



Saint John Francis Regis Parish

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December 2, 2018

Weekend Masses

Saturday: 4:30PM

Sunday: 8:30 and 10:30AM

Daily Mass

Monday: 7:00AM

Tuesday - Friday: 8:30AM

Confessions

Sat: 3:30PM & *Wed:* 6:00PM

& by appointment

Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday: 6:00-7:00PM

Parish Office Hours: Monday-Friday 8AM-4PM

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First Sunday

OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 2, 2018

*There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars.
When these signs begin to happen,
stand erect and raise your heads
because your redemption is at hand.*

Luke 21:25, 28



***Feast of the Immaculate Conception
Saturday, December 8.***

All are encouraged to attend Mass on this holy day of obligation. Please plan to join us as we honor our Blessed Mother and the special role she has in our lives. Mass at St. Regis will be:

Saturday, December 8 at 8:30am

There is also a Vigil Mass at St. Matthew the Apostle at 6pm on Friday, December 7th.

ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICES

Wednesday, Dec. 19 - 6:00PM

St. Regis/St. Matthew service at St. Regis

All of us are encouraged to prepare for the birth of Christ by celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation during Advent.

Other area service:

Thursday, Dec. 20 at 6pm at St. Bernadette's

Reconciliation will also be available 1 hour prior to Christmas Eve & Christmas Day Masses.

ST. REGIS STEWARDSHIP CORNER

The Gospel, from Luke, warns, "Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy from carousing and drunkenness and the anxieties of daily life." How easy it is to lose focus on our Lord either by too much indulgence in our lives or by too much worry about our lives. Both extremes are easy to fall prey to. To avoid these traps this we are told to "be vigilant" and "pray for strength to sustain us."

During Advent, we Christian stewards must ask ourselves some hard questions. Am I staying faithful to my prayer life? Am I using my energy and skills to serve others? Am I overly concerned about material gain? Am I relying on my "stuff" or my investments as my source of comfort or security? Am I living for the moment or for the coming of the Lord? (Catholic Stewardship Consultants Inc.)

BEST ADVENT EVER

Advent is a time to prepare our hearts for Christmas, but we often get distracted and busy. Don't let this Advent pass you by. Slow down and focus on what matters most with BEST ADVENT EVER. Each day, you'll receive an email with short inspirational videos, practical tips for your every day life, and real-life stories to encourage you in your faith journey. All you have to do is sign up at BestAdventEver.com.

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 3 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.

FIRST ANNUAL COAT DRIVE

The Ladies Auxiliary will be collecting new and used coats for all ages—infant through adults, from now until **Monday, December 3rd**. All coats collected will be donated to the Seton Center. Please drop them off in the big container in the bathroom hallway. Any questions please call Sherry Falke at 913-814-2119 (work) or 816-916-7089 (cell).

RCIA UPDATE

Our class for next week on **December 4th** is **Divine Revelation** (Divine Revelation, God's Justice, God's Love, The deposit of Faith). It will be presented by Susan Duerr. If you are interested in hearing about one or all of these subjects, the class starts at 7pm and will be in St. Joseph's room or the parish hall if St. Joseph's room is not available.

Mother's Refuge is hosting Cookies and Cocoa; their pre-Christmas open house. This is a great opportunity to visit the home where the young mom's & babies live. It is also an opportunity to donate to Mother's Refuge wish list. You'll find that list at <https://mothersrefuge.org/.../2018/11/CHRISTMAS-Needs-listpdf>. The Open House dates are **Thursday Dec. 13th** 5pm-7pm and **Sunday Dec. 16th** 1pm-3pm @ 3721 Delridge Rd, Independence, MO 64052

TAX LAW PRESENTATION

Do you want to understand how the 2018 Tax Law changes may affect you? Come to one of the session after the Masses on **December 1st and 2nd** in Mary's room. The tax law changes will be reviewed along with how to still take advantage of tax efficient gifting options.

LEGACY BRICK PAVERS

This is the time for the third installation of brick pavers at our Legacy Garden. The brick pavers will be engraved with your customized message recognizing a deceased love one, your family, other appropriate person(s) or church group. Share this offering with former Parishioners. The pavers will be installed in the ground in the open space to the right of the Church and School entrances. There will be a sign up sheet with more information at a table in the Gathering Space after all the Masses starting this weekend throughout the month of November and December. Or go to Parish Web Site: <http://stregischurch.com/legacy-garden>. Print Order form, complete it and send to Parish Office. For more information contact Bill Massop 816-225-5083 or Jerry Cook 816-679-9175.

