



# Saint John Francis Regis Parish

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Fr. Sean McCaffery, Pastor

December 3, 2017

## Weekend Masses

*Saturday:* 4:30PM

*Sunday:* 8:30 and 10:30AM

## Daily Mass

*Monday:* 7:00AM

*Tuesday - Friday:* 8:30AM

*Thursday:* 6:15AM

## Confessions

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

& by appointment

## Eucharistic Adoration

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

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# FIRST SUNDAY

# OF Advent

Watch therefore: you do not know  
when the lord of the house is coming,  
whether in the evening, or at midnight,  
or at cockerow, or in the morning.

Mark 13:35



**DECEMBER 3, 2017**

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***Feast of the Immaculate Conception  
Friday, 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. Masses at St. Regis will be:

**Thursday, December 7 at 6pm  
Friday, December 8 at 6:15am & 8:30am**

There will be NO 6:15am Mass on Thursday, Dec. 7th.

**PLEASE NOTE**

The Parish Office and School will be closed **Friday, December 8th** in honor of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

**ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICES**

***Wednesday, December 13, at 6pm.***

St. Regis & St. Matthew Parishes will have a combined service at St. Regis.

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

Other area services:

St. Bernadette - Thursday, Dec. 14 - 7pm

**ST. REGIS STEWARDSHIP CORNER**

The today's Gospel Reading Jesus says "Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come. It is like a man traveling abroad. He leaves home and places his servants in charge, each with his own work." Jesus is the "man traveling" and we are His "servants." He has left us with His house (the Church entrusted to each of us); His authority (authority always involves responsibility); and our own work (we are not responsible for someone else's work, but we certainly are for our own). Advent is a time to pray and to respond to what Christ has left us — our Church, our responsibilities, and our own individual callings."



**ADVENT ACTIVITIES**

**"Watching & Waiting"**

- **Tuesday, December 5** - 5:30-8:30pm Eucharistic Adoration; 5:30-7pm Confessions; 7pm Advent presentation "Anticipation of our Greatest Gift..."
- **Tuesday, December 12** - 5:30-8:30pm Eucharist Adoration; 5:30-6:15pm Confessions; 7pm Rosary.
- **Wednesday, December 13** - 6pm Penance Service with Eucharistic Adoration.

The Parish is making available two books this year as gifts to help you get ready for Christmas. The little *Blue Book* contains daily reflections and *Joy to the World* by Scott Hahn explores the strange cast of characters surrounding the birth of Jesus and how they pertain to the Christmas story.

**CONFUSED ABOUT GIFTS TO ST. REGIS**

Are you confused from the information provided recently about the various options to make a special Christmas or Year End Gift to St. Regis? Are you interested in one of the options but don't know how to proceed? Then stop by Mary's Room after the Masses the weekend of **December 9 or 10** and representatives of the Planned



Giving Development Committee will be there to answer your questions, provide literature, contact information and forms for the various options. We will try to answer your questions, but always seek advice a tax or financial professional.

**GIVING TREE**

Gift tags for the Giving tree will be available the weekend of **November 25/26**. 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 14**. Thank you for your generosity.



### SIGN UP CHRISTMAS MASSES

Greeters, Lectors, Communion Ministers and Servers are invited to sign up for the 4:30pm and Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve and the 10:30am Mass on Christmas Day. Please sign up in the Gathering Space.

### MILITIA IMMACULATA

Militia Immaculata will meet on Tuesday, **December 5th** 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.

### HOSPITALITY SUNDAY

This **Sunday, December 3rd**, the Evangelization and Parish Life Council will host Hospitality Sunday. Coffee, juice and donuts will be served after the 8:30am and 10:30am Masses. Please plan to share in this time of community fellowship.



### THANK YOU

The members of Cub Scout Pack 98 and their families wish to express a great big thank you to the parishioners of St John Francis Regis for their ongoing generous support, most recently during our popcorn sale fundraiser. Money earned will go toward sanctioned scouting overnight camping experiences. Our Faith Community blesses all of us in so many ways.

