



Saint John Francis Regis Parish

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Fr. Sean McCaffery, Pastor

December 15, 2019

Weekend Masses

Saturday: 3:00PM

Sunday: 8:30 and 10:30AM

Daily Mass

Monday: 7:00AM

Tuesday - Friday: 8:30AM

Confessions

Sat: 2:00PM & *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

THANK YOU

Thank you for turning in your Time/Talent and Pledge cards. If you have not turned them in yet, you can drop them in the basket in the Gathering Space or bring them by the office.

ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICES

All of us are encouraged to prepare for the birth of Christ by celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation during Advent.

Area Services:

Thursday, Dec. 19 at 6pm at St. Bernadette's
Sunday, Dec. 22 at 5pm at St. Catherine Siena

Reconciliation will also be available 1 hour prior to Christmas Eve & Christmas Day Masses.

2019 TAX PLANNING & GIFTING STRATEGIES SEMINAR

This session will provide a summary of the 2018 Tax Law changes as well as options to maximize charitable gifts. Forms and instructions for gifts from IRA's, Securities, Bequests and Charitable Gift Annuities will also be available. Refreshments will be provided.

- **Sunday, December 15th** after the 8:30am Mass in Mary's Room

DECORATE FOR CHRISTMAS

Many hands are needed to decorate the Church for Christmas. Spend an hour or so on **Sunday, December 22nd, following the 10:30am Mass**. Adults, Confirmation candidates, high school students needing service hours and families are all welcome to join us.

QUESTIONS ABOUT ESTATE PLANNING?

If so, stop by Mary's room after the 10:30 am Mass on **December 15th** to learn what steps you should take to protect your family. Estate Planning is for everyone, whether you are a young family or in your senior years.

If you don't have a plan, your state has one for you, but you may not like it.

Stop by to learn more and to pick up information. If you already have a plan, it still may be helpful to review the information to see if you need to update your plan.

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

Religious give thanks. " 'Thank you' hardly seems adequate to convey what it means to us," say a Catholic sister of the financial assistance her community received from the Retirement Fund for Religious. Prayer-filled thanks for your donation to last week's second collection.

THANK YOU

A big thank you to everyone who contributed to the Giving Tree. Your response was again tremendous and very much appreciated by the residents at Village at Carrol Park Nursing Home.



ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

It might be easy to ignore our responsibility to the poor, the sick, the elderly, the disabled and those in crisis. However, the Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA) calls those of us who have the capacity to help by making an even greater sacrifice than ever before. The ACA alleges all of us to make a meaningful pledge this week to help meet our diocesan and parish goals. Please consider increasing your gift this year to meet the special needs of our time.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION WITH CONFESSIONS

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

ST. REGIS STEWARDSHIP CORNER

From the loneliness of his prison cell John the Baptist asks of Jesus: "Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?" The weeks before Christmas offer much to be joyous about, celebrating with family and friends, the glitter of seasonal decorations, the excitement of gift giving and receiving. But in our midst there are the lonely and neglected, the poor, the hospitalized, the wayward, the shut-ins. There are those who feel that they have no hope. To whom should they look? Discipleship in the Lord includes being good stewards of others. Are there those in our family, our neighborhood, our community to whom we can reach out to show them a sign of Christ's presence in their midst?

Desde la soledad de su celda en la prisión, Juan el Bautista le pregunta a Jesús: "¿Eres tú quien vendrá, o deberíamos buscar a otro?" Las semanas antes de Navidad ofrecen mucho de qué alegrarse, celebrando con familiares y amigos, el brillo de decoraciones de temporada, la emoción de dar y recibir regalos. Pero en medio de nosotros están los solitarios y descuidados, los pobres, los hospitalizados, los rebeldes, los encerrados. Hay quienes sienten que no tienen esperanza. ¿A quién deberían mirar? El discipulado en el Señor incluye ser buenos corresponsables con los demás. ¿Hay personas en nuestra familia, nuestro vecindario, nuestra comunidad a quienes podamos comunicarnos para mostrarles una señal de la presencia de Cristo en medio de ellos?

PLEASE NOTE SCHEDULING CHANGE

The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass for the Solemnity of Mary is on **Tuesday, December 31st** at 5pm the December calendar is incorrect) and **Wednesday, January 1st** at 9am.

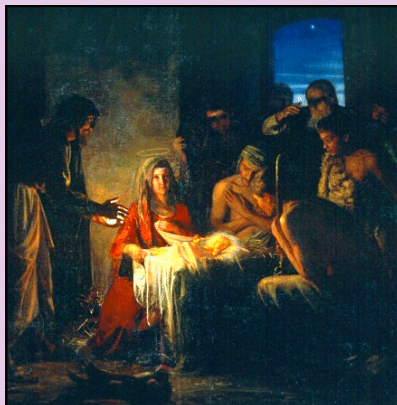
GIFT CARDS

It's that time again. Time to think about what gift to get those special people for the holidays. And what better gift than a Gift Card! That's right St Regis has a gift card program so that you can purchase all the cards you need without running all over town or paying any fees. Check the kiosk for the latest list. It's best to order early so that you can get exactly the cards you want. We do have some cards in the office but there are many more available for ordering on the list. Order soon!

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.

Christmas Schedule

Christmas Eve Masses

Tuesday, December 24 - 4:30pm

(4:10pm Music Prelude)

Midnight (11:30pm Music Prelude)

Christmas Morning Mass

Wednesday, December 25 - 10:30am

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.

