



# Saint John Francis Regis Parish

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## 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

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## **Parish Council**

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# First Sunday of Advent

November 28, 2021

Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength  
to escape the tribulations that are imminent  
and to stand before the Son of Man.

Luke 21:36

## GIVING TREE

Gift tags for the Giving tree will be available the weekend of **November 27/28**. Join in the St. Regis tradition of giving! Help bring hope and joy to those in need this Christmas by taking a tag off the Giving Tree. The gifts should be wrapped. Please attach the tag on the outside of the gift. Return the gifts by Sunday, December 19<sup>th</sup>.

This year we will again collect full size toiletry items for men and women: **lotion, bar soap, toothpaste, body wash, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant.**

There will be gift boxes by the Giving Tree for donated items. 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



## BAPTISM

Welcome to the newest member born to new life in Christ through the Holy Waters of Baptism. **Reagan Divis**, daughter of Tracy and Elizabeth who was baptized last weekend. May she be blessed throughout her life and be guided by the Holy Spirit.



## ST. REGIS STEWARDSHIP CORNER

On this first Sunday of Advent, the Gospel reading depicts Jesus warning his followers about the end-time. He urges them to pray, be vigilant, spiritually awake, avoid selfindulgence, spiritual malaise, and a preoccupation with anxiety. Jesus advises against a lifestyle of earthly pleasures and worry. These will not matter when the Lord asks for an account of our stewardship. Stewards realize their lives are not just about the here and now. They know themselves to be reflections of God's active presence in the world and witnesses of the Lord's promises. As we begin this season of hope, let us reflect on the practical effect of having every waking moment in our lives dedicated to the Lord.

En este primer domingo de Adviento, la lectura del Evangelio representa a Jesús advirtiendo a sus seguidores acerca del final del tiempo. Él les alienta a orar, a estar atentos, espiritualmente despiertos, a evitar la autoindulgencia, la indisposición espiritual, y la preocupación por la ansiedad. Jesús aconseja lo opuesto al estilo de vida de los placeres terrenales y la preocupación. Estos no tendrán importancia cuando el Señor nos pida rendir cuentas de nuestra corresponsabilidad. Los corresponsables se dan cuenta de que sus vidas no se tratan sólo del aquí y el ahora. Ellos saben que son reflejo de la presencia activa de Dios en el mundo y testigos de las promesas del Señor. Al iniciar esta época de esperanza, reflexionemos acerca del efecto práctico de tener cada momento de vigilia en nuestra vida dedicado al Señor.

## Pub Theology Night

Dec 2nd, St. Regis Parish Hall

Come enjoy a beer with a twist on Theology of the Body. Enjoy an evening of fellowship as we build community together here at St. Regis!

21+ Event: Beer, Wine, or BYOB

Child care provided.

**THANK YOU**

Thank you for turning in your Time/Talent and Pledge cards. If you have not turned them in yet, you can drop them in the green bucket in the Gathering Space or bring them by the office.

**ST. JOSEPH CONSECRATION**

We will have our third meeting for the St. Joseph Consecration on **Monday, December 6th** at 6pm in Mary's Room. We will be reflecting on the last couple weeks of the consecration. Feel free to come discuss and learn, even if you missed the first one and haven't started the consecration.

# **ONLINE SPIRIT WEAR SALE**

**The online spirit wear store is open!**

**The store will close at 11:59 pm on Wednesday, December 1st.**

**To place an online order, visit  
<https://rods-stregis2021-22.itemorder.com/sale>**



**\*School Uniform Sweatshirts are the\*  
**\*only items allowed during class.\***  
 Basketball, Parish, and other designs available!**

**TAX TIPS**

For the 2021 tax year, most Americans can deduct up to \$600 in donations to qualifying charities even if they don't itemize their taxes. This is a temporary law change in the Tax Relief Act. Under this provision, individual tax filers can claim a deduction of up to \$300 for cash contributions and \$600 for married individuals filing a joint return.

To qualify, you must be 70 1/2 or older and have one of the following types of tax deferred accounts are able to make a charitable contribution directly from that account and at the same time lower taxes even if they don't itemize. This is called a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD).

**Acceptable tax deferred Traditional IRA, Inherited IRA, SEP IRA and Simple IRA**

A QCD can also count towards your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD). This type of contribution requires a special form which you can request from the Parish Office or at the Parish website at [www.stregischurch.com/give/charitable-ira-giving](http://www.stregischurch.com/give/charitable-ira-giving). It is important to note the the QCD has to be made directly to the Charity to avoid tax complications.

