



Saint John Francis Regis Parish

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December 12, 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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Third Sunday of
Advent
December 12, 2021

I am baptizing you with water,
but one mightier than I is coming.
I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals.

Luke 3:16

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE FIESTA

The Fiesta starts at 12:30pm on **Sunday, December 12** in the Parish Hall. Mass in Spanish will be at 2pm (there will be no 5pm Mass). More festivities will follow Mass. There will be a reenactment, food and music. Below is the schedule of events. Everyone is welcome.

12:30pm Music
 1:15pm Dancing
 2:00pm Mass/Spanish
 3:00pm Procession to Hall
 3:15pm Reenactment
 4:00pm Food
 4:15pm Music



THANK YOU SUSAN DUERR

We would like to thank Susan Duerr for over 18 years of service at St. Regis Parish and Academy. Susan has worked in the sacramental preparation for Baptism, 1st Reconciliation, 1st Eucharist and Confirmation to help our children encounter Christ's grace and mercy. Parents, godparents and sponsors were strengthened to understand their roles and duties in passing on the faith to our young people. We also appreciate Susan's work in organizing our Parish School of Religion program in passing on the basics of our Catholic faith to our children as well as being the Safety Environment coordinator for our parish.

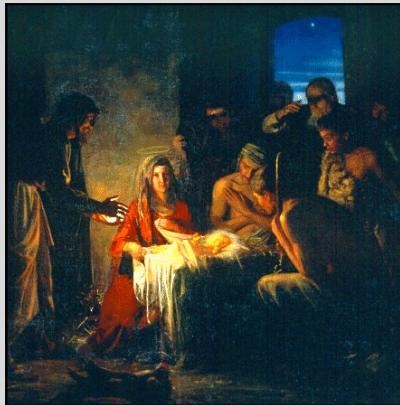
We wish Susan well in her future endeavors.

ST. REGIS STEWARDSHIP CORNER

In today's Gospel we hear the prophet John the Baptist being asked an insightful stewardship question: "What should we do?" Each group wants to know the appropriate response to John's call; each reply points to how they should treat others. John does not simply say, "Be baptized." Rather, he points them to their jobs and personal relationships. John's message is simple: judgment is near, and repentance includes treating others well. We should be willing to share what we have with those in need. To listen to John the Baptist is to be called to account. Do I give only of my excess, or am I the good steward who is willing to make daily sacrifices in order to help others?

En el Evangelio de hoy escuchamos la profunda pregunta de corresponsabilidad hecha al profeta Juan el Bautista: "¿Qué debemos hacer?" cada grupo quiere saber la respuesta apropiada al llamado de Juan; cada respuesta señala cómo deben ellos tratar a otros. Juan no dice simplemente, "Bautíicense." Más bien, él se dirige a sus obras y a sus relaciones personales. El mensaje de Juan es simple: el juicio está cerca, y el arrepentimiento incluye tratar bien a los demás. Debemos estar dispuestos a compartir lo que tenemos con los más necesitados. Escuchar a Juan el Bautista es ser llamado a rendir cuentas. ¿Doy solamente de lo que me sobra, o soy el buen corresponsable dispuesto a hacer sacrificios diarios para ayudar a otros?

Christmas Schedule



Christmas Eve Masses

Friday, December 24 -

2:30pm (2:10pm Music Prelude)

4:30pm (4:10pm Music Prelude)

9:30pm in Spanish

Midnight (11:40pm Music Prelude)

Christmas Morning Mass

Saturday, December 25 - 10:30am

3rd Sunday of Advent

December 12, 2021



Friday, December 17
5:00pm in the Parish Hall

Join us for this religious celebration for the whole family including traditional music, dance, food and pinatas!
Everyone is welcome!

St. Regis Advent Penance Service
Thursday, December 16 at 6:30pm
In Church



SIGN UP FOR CHRISTMAS MASSES

Greeters, Lectors, Communion Ministers and Servers are invited to sign up for 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.

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

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 slfalte6966@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.

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.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITIONS

Years ago, the trick question on religion quizzes would be to name all the liturgical colors, or the colors of the vestments worn at Mass. Rose is a color seldom seen, used at most two days a year. Today, "Gaudete Sunday," is one of those days. The name of the day is drawn from an opening verse in the old Latin Mass texts: *Gaudete* is Latin for "Rejoice!" This year's Gospel certainly reflects that mood as Elizabeth feels her infant within her leaping for joy at the presence of Mary. Mary's visit to her aged cousin is an act of compassion between women, as two kinswomen who are bearing children into the world share their joy.

