



Saint John Francis Regis Parish

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Fr. Emmanuel Lopez, Parochial Administrator

December 1, 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

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

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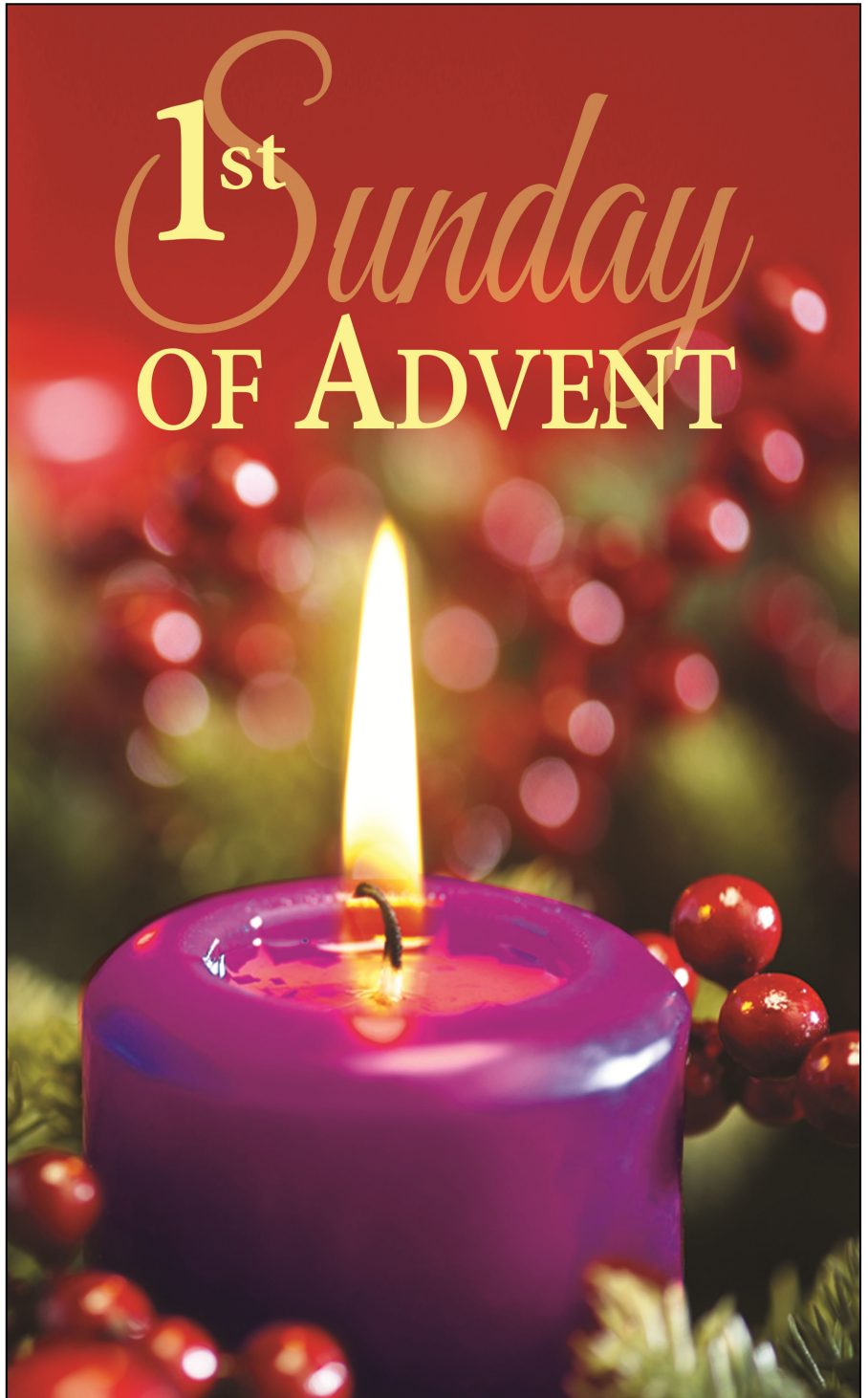
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1st Sunday OF ADVENT

***Feast of the Immaculate Conception
Monday, December 9.***

All are encouraged to attend Mass on this holy day of obligation.