### 1ST RECONCILIATION PARENT MEETING

Parents of students 2nd grade and above who have not yet received their first sacraments are invited to attend this Parent meeting on Wednesday, **December 6th**, at 7pm in the St. Joseph room. We will provide information and books that will help you to prepare your child for these very important first sacraments. For questions contact Susan Duerr - [sduerr@regischurch.org](mailto:sduerr@regischurch.org). The cost of the materials is \$15.

### 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.

### LEGACY BRICK PAVERS

This is the time for the second 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, or other appropriate person(s) or church group. The pavers will be installed on 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



starting this weekend throughout the month of November until December 15, 2017. For more information contact Bill Massop 816-225-5083 or Jerry Cook 816-679-9175.



### YOU ARE INVITED

The Parishioners of St. Regis are invited to attend the Transitional Diaconate Ordination of Mr. Jayson Becker on **Monday, December 18th** at 5pm at St. Thomas More, KCMO. Jayson was stationed here last year when he was a seminarian.

## SCHOOL NEWS

### *Mission Statement of St. Regis School*

We believe that each child is a unique creation of God, and our mission is to educate the whole child through a God-centered curriculum. We strive to create a community in which children grow in Catholicity, academics, service, fine arts, and wellness. Realizing that parents are the primary teachers of their children, we seek to complement and reinforce religious truths and values beginning in the home.

### **Daring Disciples Deliver**

Prayer: Angle of God

Apostle: St. Andrew

Christskill: Trustworthy & Generosity

### Important Dates:

December 7th - School Advisory Council Meeting 7pm

December 8th - No School; Feast of the Immaculate Conception

December 12th - K-5 Christmas Program 6:00pm

December 13th - Service Wednesday; Shoe Box Santa

December 14th - Luau Meeting 7:00pm Room 109

December 18th - 2nd Quarter Grades Available

December 19th - 12:15pm Dismissal

December 19th - Bier Station Fundraiser 6:00-10:00pm

December 20th - January 3rd - Christmas Break

January 4th - School Resumes

## 4th Annual St. Regis 50/50 Raffle

Please join us Tuesday,

December 19, 2017

6-10pm

Bier Station

120 E. Gregory Blvd



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

## SCRIP NEWS

Don't forget to order those gift cards for the holidays. Forms are available in the Gathering Space. Cards may also be purchased after the Sunday Masses. The last day to order cards will be **December 19**. We also have Hy-Vee cards. For questions contact Susan Duerr - [sduerr@regischurch.org](mailto:sduerr@regischurch.org). Happy Shopping.

## BEST ADVENT EVER

We prepare for everything we consider important in life. And that includes Christmas. Join our parish for Best Advent Ever, a free email program that will help you prepare for Christmas in a unique way. Each day you'll receive an email with...

- Short inspirational videos from Matthew Kelly & Dr. Hunt
- Practical tips for your everyday life
- Real-life stories of hope

To sign up, visit [BestAdventEver.com/BeautifulHope](http://BestAdventEver.com/BeautifulHope)

# Contagious Catholicism

The 7 Habits of Modern-Day Apostles

Chris Stefanick

"What an eye-opening talk!"  
Jennifer - Rose Hill, KS



**LIGHTHOUSE TALKS**  
AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE

## LIGHTHOUSE CD'S

Internationally acclaimed speaker and author Chris Stefanick speaks about the importance of living a life of authenticity with a courageous commitment to love. He walks us through seven habits that we can use as modern-day apostles to effectively spread the good news to Jesus Christ. Following these lessons will help us to fulfill our calling to be fearlessly, joyfully Catholic, with a faith that is attractive, life-giving, and truly contagious.

# ADVENT & CHRISTMAS

*St. Regis Parish 2017*



## St. Regis School Music Program

Tuesday, December 12

6:30PM at O'Hara Auditorium

Join the St. Regis School students  
Pre-K thru 5th Grade for a performance  
of the sacred and secular music of the season.



## Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Friday, December 8

Join us for Mass on this holy day of obligation as  
we honor Mary and her important role in Advent.

Mass Times:

Thursday, December 7th, 6:00pm

Friday, December 8th, 6:15am & 8:30am

## Advent Activities "Watching & Waiting"

Tuesday, December 5 - 5:30-8:30pm Eucharistic  
Adoration; 5:30-7pm Confessions; 7pm Advent  
presentation "Anticipation of our Greatest Gift..."  
by Fr. Sean McCaffery in Mary's room.

