



Saint John Francis Regis Parish

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Fr. Sean McCaffery, Pastor

December 10, 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

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

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SECOND SUNDAY

OF Advent

A voice cries out:

In the desert prepare the way of the Lord!

Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God!

Every valley shall be filled in,
every mountain and hill shall be made low.

Isaiah 40:3-4



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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

Today's second reading is about Christ's coming again, "The day of the Lord," Peter calls it, but that day isn't December 25th. It's that other day, that second-coming day about which Peter is concerned. He waits with great hope and anticipation for God to remake the earth into a place of perfect justice and peace. And he sets some demanding goals for the Christian community as it awaits that final day of accounting and reconciliation: strive to be at peace, without spot or blemish. Christian stewards work for peace. As we await the coming of Christmas, what can we do to promote peace in our homes, workplaces, community and world?

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.

KEEP THE TRADITION ALIVE



Tradition holds that the three kings or wise men followed the star to bring gifts to the newborn king, beginning a tradition of gift giving to the Christmas season we enjoy each and every year.

But what about the gifts that God has bestowed upon each and every one of us during the year and throughout our lifetimes? We are merely stewards of these gifts. Christmas and year's end is a spiritual opportunity to make a return to God of His many blessings.

For more information pick up a copy of the of the sheet on the round table in the Gathering Space titled "**Christmas & Year End Giving to St. Regis Parish**" and find the options that best reflects how you can continue the tradition of gift giving to Jesus. Your special Christmas gift will be an investment in the many programs our Parish, School and ECC offer. For your convenience, there are additional copies of the "Christmas Offering" envelope on the round table.



ADVENT ACTIVITIES

"Watching & Waiting"

- **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.

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.



STEWARDSHIP APPEAL FORMS

Thanks for the great response to our 2018 Stewardship Annual Appeal. We encourage those who have not returned their forms to please do so by dropping it in the collection basket or stopping by the Parish Office. We are grateful for your willingness to share God's blessing through your commitment to Stewardship and the sharing of your Time, Talent and Treasure. Please note the new contribution year begins January 1, 2018.

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

"Your generous contribution helps us to care for our retired sisters and enables our younger sisters to continue in active ministry," writes a religious sister. Your gift to today's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious helps provide medications, nursing care and more for thousands of senior sisters, brothers and religious order priests. It also helps ensure younger members can continue the good works of their elders!

4TH WEDNESDAY BREAKFAST

The 4th Wednesday Breakfast has been changed to Wednesday, **December 20th** 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 Anna DeMarea at 763-2625 or sign-up in the Gathering Space.



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.



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 masses 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.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION WITH CONFESSIONS

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

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: Angel of God

Apostle: St. Andrew

Christskill: Trustworthy & Generosity

Important Dates:

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!

YOUTH CHRISTMAS CHOIR

Students 2nd grade and above are invited to sing at the Christmas Eve 4:30pm Mass. You **MUST** attend at least two of the three practices - **Tues. Dec. 5** at 7 pm in the church; **Mon. Dec. 11** at 6 pm in the church; and **Tues. Dec. 19** at 7 pm in the church. If you have questions contact Susan Duerr at sduerr@regischurch.org



MEATLOAF MONDAY & FOOD COLLECTION

Our commitment to serve St. James Soup Kitchen is next **Monday, December 18th**. Sign-up sheets are available in the Gathering Space. Please bring your sliced, wrapped and frozen meatloaf with you to Mass next weekend, **December 16 and 17** 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 jelly, crackers, spaghetti, pancake mix, canned chicken breast & Chicken Helper.** Your donated food items are greatly appreciated. Thanks for your continued support of these ministries.



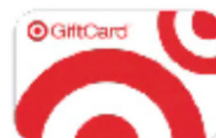
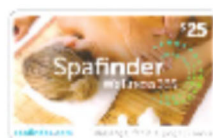
LUAU MEETING

There will be a Luau Planning Meeting on **Thursday, December 14 at 7pm**. Please join us and help contribute to the success of our Luau/Auction.