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

"Thanks to support from the Retirement Fund for Religious, we are now in a much better position to care for our elders, write a religious sister. Your donation helps her religious community and hundreds of others provide for aging members and plan for long-term needs. Please give to next week's Retirement Fund for Religious collection.

ATTENTION VETERANS!

Father Sean and Deacon Sam would like to invite all of our parishioners who are veterans (from all branches of military service) to have coffee, cake and conversation with us. There will be a sign up sheet placed in the gathering space. We plan to meet on **Saturday morning December 15th** and will begin with a Mass at 8:30 followed by the get together from 9:00 until 10:00 am. We are considering making this a monthly affair if there is an interest.

SAVE THE DATES

NEOCATECHUMENAL RETREAT

A 3-day retreat is being presented by the NeoCatechumenal missionaries who are giving weekly presentations at St Regis this fall. All are invited to the retreat which promises to be an opportunity for spiritual growth, getting close to Jesus and quiet reflection. The retreat will be from **Friday evening December 14 through Sunday afternoon December 16**. Watch the bulletin for more details later.

GIVING TREE

Gift tags for the Giving tree will be available the weekend of **November 24/25**. 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 and returned by **Thursday, December 13**. Thank you for your generosity.



BAPTISM

Welcome to the newest members born to new life in Christ through the Holy Waters of Baptism. **Tyler Raymond Divis**, son of Tracy and Elizabeth Divis who was baptized last weekend. May he be blessed throughout his life and be guided by the Holy Spirit.



YOUTH GROUP

2 & 4 Sunday of the month, 11:30am-1:30pm
7th-10th graders

Join us for food, games and faith based activities and talks. Permission forms can be found online or contact Michelle Ismert.

If you are above 10th grade and interested in helping with youth group or joining a bible study group contact Michelle Ismert at mmismert18@gmail.com

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.

5th Annual St. Regis 50/50 Raffle

Please join us Thursday,
December 20, 2018
6-10pm
Bier Station
120 E. Gregory Blvd



Celebrate as we raise a glass to St. Regis Academy and raise a few dollars for our kids!

MILTIA IMMACULATA

Militia Immaculata will meet on Tuesday, **December 4th** at 9am in the Mary's room. All are welcome. If you have questions please call Theresa Van Pelt at 554-1240 or Glen Ernstmann at 366-0431.

ST. REGIS SCHOOL NIGHT AT CULVER'S

Come join us at Culver's in Lee's Summit, **Monday, December 3rd from 5-8pm**. Culver's will donate 10% of



all sales and 100% of all tips during this time to St. Regis School. Please tell your family, friends and neighbors. Dine-in or drive-thru - it doesn't matter which - all sales count! We look forward to seeing you all there!

HOLIDAY TREE Lighting Ceremony Friday, December 7 6-7:30PM



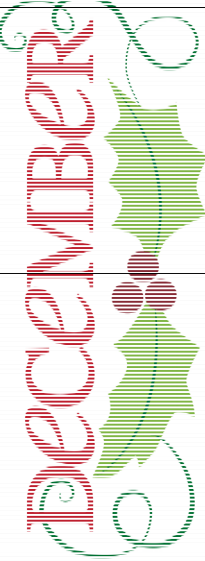
Bring a can or box of
Food to help REAP

UMB Bank~Downtown Raytown 63rd Street & Raytown Rd.

- Santa will light our Holiday Tree with holiday music by:

Raytown South High School Cardinal Chorale
Raytown High School Camerata
& **St. Regis Academy**

- Stop by Winter Wonderland at Raytown Water Co., 10017 E. 63rd Street. Visit Santa, enjoy cookies & cider & hay rides.
- First 150 children will receive a gift from Santa (a parent must accompany all children).

