



Saint John Francis Regis Parish

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December 13, 2020

Weekend Masses

Saturday: 3:00PM

Sunday: 8:30 and 10:30AM

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 13, 2020

Rejoice always.
Pray without ceasing.
In all circumstances
give thanks,
for this is the will
of God for you
in Christ Jesus.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

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Parish Support November 2020

Contribution Income

Offertory - Weekly Envelopes	\$ 30,402.00
Online Giving	\$ 17,847.00
Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 1,183.00
Total Contribution	\$ 49,432.00
Parking Lot/Playground Balance:	\$ 7,943.00

ST. REGIS STEWARDSHIP CORNER

In today's second reading Paul concludes his letter to the Christian community at Thessalonica by providing it with actions to take as they wait for the return of the Lord. The first action is to rejoice always and give thanks in all circumstances. This does not sound easy in a time of pandemic. The two words that make this task difficult are "always" and "all." This means giving thanks and rejoicing even when our circumstances are not always moments of joy and thanksgiving, or when we are confronted with a broken world. Prayerful stewards rejoice and give thanks in all circumstances, even during these uncertain and stressful times, because they are people of hope. A good reflection this week would be how the season of Advent can give you reason to hope.

CORRECTION

Please excuse the typo in the November 29th bulletin. The Parking Lot/Playground funds at the end of October should have read \$6,538.00.

THANK YOU

Thanks to all who have turned in their 2021 Time/Talent and Treasure cards. If you have not done so, please drop them in the Gathering Space green bucket, the collection basket, or drop them off at the office. Your time and talent commitments keep our 50+ ministries active and your financial pledge helps us prepare and manage our budget.

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

"Every dollar makes a difference in covering our expenses," says a Trappist abbot. Hundreds of US religious communities struggle to provide for aging members because most senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests served for little pay. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps these communities bridge the gap, offering support for medications, nursing care, and other necessities. Please be generous.

Christmas Schedule



Christmas Eve Masses

Thursday, December 24 -

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

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

Midnight (11:40pm Music Prelude)

Christmas Morning Mass

Friday, December 25 - 10:30am

St. Regis Advent Retreat

Wednesday, December 9th, 7pm in the Church - The Good of Desire

Wednesday, December 16th, 7pm in the Church - The Good of Silence

Wednesday, December 23rd, 7pm in the Church - The Good of Holiness

Adoration & Confessions every Wednesday 6-7pm

Confessions

Spanish in Confessional in the Chapel

English in Mary's room

Wednesdays, December 16 & 23, 5-7pm (English & Spanish)



GIVING THANKS AT YEAR END

As the end of the year approaches, it is an ideal time to review your important financial decisions. If part of your financial planning includes charitable giving, please know how gratefully we would be if you remember St. Regis Church & Academy in your decision. There are many ways to make a gift and some of them would provide you with savings on your income tax. Giving options include:

- Simply write a check or use Online Giving. The 2020 CARES Act allows all taxpayers to deduct up to \$300 of charitable donations on their 2020 tax return, even if you don't itemize. Note this is a one time change in the tax code and only applies to the 2020 tax year.
- Donate a gift of appreciated securities (stocks or mutual funds owned a year or longer). You are allowed a charitable deduction of the full fair market value. Be sure to transfer the stock directly to St. Regis. Please call the office if you need more information.
- Gift from a retirement account. The 2020 CARES Act allows individuals age 70 ½ or older to avoid having to take the required minimum distribution for 2020. However, some individuals still have a tax advantage when gifting IRA assets to St. Regis. The distribution must come directly from the plan administrator. Contact the office if you have questions or need a copy of the forms.
- Charitable Gift Annuities may be able to provide you income for your life with an interest rate more attractive than current CD or bank interest rates. In addition, the life payment you received is partially tax free. For more details, contact Laura Gray at the Diocese office at 816-714-2363 or gray@diocesekcsj.org

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.



