



Saint John Francis Regis Parish

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Fr. Sean McCaffery, Pastor

December 5, 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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Robin Fisher	Fr. Sean McCaffery



Second Sunday of

Advent

December 5, 2021

Up, Jerusalem! stand upon the heights;
look to the east and see your children gathered
from the east and the west at the word of the Holy One,
rejoicing that they are remembered by God.

Baruch 5:5

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

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

Masses at St. Regis will be at:
8:30am & 6:00pm

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

PLEASE NOTE

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

PICTURES WITH SANTA



On **Sunday, December 12** from 9:30am-12:30pm in the Mary's room. Cost is \$5. Each child will receive a picture with Santa and a goody bag. Sponsored by the St. Regis Ladies Auxiliary. Contact Sherry Falke with any questions at 816-916-7089 or slfalke6966@gmail.com.

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

In good times and bad, senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have dedicated themselves to service and acts of mercy. Today, they pray for an aching world. Yet years of serving for little or no pay have left their religious communities without enough retirement savings. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps provide medications, nursing care, and other necessities. Please be generous.

RITE OF WELCOMING

There are currently eight adults that are participating in inquiry sessions at St. Regis to explore joining the Catholic Church or to complete the Sacraments of Initiation. Next **Sunday, December 12**, these "inquirers" will move into the catechumenate phase of their journey by participating in the Rite of Welcoming or Acceptance. The first phase of the journey of initiation has been a time for seekers to hear the mystery of Christ proclaimed. They have consciously and freely sought the living God and entered the way of faith as the Holy Spirit opens their hearts. We ask you to pray for these inquirers as they continue their conversion journey. We will continue to keep you informed of the initiation process and of the progress of those participating in this journey. We invite you to take an active role in welcoming our soon-to-be catechumens and candidates, and to be models of faith and Christian charity for them.

ST. REGIS STEWARDSHIP CORNER

The Gospel reading from Luke shows us how personal and detailed is God's love for humanity as He prepared the way for Christ's coming among us. We are told the precise time, place, and person, John the Baptist, He appointed to announce the arrival of our Savior. Through John, we are told how to celebrate to the fullest this first "coming" on the feast of Christmas and how to prepare for the second coming — through repentance.

This Advent let's turn away from any bad habits or sin that may have crept into our lives and turn our hearts and minds back to Christ. This is what the stewardship way of life is all about — moving closer ever closer in relationship with Christ and imitation of Him, ready to celebrate His birth, with eyes fixed on eternal life with Him.

La lectura del Evangelio de Lucas nos muestra cuán personal y detallado es el amor de Dios por la humanidad mientras preparaba el camino para la venida de Cristo entre nosotros. Se nos dice el momento, el lugar y la persona precisos, Juan el Bautista, que Él designó para anunciar la llegada de nuestro Salvador. A través de Juan, se nos dice cómo celebrar al máximo esta primera "venida" en la fiesta de Navidad y cómo prepararnos para la segunda venida, a través del arrepentimiento.

Este Adviento alejémonos de cualquier mal hábito o pecado que pueda haberse colado en nuestras vidas y volvamos nuestros corazones y mentes a Cristo. De esto se trata la forma de vida de mayordomía: acercarse cada vez más en relación con Cristo e imitación de Él, listo para celebrar Su nacimiento, con los ojos fijos en la vida eterna con Él.

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE NOVENA

Come and pray the rosary **December 3-11** at 7pm in Church in preparation for Our Lady of Guadalupe Feast Day. All are welcome.

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 basket in the Gathering Space or bring them by the office.

ST. JOSEPH CONSECRATION

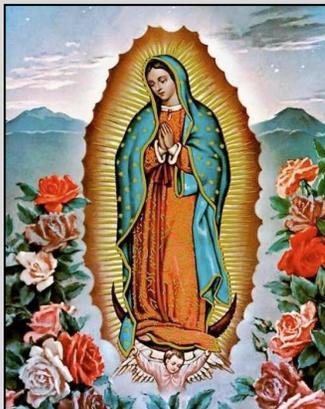
We will have our third meeting for the St. Joseph Consecration on **Monday, December 6th** at 6pm in Mary's Room. We will be reflecting on the last couple weeks of the consecration. Feel free to come discuss and learn, even if you missed the first one and haven't started the consecration.

