



Saint John Francis Regis Parish

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December 11, 2016

Weekend Masses

Saturday: 4:30PM

Sunday: 8:30 and 10:30AM

Daily Mass

Monday: 5:30PM

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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THIRD SUNDAY

of

Advent

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Jesus said,

"Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind regain their sight,
the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear,
the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them."

Matthew 11:4-5

ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICES

All are encouraged to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation during the season of Advent.

Area Parish Penance services:

St. Sabina - Tuesday, Dec. 13 - 7pm

St. Bernadette - Thursday, Dec. 15 - 7pm

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.

1ST RECONCILIATION PARENT MEETING

There is a parent meeting (at least one parent must attend) for those students who will be preparing for 1st Reconciliation on **Wednesday, December 14 at 7:15pm** in St. Joseph's room. If you have any questions contact Susan Duerr at sduerr@regischurch.org.

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.



YOUTH CHRISTMAS CHOIR

Students second grade and higher are invited to sing Christmas Eve 4:30pm Mass. We will have 3 practices. You **MUST** be able to attend at least 2 of the practices. The practices are: **Tues. Dec. 13 at 7pm and Wed. Dec. 21 at 7pm**. If you have any questions please contact Susan Duerr: sduerr@regischurch.org.

ST. REGIS STEWARDSHIP CORNER

This Third Sunday of Advent is called Gaudete Sunday which in Latin means Rejoice. All of today's Readings deal with rejoicing and with joy. It also reminds us that we have passed the midpoint of Advent thus the rose colored candle is lit on the Advent wreath. Isaiah, in our First Reading even proclaims that "the steppe (desert land) will rejoice and bloom."

In the Second Reading St. James tells the people to be patient until the coming of Jesus. St James refers to how farmers patiently wait for the precious fruit of the earth. A farmer knows that it takes time for it to come to fruition as he patiently waits and believes it will bear fruit. That is the same patience and endurance that lives of stewardship exemplify. It is based upon trust in God and knowing that God will both provide and reward us.

In the Gospel Reading we hear that even of St. John the Baptist, the messenger of the coming of the Messiah, harbors doubts about Jesus. He, like many, may have expected the Lord to arrive with great fanfare and great earthly leader. However, Jesus does not and did not work in that way. Jesus' approach was always simple acts, one at a time, not huge dramatic works. That is an important stewardship message for us too. Stewardship, and the example of Jesus, is based upon humility, the acceptance that all are more important than we are.

ST. REGIS MINISTRY UPDATE

Did you know we have 31 grade school age students that are Alter Servers. They assist the priest at Sunday Mass and other liturgical celebrations. They are providing their Time and Talent to serve the Lord.

ITA MAURA INFORMATION SESSION

Join us on Sunday, **December 11th, following the 10:30am Mass in Mary's room** for an information sharing session about our sister community, Ita Maura. Come enjoy a breakfast burrito as you learn of the projects we've supported in the past and what we are proposing for the future. Meet some of the parishioners who plan to represent our community on the next delegation in March 2017.

GOD WITH US:

AN ADVENT RETREAT AT ST. REGIS

On **Saturday, December 17, from 9am-1pm** (lunch included) set aside a morning to prepare your heart to encounter Jesus this Christmas season. Advent is a time of new beginning and of preparation for the coming of Christ into our lives. We do many active things to prepare ourselves for the Christmas season. Let us also make time to slow down, open our hearts to God's love, and go into this Christmas season refreshed and strengthened by the love of Christ. This retreat is offered at no cost. If you plan to attend, please register by sending Kyle an email at ksellnow@regischurch.org

GIVING TREE

Gift tags for the Giving tree will be available the first Sunday of Advent, **November 26/27**. 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 15**. Thank you for your generosity.



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.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL UPDATE

Thanks to the 60 families who have contributed to the Annual Catholic Appeal. So far we have received \$18,521.00 in pledges and contributions. St. Regis goal is \$23,199.00.

STEWARDSHIP APPEAL FORMS

Thanks for the great response to our 2017 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, 2017.

ADVENT PRESENTATIONS

The Divine Mercy Saints

December 14 & 21 at 7pm
in Mary's Room

Join us for presentations on the Divine Mercy Saints. We will hear presentations on the message from St. Faustina's diary, the appearance of Mary at Fatima, the ultimate sacrifice of St. Maximilian Kolbe and the world-changing papacy of St. John Paul II.



RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

Senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have offered their lives in service to others—educating the young, comforting the sick, seeking justice for the oppressed. Today, many are frail, elderly, and in need of assistance. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps to furnish medication, nursing care and other necessities. Please give generously to today's second collection.