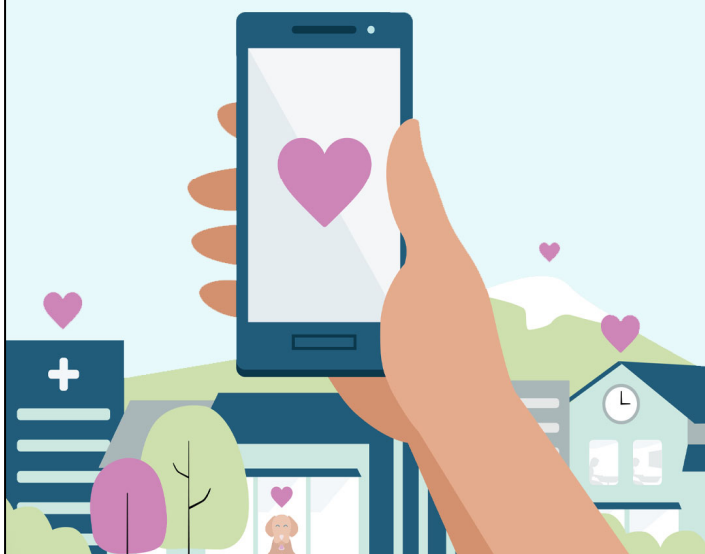
St. Regis Academy & ECC has immediate openings in our preschool program! Our program strives to provide a safe, loving, and nurturing environment for our students to learn and grow! Contact Preschool Coordinator, Chelsea Wilton, for more information and a Virtual Tour!
phone: 816-763-5837 **email:** cwilton@regisecc.org

SIGN UP FOR CHRISTMAS MASSES

Greeters, Lectors and Servers are invited to sign up for the 2:30pm, 4:30pm and Midnight Masses on Christmas Eve and the 10:30am Mass on Christmas Day. Please sign up in the Gathering Space.

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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.

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.



TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Today there is an abrupt shift in the season of Advent. From here on the tone is more joyful and expectant and the tug of the Christmas message is irresistible. At daily Mass on December 17 we begin to unfold the story of Jesus' birth. Who can resist the beauty of the first reading today—deserts aflame with flowers, arthritics set to dancing, the tone-deaf singing hymns? So we don't miss the change, the parish may take rose-colored vestments out of mothballs, we may light rose-colored candles on the wreath, or fill in our wreaths with desert flowers, pink seashells, seed pods, cones and berries. The seeds of God's kingdom have been sown in us. In these shining days of Advent they are sprouting in many ways. How do we bring the promise to light? This is the week to prepare gifts for the poor. It is the week to invite a lonely neighbor to your Christmas dinner, the week to write a note forgiving a lost friend, the week to shatter a family grudge so that even in the desert places of your heart, Christ's life may blossom.

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ADVENT PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

The Serra Club of Southeast Kansas City, Missouri, invites you to join us for Advent. Currently, we meet via Zoom, once a week for a Monday rosary and on Thursdays for scripture study. Join us with your prayers of petition, prayers for the community, and prayers of thanksgiving, all in a short, 40-minute session.

- We welcome you to join us as we pray a rosary for vocations every Monday evening at 6 pm. God loves a cheerful giver, and will make all grace abound in you. Whoever sows bountifully will reap bountifully. 2 Cor 9: 6-8. <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/79087066071?pwd=djk2ZU9PYi9oUXRnOSsyL0UrUGdjQT09> Meeting ID: 790 8706 6071 Passcode: Cb5Td8
- You are cordially invited to study Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians each Thursday at 7 pm. Listen to commentary from St. John Chrysostom and St. Thomas Aquinas for each verse. We are ready to begin Chapter 3, verse 16. St. Thomas Aquinas says, "All who call on the name of the Lord shall be delivered." Joel 2:32. <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/77964648216?pwd=TThuL1UxVUJkeUZnWVlGbXZFZ0xJdz09> Meeting ID: 779 6464 8216 Passcode: 3DpJ1W

GIVING TREE

Gift tags for the Giving tree will be available the weekend of **November 28/29**. 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 **Saturday, December 19**. Due to COVID, we will be reducing the number of gift tags this year. In addition, we will have a basket set up that parishioners can donate toiletries. A list of favored toiletries items will be listed on the basket. Carroll Park is very understanding of this change and want to thank the St. Regis community for its continued support during this difficult time. Please give what you can.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION WITH CONFESSIONS

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

MEATLOAF MONDAY & FOOD COLLECTION

Our commitment to serve St. James Soup Kitchen is next **Monday, December 21st** Sign-up sheets are available in the Gathering Space. Please bring your sliced, wrapped and frozen meatloaf with you to Mass next weekend, **December 19 & 20** 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, Hamburger Helper, Tuna Helper, cereal and saltine crackers.** Your donated food items are greatly appreciated. Thanks for your continued support of these ministries.