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						
2 Super Sunday 830am Mass 930am Ladies Auxiliary 1030am Mass/Childcare/ Children Liturgy 	3 700am Mass 5-8pm Culver's Night	4 830am Mass 9am Immaculata Militia 700pm Rosary 700pm RCIA 700pm Neocatech. Way	5 830am Mass 6pm Eucharistic Adoration w/Confessions 7pm School of Religion	6 830am Mass 9am Scripture Sharing 700pm Choir Practice 700pm Neocatech. Way 700pm Boy Scouts	7 830am Mass 9am 12 Hour Adoration 1215pm School Dismiss. 6pm Raytown Christmas Tree Lighting 6pm Mass @ St. Matthew the Apostle	1 330pm Confessions 430pm Mass 
9 830am Mass 1030am Mass/Childcare/ Children Liturgy 1130am Youth Group 5pm Confirmation Mtg	10 700am Mass 700pm SSMC	11 830am Mass 700pm Rosary 700pm RCIA 700pm Neocatech. Way	12 830am Mass 6pm Eucharistic Adoration w/Confessions 7pm School of Religion 700pm K of C SCRIP orders due	13 830am Mass 9am Scripture Sharing 700pm Choir Practice 700pm Neocatech. Way 700pm Boy Scouts Giving Tree Gifts Due	14 830am Mass	15 830am Mass 900am Veterans Meeting 330pm Confessions 430pm Mass Food Collection
16 830am Mass 1030am Mass/Childcare/ Children Liturgy 6pm Lessons & Carols Food Collection	17 <i>Soup Kitchen</i> <i>Meatloaf Monday</i> 700am Mass	18 830am Mass 630pm School Music Prog. 700pm Rosary 700pm RCIA	19 830am Mass 9am 3rd Wed. Breakfast 6pm Penance Service 7pm School of Religion	20 830am Mass 9am Scripture Sharing 1215pm School Dismiss 6pm Bier Station Event 700pm Choir Practice 700pm Boy Scouts 700pm Parish Council	21 830am Mass 700pm Worship Council	22 330pm Confessions 430pm Mass
23 830am Mass 1030am Mass 1130am Youth Group	24 Christmas Eve 430pm Mass 730pm Mass Parish Office Closed	25 Christmas Day 1030am Mass Parish Office Closed 	26 830am Mass 6pm Eucharistic Adoration w/Confessions 700pm K of C Officers	27 830am Mass 700pm Boy Scouts	28 830am Mass	29 330pm Confessions 430pm Mass
30 830am Mass 1030am Mass	31 New Year's Eve 600pm Mass					

2019 MARCH FOR LIFE

The March for Life in Washington DC will be held on **Friday, January 18th**. Registration is now open for the March for Life Pilgrimage to Washington DC, January 17-19. This 3 day trip will include Mass each day, Rally on the National Mall, and participation in the 2018 March for Life. Registration forms available at www.respectlifekcsj.org. The cost is \$315. Registration will remain open through December 12th.

COOKIES WITH SANTA-PARENTS DAY OUT

St. Michael the Archangel Catholic High School is hosting a "Cookies with Santa" event on Saturday, **December 8th** from 1:00pm-4:00pm! All children are welcome to attend! We will offer crafts, cookies, and activities while parents have the opportunity to Christmas shop! SMA parents and students will be present to babysit and facilitate activities. Please RSVP to Libby Novak at elizabeth.novak.2019@smacatholic.org

**Please Pray for those in the hospital this past week:**

Virginia Esser

Please Remember In Your Prayers: Susan Nealy, Jack Mitchell, John Hernandez, Jean Kraus, Rose Solo, David Berg, Fran Wadle, Eleanor Cutler, Rose Marie Larson, Dean Starr, Veronica Maschek, Gene Helling, Aidan Jones, Kathy Ness, Joanne Whitehurse, Rob & Sandy Smith, Helen & Patrick Sheehan, Jessica Berger, Bud Seeger, Adelia Spann, Dalton Peavler, Donald Smith, Sara Davis, Dorothy Linn, Nolan Tritschler, Virginia Esser, Jack Gress, Jerry Schroeder, Denise Kopek, Kevin Ford, Brandon Clark, John Biegel, Mandy Reimer, Alyce Panik, Connie King, Margie Strobl, Dolores Dick, Kathy Morehouse, Ben Rosenblum, Silvia Vasquez, Michael Muntzell, McCartney Weist, Larry Hayden, Don Romero, Ray McMichael, Carl Metz, Seth Dujakovich, Cory Patterson, James Soulis, Katherine Reynolds, Elizabeth Andres, Judy Kornowski, Jason Wenberg, Paula Rios, Dennis Reilly, Homer Radford, Siggie Koop, Joseph Gregory, Danny Dolan, Pete Gomez, Julie Nash, Dennis Reilly, Bob Harvey, Fr. Keith Branson, Kate Crawford, Jack Humphrey, Denny King, Jackie Jackson, Carolyn Koetting, Bill Massop, Jack Humphrey, Becky Smith, Oral Eidson, Ardith Fetterolf, Beth Heidler, Jack Howard, Maria Rose Brown, Lois Beres and the many parishioners who are experiencing situational and financial hardships.