**Masses at St. Regis will be at:
8:30am in English
7:00pm in Spanish**

Please plan to join us as we honor our Blessed Mother And the special role she has in our lives.

SIGN UP FOR THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Greeters, Lectors, Communion Ministers, Servers, Mass Coordinator and Sacristan are invited to sign up for the 8:30am Mass on the Immaculate Conception, **Monday, December 9.** Please sign up in the Gathering Space.

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

Aging religious need your help. "Your support acknowledges that we continue the mission of Christ even in our retirement," says Mission Helpers of the Sacred Heart Sister Celeste Burgos, 80. Donations provide for the care, medicine, and daily needs of over 24,000 senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who have dedicated their lives to service. Please give to the Retirement Fund for Religious.

MONICA'S MOMS

Monica's Moms will meet for the Rosary at 9am this **Thursday, December 5th**, followed by a support group meeting in St. Joseph's Room at 9:30am.

**Parish Support
November 11-17, 2024**

<u>Contribution Income</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Weekly Offertory	\$ 6,187
Plate	\$ 1,660
Online Giving	\$ <u>3,381</u>
Total	\$ 11,228

THOUGHTS FROM FR. EMMANUEL

Friends,

The season of Advent is observed as a time of special preparation for the birth of Jesus Christ.

The Advent wreath explains the meaning of Advent season: The green wreath in circle shape symbolizes God's eternity and everlasting life (Psalm 90:2). Candle light symbolizes Jesus, the light of the world (John 8:12). The four candles symbolize the four weeks of Advent. The first purple candle is called Candle of Hope. "In his name, the nations will put their hope" (Matthew 12:21). The hope that does not disappoint (Romans 5:5). The second purple candle is called Candle of Peace. Jesus is the Prince of Peace (Isaiah 9:6). The third candle, pink in color, is called Candle of Joy. "Fear not, for I bring you good news of great joy" (Luke 2:10). The third purple candle, which is the fourth candle, is called Candle of Love. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whosoever believes in him may not perish, but have life eternal" (John 3:16). The array of purple color of Advent season reminds us that the season is a penitential and a sobering journey. Also, Advent purple color foreshadows the sovereignty and the royalty of Christ our King.

Remember tomorrow evening several priests are helping us in our Penance Service in our church, 6:00-8:00pm. This is a great opportunity to go to confession before Christmas.

Come Lord Jesus to all our families and friends, Amen!

In Christ,

Fr Emmanuel Lopez

BAPTISMS

Welcome to the newest members born to new life in Christ through the Holy Waters of Baptism, **Amariah Grace and Mack Diesel O'Day**, children of Elbert and Jaqueline who were baptized last week. May they be blessed throughout their lives and be guided by the Holy Spirit.

FEED YOUR FAITH

Due to the St. Regis Penance Service tomorrow night, December 2, **Feed Your Faith will not meet** as usual, but instead meet in the church for the Penance Service.

ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE

All of us are encouraged to prepare for the birth of Christ by celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation during Advent. Please join us for our Reconciliation Service (Bilingual) on **Monday, December 2 at 6pm.**

NAME TAG SUNDAY

This Sunday, **November 30 & December 1** the Stewardship Council will host "Name Tag Sunday." To help parishioners with fellowship. Mass attendees will be asked to wear name tags. Refreshments will be served after all the Masses. Please stop and meet the Stewardship Council members after Mass and learn about their ministry. If your group/council would like to volunteer please call the Parish Office, 816-761-1608.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

As you prayerfully consider your pledge to this year's campaign, consider the times when you might have needed the help of another, and you received it. The Catholic Church in Northwest Missouri provides this type of help and relies on your sacrificial giving to make it happen. Be Christ for others—pledge a generous gift to the Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA)

PHOTO WITH SANTA



You better watch out, you better not cry, you better not pout, I'm telling you why, Santa Claus is coming to St. Regis! The Ladies Auxiliary is hosting Photos with Santa or in the Nativity Scene on **Sunday, December 1.** We are asking \$5 a photo. Come to the Gathering Space and you will be directed to the photo room in the Academy. Santa will be available for photos from 11am to 2pm.