HOLY ROSARY RALLY

Please join us for the December Holy Rosary Rally in Honor of Our Blessed Mother and Our Lady of Fatima which will be held on **Sunday December 13th** from 3:00 pm to 4:15 pm at St. Mary - St. Anthony Parish, 615 N 7th St, Kansas City, KS 66101. We will pray the Joyful, Sorrowful and Glorious mysteries of the Holy Rosary followed by Benediction and the opportunity for attendees to enroll in the Brown Scapular. For driving instructions or future dates for the Kansas City monthly Holy Rosary rallies, please visit www.rosaryrallieskc.org

Please Remember In Your Prayers: Susan Nealy, Jack Mitchell, John Hernandez, David Berg, Fran & Dennis Wadle, Rose Marie Larson, Dean Starr, Gene Helling, Aidan Jones, Kathy Ness, Joanne Whitehurse, Rob & Sandy Smith, Helen & Patrick Sheehan, Jessica Berger, Adelia Spann, Dalton Peavler, Donald Smith, Sara Davis, Nolan Tritschler, 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 Kornowski, Jason Wenberg, Paula Rios, Dennis Reilly, Homer Radford, Siggy Koop, Joseph Gregory, Danny Dolan, Pete Gomez, Julie Nash, Bob Harvey, Fr. Keith Branson, Kate Crawford, Jackie Jackson, Oral Eidson, Ardith Fetterolf, Beth Heidler, Maria Rose Brown, Lois Beres, John Stadler, John Teefey, Phil Hoffman, Kristen Brown, Larry Fournier, Ethel Felder, Colletta Merrigan, Buddemeyer Family, Pat Romero, Janet Helms, Mary Hunter, Chris & Sarah Teefey, Babette Lathrop, Shelly Clemons, Pauline Umbenhower, Bob Slusher, Bill Speise, 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, Teresa Foster, John Minton, Terry Block, Jim Filley, Susanna Wernsman May and the many parishioners who are experiencing situational and financial hardships.

Liturgical Roles

December 19 & 20

Lectors

3:00pm Mark Siedlik & Melissa Wiehn
8:30am Joan Sack & Ken Stewart
10:30am Gwen Hull & Ann Garrison

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

3:00pm Tom Smith, Marvin Chaney, Melissa Wiehn
Dorothy Quinn
8:30am Susan Duerr, Jacob Duerr, Dave Vorbeck
Ron Des Combes
10:30am Bill Massop, Debbie Lickteig, Teresa Mahnke
Yajaira Miranda

Servers

3:00pm Jeremy Smith & Ellyson Smith
8:30am Ashley Winter & Ryan Holst
10:30am Madison Hallam & Rita Godoy

Greeters

3:00pm Marvin Chaney & Manuel Botello
8:30am Sue Quanty Smith & Maxine Rodriguez
10:30am Elaine Allee & Julie Schmidt

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, December 15

For the Intentions of the Vogelsang Family

Wednesday, December 16

†George Beres by Lois Beres

Thursday, December 17

†Chris Sack by Joan Sack

Friday, December 18

†Paul Williamson by Rick & Terri Martin

Saturday, December 19

3:00pm People of St. John Francis Regis Parish

Sunday, December 20

8:30am †Pat Leibler by Sue Quanty Smith
10:30am †Mildred Zuptich by the Glasbrenner Family

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	
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
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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.

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 13

8:30am Mass

10:30am Mass

Monday, December 14

7:00pm Social Service Ministry Council

Tuesday, December 15

8:30am Mass

6:30pm Rosary

7:00pm Neocatechumenal Way

Wednesday, December 16

8:30am Mass

5-7pm Confessions (English & Spanish)

6:00pm Eucharistic Adoration w/Confessions

7:00pm Praise Team Practice

7:00pm Spanish Bible Study

7:00pm Advent Retreat

Thursday, December 17

8:30am Mass

9:00am Scripture Sharing

7:00pm Boy Scouts

7:00pm Cantor Practice

Friday, December 18

8:30am Mass

7:00pm Worship Council

Saturday, December 19

2:00pm Confessions

3:00pm Mass

Giving Tree Gifts Due

Food Collection

Sunday, December 20

8:30am Mass

10:30am Mass

Food Collection



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