Tuesday, December 12 - 5:30-8:30pm Eucharistic  
Adoration; 5:30-6:15pm Confessions; 7pm Rosary

## Raytown Christmas Tree Lighting

Friday, 12/1, 6:00-7:30pm

Join us at Pocket Park, 63rd & Raytown Road,  
to light the Christmas Tree. The school choir  
will be performing Christmas music.

## Super Sunday

Sunday, December 3rd

On the 1st Sunday in Advent St. Regis will be hosting a  
variety of activities during and after Sunday Masses in-  
cluding the following:

- Angels & Saints crafts for kids: school age kids will  
make Advent wreaths and join in other games/  
activities (after the 10:30 Mass only)
- Advent Customs & Traditions presentation in  
Mary's Room (after both Sunday Masses)
- Coffee & Donuts in the gathering space and Mary's  
Room (after both Sunday Masses)
- Child care provided during and after 10:30am Mass  
for 2 to 4 year olds
- Children's Liturgy of the Word - during the 10:30am  
Mass for school-age children

## Advent Reconciliation Services

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.

**Wednesday, Dec. 13 - 6:00PM**

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

Thursday, Dec. 14 at 7pm at St. Bernadette's



## Parish "Giving Tree"

Help those in need feel the spirit of  
Christmas by taking an ornament  
off the "Giving Tree". Please return  
all gifts by Dec. 14th.  
*Give as God has given to you!*



## Christmas Eve Masses

**DECEMBER 24 - 4:30PM & MIDNIGHT**

## Christmas Morning Mass

**DECEMBER 25 - 10:30AM**

**REFLECTION ON THE ADVENT SCRIPTURES**

Our Lady of the Presentation Parish presents *Reflection on the Advent Scriptures* with Fr. Paul Turner on

**Wednesday, December 6**, at 6:30pm in the Church.

Fr. Turner is currently serving as Director of the Office of Worship for the Diocese of Kansas City~St. Joseph and pastor of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. He is a well-known speaker and writer. Check out his website: [pailturner.org](http://pailturner.org). Wassail and cookies follow the reflection.

**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](mailto: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](mailto:chastain@diocesekcsj.org) for more information.

**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 & Mary Starr, Veronica Maschek, Marsha Crum, Gene Helling, Aidan Jones, Kathy Ness, Joanne Whitehorse, Rob & Sandy Smith, Helen & Patrick Sheehan, Jessica Berger, Virgie Nelson, Mary O'Donnell, Ed Batcheler, Bud Seeger, Rita Jackson, Adelia Spann, Larry Brosch, Dalton Peavler, Donald Miller, Donald Smith, Sara Davis, Walt Ridenour, Dorothy Linn, Nolan Tritschler, Meghan Sauls, Kay Nash, Virginia Esser, Jack Gress, Joanne Mattingly, Jerry Schroeder, Loretta Monnig, Kim Slifer, Bessie Burton, Scott Livingston, Kim Slifer, Dave Kopek, Kevin Ford, Brandon Clark, John Biegel, Elizabeth Williams and the many parishioners who are experiencing situational and financial hardships.

**Please Pray for the Repose of the Soul of:**

Marsha Crum

**Liturgical Roles**

December 9 & 10

**Lectors**

4:30pm Alex Pope & John Quinn

8:30am Pat Hanson & Harold Hanson

10:30am Virginia Reyes & Marlene Sanchez

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**

4:30pm Jerry Schroeder, Barb Schroeder, Tom Smith  
Dorothy Quinn, Marvin Chaney, Melissa Wiehn  
Francis Brenner & Bernadette Brenner

8:30am Robert Falke, Sherry Falke, Anna Barber  
Dave Vorbeck, Cathy Albers, Dennis Wadle  
Dianne Schmidt & Harold Hanson

10:30am Susan Duerr, Jacob Duerr, Mary Kimbrell  
Ann Garrison, Marcia Collins, Shane Givens  
Maggie Doedtman & Teresa Mahnke