HELP WANTED

The Early Childhood Center is looking for staff to fill morning and afternoon shifts. If you are interested call Lori Long at 816-763-6566.

SCHOOL NEWS

During the month of December, students will participate in the Shoebox Santa project for Little Sisters of the Poor. Items will be collected for the residents and delivered on **December 19th**. Please remember to bring your items to school by Wednesday, December 14th to participate in the Spirit Wear day.



Our annual Christmas Concert will be held on Monday, **December 19th at O'Hara High School in the auditorium beginning at 6:30pm**. The preschool students from the ECC and our Kindergarten – 5th grade students will be performing. Please join us to celebrate our students' vocal and instrumental talents!

Hy-Vee and Price Chopper Coupon books are on sale for \$5.00 a book. The first coupon in the book is good for \$5.00 off a purchase of \$50.00. The school makes \$4.00 for each book sold. Please support our school through this fundraiser. These books also make great stocking stuffers!



Winter will be moving in soon, bringing chances of snow and or snow days. Please make sure you are registered with *Remind* to receive updates for school closings and activities. Please register at <https://www.remind.com/join/stjohnfr>.



Wednesday, 12/14, 1st Reconciliation Parent Meeting, 7:15pm

Wednesday, 12/14, Service Wednesday, Shoe Box Santa

Thursday, 12/15, Luau Meeting, Rm 109 7:00pm

Monday, 12/19, 8th Grade Deliver Shoe Box Santa Gifts

Monday, 12/19, Preschool and K-5th Grade Christmas Music Program, 6:30pm, O'Hara Auditorium

Tuesday, 12/20, Christmas Parties 2:15pm

Wednesday, 12/21-1/3 NO SCHOOL, Christmas Break

Wednesday, 1/4/17 – Classes Resume

3rd Annual St. Regis 50/50 Raffle

Please join us Tuesday,
December 20, 2016

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!

MEATLOAF MONDAY & FOOD COLLECTION

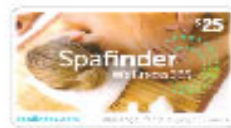
Our commitment to serve St. James Soup Kitchen is next **Monday, December 19th**. Sign-up sheets are available in the Gathering Space. Please bring your sliced, wrapped and frozen meatloaf with you to Mass next weekend, **December 17 and 18** and place it in one of the coolers provided. If you cannot bring your meatloaf to Mass call Judy Quatrocky at 582-6425 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 especially are in need of jelly, chicken noodle soup, pancake mix, syrup, spaghetti sauce, Tuna Helper and Chicken Helper. Your donated food items are greatly appreciated. Thanks for your continued support of these ministries.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION WITH CONFESSIONS

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

Scrip Holiday Gift Guide



HELP WANTED

A homebound parishioner is in need of a part-time person to clean her home. If you are interested call Pat Beard at 816-394-9596.

SCRIP CARDS NEWS

The last day to order cards is Tuesday, December 20. Order Forms are available in the Gathering Space - to ensure that you get the cards you want, turn your order form into the Parish Office. We also have Hy-Vee cards.

COPING WITH LIFE ALONE

Coping with Life Alone is a *Beginning Experience* grief support program that meets each week for 7 weeks. The program helps those who have lost a love relationship due to death, divorce or separation move through the experience of grief and loss into a future with renewed hope. The sessions focus on topics of the grief process, changes in family and other relationships, trust, and coping with memories. **The next sessions will be held at St. Regis on Sundays, January 8-February 19, 1:30-3:30pm.** For additional information or to register call Donna at 816-305-3760

ST. REGIS YOUTH GROUP
Hang out with friends
Get to know Christ
Enjoy snacks & games
Meet at St. Regis every
Sunday 7-8:30pm.

Please Pray for those in the Hospital this past week:

Kathy Grantham & Dorothy Linn

Please Remember In Your Prayers: Susan Nealy, Seth Dujakovich, Jack Mitchell, John Hernandez, Jean Kraus, Eric Severt, Pat Beard, Carol Beard, Rose Solo, Beth Heidler, Mary Pat Lambert, David Berg, John Weaver, Fran Wadle, Eleanor Cutler, Don Knipp, Rose Marie Larson, Gilbert Valle, Dean & Mary Starr, Herb Letzig, Jacob Smith, Veronica Maschek, Marsha Crum, Gene Helling, Dorothy Linn, Joseph Day, John Biegel, Cathy Groover, Bobbie Duncan, Michael Whitehurse, Sr. Marie Neff, Sr. Therese Pfeifer, Leonard Como, Aidan Jones, Jacob Witherspoon, Kathy Ness, Margaret Ngwane, Joanne Whitehurse, Rob & Sandy Smith, Larry Waitley, Ken Arens, Dan Machetta, Helen Sheehan, Patrick Sheehan, Jessica Berger, Norma Szumigala, Sharon Walker, Virgie Nelson, Rebecca Lochmiller, Bill Caufield, Romeo Cuario, Michelle Benoit, Cliff Uhlig, Shreeka Mays, Joan Fischer, Boyer Rivera, Hilton Simien, Jane Marzano, John Quinn, Theresa Wavada, Sara Davis, Mary O'Donnell, Donna Carrupher, Stella Chi, Joseph Musongwe, Kankoe Kuevi, Edgar Mehl, Kaye Clark, Ed Batcheler, Bud Seeger, Joanne Mattingly, Gary Stroble, Melinda McGee, Kathy Grantham, Callie Banks, Michael Wertz and the many parishioners who are experiencing situational and financial hardships.

Liturgical Roles

December 17 & 18

Lectors

4:30pm Melissa Wiehn & Marvin Chaney
 8:30am Betty Roder & Paul Roder
 10:30am Cathy Albers & Terry Colombatto

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

4:30pm Jerry Schroeder, Barb Schroeder, Alex Pope
 Marvin Chaney, Melissa Wiehn, Tom Smith
 Dorothy Quinn & Bernadette Brenner
 8:30am Jim Burdick, Joan Sack, Mary Jordahl
 Mike Murtha, Janet Helms, Pat Hanson
 Kathleen Robb & Sue Quanty Smith
 10:30am John Reyes, Sr., John Reyes, Jr., Bill Massop
 Shane Givens, Mary Kimbrell, Regina Ozbun
 Teresa Mahnke & Diane Pacheco

Servers

4:30pm John Stribling & Clara Stribling
 8:30am Katherine Banlomon & Margaret Banlomon
 10:30am Neneh Jatta & Erin Kimbrell

Greeters

4:30pm Larry Hayden & John Nash
 8:30am Joan Sack & Sherry Falke
 10:30am Dick O'Herron & Sue O'Herron

Mass Intentions

Monday, December 12

5:30pm People of St. John Francis Regis Parish

Tuesday, December 13

†Phil Hayden by Larry & Arnetta Hayden

Wednesday, December 14

†Joe Scheerer by Jim & Mary Joe Kilp

Thursday, December 15

6:15am †Gerald Kelly
 8:30am †Paul Monteil by Kay Nash

Friday, December 16

†Mike Nash by Kay Nash

Saturday, December 17

4:30pm †Joe Underwood by Margaret Underwood

Sunday, December 18

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

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Please join the St. Catherine of Siena Church
Community for a

Rays of Mercy Christmas Concert

On Sunday, December 18th, at 7pm

Light Refreshments will be served
10526 Grandview Rd. KCMO - 761-5483



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.

SPIRITUAL ADOPTION UPDATE

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.

Schedule of Events

Sunday, December 11

- 8:30am Mass
- 9:45am Sunday Readings
- 10:30am Mass/Childcare/Children's Liturgy
- 11:30am Ita Maura Presentation
- 5:00pm Confirmation Meeting
- 7:00pm Youth Praise Night

Monday, December 12

- 5:30pm Mass
- 7:00pm Social Service Ministry Council

Tuesday, December 13

- 8:30am Mass
- 9:00am Bible Timeline
- 1:45pm O'Hara Lesson & Carol
- 7:00pm Rosary
- 7:00pm School Council

Wednesday, December 14

- 8:30am Mass
- 6:00pm Eucharistic Adoration w/Confessions
- 7:00pm School of Religion
- 7:00pm Knights of Columbus
- 7:00pm Advent Presentation
- 7:15pm 1st Reconciliation Parent Meeting

Thursday, December 15

- 6:15am Mass
- 8:30am Mass
- 9:00am Scripture Sharing
- 7:00pm Boy Scouts
- 7:00pm RCIA
- 7:00pm Luau Meeting

Gifts Due for Giving Tree

Friday, December 16

- 8:30am Mass

Saturday, December 17

- 9:00am Advent Retreat
- 3:30pm Confessions
- 4:30pm Mass
- Food Collection

Sunday, December 18

- 8:30am Mass
- 9:45am Sunday Readings
- 10:30am Mass
- 7:00pm Youth Group
- Food Collection

3rd Sunday of Advent

December 11, 2016

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