Appreciated Securities can also be used to take a charitable deduction, if your tax situation allows. This method avoids capital gains tax. Again, there is a special Securities Distribution Form. Contact the Parish Office for more information and coordinate through your securities broker.

**SPIRITUAL ADOPTION**

Month 3: Even though my mother cannot feel me yet, I can kick and flip around. I can move my eyes but my eyelids are closed. My cartilage is changing to bone. I can suck my thumb and I hiccup when I swallow fluid. I am now three inches long and can hear outside noises. I can close my fingers around an object and I can squint, frown and smile. I am starting to react to my environment and I can already feel sensations like pain and pressure.



"His mother Mary...was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit... (the angel said) 'what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit'"

## 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.

## ITA MAURA SCHOLARSHIPS

"The CIS Scholarship Program has benefited me in my studies since I'm an economically disadvantaged person and I wasn't able to afford my studies. Through the help I'm given I'm studying in high school. I'm a mother of two children. When I finish my high school education I want to work hard so that I can have the financial solvency to help my children pursue an education."

*Alba Filomena Leiva (35), General High School, 2<sup>nd</sup> year.*

The program has brought a lot of support for my community since young people only made it to ninth grade and then abandoned their dreams of going further in their education. When I graduate from high school, I want to pursue an agronomical engineering career. Since I was a child I was interested in plants, trees and nature in general." *Ronal Gamaliel Hernández Prez (16), General High School, 2<sup>nd</sup> year.*

St. Regis Endowment Fund, through CIS (Center for Exchange and Solidarity Scholarship Program), currently provides scholarships for six High School and four University students. \$5500 is the amount needed for our Endowment Fund this coming school year that starts in January. You'll find an Ita Maura envelope in your monthly envelope packet or you can give online. To give online, from the FUNDS menu, select "Ita Maura Sister Community Scholarship Fund."

Currently, the parish has contributed \$1551. Please consider an Ita Maura Endowment Fund donation to help our students in their pursuit of Higher Education. Thanks for your generosity and prayers!

## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Occasionally, someone raises a surprised complaint that while Christmas arrives on Santa's sleigh at the Macy's parade on Thanksgiving Day, the Church doesn't catch on too fast. They may even say that Advent is a new-fangled idea. Not so. To trace its beginnings, we have to go back to the fourth or fifth century in France (then Gaul), when Epiphany was the favored day, next to Easter, for baptism. The old pagan structures of Rome were collapsing then, and many people sought to be baptized. Since adults always prepared for baptism by fasting, folks counted back a few weeks for a kind of retreat. Before too long, bishops were advising everyone to attend church frequently beginning on December 17. Soon, artists were imagining ways of expressing the Advent mystery, and in Italy this gave rise to beautiful mosaics of empty thrones awaiting the arrival of the Lord of all creation.

Advent as we know it develops on two separate tracks: the first having to do with our spiritual preparation for celebrating the Christmas feast, and the second having to do with the way this is organized and expressed in the liturgical readings and prayers every day of the season.

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## CHRISTMAS FLOWER OFFERING

