



Saint John Francis Regis Parish

8941 James A. Reed Road Kansas City, Missouri 64138 (816) 761-1608

www.stregischurch.com

Fr. Sean McCaffery, Pastor

December 8, 2019

Weekend Masses

Saturday: 3:00PM

Sunday: 8:30 and 10:30AM

Daily Mass

Monday: 7:00AM

Tuesday - Friday: 8:30AM

Confessions

Sat: 2:00PM & *Wed:* 6:00PM

& by appointment

Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday: 6:00-7:00PM

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

Parish Office	(816) 761-1608
Emergencies	761-1608
School Office	763-5837
Religious Education	761-1608
Early Childhood Center	763-6566
FAX	966-1350

Parish Staff

Fr. Sean McCaffery, Pastor	Ext. 306
Deacon Samuel Adams	Ext. 317
Deacon Ken Albers	
Deacon Robert Falke	
Robin Fisher, Principal	Ext. 312
Diane Banks, Music Ministry	Ext. 303
Jim Brandon, Maintenance	Ext. 307
Christy Cook, Business Manager	Ext. 302
Susan Duerr, Director of Religious Ed.	Ext. 314
Colleen Melchior, Office Manager	Ext. 301
Marilyn Moore, School Secretary	Ext.. 311
Chelsea Wilton, Director of Early Childhood	
Diocesan Ombudsman (816) 812-2500	
Kathleen Chastain, Victim's Advocate	
victimadvocate@diocesekcsj.org	

Parish Council

Anne Roberts	Ora Reyes
Elizabeth Kuesterstephen	Dcn. Robert Falke
Frankline Musongwe	Pat Hansen
Gonzalo Villalobos	Mike Apprill
Robin Fisher	Fr. Sean McCaffery

December 8, 2019

SECOND SUNDAY

of Advent

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass © 2005, 1998, 1997, 1988, 1970, CCB. Copyright © J.S. Paluch Co., Inc. Photos: © Peltis Cuffy/istock



John the Baptist appeared, preaching in the desert of Judea and saying,
"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!"

Matthew 3:1

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.

ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICES

Wednesday, Dec. 11 - 7:00PM
St. Regis/St. Matthew/Coronation of Our Lady
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. 19 at 6pm at St. Bernadette's
Sunday, Dec.22 at 5pm at St. Catherine Siena

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

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

Support aging religious. Our second collection is for the Retirement Fund for Religious. Many senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests served for little or no pay. Today, religious communities often do not have enough savings to meet retirement needs. Your gift helps provide medications, nursing care, and more for tens of thousands of elderly religious. It also helps ensure younger members can continue the good works of their elders. Please be generous.

GIVING TREE

Gift tags for the Giving tree will be available the weekend of **November 23/24**. 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 12**. Thank you for your generosity.



ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

The 2020 Annual Catholic Appeal, "Blessing God's Family." Please consider a onetime gift/or make a pledge to this upcoming year's campaign. You can either drop them in the mail or bring them with you to Mass as we join to support our ministry's work of the Diocese Kansas City~St. Joseph.

QUESTIONS ABOUT ESTATE PLANNING?

If so, stop by Mary's room after the 10:30 am Mass on **December 15th** to learn what steps you should take to protect your family. Estate Planning is for everyone, whether you are a young family or in your senior years.

If you don't have a plan, your state has one for you, but you may not like it.

Stop by to learn more and to pick up information. If you already have a plan, it still may be helpful to review the information to see if you need to update your plan.

2020 CALENDARS

Please be sure to pick up the 2020 St. Regis Calendar available in the baskets at each entrance of church. The calendar has a religious art theme. Our calendar is made possible through the generosity of Dave Vorbeck, principal attorney of Vorbeck Associates. Be sure to thank Dave for his generosity.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION WITH CONFESSIONS

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

LITURGICAL MINISTER TRAINING

Training for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion is on **Tuesday, December 10th** from 5:30-9pm at Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, 416 W. 12th St., KCMO 64105. Call the Parish Office to register, 761-1608.

