



# Saint John Francis Regis Parish

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May 16, 2021

## 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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# THE ASCENSION OF THE Lord

MAY 16, 2021



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**Go into the whole world and  
proclaim the gospel to every creature.**

Mark 16:15

## ADULT CONFIRMATION

Bishop Johnston will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation for adults over the age of 21 who have not yet been confirmed on **Wednesday, June 9, at the Cathedral**. A formation class in the parish is required for those wishing to participate in the sacrament. Please contact Susan Duerr in the parish office, 761-1608, if you are interested.



## TOMORROW'S PRIESTS COLLECTION

Tomorrow's Priests Collection is this weekend, **May 15 and 16**. The average rate per seminarian per year is nearly \$35,000 for tuition, room and board. Funding seminary education can only be accomplished with your generosity. Please help us support our seminarians, "Tomorrow's Priests."

## THANK YOU

The family of Antoinette (Toni) F. Chapman would like to extend their sincere appreciation to Fr. Sean McCaffery, Parish Office Staff, Teri Weiter, Pat Hanson, the Altar Servers and the Parishioners of St. John Francis Regis for their genuine kindness and support during this difficult time. Thank You for all your outpouring of love and prayers.

## *We would like to honor the mothers of our parishioners that didn't make it on to the Mother's Day display:*

Jean Ford                    Tena DiMarco  
Ella Harper                Frances Kraus  
Mary Mankah               Hostensia Menyu  
Patricia Atanga           Josephine Bollenbach  
Sandra Botello             Hortensia Botello  
Ashley Ramsey              Felicia Ramsey

Cora Larson  
Jean Kraus  
Prudencia Ngwaka  
Maria Camacho  
Beth Heidler

## ST. REGIS STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Before he ascended into heaven, Jesus instructed his disciples to proclaim the Gospel to all of creation. In the first reading, after Jesus' ascent, the angels ask his disciples "Why do you stand here staring at the skies?" The angels want them to look around themselves and be assured that Christ is working through them. The Ascension does not memorialize Christ leaving us. But instead, Christ working through us, his mystical body, his church. As stewards of this legacy, we too are called to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ in our words and actions; in how we live and how we treat others. Are we sharing the life of Christ with others in our day-to-day lives? In what ways do we see ourselves proclaiming the Gospel? In what ways can we do better?

Antes de ascender al cielo, Jesús instruyó a sus discípulos para anunciar el Evangelio a toda la creación. En la primera lectura, después del ascenso de Jesús, los ángeles preguntan a sus discípulos: "¿Por qué estáis aquí mirando a los cielos?" Los ángeles quieren que miren a su alrededor y tengan la certeza de que Cristo está trabajando a través de ellos. La Ascensión no conmemora a Cristo alejándose de nosotros. Sino a Cristo trabajando a través de nosotros, su cuerpo místico, su iglesia. Como responsables de su legado, nosotros también estamos llamados a proclamar el Evangelio de Jesucristo en nuestras palabras y acciones; en cómo vivimos y cómo tratamos a los demás. ¿Compartimos la vida de Cristo con los demás en nuestro día a día? ¿De qué maneras nos vemos a nosotros mismos proclamando el Evangelio? ¿De qué maneras podemos hacerlo mejor?

Source: International Catholic Stewardship Council e-Bulletin

## PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION

Next week, **May 22 and 23**, our second collection will be for Peter's Pence, which provides Pope Francis with the funds he needs to carry out his charitable works around the world. The proceeds benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Please be generous. For more information, visit [www.usccb.org/peters-pence](http://www.usccb.org/peters-pence).



St. Regis Academy Parish and Friends,  
It is with humble and grateful hearts that we share this amazing news. With the help of an amazing committee and a tremendously generous Parish family, we have been blessed with \$70,274.49 in contributions from our 2021 Luau Fundraiser! There are no words to adequately express our gratitude to all who contributed with their time, talent, treasure and prayer! Your generosity and continued support gives us such joy and encouragement during this year. We look forward to celebrating with you in-person at our 2022 Luau!

## SUMMER GIVING

This summer may offer a chance to renew our quest for fun and relaxation in a way that the pandemic, the economy and closures would not allow last summer. Let us be mindful of our parishes, diocesan ministries and other charities that are in need of our support. A plan to continue our generous habits this summer can serve as a great blessing to those in need and serve as an authentic witness to the renewal of our Baptismal promises at Easter.