Please help beautify our church at Christmas by making a contribution for Christmas flowers. You may honor your family or remember deceased family members with your Christmas flower offering. Please use the designated envelope in your December packet and clearly print any names on the front. You may place your flower offering in the regular collection at Mass any time during the month of December.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						
5 830am Mass 930am Ladies Auxiliary 1030am Mass/Children Liturgy 500pm Mass/Spanish 615pm Confirmation 700pm Novena	6 830am Mass 12pm Spanish Bible Class 6pm St. Joseph Consecration Mtg. 7pm Spanish Bible Class 700pm Bible Study 7pm Stewardship Council 700pm Novena	7 830am Mass 9am Militia Immaculata 630pm Rosary 7pm Spanish Bible Class 700pm Praise Team 700pm Neo. Way 700pm Novena	8 <i>Immaculate Conception</i> 830am Mass 10am Spanish Bible Study 6pm Mass 6pm Spanish Bible Class 7pm Spanish Bible Class 700pm K of C 700pm Novena 730pm Spanish Bible Class No School Parish Office Closed	9 830am Mass 9am Scripture Sharing 630pm RCIA 700pm Boy Scouts 700pm Choir Rehearsal 7pm Spanish Bible Class 700pm Novena	10 830am Mass 9am Scripture Sharing 630pm RCIA 700pm Boy Scouts 700pm Choir Rehearsal 7pm Spanish Bible Class 700pm Novena	11 615am That Man is You 8am Mass/1st Saturday Confessions 200pm Mass 700pm Novena
12 <i>Our Lady of Guadalupe</i> 830am Mass 1030am Mass/Children Liturgy 200pm Mass/Spanish 3pm Our Lady of Guadalupe Fiesta	13 830am Mass 12pm Spanish Bible Class 7pm Spanish Bible Class 700pm Bible Study 700pm SSMC	14 830am Mass 630pm Rosary 7pm Spanish Bible Class 700pm Praise Team 700pm Neo. Way	15 830am Mass 10am Spanish Bible Study 6pm Adoration & Confession 6pm Spanish Bible Class 7pm Spanish Bible Class 7pm School of Religion 7pm 1st Reconciliation Mtg 730pm Spanish Bible Class	16 830am Mass 9am Scripture Sharing 630pm RCIA 700pm Boy Scouts 700pm Choir Rehearsal 7pm Spanish Bible Class 700pm Young Adults	17 830am Mass 930am Church Cleaning 5pm Las Posadas 7pm Spanish Bible Class 700pm Bible Study 700pm Worship Council	18 615am That Man is You 200pm Confessions 300pm Mass Food Collection
19 830am Mass 1030am Mass/Children Liturgy 500pm Mass/Spanish Food Collection <b>Giving Tree Gifts Due</b>	20 <i>Soup Kitchen</i> <i>Meatloaf Monday</i> 12pm Spanish Bible Class 7pm Spanish Bible Class 700pm Bible Study	21 830am Mass 630pm Rosary 7pm Spanish Bible Class 700pm Praise Team 700pm Neo. Way	22 830am Mass 10am Spanish Bible Study 6pm Adoration & Confession 6pm Spanish Bible Class 7pm Spanish Bible Class 700pm K of C Officers 730pm Spanish Bible Class	23 830am Mass 9am Scripture Sharing 630pm RCIA 700pm Boy Scouts 700pm Choir Rehearsal 7pm Spanish Bible Class	24 <i>Christmas Eve</i> 230pm Mass 430pm Mass 930pm Mass/Spanish Midnight Mass Parish Office Closed	25 <i>Christmas Day</i> 1030am Mass
26 830am Mass 1030am Mass 500pm Mass/Spanish	27 12pm Spanish Bible Class 7pm Spanish Bible Class 700pm Bible Study	28 830am Mass 630pm Rosary 7pm Spanish Bible Class 700pm Praise Team 700pm Neo. Way	29 830am Mass 10am Spanish Bible Study 6pm Adoration & Confession 6pm Spanish Bible Class 7pm Spanish Bible Class 730pm Spanish Bible Class	30 830am Mass 9am Scripture Sharing 630pm RCIA 700pm Boy Scouts 700pm Choir Rehearsal 7pm Spanish Bible Class	31 <i>New Years Eve</i> 830am Mass 600pm Mass 7pm Spanish Bible Class 700pm Bible Study	

**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 Whitney True-Francis, Victim Assistance Coordinator, at 816-392-0011 or [true.francis@diocesekcsj.org](mailto:true.francis@diocesekcsj.org) for more information.

**Please Remember In Your Prayers:** Susan Nealy, Jack Mitchell, John Hernandez, David Berg, Fran & Dennis Wadle, Rose Marie Larson, Dean Starr, 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, Phil Hoffman, Kristen Brown, Ethel Felder, Coletta Merrigan, Buddemeyer Family, Pat Romero, Janet Helms, Mary Hunter, Chris & Sarah Teevey, Babette Lathrop, Shelly Clemons, Pauline Umphenauer, 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, Rosemary Shoemaker, Ben Rosenblum, Patricia Haselhorst, Sandra Gale, Paul & Donna Petersen, Danny Hermon, Lynda Walker, Sam Soulis, Pat Gallagher, Mike Gallagher, Richard Rademacher, Steve Temple, Maria Vasquez Boyd, Dick Schroer, Lou & Terrie Ramsey, Vickie Young, Carrie Siegmund, Georgiana Smith and the many parishioners who are experiencing situational and financial hardships.