SIGN UP FOR CHRISTMAS MASSES

Greeters, Lectors, Communion Ministers, Sacristans, Mass Coordinators and Servers are invited to sign up for the 3pm and 5pm Masses on Christmas Eve and the 10:30am Mass on Christmas Day. Please sign up in the Gathering Space.

CHURCH CLEANING

Church cleaning in December will be on **Wednesday, December 20th** after the morning Mass.

GIVING TREE

Gift tags for the Giving tree will be available the weekend of **November 23/24.** Join in the St. Regis tradition of giving! Help bring hope and joy to the Carroll Park residents this Christmas by taking a tag off the Giving Tree. The gifts should be **wrapped.** **Please attach** the gift tag on the **outside** of the gift. Return the gifts by **Sunday, December 15th.** This year we will again collect **full size** toiletry items for men and women: **lotion, bar soap, toothpaste, tooth brushes, body wash, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant.** There will be gift tubs by the Giving Tree for donated items. All toiletry items are due by **Sunday, December 15th.** There will also be a container for monetary donations. The residents at the Carroll Park Care Facility are **always** so appreciative of the Christmas gifts. Thanks for your continued generosity. Social Service Ministry Council



GIFT FROM ST. REGIS TO YOU!

FRIENDS OF REGIS CHRISTMAS BRUNCH

Friday December 20, 2024 | 9:00am Parish hall
PLEASE BRING A \$5.00 Gift for our gift exchange

RSVP: Esmeralda 816-761-1608 or sign up in the gathering space.



Academy Corner

What's happening in December?

December 4 - Christmas Program @ 6:30

December 12 - Mass for Our Lady of Guadalupe @ 8:30

December 19 - Christmas Parties

Dec 20 to Jan 6th - Christmas Vacation



CHECK OUT THE NEW PLAYGROUND!

Thanks to all who helped make our new playground a reality! It has been a long time coming and definitely couldn't have happened without the support of so many of you! Pictures to come!

Eagle Trot & Color Pop!

The scholars had a great time with their color run last week. We were also able to raise a good amount of money for scholarships! There is still time to support if you would like, just visit the website or scan the QR Code to help us reach our goal!



To support the Eagle Trot scholarship drive, please scan the QR code or use this link: <http://bit.ly/3CnSAT3>

St. Regis Parish Invites you to Our Lady of Guadalupe: Celebration Sunday, December 8th.



Celebration begins with Matachines 12:30pm
 Rosary 1:00pm
 Serenade 1:30pm
 Mass 2:00pm
 Procession 3:00pm
 Dinner and Serenade 4:30pm

Please note there is no 5:00pm mass

ARBOL DE DONACIONES

Las etiquetas de regalo para el árbol de donaciones estarán disponibles el fin de semana del **23 y 24 de noviembre**. ¡Únase a la tradición de St. Regis de dar! Ayude a traer esperanza y alegría a los residentes de Carroll Park esta Navidad quitando una etiqueta del Giving Tree. Los regalos deben estar **envueltos**. **Coloque** la etiqueta de regalo en el **exterior** del regalo. Devuelve los regalos antes del **domingo 15 de diciembre**. Este año volveremos a recolectar artículos de tocador de **tamaño completo** para hombres y mujeres: **loción, jabón en barra, pasta de dientes, cepillos de dientes, gel de baño, champú, acondicionador, desodorante**. Habrá tarrinas de regalo junto al Giving Tree para los artículos donados. Todos los artículos de tocador deben entregarse antes **del domingo 15 de diciembre**. También habrá un contenedor para donaciones monetarias. Los residentes del Centro de Cuidado de Carroll Park **siempre** están muy agradecidos por los regalos de Navidad. Gracias por su continua generosidad.

CAMPANA CATOLICA ANNUAL

Al considerar en oración su promesa a la campaña de este año, considere las ocasiones en las que podría haber necesitado la ayuda de otra persona y la recibió. La Iglesia Católica en el noroeste de Missouri proporciona este tipo de ayuda y depende de su ofrenda sacrificial para que esto suceda. Sé Cristo para los demás: promete una generosa donación a la Campaña Católica Anual (ACA)

PENSAMIENTOS DEL P. EMMANUEL

Amigos

El tiempo de Adviento se observa como un tiempo de preparación especial para el nacimiento de Jesucristo.