## EUCARISTIC ADORATION WITH CONFESSIONS

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

## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Today's celebration varies from place to place. In some parts of the United States, people gather for the Seventh Sunday of Easter, while other places celebrate the Ascension of the Lord. Several years ago, regions of bishops were permitted to decide whether to retain Ascension Day on Thursday, the fortieth day after Easter, or to move the celebration to the nearest Sunday. This new flexibility in the Christian calendar has to do with the desire to gather the Church to celebrate its central feasts fully, and with the Eucharist. Increasingly, as priests serve remote and scattered parishes, this is not always possible mid-week.

The Ascension is a key moment for grasping what life in Christ is all about. It is not about a departure, but rather a plan for presence. We who are nourished by the Lord's body and blood in the Eucharist are transformed to be his abiding presence in the world. That is a truth so worth celebrating that we can adjust our calendar in order that the fullest possible gathering of the Church can be achieved. —James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



This is the last weekend for the Tiny Saints fundraiser for St. Regis Confirmation Students. We are raising money for our retreat in June to Benedictine College. We earn 25% of every order. Everything is done online and they will ship to you.

They are super cute and you can carry a saint with you wherever you go. The last day to order online is **May 19**. Go to [tinysaints.com](http://tinysaints.com) and choose Saint Regis Confirmation Students to make your order count for us. Thank you for your support.

## SCHOOL NEWS

### **Vision**

By the Grace of God, St. Regis Academy seeks to be a locally recognized leader in graduating young men and women who are spiritually and academically prepared for a lifetime of discipleship.

### **Mission**

St. Regis Academy in partnership with parents, as the primary educators of their children, seeks to provide a Catholic Classical Liberal Arts Education centered on Christ. We seek to cultivate an environment that fosters a student's natural desire for Truth, Beauty, and Goodness. St. Regis Academy prepares students to think critically, reason logically, articulate clearly, and engage others persuasively. Our enrollment includes racial, ethnic, and economic diversity within the Body of Christ, providing a wealth of opportunity for students to grow in virtue by pursuing spiritual, emotional, and academic excellence.

## NOW ENROLLING



St. Regis Academy & ECC has immediate openings in our preschool program! Our program strives to provide a safe, loving, and nurturing environment for our students to learn and grow! Contact Preschool Coordinator, Chelsea Wilton, for more information and a Virtual Tour!

**phone:** 816-763-5837    **email:** [cwilton@regisecc.org](mailto:cwilton@regisecc.org)

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## HELP WANTED

St. Regis Academy Preschool is looking for a part-time assistant to help in our preschool classroom in the afternoons. Qualified candidates must be 18 years or older, pass a criminal background screening, and complete Protecting God's Children. Experience with young children is strongly preferred. This shift is Monday - Friday from 2:30-6:00pm. Interested candidates should call or email Preschool Coordinator, Chelsea Wilton @ [cwilton@regisecc.org](mailto:cwilton@regisecc.org) or 816-763-5837.

## OUTPACE POVERTY WALK/FUN RUN FAMILY FESTIVAL

This past year has looked quite a bit different for many social and fundraising events. Catholic Charities KCSJ's Outpace Poverty is no exception. The decision was recently made to move OPP to the fall. We

encourage you to save the date and plan to help *Outpace Poverty* on **September 18, 2021** When we host a 5K Walk/ Fun Run and Family Festival that benefits our work in addressing poverty. We will be back at the beautiful Theis Park and there will also be a virtual opportunity again as well. More information and registration will be available in the coming months. Contact Brooke Hilst, Major Gifts Manager, with questions at 816-659-8274 or [bhilst@ccharities.com](mailto:bhilst@ccharities.com).



Our 8th Graders will graduate on **Thursday, May 20th**. We congratulate the Class of 2021!

Jabari Cambridge  
Madison Hallam  
Brayden Lane  
Alec Lopez  
Zackary Steffen

Shiloh Groves  
Perez John  
James Lee  
David Mattox  
Saharra Walker

## CELEBRATE ST. REGIS

We want to congratulate the following graduates from our parish family. We are proud of all of our hardworking students, from the Early Childhood Center (ECC) through post-graduate studies -- and every step in between! If you see one of these graduates, or a graduate on any level, please tell them that you admire their work to improve themselves and the world around them! Together, they are making a difference!