ST. REGIS STEWARDSHIP CORNER

On this Second Sunday of Advent, our second reading from St. Paul's letter to the Romans encourages us to focus our Advent preparations in this way: "Welcome one another, then, as Christ welcomed you, for the glory of God." And how does Christ welcome us? With unconditional love.

This is the essence of Christian hospitality, a vital aspect of stewardship living. Fully embraced, it has the power to transform our lives and the lives of those who experience it through us.

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.

2019 TAX PLANNING & GIFTING STRATEGIES SEMINAR

This session will provide a summary of the 2018 Tax Law changes as well as options to maximize charitable gifts. Forms and instructions for gifts from IRA's, Securities, Bequests and Charitable Gift Annuities will also be available. Refreshments will be provided.

When:

- **Wednesday, December 11th** after the 8:30am Mass in Mary's Room
- Repeat on **Sunday, December 15th** after the 8:30am Mass in Mary's Room

**Memorial Mass
Sr. Marie Neff, BVM**

Monday, December 9th
at 6pm, St. Regis Church

*My being proclaims the
greatness of God; My spirit
finds joy in God my Savior.*



CATHOLIC BOOT CAMP

**Tuesday and Thursday, 7-8pm &
Sundays 11:45am-12:45pm
November 5-December 12
in Mary's Room**

This is an opportunity to fine tune your knowledge of Christian principles and how they apply to everyday life. Sessions are free of charge. Come to all or just the sessions that fit your schedule.

GIFT CARDS

It's that time again. Time to think about what gift to get those special people for the holidays. And what better gift than a Gift Card! That's right St Regis has a gift card program so that you can purchase all the cards you need without running all over town or paying any fees. Check the kiosk for the latest list. It's best to order early so that you can get exactly the cards you want. We do have some cards in the office but there are many more available for ordering on the list. Order soon!

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

The Hispanic Community invite you and your family to pray the Rosary with us on **Thursday, December 12th** in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe in the Church at 7pm. We look forward to seeing you!



Parking Lot & Playground Campaign

November 2019 through December 2020

Although the campaign will run through Dec. 2020, we hope to have the funds to complete the work next summer. The first phase of the project will be the parking lot, an approximately \$100,000 renovation. With 141 spaces, that is about \$730 a space. The second phase includes updating the playground. We are anticipating phase two to be about \$50,000. **Please contribute generously!**

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.

12TH ANNUAL BEST OF KC CATHOLIC BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Over the holiday break, it is difficult for CYO and Parochial League teams to practice and play to improve before starting back up their season. The Best of KC Catholic Youth Basketball Tournament is a perfect opportunity for your team to play in some fun, competitive games and improve as well. The tournament is on **December 30, 2019 and January 1, 2020** is for Boys and Girls 3rd-8th Grade Teams. Teams of all levels are encouraged to play. The tournament is played at Avila University, Sion High School, Rockhurst High School and St. Thomas More. The cost is \$150 per team (**Registration Deadline is December 17th at Noon**) You can go to <http://catholicyouthbasketball.com/> to view tournament details. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Tournament Directors Jim Huber at (816) 728-2341 / jjim@coachhuber.com

LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULE

The Liturgical Minister Schedule for **January and February** has been emailed out to Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Servers and Greeters. A hard copy of the schedule is available on the table in the Gathering Space. If you have any questions about the schedule, please call Colleen in the Parish Office. If you have a conflict with a particular weekend you are scheduled for a ministry, we ask that you please find a substitute. Thank you for serving our parish through these ministries.

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”

MEATLOAF MONDAY & FOOD COLLECTION

Our commitment to serve St. James Soup Kitchen is next **Monday, December 16** Sign-up sheets are available in the Gathering Space. Please bring your sliced, wrapped and frozen meatloaf with you to Mass next weekend, **December 14 and 15** and place it in one of the coolers provided. If you cannot bring your meatloaf to Mass call Anne Roberts at 358-5616 or the Parish Office, 761-1608 to make arrangements.

Next weekend is also our monthly food collection. Your canned goods and other non-perishable food donations help keep the food pantry stocked. **We are in need of pancake mix, syrup and Saltine crackers.** Your donated food items are greatly appreciated. Thanks for your continued support of these ministries.