SIGN UP FOR HOLY DAY & CHRISTMAS MASSES

Greeters, Lectors, Communion Ministers and Servers are invited to sign up for the 8:30am and 6:00pm Mass on the Immaculate Conception, **Wednesday, December 8th**; the 2:30pm, 4:30pm and Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve and the 10:30am Mass on Christmas Day. Please sign up in the Gathering Space.

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE FIESTA

Starting with Mass in Spanish on **Sunday, December 12** at 2pm (there will be no 5pm Mass) followed by a celebration in the Parish Hall. There will be a reenactment, food and music. Everyone is welcome.



ONLINE GIVING TEXT-TO-GIVE

Another easy way to manage your church giving is with our new Text-to-Give function that is fully integrated with our Online Giving. You can text an amount to 816-339-8195, and your transaction will be processed through the Online Giving account associated with the phone number. If your phone number is not recognized, you can associate your number with an existing account or create an account.

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 19th**.

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



SPIRITUAL ADOPTION

Month 4: Well, I now weigh six ounces and mom can feel my movements. I have fingernails, eyelashes, and my own unique fingerprints, which will remain the same for the rest of my life. My taste buds are working and my sense of hearing is developing. I have soft hair all over my body. I can touch my hand to my face and grasp my feet. Basically, there will be no major new developments from here on. I just need nourishment, protection and love....and prayers.



“It is a poverty to decide that a child must die so that you may

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.

THANK YOU

I would like to say a Big Thank You to everyone in our Parish for all the generosity you have shown in the multitude of activities that have taken place from September through current month. Without you it would not have been possible to accomplish everything that has been done.

With the Teddy Bear drive we were able to raise a little over \$400 to help our State Knights of Columbus, Knights on Bikes and Ladies Auxiliary to buy additional Teddy Bears for those kids that are in the hospital during the Holiday’s. This year they exceeded their goal by over \$4,000 and were able to purchase over 300+ Teddy Bears. Our donation was to support our local Children’s Mercy Hospital.

Chief’s Tailgate everyone pulls through to help show their support for our men in Red. I believe we had over 150 people in attendance at our event, it was a great way to fellowship with other members and enjoy the game, while raising a little bit of money for our Parish and some additional funds for our Sister Parish in Ita Maura.

This past weekend was a huge success for the Ladies Auxiliary’s annual bake sale. Thank you all from the bakers, workers and everyone who bought the baked goods. It wouldn’t have been a huge success without each and everyone of you participating.

—Sherry Falke

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, 2nd 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, 2nd 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!

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.



ST. REGIS ACADEMY 7TH (ALMOST) ANNUAL

BIER STATION FUNDRAISER



SALES TO 10% REGIS

WEDS. DEC. 22ND
12 PM - 9 PM TO-GO
4 PM - 9 PM DINE AND DRINK IN

120 E GREGORY BLVD, KANSAS CITY, MO 64114

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. 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.

ATTENTION

If anyone has taken towels home from the Parish Hall kitchen to launder please return them. Thank you.

BLESSING BAGS

Our parish is collecting and distributing "blessing bags" again this year to help people who may be homeless or in need of some basic support items as our weather turns colder. In addition to coats and other items, our collection includes non-perishable food items and warm weather items. Donations can be dropped off in the bins in the hallway across from the restrooms throughout December. We have completed blessing bags in the back of Mary's room. If you can help distribute where they are most needed as you travel the city and during your Christmas travels, please take some with you. We are including the following in the bags: masks, snacks (protein and sweets), toothbrush, toothpaste, small soap, hats, gloves, socks, lip balm, lotion, hand and foot warmers, rosary and 1 gallon zip-lock bags.

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: Susan Nealy, Jack Mitchell, John Hernandez, David Berg, Fran & Dennis Wadle, Rose Marie Larson, Dean Starr, Aidan Jones, Kathy Ness, Joanne Whitehorse, 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, Budemeyer Family, Pat Romero, Janet Helms, Mary Hunter, Chris & Sarah Teefey, Babette Lathrop, Shelly Clemons, Pauline Umbenhower, 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, 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, Gabriel Reyes and the many parishioners who are experiencing situational and financial hardships.

