights of Columbus Bowling League. Come to Summit Lanes Bowling Alley on Sunday, September 14th at 5:30pm.**

You are invited to join the 9 Pin No Tap Bowling League at Summit Lanes Bowling Center, 803 SW Oldham Parkway, Lee's Summit, MO, every other Sunday at 6pm starting **August 24**. Everyone is welcome. Four person teams both men and women. If interested come to the bowling alley by 5:30pm on August 24. The cost is \$12 per week. This league is only 17 weeks. For more information call Summit Lanes at 816-524-3322 or Bill Umstead at 816-806-7458. Proceeds go to your local Knights of Columbus Council.

## 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:

1. Call the Missouri Child Abuse Hotline at 1-800-392-3738 (if the victim is currently under the age of 18) and
2. Contact your local law enforcement agency or call 911, and If the abuse involves a priest, deacon, employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph report the suspected abuse to the Diocesan Ombudsman, 816-213-6024 or [ombudsman@diocesekcsj.org](mailto:ombudsman@diocesekcsj.org).

The Diocese has a sincere commitment to providing care and healing resources to victims of sexual abuse and their families. Please contact the Victim Advocate, at 816-714-2357 ext. 516 or [victimadvocate@diocesekcsj.org](mailto:victimadvocate@diocesekcsj.org) for more information.



Thank you St. Regis Parish for your August donation of 210 pounds of food to Catholic Charities of Kansas City - St. Joseph! Together, we are there for our neighbors in need!

**Interested in volunteer opportunities with Catholic Charities?**  
Email us at [volunteers@ccharities.com](mailto:volunteers@ccharities.com) or scan the QR code above.

**Please Remember In Your Prayers:** Aidan Jones, Dolores Dick, McCartney Weist, Teresa Foster, Joseph Gregory, Margaret Kelly, Gregory Richard, Teefey Family, Hanger Family, Daniel & Jeneth Hunter, John Stadler, Genevieve Thieme, John Minton, Ben Rosenblum, Georgiana Smith, Mary Jill Reid, Rosie Murphy, Vickie Young, Lou & Terrie Ramsey, Bobby Washington, Andres Foncha, Robert Harvey, Rick Martin, Julie Boisen, Kathy Gross, Marek Family, Hodge Family, Sylvia Mooney, Jerry Crowley, Jane Marzano, Kenny Thornton, Michael Sheehan, Tammy Fayard, Jennifer Buddemeyer & family, Dianne Greene, Phoebe Reitingner, Mary Hunter, Martha Aquino, John Reyes, Sr., Lupita Sharkey, Yair Arvizu, Christopher Rivera, Julie Schneider, Teresa King, Thomas Severt, Jiri Easley, Dennis Reilly, Steve Beaven, Virginia Reyes, Manuel Botello, Milt Bryant, Ellen Newman, Evelyn Crews, Cassie Lewis, Jerry Walker, Susie Tobin, Amir Smith, Richard Weidner, Lynette Robertson, Joanne Pommerer, Isaiah Love 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



# HOPE

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REBUILD  
REDISCOVER**

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**KANSAS CITY**  
Weekend  
Sept. 26-28

[HelpOurMarriage.org](http://HelpOurMarriage.org)  
**800.470.2230**

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A RITUALIST FOR MARRIAGE COACHES

*"We looked like the perfect couple...  
But the reality of our marriage  
was very different"*



## 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](mailto:cmelchior@regischurch.org)

## Liturgical Roles

September 20 & 21

### Lectors

3:00pm Marvin Chaney & Jim Filley  
8:30am Dave Vorbeck & Joan Sack  
10:30am Gwen Hull & Mark McGee

### Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

3:00pm Melissa Wiehn & Dorothy Quinn  
8:30am Maxine Rodriguez & Sue Quanty Smith  
10:30am Teresa Mahnke & Dennis Reilly

### Servers

3:00pm Enderlyn Cartagena, Anthony Van Ross  
& Lupita Portillo  
8:30am Miguel Martinez  
10:30am Tyler Divis, Natalie Poindexter, Hazel Poindexter,  
Evelyn Poindexter & Emma Campbell

### Greeters

3:00pm Mary Ann Warren & Cliff Miller  
8:30am Carrie Stribling & Ela Wilczynska  
10:30am Alfred DeSouza & Ken Glasbrenner

### Mass Coordinator

3:00pm Jake Smith  
8:30am Mary Ernstmann  
10:30am Dennis Reilly

## Mass Intentions

### Tuesday, September 16

8:30am †Rita Allison by George & Teri Weiter  
7:00pm †Karla Muniz Najera by Family

### Wednesday, September 17

For the Intentions of M/M Paul Middaugh

### Thursday, September 18

†Ken Van Pelt by Theresa Van Pelt

### Friday, September 19

For the Intentions of M/M Paul Middaugh

### Saturday, September 20

3:00pm For the Intentions of Josefina Gonzalez Gonzalez  
by Belem Cardenas

### Sunday, September 21

8:30am †Irv Dreiling  
10:30am People of St. John Francis Regis Parish  
5:00pm †Karla Muniz Najera by Family

## Schedule of Events

### Sunday, September 14

8:30am Mass  
10:30am Mass  
12:00pm Bible Class/Eng  
12:30pm Mass/Bilingual  
5:00pm Mass/Spanish  
Food Collection

### Monday, September 15

#### Soup Kitchen

5:30pm Feed Your Faith  
6:30pm Spanish Class  
7:00pm CERS/Eng

### Tuesday, September 16

8:30am Mass  
9:30am Faith Enrichment  
6:30pm Rosary  
7:00pm Mass/Spanish

### Wednesday, September 17

8:30am Mass  
6:00pm Adoration/Confessions  
6:00pm Religious Education  
6:00pm "The Way"/Sp

### Thursday, September 18

8:30am Mass  
9:30am Scripture Sharing  
6:00pm Choir Rehearsal  
7:00pm Boy Scouts

### Friday, September 19

8:30am Mass  
9:00am Holy Donuts  
6:00pm Worship Council

### Saturday, September 20

2:00pm Confessions  
3:00pm Mass  
5:00pm Fr. Lopez Birthday Celebration

### Sunday, September 21

8:30am Mass  
10:30am Mass  
12:00pm Bible Class/Eng  
5:00pm Mass/Spanish

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION WITH CONFESSIONS

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