- John Stribling, Rockhurst High School

You can submit your graduate's name for recognition by calling the parish office, 761-1608 or by e-mailing [cmelchior@regischurch.org](mailto:cmelchior@regischurch.org).



## ST. THERESE LITTLE FLOWER SHOE DRIVE

Gather those shoes that are stacking up in your closet and make them a part of a great cause! We need shoes that are practically new or gently used for the St. Therese Little Flower Senior Center Shoe Drive Fundraiser. The shoes are sent to developing nations and help support micro-entrepreneurs. The goal is to collect 7500 pairs of shoes! Please bring shoes to the church at 5814 Euclid Ave. KCMO 64130 (9 a.m. – 3 p.m. weekdays) **till June 18** to help us meet our goal. Tell your friends, neighbors and family to join us in this effort!! All kinds of gently used or new shoes are welcome. Questions may be directed to Sharon Sanders (816-444-3514, 816-591-6284 or [ssanders@stlfkc.org](mailto:ssanders@stlfkc.org))

## CARS4KC

If you have a vehicle you don't want anymore, donate it to Cars4KC. You'll avoid the hassle of selling and you can get a tax deduction that may reduce your tax burden. When you donate your car, truck, RV or boat, you help people right here in our community by supporting the valuable Catholic Charities programs and services across the region. Cars4KC is a joint program between Catholic Charities of Kansas City-St. Joseph and Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas. To donate your vehicle, use the form on our website at [www.catholiccharities-kcsj.org](http://www.catholiccharities-kcsj.org) or call 913-647-9080.



Friday, June 4th

Drumm Farm Golf Club, 15400 E. 34th Street S, Independence, MO 64055

Format is a four-person scramble of 18 holes. Shotgun starts at 8am. Player registration includes green fees and cart rental, contests, beverages and wards luncheon immediately following the round. Must be age 21+ to participate. To sign up or sponsor go to <https://www.smacatholic.org/guardian-golf-classic/>. For more information call 816-499-8609.

## SUMMER CAMP

St. Michael the Archangel will be sponsoring summer athletic camps for kids. Cost is \$65 per camper. The list of sports available, as well as registration information can be found at smacatholic.org, go the Athletics/Activities tab. For more information please contact Mary Kroening at [mkroening@smacatholic.org](mailto:mkroening@smacatholic.org).



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**Please Remember In Your Prayers:** Susan Nealy, Jack Mitchell, John Hernandez, David Berg, Fran & Dennis Wadle, Rose Marie Larson, Dean Starr, Gene Helling, Aidan Jones, Kathy Ness, Joanne Whitehurst, Helen & Patrick Sheehan, Jessica Berger, Adelia Spann, Jack Gress, Denise Kopek, Margie Strobl, Dolores Dick, Kathy Morehouse, McCartney Weist, Larry Hayden, Ray McMichael, Dennis Reilly, Homer Radford, Siggy Koop, Teresa Foster, Joseph Gregory, Margaret Kelly, Gregory Richard, Bob Harvey, Jackie Jackson, Ardith Fetterolf, Maria Rose Brown, Lois Beres, Phil Hoffman, Kristen Brown, Larry Fournier, Ethel Felder, Coletta Merrigan, Buddemeyer Family, Pat Romero, Janet Helms, Mary Hunter, Chris & Sarah Teeffey, Babette Lathrop, Shelly Clemons, Pauline Umbenhower, Bob Slusher, Genevieve Thieme, Pat Filley, Bill Massop, Maximo Rivera, Dallas Schilizer, Lupita Sharkey, Larry & Brenda Grant, Wendy McKellar, Diane Greene, Jerry Stanford, Milton Bryant, Kale Van Pelt, Rose Brown, Bridget Kopek, Mike Reilly, Susan England, Brian Pattee, Suzy Hanger, Jennifer Allee, Carole McCaffery, Jan Hillyer, Georgine Hartigan, Bob Hoffman, Maria Brown, Anna Barber, Anita Hampton, Bill Esser, Tina Banks, Leonard & Yvonne Duerr, Teresa King, JR Lillig, Ralph Ford, Deanna Hodson, Michael Wertz, Gary Walker, Jack Lankford, Carol Christian, John Minton, Jim Filley, Susanna Wernsman May, Marcey Reilly, Rosemary Shoemaker, Terri Steenson, Ben Rosenblum, Patricia Haselhorst, Sandra Gale, Paul & Donna Petersen, Danny Hermon and the many parishioners who are experiencing situational and financial hardships.