La corona de Adviento explica el significado de la temporada de Adviento: La corona verde en forma de círculo simboliza la eternidad y la vida eterna de Dios (Salmo 90:2). La luz de las velas simboliza a Jesús, la luz del mundo (Juan 8:12). Las cuatro velas simbolizan las cuatro semanas de Adviento. La primera vela morada se llama Vela de la Esperanza. "En su nombre pondrán las naciones su esperanza" (Mateo 12:21). La esperanza que no defrauda (Romanos 5:5). La segunda vela morada se llama Vela de la Paz. Jesús es el Príncipe de Paz (Isaías 9:6). La tercera vela, de color rosa, se llama Vela de la Alegría. "No temáis, porque os traigo buenas nuevas de gran gozo" (Lucas 2:10). La tercera vela morada, que es la cuarta vela, se llama Vela del Amor. "Porque de tal manera amó Dios al mundo, que ha dado a su Hijo unigénito, para que todo aquel que en él cree, no se pierda, mas tenga vida eterna" (Juan 3:16). La gama de colores púrpura de la temporada de Adviento nos recuerda que la temporada es un viaje penitencial y aleccionador. Además, el color púrpura del Adviento presagia la soberanía y la realeza de Cristo nuestro Rey.

Recuerden que mañana por la noche varios sacerdotes nos están ayudando en nuestro Servicio de Penitencia en nuestra iglesia, de 6:00 a 8:00 pm. Esta es una gran oportunidad para confesarse antes de Navidad.

¡Ven Señor Jesús a todas nuestras familias y amigos, Amén!

En Cristo,

P. Emmanuel López

FONDO DE JUBILACION PARA RELIGIOSOS

Los religiosos envejecidos necesitan tu ayuda. "Su apoyo reconoce que continuamos la misión de Cristo incluso en nuestra jubilación", dice la hermana Celeste Burgos, de 80 años, de las Ayudantes de la Misión del Sagrado Corazón. Las donaciones cubren la atención, los medicamentos y las necesidades diarias de más de 24,000 hermanas, hermanos y sacerdotes de órdenes religiosas mayores que han dedicado sus vidas al servicio. Por fa-

FOTOS CON PAPA NOEL

Será mejor que tengas cuidado, que no llores, que no hagas pucheros, te cuento por qué, ¡Papá Noel viene a St. Regis! Las Damas Auxiliares están organizando Fotos con Santa o en el Belén el domingo 1 de diciembre. Estamos pidiendo \$5 por foto. Acércate al Espacio de Reunión y serás dirigido a la sala de fotos de la Academia. Papá Noel estará disponible para fotos de 11 a.m. a 2 p.m.

SERVICIO DE RECONCILIACION DE ADVIENTO

Se nos anima a todos a prepararnos para el nacimiento de Cristo celebrando el Sacramento de la Reconciliación durante el Adviento. Únase a nosotros para nuestro Servicio de Reconciliación (Bilingüe) el **lunes 2 de diciembre a las 6 p.m.**

Fiesta de la Inmaculada Concepción Lunes 9 de diciembre.

Se anima a todos a asistir a Misa en este día santo de precepto.

Las misas en St. Regis serán en:

8:30am en inglés

7:00pm en español

Por favor, planee unirse a nosotros mientras honramos a nuestra Santísima Madre Y el papel especial que tiene en nuestras vidas.

La Parroquia de San Regis te invita a celebrar a La Virgen de Guadalupe el domingo 8 de diciembre, 2024.



El Horario es el siguiente:

12:30pm Danza

1:00pm Rosario

1:45pm Serenata

2:00pm **Santa Misa**

3:00pm Procession

4:30pm apariciones y cena

NO HAY MISA DE 5PM

DID YOU KNOW...

St. Regis has spiritually & financially supported our sister community, Ita Maura, in El Salvador, since 1992?

You can support the Ita Maura Sister Community Scholarship Fund by using your monthly Ita Maura envelope, donating on our parish website, stregischurch.com, and with your prayers.