**Liturgical Roles**

December 4 &amp; 5

**Lectors**

- 3:00pm Bernadette Brenner & Francis Brenner
- 8:30am Dianne Schmidt & Ken Stewart
- 10:30am Kathy Morehouse & Mark McGee

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**

- 3:00pm Francis Brenner, Alex Pope, Melissa Wiehn Dorothy Quinn
- 8:30am Kathleen Robb, Regina Ozbun, Sue Nichols Sue Quantz Smith
- 10:30am Gwen Hull, Marcia Collins, Elaine Allee Mary Kimbrell

**Servers**

- 3:00pm Ellyson Smith & Jeremy Smith
- 8:30am Ashley Winter & Emily Winter
- 10:30am Betty Banlomon & Rita Godoy

**Greeters**

- 3:00pm Marvin Chaney & Jerry Crowley
- 8:30am Rick Kraus & Jane Marzano
- 10:30am Mary Lou Glasbrenner & Ken Glasbrenner

**Mass Intentions****Tuesday, November 30**

†Megan Wood by Mrs. Gene Welch

**Wednesday, December 1**

†Martin Gruettemeyer by the Kimbrell Family

**Thursday, December 2**

For the Intentions of the Surber Family

**Friday, December 3**

†Toni Chapman by Sr.'s Loretto Marie &amp; Marie Madeleine

**Saturday, December 4**

3:00pm †Bob &amp; Judy Slusher by Debra Ramsey

**Sunday, December 5**

8:30am †Judy Slusher by Tom &amp; Joan Haborak

10:30am †Gene Helling by Eileen Monteil

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
Thomas G.	Armbruster	38	11/28 1994
Ollivene	Spurgeon	74	11/28 2008
Peggie J.	Flattery	39	11/29 1965
Barbara	Schroeder	76	11/29 2018
Stephen	Werkowitch	91	11/29 1975
Ruth R.	Whitaker	78	11/29 1985
Madeline	Van Hoecke	57	11/29 1994
Robert	Jackson	69	11/30 1977
Winifred May	Hirt	72	11/30 2002
Edith	Wingett	68	12/2 1978
Christopher	Helling	30	12/2 1989
Richard	Gregg	81	12/2 2008
Mary Jane	Boylson	66	12/3 1986
Mary Alice	Manning	85	12/3 1987
Dorothy L.	Eder	76	12/3 1998
Michael	Gorman	20	12/4 1974
Genevieve	Knesel	64	12/4 1981
Lois P.	Ramirez	57	12/4 1982

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.

## NATIVITY PUPPETS PRODUCTION

Come see an age old classic come to life this December with larger than life puppets, gorgeous live music and brilliant vocalists. Get your tickets now to the Nativity, an annual Kansas City favorite. Performances are **December 3-5** at Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral, 13th and Broadway, KCMO. For more information or to re-reserve tickets go to [NativityPuppets.org](http://NativityPuppets.org) or call 816-490-6742.



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## Schedule of Events

**Sunday, November 28**

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

**Monday, November 29**

- 12:00pm Spanish Bible Class
- 7:00pm Spanish Bible Class
- 7:00pm Bible Study

**Tuesday, November 30**

- 8:30am Mass
- 6:30pm Rosary
- 7:00pm Spanish Bible Class
- 7:00pm Praise Team Practice
- 7:00pm Neocatechumenal Way

**Wednesday, December 1**

- 8:30am Mass
- 10:00am Spanish Bible Class
- 6:00pm Eucharistic Adoration w/Confessions
- 6:00pm Spanish Bible Class/Teens
- 7:00pm Spanish Bible Study
- 7:00pm School of Religion
- 7:30pm Spanish Bible Class/Young Adults

**Thursday, December 2**

- 8:30am Mass
- 9:00am Scripture Study
- 6:30pm RCIA
- 7:00pm Boy Scouts
- 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00pm Spanish Bible Class
- 7:00pm Pub Theology

**Friday, December 3**

- 8:30am Mass
- 7:00pm Spanish Bible Class
- 7:00pm Bible Study
- 7:00pm Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena

**Saturday, December 4**

- 6:15am That Man Is You
- 8:00am Mass/1st Saturday
- 2:00pm Confessions
- 3:00pm Mass
- 7:00pm Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena

**Sunday, December 5**

- 8:30am Mass
- 9:30am Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary
- 10:30am Mass/Children's Liturgy
- 5:00pm Mass/Spanish
- 6:15pm Confirmation Meeting
- 7:00pm Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena

**Ist Sunday of Advent**

**November 28, 2021**

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