## Liturgical Roles

May 22 & 23

### Lectors

- 3:00pm Francis Brenner & Bernadette Brenner
- 8:30am Sue Nichols & Katie Radford
- 10:30am Ora Reyes & Theresa Van Pelt

### Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

- 3:00pm Francis Brenner, Bernadette Brenner, Jim Filley, Charlene Helling
- 8:30am Pat Hanson, Janet Helms, Sherry Falke, Mike Murtha
- 10:30am Don Wolff, Kathy Wolff, Marcia Collins, Ann Garrison

### Servers

- 3:00pm Jeremy Smith & Jackson Price
- 8:30am Miguel Martinez & Emily Winter
- 10:30am Katherine Banlomon & Cole Barrera

### Greeters

- 3:00pm Marvin Chaney & Manuel Botello
- 8:30am Sue Quanty Smith & Rick Kraus
- 10:30am Julie Schmidt & Elaine Allee

## Mass Intentions

### Tuesday, May 18

†Virginia Esser by Bill Esser

### Wednesday, May 19

†Phyllis Zulin by Robert & Judy Slusher

### Thursday, May 20

†John Walker by the Weishar Family

### Friday, May 21

†Lucile Edmonds by Jim & Pat Filley

### Saturday, May 22

3:00pm †Jerry Schroeder by Teresa King

### Sunday, May 23

8:30am †Rick Boisen by Joanne Whitehurst

10:30am †Denny King by Teresa King

5:00pm People of St. John Francis Regis Parish

## 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)

## IN REMEMBRANCE-DECEASED PARISHIONERS

Name		Age	Date of Death
Amy Catherine Gamm		21	5/16 1993
Rosemary(Kay) Ruff		75	5/16 2017
Celesta Golden		45	5/17 1970
Edward Lynch		31	5/17 1993
Joseph George McNamara		66	5/17 1993
Marie Bauer		82	5/17 1997
Rina Schepp		50	5/18 1973
Elizabeth Williams		47	5/18 2020
Mickey Como		71	5/19 1990
Ralph Anthony Benizio		77	5/19 1994
Robert Magee		77	5/19 2014
James Edward Stover	6 Mon.	5/20	1976
Donald Walter		73	5/20 1968
Earl Franklin Jones		77	5/21 1997
Cecilia E. Whelan		68	5/22 1969
Bertha K. Gast		92	5/22 1987
Bonnie E. Ferretti		83	5/22 2001
Frederick (Jim) Monnig		87	5/22 2016

Eternal rest, grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

## 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](mailto: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 the Victim Advocate at 816-392-0011 or [victimadvocate@diocesekcsj.org](mailto:victimadvocate@diocesekcsj.org) for more information.

## Schedule of Events

**Sunday, May 16**

8:30am Mass  
10:30am Mass  
5:00pm Mass/Spanish  
Food Collection

**Monday, May 17**

Soup Kitchen  
Meatloaf Monday  
7:00pm Neocatechumenal Way

**Tuesday, May 18**

8:30am Mass  
6:00pm Spanish Prayer Workshop  
6:30pm Rosary

**Wednesday, May 19**

8:00am 8th Grade Graduation Practice  
8:30am Mass  
6:00pm Eucharistic Adoration w/Confessions  
7:00pm Praise Team Practice  
7:00pm Spanish Bible Study

**Thursday, May 20**

8:30am Mass  
9:00am Scripture Study  
7:00pm Neocatechumenal Way  
7:00pm 8th Grade Graduation

**Friday, May 21**

8:30am Mass  
7:00pm Worship Council

**Saturday, May 22**

2:00pm Confessions  
3:00pm Mass

**Sunday, May 23**

8:30am Mass  
10:30am Mass  
5:00pm Mass/Spanish



**The Ascension of the Lord**

**May 16, 2021**

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