**Christmas Bazaar
and Bake Sale**

St. John LaLande Gym
805 NW RD Mize Rd, Blue Springs MO

Saturday, December 7th 12-6
Sunday, December 8th 8-2

Our Lady of the Rosary Shop located by the Parish Center

Come and enjoy over 30 vendors!

SAVE THE DATE

The Ladies Auxiliary of St. Regis is hosting a pilgrimage to Conception Abbey and the Sisters of Perpetual Adoration in Clyde, Missouri on **March 1, 2025**. Everyone is welcome. Please contact Debbie Umstead at 816-806-5541 for information and to reserve your spot on the bus.

JOB OPENING

St. John Francis Regis Parish is seeking a dedicated and passionate Director of Faith Formation to support the pastor in leading the staff and lay volunteers in strengthening the Catholic faith of our community. The Director will oversee the development and implementation of faith formation programs for youth, young adults, and adults, ensuring that all members of the parish grow in their faith journey. For more information go to: <https://recruiting.paylocity.com/Recruiting/Jobs/Details/2807375>

MENTAL HEALTH TIP

Dance around while you do your housework. Not only will you get chores done, but dancing reduces levels of cortisol (the stress hormone), and increases endorphins (the body's "feel-good" chemicals).

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 Remember In Your Prayers: Aidan Jones, Joanne Whitehorse, 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, JR Lillig, 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, Jack Deuschle, 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 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

Liturgical Roles

December 7 & 8

Lectors

- 3:00pm Makenzie Hinrichs & Marvin Chaney
 8:30am Joan Sack & Dave Vorbeck
 10:30am Cathy Albers & Terry Colombatto

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

- 3:00pm Marvin Chaney & Alex Pope
 8:30am Maxine Rodriguez & Pat Hanson
 10:30am Dennis Reilly & John Reyes, Jr.

Servers

- 3:00pm Enderlyn Cartagena, Neylly Gonzalez
 Fernanda Lopez
 8:30am Sam Loulos
 10:30am Tyler Divis, Joseph Beaven, Norah Pacheco
 Angel P. Thomas & Angelo P. Thomas

Greeters

- 3:00pm Don Wolff & Robbie Tubbs
 8:30am Jane Marzano & Sue Quanty Smith
 10:30am Elaine Allee & Alfred DeSouza

Mass Coordinator

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

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, December 3

- 8:30am †Alice Manning by Joan Sack
 7:00pm For the Poor Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday, December 4

†Sal Nuccio by Milt Bryant

Thursday, December 5

†Margaret Underwood by Milt Bryant

Friday, December 6

†Mike Nash by Milt Bryant

Saturday, December 7

3:00pm †Patricia Jahn by Milt Bryant

Sunday, December 8

- 8:30am †Richard & Mary Melchior
 10:30am People of St. John Francis Regis Parish
 2:00pm For the Intentions of Sophia Sharkey

Schedule of Events

Sunday, December 1—Name Tag Sunday

- 8:00am Retreat/Sp
 8:30am Mass
 10:30am Mass
 11:00am Photo with Santa
 5:00pm Mass/Spanish

Monday, December 2

- 5:30pm Feed Your Faith
 6:00pm Reconciliation Service/Bilingual
 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal/Sp
 7:00pm Stewardship Council

Tuesday, December 3

- 8:30am Mass
 9:30am Militia Immaculata
 6:30pm Rosary
 7:00pm Bible Class/Eng
 7:00pm Mass/Spanish

Wednesday, December 4

- 8:30am Mass
 6:00pm Adoration & Confessions
 6:00pm Religious Ed.
 7:00pm Bible Class/Eng

Thursday, December 5

- 8:30am Mass
 9:30am Scripture Sharing
 9:30am Monica's Moms
 6:00pm Choir Rehearsal
 6:30pm Academy Christmas Program
 7:00pm RCIA
 7:00pm Boy Scouts

Friday, December 6

- 8:30am Mass
 7:00pm Baptismal Prep/Sp

Saturday, December 7

- 6:15am That Man is You
 8:30am Mass/1st Saturday
 2:00pm Confessions
 3:00pm Mass

Sunday, December 8—Our Lady of Guadalupe Fiesta

- 8:30am Mass
 10:30am Mass
 1:00pm Music & Dancers
 2:00pm Mass/Spanish
 3:00pm Procession & Meal

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