Liturgical Roles

December 8 & 9

Lectors

4:30pm Barbara Schroeder & Mark Siedlik
8:30am Theresa Sonderman & Dianne Schmidt
10:30am Virginia Reyes & John Reyes, Jr.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

4:30pm Barb Schroeder, Alex Pope, Melissa Wiehn
Dorothy Quinn, Tom Smith, John Nash
Bernadette Brenner & Francis Brenner
8:30am Pat Hanson, Harold Hanson, Mike Murtha
Janet Helms, Jane Marzano, Sue Nichols
Sue Quanty Smith & Kathleen Robb
10:30am Jacob Duerr, Susan Duerr, Shane Givens
Marcia Collins, Elaine Allee, Ann Garrison
Tino Camacho & Maggie Doedtman

Servers

4:30pm Jeremy Smith & Allison Wiehn
8:30am Harper Burdick & Charlene Nguyen
10:30am Haley Scarborough & Sophie Scarborough

Greeters

4:30pm Larry Hayden & Jack Hanes
8:30am Sherry Falke & Rick Kraus
10:30am Eddie Villegas & Jenny Villegas

Mass Intentions**Monday, December 3**

7:00am †Jose Alberto Aguirre Cruz by Doraida Aguirre

Tuesday, December 4

†Jose Alberto Aguirre Cruz by Doraido Aguirre

Wednesday, December 5

†Patricia Smith by Tom Smith

Thursday, December 6

†Ed Batcheler by Theresa Van Pelt

Friday, December 7

†Alice Crowley by Jerry Crowley

Saturday, December 8

8:30am People of St. John Francis Regis Parish
4:30pm †Tommy Kovach by George & Teri Weiter

Sunday, December 9

8:30am †John Dimarco by Gloria Fournier
10:30am People of St. John Francis Regis Parish

IN REMEMBRANCE-DECEASED PARISHIONERS

Name		Age	Date of Death	
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
Josephine E.	Bales	87	12/5	1969
Genevieve	Kirk	88	12/5	1999
Lawrence	Drees Sr.	93	12/5	2003
William	O'Connell	64	12/5	2006
Robert E.	Blessing	77	12/6	2000
Sandra	Botello	67	12/6	2014
John	Cole	42	12/7	1981
Thomas F.	Shop	36	12/7	1983
Delores	Tobin	70	12/7	1994
John	Searcy Jr.	55	12/8	1978
Eileen June	Draper	74	12/8	1990
Richard Joseph	Setter	77	12/8	1999
Kathryn	Cox	89	12/9	1984
Constantine	Soulis	67	12/9	1993
William Francis	Bauer	84	12/9	1997
Doris	Yust	83	12/9	2009

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, Jenifer Valenti, at 816-812-2500 or JeniferValenti@att.net, 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 Victim Advocate, Kathleen Chastain, at 816-392-0011 or chastain@diocesekcsj.org for more information.

Schedule of Events

Sunday, December 2

Super Sunday

8:30am Mass

9:30am Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary

10:30am Mass/Childcare/Children Liturgy

Monday, December 3

7:00am Mass

5-8pm Culver's Night

Tuesday, December 4

8:30am Mass

9:00am Immaculata Militia

7:00pm Rosary

7:00pm Neocatechumenal Way

7:00pm RCIA

Wednesday, December 5

8:30am Mass

6:00pm Eucharistic Adoration w/Confessions

6:00pm English as Second Language

7:00pm School of Religion

Thursday, December 6

8:30am Mass

9:00am Scripture Sharing

7:00pm Boy Scouts

7:00pm Choir Practice

7:00pm Neocatechumenal Way

Friday, December 7

8:30am Mass

9:00am 12 Hour Adoration

12:15pm School Dismissed

6:00pm Vigil Mass @ St. Matthew the Apostle

6:00pm Raytown Christmas Tree Lighting

Saturday, December 8

Immaculate Conception

8:30am Mass

3:30pm Confessions

4:30pm Mass

Sunday, December 9

8:30am Mass

10:30am Mass/Childcare/Children Liturgy

11:30am Youth Group

5:00pm Confirmation Meeting

1st Sunday of Advent

December 2, 2018

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