LIGHTHOUSE CD'S

Dr. Tim Gray, renowned Scripture scholar and president of the Augustine Institute, provides fascinating insights about the Protestant Reformation and the ensuing Catholic Counter Reformation. He discusses how holy men and women worked from within the Church, as they do in every age, to bring forth much-needed reform. Hear how necessary changes were brought about by holy heroes such as Giles of Viterbo, St. Ignatius of Loyola, St. Teresa of Ávila, St. Charles Borromeo, and others.

Scrip Holiday Gift Guide



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. Happy Shopping.

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.



Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of the unborn baby that I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion.

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

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, Gene Helling, Aidan Jones, Kathy Ness, Joanne Whitehurse, 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, Mandy Reimer and the many parishioners who are experiencing situational and financial hardships.

Please Pray for the Repose of the Soul of:

David Szumigala, uncle of Susan Duerr

Liturgical Roles

December 16 & 17

Lectors

4:30pm Patty Sack & Tom Sack
8:30am Dianne Schmidt & Sue Nichols
10:30am Ora Reyes & Theresa Van Pelt

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

4:30pm Charlene Helling, John Nash, Jim Filley
Dorothy Quinn, Larry Hayden, Alex Pope
Barbara Schroeder & Gretchen Maschger
8:30am Jane Marzano, Janet Helms, Jim Burdick
Pat Hanson, Mary Jordahl, Mike Murtha
Kathleen Robb & Sue Quanty Smith
10:30am Virginia Reyes, John Reyes, Sr., John Reyes, Jr.
Regina Ozbun, Bill Massop, Ora Reyes
Marlene Sanchez & Diane Pacheco

Servers

4:30pm Clara Stribling & Odily Rowland
8:30am Noah Villegas & Ava Villegas
10:30am Sophia Pacheco & Haley Scarborough

Greeters

4:30pm Larry Hayden & Barbara Wilkins
8:30am Joan Sack & Pamela Singleton
10:30am Ken Glasbrenner & Mary Lou Glasbrenner

Breaking Open the Word

8:30am Eileen Monteil

Mass Intentions

Monday, December 11

7:00am †Rev. Robert Cameron

Tuesday, December 12

†Corriene Neff by Denny & Teresa King

Wednesday, December 13

†Clarita Bryant by Harold Hanson

Thursday, December 14

6:15am †Rev. Hugh Mullin
8:30am †Dottie Seeger by Bud Seeger

Friday, December 15

For the Intentions of the Vogelsang Family

Saturday, December 16

4:30pm †Mike Ruhl by Jim & Pat Filley

Sunday, December 17

8:30am †Chris Sack by Joan Sack
10:30am People of St. John Francis Regis Parish

CELTIC THUNDER'S
NEIL BYRNE & RYAN KELLY

January 24, 2018

Rockhurst High School

Rose Theater - 7:30pm

Tickets \$50 General Admission

Tickets available at byrneandkelly.com

Proceeds go to the BMA Foundation which touch the lives of others through charitable giving, providing educational opportunities and promoting animal welfare in Brian Anselmo's name.

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 for more information.

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 10

8:30am Mass

10:30am Mass/Childcare/Children Liturgy

5:00pm Confirmation Meeting

Monday, December 11

7:00am Mass

7:00pm RCIA

7:00pm Social Service Ministry Council

Tuesday, December 12

8:30am Mass

5:30-8:30pm Eucharistic Adoration

5:30-6:15pm Confessions

6:30pm School Music Program @ O'Hara

7:00pm Rosary

Wednesday, December 13

8:30am Mass

6:00pm Penance Service w/Eucharistic Adoration

6:00pm English as Second Language

7:00pm School of Religion

7:00pm Knights of Columbus

Thursday, December 14

6:15am Mass

8:30am Mass

9:00am Scripture Sharing

7:00pm Boy Scouts

7:00pm Choir Practice

7:00pm Luau Meeting

Giving Tree Gifts Due

Friday, December 15

8:30am Mass

Saturday, December 16

3:30pm Confessions

4:30pm Mass

Food Collection

Sunday, December 17

8:30am Mass

10:30am Mass/Childcare/Children 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 Advent

December 10, 2017

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