



Saint John Francis Regis Parish

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December 9, 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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Second Sunday

OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 9, 2018

*John went throughout the whole region of the Jordan,
proclaiming a baptism of repentance
for the forgiveness of sins.*

Luke 3:3



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

In today's second reading, Saint Paul prays with joy and confidence for his friends in the Christian community at Philippi. He is encouraged that the community has partnered with him to proclaim the Gospel. He sees Christ's active presence and plan of salvation at work in the community. God's overarching plan is unclear to us. But when we see evidence of God working through others, doesn't it give us reason to hope that Christ is alive among us? Does the witness of others help our own prayer lives? Does it inspire us to be partners with others in promoting the Gospel? Food for thought in this second week of Advent. —International Catholic Stewardship Council.

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.



LESSONS & CAROLS

You are invited to Lessons and Carols on **Sunday, December 16th, at 6pm** in the Church. As winter darkness gathers, we will settle in candlelit warmth at St. Regis Church to share the music and prophecies of the season. Please join us for a festive evening that will warm you from the inside out.

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.



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 this week's Retirement Fund for Religious collection.

SIGN UP CHRISTMAS MASSES

Greeters, Lectors, Communion Ministers and Servers are invited to sign up for the 4:30pm and 7:30pm Mass on Christmas Eve and the 10:30am Mass on Christmas Day. Please sign up in the Gathering Space.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION WITH CONFESSIONS

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

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.

RCIA UPDATE

Our class for next week on 12/11 –**Salvation & Redemption** (Did Jesus Really Have to Die). **Video** – “The Story of Salvation”, **Anointing of the Sick and Redemptive Suffering** (Anointing of the Sick, The Christian Meaning of Redemptive Suffering, Viaticum), **Video** – “Penance and Anointing of the Sick” – Glen. If you are interested in hearing about one or all of these subjects, the class starts at 7 PM and will be in St. Joseph’s room or the parish hall if St. Joseph’s room is not available.

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.



“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.’”

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.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

Thanks to the 48 families who have contributed to the Annual Catholic Appeal. So far we have received \$20,927 in pledges and contributions. We have reached 78% of our goal thus far.

GIFT CARDS/SCRIP CARDS

Don't forget to order those gift cards for the holidays. Forms are available in the Gathering Space. The last day to order cards will be **December 14** so that you get them before Christmas.. For questions contact Susan Duerr - sduerr@regischurch.org. Happy Shopping.

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.

Upcoming Dates

Monday, December 10th - Raffle ticket sales begin
 Tues., Dec. 11-3rd-8th Reconciliation during the school day
 Wed., Dec. 12- Spirit Wednesday; Shoe Box Santa due.
 Thursday, December 13th - 7th Grade Mass at 8:30am
 Friday, December 14th - 4th grade Rosary 1:15pm
 Tues., Dec. 18th - Christmas Program at O'Hara 6:30pm
 Thursday, December 20th - Christmas Parties 11:15pm
 Thursday, December 20th - 12:15pm Dismissal.
 Thursday, Dec. 20th - Bier Station (adult only) 6-10pm
 Fri., Dec. 21st-Wednesday January 2nd - Christmas Break

EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER NOW ENROLLING

St. Regis Early Childhood Center is committed to the development of the whole child; physically, socially, emotionally, and spiritually. We provide families in our parish and surrounding community with a safe, diverse, and developmentally appropriate environment for their children. Our goal is to build a partnership with families who we serve. Now enrolling ages birth to five years. Call 816-763-6566 for more information.



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!



STREAM COACHES WANTED

St. Regis Academy is looking for STREAM Coaches for our third session of STREAM classes. Classes will be held on January 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th and 31st. The classes will be from 10:30am - 11:45am. To volunteer, please contact Robin Sowders, Principal at rsowders@regisacademy.org

THANK YOU

Thank you so much for the generous donations of reading glasses, oral hygiene products and sunblock in support of our humanitarian work in Vietnam. The products went a long way toward educating the children we met on how to care for their bodies. Our trip to Vietnam this summer has changed our lives forever, and we greatly appreciate your generous contribution to that cause. God bless and happy holidays.

—S.E. Asia Project CURA team, Creighton Univ. School of Medicine

HIGH SCHOOL PLACEMENT TEST

Eighth grade girls are invited to take the HSPT at St. Teresa's Academy on **Saturday, January 12**. Test takers should check-in at 8am at the Windmoor Center (lace-wrapped building). All students applying for admission into the freshman class are required to take this test. Stay after the test for pizza! To register, please visit the St. Teresa's Academy website at www.stastars.org/admissions/apply, and fill out the online application (HSPT registration is part of the application).

CHRISTMAS TREES

Our Lady of Lourdes Church, corner of Gregory & Blue Ridge in Raytown, MO is again selling fresh cut Christmas trees. A wide range of styles and prices to meet your every Christmas decorating need and budget will be available. Trees are netted and the friendly volunteer staff will be happy to load your tree into or onto your vehicle. Trees are guaranteed by the grower as pestilence and disease free.