**JOIN OUR CHRISTMAS
CHOIRS**

Youth (age 8 and up) and young adults are invited to form a choir to sing for Mass at 4:30 p.m. on Christmas Eve. Sign-up forms with the rehearsal schedule have been distributed through St. Regis Academy and School of Religion. Forms are also available in the Parish Office and Church gathering space.

Adult choirs will lead the music for the Masses at Midnight and 10:30 a.m. on Christmas Day. Please contact Diane Banks, Music Director, @ 816-765-9464 with any questions.



CELEBRATE AS WE RAISE A
GLASS TO
ST. REGIS ACADEMY & RAISE A
FEW DOLLARS
FOR OUR KIDS!

**6TH ANNUAL
BIER STATION
FUNDRAISER**

50/50 Raffle

**PLEASE JOIN US MONDAY,
DECEMBER 23RD, 2019
6:00 – 10:00PM
BIER STATION
120 E GREGORY BLVD.**



3RD WEDNESDAY BREAKFAST

The 3rd Wednesday Breakfast is on **Wednesday, December 18th** after daily Mass in the Parish Hall. The cost of breakfast will be \$9. We welcome all those who wish to join us. Come and enjoy breakfast and lots of good company. Please R.S.V.P. to the Parish Office at 761-1608 or sign-up in the Gathering Space by **Monday, December 16th.**



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.



2020 MARCH FOR LIFE

The March for Life in Washington DC will be held on **Friday, January 24, 2020**. Registration is now open for the March for Life Pilgrimage to Washington DC, January 23-25. This 3 day trip will include Mass each day, Rally on the National Mall, and participation in the 2020 March for Life. Registration forms available at www.respectlifekcsj.org. The cost is \$355. Registration will remain open through December 12th.

Please Pray for those in the Hospital this past week:

Jack Denzer

Please Remember In Your Prayers: Susan Nealy, Jack Mitchell, John Hernandez, Jean Kraus, David Berg, Fran Wadle, Rose Marie Larson, Dean Starr, Gene Helling, Aidan Jones, Kathy Ness, Joanne Whitehorse, Rob & Sandy Smith, Helen & Patrick Sheehan, Jessica Berger, Adelia Spann, Dalton Peavler, Donald Smith, Sara Davis, 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, Cory Patterson, James Soulis, Katherine Reynolds, Judy Kornoski, Jason Wenberg, Paula Rios, Dennis Reilly, Homer Radford, Siggie Koop, Joseph Gregory, Danny Dolan, Pete Gomez, Julie Nash, Bob Harvey, Fr. Keith Branson, Kate Crawford, Jackie Jackson, Carolyn Koetting, Becky Smith, Oral Eidson, Ardith Fetterolf, Beth Heidler, Maria Rose Brown, Lois Beres, John Stadler, John Teefey, Phil Hoffman, Pat Liebler, Kristen Brown, Larry Fournier, Ethel Felder, Coletta Merrigan, Buddemeyer Family, Pat Romero, Janet Helms, Mary Hunter, Chris & Sarah Teefey, Babette Lathrop, Shelly Clemons, Pauline Umbenhower, Bob Slusher, Bill Speise, Dennis Wadle, Genevieve Thieme, Pat Filley, Alexis Noonan unborn baby, Bill Massop, Victor Gomez, Maximo Rivera, Dallas Schilizer, Lupita Sharkey, Larry & Brenda Grant, Wendy McKellar, Diane Greene, Jerry Stanford, Milton Bryant, Kale Van Pelt, Rick Boisen, Rose Brown, Dana Collins, Bridget Kopek, Elizabeth Williams, Mike Reilly, Susan England, Brian Pattee, Suzy Hanger and the many parishioners who are experiencing situational and financial hardships.