Liturgical Roles

December 11 & 12

Lectors

- 3:00pm Patty Sack & Tom Sack
- 8:30am John Stribling & Dave Vorbeck
- 10:30am Frankline Musongwe & John Reyes, Jr.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

- 3:00pm Jim Filley, Marvin Chaney, Charlene Helling Bernadette Brenner
- 8:30am Paul Roder, Betty Roder, Joan Sack Dianne Schmidt
- 10:30am Bill Massop, Diane Pacheco, Teresa Mahnke Yajaira Miranda

Servers

- 3:00pm Allison Wiehn
- 8:30am Miguel Martinez & Clara Stribling
- 10:30am Betty Banlomon & Mitchell Lickteig

Greeters

- 3:00pm Manuel Botello & Francis Brenner
- 8:30am Maxine Rodriguez & Sue Quanty Smith
- 10:30am Richard Rademacher & Tony Reyes

Mass Intentions**Tuesday, December 7**

†Alice Crowley by Jerry Crowley

Wednesday, December 8

- 8:30am People of St. John Francis Regis Parish
- 6:00pm †Charlotte Gruettemeyer by the Kimbrell Family

Thursday, December 9

For the Intentions of the Vogelsang Family

Friday, December 10

†Lucile Edmonds by Glen & Mary Ernstmann

Saturday, December 11

- 3:00pm †Judy Slusher by Sam & Jennifer Hampton

Sunday, December 12

- 8:30am †Gene Helling by Milt Bryant
- 10:30am †Frank & Daisy Sadecki by Theresa Van Pelt
- 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

IN REMEMBRANCE-DECEASED PARISHIONERS

Name		Age	Date of Death	
Elizabeth	Andres	86	12/5	2018
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	Bauer	84	12/9	1997
Doris	Yust	83	12/9	2009
Milrae	Marqua	82	12/10	1978
Rachel	Stock	74	12/10	1990
David Scott	Downum	25	12/10	2004
Jeanne M.	Magee	75	12/10	2015
Paul	Bresette	82	12/11	2019
Saverio	Mistretta	73	12/11	1964
Michael	Hudek	35	12/11	1981
Eugene John	Becker	81	12/11	1995
John	Bridges	60	12/11	2013

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.

SCRIP CARDS

The St. Regis Scrip Gift Card Program will be taking orders for gift cards for Christmas until **Wednesday, December 15**. The order forms are in the Gathering Space, just fill out and return to the Parish Office. New gift cards include: Big Lots, Panda Express and Instacart as well as other favorites.

Listen in to the best Catholic programming on 1190, 1090, 890 AM your local Catholic Radio Stations. You can stream us at www.catholicradionetwork.com

Schedule of Events

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 Novena (Dec.5-Dec. 12 @ 7pm)

Monday, December 6

8:30am Mass
 12:00pm Spanish Bible Class
 6:00pm St. Joseph Consecration Meeting
 7:00pm Spanish Bible Class
 7:00pm Bible Study
 7:00pm Stewardship Council

Tuesday, December 7

8:30am Mass
 9:00am Militia Immaculata
 6:30pm Rosary
 7:00pm Spanish Bible Class
 7:00pm Praise Team Practice
 7:00pm Neocatechumenal Way

Wednesday, December 8 - Immaculate Conception

8:30am Mass
 10:00am Spanish Bible Class
 6:00pm Mass
 6:00pm Spanish Bible Class/Teens
 7:00pm Spanish Bible Study
 7:00pm Knights of Columbus
 7:30pm Spanish Bible Class/Young Adults
 No School — Parish Office Closed

Thursday, December 9

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

Friday, December 10

8:30am Mass
 7:00pm Spanish Bible Class
 7:00pm Bible Study

Saturday, December 11

6:15am That Man Is You
 2:00pm Confessions
 3:00pm Mass

Sunday, December 12

8:30am Mass
 10:30am Mass/Children's Liturgy
 2:00pm Mass/Spanish
 3:00pm Our Lady of Guadalupe Fiesta

2nd Sunday of Advent

December 5, 2021

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SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

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Thank you.