MEATLOAF MONDAY & FOOD COLLECTION

Our commitment to serve St. James Soup Kitchen is next **Monday, December 17th**. Sign-up sheets are available in the Gathering Space. Please bring your sliced, wrapped and frozen meatloaf with you to Mass next weekend, **December 15th and 16th** 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 Chicken Helper, Tuna Helper, jelly, Chunky soups, syrup, crackers and dry milk.** Your donated food items are greatly appreciated. Thanks for your continued support of these ministries.



YOUTH CHRISTMAS CHOIR

Students second grade and higher are invited to sing at Christmas Eve 4:30pm Mass. We have 2 more practices. The practices are: **Monday, December 10 at 7pm & Monday December 17 at 7pm** If you have any questions please contact Susan Duerr: sduerr@regischurch.org.

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**

3RD WEDNESDAY BREAKFAST

The 4th Wednesday Breakfast is on **Wednesday, December 19** 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 17**.

FAMILY SPOTLIGHT



Meet the Groves Family. St Regis is important to our family because our child's development is a true reflection of St. Regis' mission. St. Regis has made an impact on our family's life by providing education and the teaching of faith to our daughter who shares and utilizes the lessons back home. It also has

helped us become part of the St. Regis community through volunteering.

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.

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Please Pray for those in the Hospital this past week:

Don Cook & Raphael Obi

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, Siggy 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, Maria Rose Brown, Lois Beres, John Stadler, John Teefey, Bubbles King, Inge Cronley and the many parishioners who are experiencing situational and financial hardships.

Please Pray for the Repose of the Soul of:

Barbara Schroeder

Jack Howard, father of Pamela Singleton

Alison Ward, niece of Jim Burdick

Liturgical Roles

December 15 & 16

Lectors

4:30pm Melissa Wiehn & Francis Brenner

8:30am Ken Stewart & Dave Vorbeck

10:30am Marlene Sanchez & Theresa Van Pelt

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

4:30pm Larry Hayden, Marvin Chaney, John Nash
Dorothy Quinn, Jim Filley, Alex Pope
Charlene Helling & Gretchen Maschger

8:30am Paul Roder, Betty Roder, Dave Vorbeck
Cathy Albers, Joan Sack, Dennis Wadle
Dianne Schmidt & Maxine Rodriguez

10:30am Bill Massop, Virginia Reyes, John Reyes, Sr.
Mary Kimbrell, Regina Ozbun, Diane Pacheco
Debbie Lickteig & Teresa Mahnke

Servers

4:30pm Clara Stribling & Ysabella Rogers

8:30am Noah Villegas & Ava Villegas

10:30am Kenna Schmidt & Daniel Schmidt

Greeters

4:30pm Larry Hayden & Jack Gress

8:30am Jane Marzano & Sue Quanty Smith

10:30am Elaine Allee & Julie Schmidt

Mass Intentions

Monday, December 10

7:00am For the Intentions of Bob & Rose Brown
by Denny & Teresa King

Tuesday, December 11

†Ed Batcheler by Linda Batcheler

Wednesday, December 12

For the Intentions of Jerry & Bubbles King
by Denny & Teresa King

Thursday, December 13

For the Intentions of the Vogelsang Family

Friday, December 14

†Dottie Seeger by Bud Seeger

Saturday, December 15

4:30pm †John & Joan Siedlik

by Mark Siedlik & Maria Meyers

Sunday, December 16

8:30am †John Dimarco by Joan Sack

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

IN REMEMBRANCE-DECEASED PARISHIONERS

Name		Age	Date of Death	
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
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
Dorothy J.	Humphrey	87	12/16	1999

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.

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

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 9

8:30am Mass
 10:30am Mass/Childcare/Children Liturgy
 11:30am Youth Group
 5:00pm Confirmation Meeting

Monday, December 10

7:00am Mass
 7:00pm Social Service Ministry Council

Tuesday, December 11

8:30am Mass
 7:00pm Rosary
 7:00pm Neocatechumenal Way
 7:00pm RCIA

Wednesday, December 12

8:30am Mass
 6:00pm Eucharistic Adoration w/Confessions
 6:00pm English as Second Language
 7:00pm School of Religion
 7:00pm Knights of Columbus

Scrip Orders Due**Thursday, December 13**

8:30am Mass
 9:00am Scripture Sharing
 7:00pm Boy Scouts
 7:00pm Choir Practice
 7:00pm Neocatechumenal Way

Giving Tree Gifts Due**Friday, December 14**

8:30am Mass

Saturday, December 15

8:30am Mass
 9:00am Veterans Meeting
 3:30pm Confessions
 4:30pm Mass
 Food Collection

Sunday, December 16

8:30am Mass
 10:30am Mass/Childcare/Children Liturgy
 6:00pm Lessons & Carols
 Food Collection

2nd Sunday of Advent

December 9, 2018

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