Liturgical Roles

December 14 & 15

Lectors

3:00pm Tom Sack & Patty Sack
8:30am John Stribling & Dave Vorbeck
10:30am Bill Massop & Gwen Hull

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

3:00pm Melissa Wiehn, Tom Smith, Alex Pope
Larry Hayden, Dorothy Quinn, John Nash
Gretchen Maschger & Charlene Helling
8:30am Sherry Falke, Joan Sack, Pat Hanson
Cathy Albers, Janet Helms, Mike Murtha
Clara Stribling
10:30am Susan Duerr, Jacob Duerr, Gwen Hull
Elaine Allee, Ann Garrison, Shane Givens
Mary Kimbrell & Debbie Lickteig

Servers

3:00pm Allison Wiehn & David Maschger
8:30am Harper Burdick & Evan Burdick
10:30am Kenna Schmidt & Daniel Schmidt

Greeters

3:00pm Larry Hayden & Jack Gress
8:30am Jane Marzano & Rick Kraus
10:30am Eddie Villegas & Jenny Villegas

Mass Intentions**Monday, December 9**

7:00am People of St. John Francis Regis Parish

Tuesday, December 10

†Harold Hanson by Teresa King & Family

Wednesday, December 11

†Lois Adams by Deacon Sam Adams

Thursday, December 12

†Harold Hanson by Anna Barber

Friday, December 13

†Millie Martin by Mary Joe Kilp

Saturday, December 14

3:00pm †Dorothy Seeger by Family

Sunday, December 15

8:30am People of St. John Francis Regis Parish
10:30am †Kevin Kimbrell by Family

IN REMEMBRANCE-DECEASED PARISHIONERS

Name		Age	Date of Death	
Constantine	Soulis	67	12/9	1993
William Francis	Bauer	84	12/9	1997
Doris	Yust	83	12/9	2009
Milrae	Marqua	82	12/10	1978
Rachel Nylene	Stock	74	12/10	1990
David Scott	Downum	25	12/10	2004
Jeanne M.	Magee	75	12/10	2015
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
Maureen C.	Yocum	27	12/12	1976
Joan	Fischer	98	12/12	2018
Larry John	Kyle	56	12/12	2004
Roland	Kirkland	60	12/13	1993
Sarah	Johannes	72	12/13	2007
Mary Eileen	Armey	21	12/14	1980
Doris	Allen	80	12/14	2004
Dorothy	Seeger	77	12/14	2007
Eli H.	Zendejas Sr.	89	12/15	2008

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, 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 8

8:30am Mass
 10:30am Mass/Children's Liturgy
 11:45am Boot Camp
 5:00pm Confirmation

Monday, December 9

7:00am Mass
 6:00pm Memorial Mass for Sr. Marie Neff
 7:00pm Social Service Ministry Council
 7:00pm Youth Choir Practice

Tuesday, December 10

8:30am Mass
 6:30pm Rosary
 6:30pm School Music Program
 7:00pm Boot Camp

Wednesday, December 11

8:30am Mass
 6:00pm Eucharistic Adoration w/Confessions
 6:00pm English as 2nd Language
 7:00pm School of Religion
 7:00pm Knights of Columbus
 7:00pm 1st Reconciliation Parent Meeting
 7:00pm Reconciliation Service

Thursday, December 12

8:30am Mass
 9:00am Scripture Sharing
 3:30pm Youth Choir Practice
 7:00pm Choir Practice
 7:00pm Boot Camp
 7:00pm Boy Scouts

Giving Tree Gifts Due**Friday, December 13**

8:30am Mass

Saturday, December 14

2:00pm Confessions
 3:00pm Mass
 Food Collection

Sunday, December 15

8:30am Mass
 10:30am Mass/Children's Liturgy
 Food Collection

BULLETIN DEADLINE

The deadline to put announcements in the bulletin is 8am on Monday prior to the following Sunday. Send announcements to emelchior@regischurch.org

2nd Sunday of Lent

December 8, 2019

CHURCH NAME AND ADDRESS

St. John Francis Regis Church #396950
8941 James A Reed Road
Kansas City, MO 64138

TELEPHONE

816 761-1608

CONTACT PERSON

Colleen Melchior

SOFTWARE

MSPublisher 2010
Adobe Acrobat X
Windows XP

PRINTER

Canon iR2220

TRANSMISSION TIME

Wednesday 2:00

SUNDAY DATE OF PUBLICATION

December 8, 2019

NUMBER OF PAGES SENT

1 THROUGH 8

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

Please reduce our number of bulletins to 350.
Thank you.