**Servers**

4:30pm David Maschger & Ysabella Rogers

8:30am Jessica Loulos & Evan Burdick

10:30am Bryan Lane & Mitchell Lickteig

**Greeters**

4:30pm Larry Hayden & John Nash

8:30am Sue Quanty Smith & Maxine Rodriguez

10:30am Ora Reyes & Tony Reyes

**Breaking Open the Word**

8:30am Jim Filley

**Mass Intentions****Monday, December 4**

7:00am †Collette Schlueter by Jerry & Barb Schroeder

**Tuesday, December 5**

†Patricia Smith by Tom Smith

**Wednesday, December 6**

†Carolyn Bernhardt by Denny & Teresa King

**Thursday, December 7**

8:30am †William & Frances Bugner

by John & Betty Hernandez

6:00pm †Renee Art by the Wolff Family

**Friday, December 8**

6:15am †Rev. Hugh Mullin

8:30am People of St. John Francis Regis Parish

**Saturday, December 9**

4:30pm †Carolyn Bernhardt by Teresa Foster

**Sunday, December 10**

8:30am †Kay Sonderman by the Sonderman Family

10:30am People of St. John Francis Regis Parish

## EWTN ADVENT & CHRISTMAS PROGRAMMING

EWTN is proud to bring you LIVE Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses from Rome and the Basilica of the National Shrine in Washington, D.C. Also, we will be airing inspiring musical performances, specials for children and teens, and new holiday presentations that the whole family will enjoy. Watch or listen to EWTN TV & EWTN Radio on your local channel, online, or even on your smartphone using our free EWTN App! For more information, go to ewtn.com

## LITURGICAL WORKSHOP

The Diocese will be hosting a Liturgical Workshop for both the normal Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion training and Sick and Homebound Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion training on **Saturday, December 9th**, from 8:30am-12:30pm at the Chancery/The Catholic Center, 20 W. 9th St., Kansas City, MO 64105. If you are interested in going to the training please call the Parish Office to register, 761-1608.

## SPIRITUAL ADOPTION

Thank you for praying for me. I'm bigger and stronger now. I'm about 6 inches long and I weigh 4 ounces. When mommy goes to the doctor, she can even listen to my heartbeat. I hope that one day I will run and play with friends like you.



## 2018 MARCH FOR LIFE

The 2018 March for Life in Washington DC will be held on **Friday, January 19, 2018**. The diocesan pilgrimage will be January 17-20. visit [www.respectlifekcsj.org](http://www.respectlifekcsj.org) for more information.

## BULLETIN DEADLINE

The deadline to put announcements in the bulletin is 8am on Monday prior to the following Sunday. Send announcements to [cmelchior@regischurch.org](mailto:cmelchior@regischurch.org)

## Schedule of Events

### Sunday, December 3

#### Hospitality Sunday

- 8:30am Mass
- 9:30am Advent Presentation
- 10:30am Mass/Childcare/Children Liturgy
- 11:30am Advent Presentation
- 11:30am Advent Crafts

### Monday, December 4

- 7:00am Mass
- 7:00pm RCIA

### Tuesday, December 5

- 8:30am Mass
- 9:00am Immaculata Militia
- 5:30pm Eucharistic Adoration w/Confessions
- 7:00pm "Anticipation of our Greatest Gift..."
- 7:00pm Rosary
- 7:00pm Stewardship Council

### Wednesday, December 6

- 8:30am Mass
- 6:00pm Eucharistic Adoration w/Confessions
- 6:00pm English as Second Language
- 7:00pm School of Religion
- 7:00pm 1st Reconciliation Parent Meeting

### Thursday, December 7

#### 6:15am No Mass

- 8:30am Mass
- 9:00am Scripture Sharing
- 6:00pm Mass
- 7:00pm Boy Scouts
- 7:00pm Choir Practice
- 7:00pm School Council Meeting

### Friday, December 8

#### Immaculate Conception

- 6:15am Mass
- 8:30am Mass
- 7:00pm 2nd Friday Social
- Parish Office Closed
- School Closed

### Saturday, December 9

- 3:30pm Confessions
- 4:30pm Mass

### Sunday, December 10

- 8:30am Mass
- 10:30am Mass/Childcare/Children Liturgy
- 5:00pm Confirmation Meeting

## 1st Sunday of Advent

December 3, 2017

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