Some churches retain the custom of having the priest wear rose vestments today, and many will use a rose candle in the Advent wreath. Violet is the official color for Advent and Lent, but many parishes employ different hues for each season, trying to keep them distinct. In medieval times, dye was costly, and poor parishes used unornamented plain cloth for vestments. Dyes were expensive and some colors, particularly purple, difficult to achieve. In England, purple dye was made from mollusks, yielding at best a deep indigo or blue and not the desired violet. Thus, the color of Advent in the British Isles has long been a deep blue, reminding many people of Mary's presence at the heart of the Advent mystery. That theology is largely unplanned: it's all because of the clams! —James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

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.



3rd Sunday of Advent

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ST. REGIS ACADEMY 7TH (ALMOST) ANNUAL

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SALES TO
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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

"To The Heights"

Giorgio Frasati Night

Young Adult & Couples

Dec 16th - St Regis Academy

Child Care Provided

Surround yourself with those
who will climb the heights.



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.

MEATLOAF MONDAY

& FOOD COLLECTION

Our commitment to serve St. James Soup Kitchen is next **Monday, December 20th**. Sign-up sheets are available in the Gathering Space. Please bring your sliced, wrapped and frozen meatloaf with you to Mass next weekend, **December 18th and 19th** 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 canned vegetables, pasta sauce and Saltine crackers. Your donated food items are greatly appreciated. Thanks for your continued support of these ministries.



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 Whitehurst, Helen & Patrick Sheehan, Jessica Berger, Adelia Spann, Jack Gress, Denise Kopek, Margie Strobl, Dolores Dick, Kathy Morehouse, McCarty 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 Teeffey, Babette Lathrop, Shelly Clemons, Pauline Umphenauer, 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 18 & 19

Lectors

- 3:00pm Jim Filley & Mark Siedlik
- 8:30am Susan Duerr & Rick Janet
- 10:30am Virginia Reyes & Ora Reyes

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

- 3:00pm Alex Pope, Francis Brenner, Dorothy Quinn Gretchen Maschger
- 8:30am Dave Vorbeck, Susan Duerr, Ron Des Combes Maxine Rodriguez
- 10:30am Ora Reyes, Virginia Reyes, John Reyes, Sr. John Reyes, Jr.

Servers

- 3:00pm Ellyson Smith & Jeremy Smith
- 8:30am Pat Hanson & Ryan Holst
- 10:30am Mike Berigan & Glen Ernstmann

Greeters

- 3:00pm Jerry Crowley & Marvin Chaney
- 8:30am Sherry Falke & Joan Sack
- 10:30am Julie Schmidt & Elaine Allee

Mass Intentions**Tuesday, December 14**

†Virginia Esser by Bill Esser

Wednesday, December 15

†Jim Huhmann by Milt Bryant

Thursday, December 16

For the Intentions of the Surber Family

Friday, December 17

†Chris Sack by Joan Sack

Saturday, December 18

3:00pm †Gene Helling by Milt Bryant

Sunday, December 19

8:30am †Melissa Gunn by the Duerr Family

10:30am †Gene Helling by Jim & Pat Filley

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
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
Dorothy J.	Humphrey	87	12/16 1999
Kenneth	Woods		12/17 1973
Raymond F.	Marks	54	12/17 1983
Mary Margaret	Tritico	60	12/17 1989
Ray	Davis	79	12/17 1992
Mary	Uhlig	70	12/17 1998
Debbie Jo	Powell	18	12/18 1976
Tony	Gutierrez	51	12/18 1987
Dorothy	Gleason	86	12/18 1994

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.

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.

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.

Schedule of Events

Sunday, December 12

- 8:30am Mass
- 9:30am Pictures with Santa
- 10:30am Mass/Children's Liturgy
- 2:00pm Mass/Spanish
- 3:00pm Our Lady of Guadalupe Fiesta

Monday, December 13

- 8:30am Mass
- 12:00pm Spanish Bible Class
- 7:00pm Spanish Bible Class
- 7:00pm Bible Study
- 7:00pm Social Service Ministry Council

Tuesday, December 14

- 8:30am Mass
- 6:30pm Academy Christmas Program
- 6:30pm Rosary
- 7:00pm Spanish Bible Class
- 7:00pm Praise Team Practice
- 7:00pm Neocatechumenal Way

Wednesday, December 15

- 8:30am Mass
- 10:00am Spanish Bible Class
- 6:00pm Adoration & Confessions
- 6:00pm Spanish Bible Class/Teens
- 7:00pm Spanish Bible Study
- 7:00pm School of Religion
- 7:00pm 1st Reconciliation Parent Meeting
- 7:30pm Spanish Bible Class/Young Adults

Thursday, December 16

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

Friday, December 17

- 8:30am Mass
- 9:30am Church Cleaning
- 5:00pm Las Posadas
- 7:00pm Spanish Bible Class
- 7:00pm Bible Study
- 7:00pm Worship Council

Saturday, December 18 - Food Collection

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

Sunday, December 19 - Food Collection

- 8:30am Mass
- 10:30am Mass/Children's Liturgy
- 5:00pm Mass/Spanish

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