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 three 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"

12TH ANNUAL BEST OF KC CATHOLIC BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Over the holiday break, it is difficult for CYO and Parochial League teams to practice and play to improve before starting back up their season. The Best of KC Catholic Youth Basketball Tournament is a perfect opportunity for your team to play in some fun, competitive games and improve as well. The tournament is on **December 30, 2019 and January 1, 2020** is for Boys and Girls 3rd-8th Grade Teams. Teams of all levels are encouraged to play. The tournament is played at Avila University, Sion High School, Rockhurst High School and St. Thomas More. The cost is \$150 per team (**Registration Deadline is December 17th at Noon**) You can go to <http://catholicyouthbasketball.com/> to view tournament details. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Tournament Directors Jim Huber at (816) 728-2341 / jim@coachhuber.com

Parking Lot & Playground Campaign

November 2019 through December 2020

Although the campaign will run through Dec. 2020, we hope to have the funds to complete the work next summer. The first phase of the project will be the parking lot, an approximately \$100,000 renovation. With 141 spaces, that is about \$730 a space. The second phase includes updating the playground. We are anticipating phase two to be about \$50,000. **Please contribute generously!**

2020 CALENDARS

Please be sure to pick up the 2020 St. Regis Calendar available in the baskets at each entrance of church. The calendar has a religious art theme. Our calendar is made possible through the generosity of Dave Vorbeck, principal attorney of Vorbeck Associates. Be sure to thank Dave for his 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.

JOIN OUR CHRISTMAS CHOIRS

Youth (age 8 and up) and young adults are invited to form a choir to sing for Mass at 4:30 p.m. on Christmas Eve. Sign-up forms with the rehearsal schedule have been distributed through St. Regis Academy and School of Religion. Forms are also available in the Parish Office and Church gathering space.

Adult choirs will lead the music for the Masses at Midnight and 10:30 a.m. on Christmas Day. Please contact Diane Banks, Music Director, @ 816-765-9464 with any questions.



CELEBRATE AS WE RAISE A
GLASS TO
ST. REGIS ACADEMY & RAISE A
FEW DOLLARS
FOR OUR KIDS!

6TH ANNUAL BIER STATION FUNDRAISER

50/50 Raffle

PLEASE JOIN US MONDAY,
DECEMBER 23RD, 2019
6:00 – 10:00PM
BIER STATION
120 E GREGORY BLVD.



3RD WEDNESDAY BREAKFAST

The 3rd Wednesday Breakfast is on **Wednesday, December 18th** 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 16th.**



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.



2020 MARCH FOR LIFE

The March for Life in Washington DC will be held on **Friday, January 24, 2020**. Registration is now open for the March for Life Pilgrimage to Washington DC, January 23-25. This 3 day trip will include Mass each day, Rally on the National Mall, and participation in the 2020 March for Life. Registration forms available at www.respectlifekcsj.org. The cost is \$355. Registration will remain open through December 12th.

Please Remember In Your Prayers: Susan Nealy, Jack Mitchell, John Hernandez, Jean Kraus, David Berg, Fran 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, 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, 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, Carolyn Koetting, Becky Smith, Oral Eidson, Ardith Fetterolf, Beth Heidler, Maria Rose Brown, Lois Beres, John Stadler, John Teefey, Phil Hoffman, Pat Liebler, Kristen Brown, Larry Fournier, Ethel Felder, Coletta Merrigan, Buddemeyer Family, Pat Romero, Janet Helms, Mary Hunter, Chris & Sarah Teefey, Babette Lathrop, Shelly Clemons, Pauline Umbenhowe, Bob Slusher, Bill Speise, Dennis Wadle, Genevieve Thieme, Pat Filley, Alexis Noonan unborn baby, Bill Massop, Victor Gomez, Maximo Rivera, Dallas Schilizer, Lupita Sharkey, Larry & Brenda Grant, Wendy McKellar, Diane Greene, Jerry Stanford, Milton Bryant, Kale Van Pelt, Rick Boisen, Rose Brown, Dana Collins, Bridget Kopek, Elizabeth Williams, Mike Reilly, Susan England, Brian Pattee, Suzy Hanger and the many parishioners who are experiencing situational and financial hardships.

Please Pray for the Repose of the Soul of:

Martin Gruettmeyer, father of Mary Kimbrell
Romeo Cuario, Jr., brother of Beth Palomares

Liturgical Roles

December 21 & 22

Lectors

3:00pm Jake Smith & Becky Smith
8:30am Cathy Albers & Sherry Falke
10:30am Kathy Morehouse & Mark McGee

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

3:00pm Francis Brenner, Bernadette Brenner, Jim Filley
Marvin Chaney, Larry Hayden, John Nash
Gretchen Maschger & Charlene Helling
8:30am Paul Roder, Betty Roder, Regina Ozbun
Joan Sack, Sue Nichols, Jane Marzano
Dianne Schmidt & Kathleen Robb
10:30am Ora Reyes, Virginia Reyes, John Reyes, Sr.
Bill Massop, Diane Pacheco, John Reyes, Jr.
Teresa Mahnke & Marlene Sanchez

Servers

3:00pm Jackson Price & Ysabella Rogers
8:30am Miguel Martinez & Jessica Loulos
10:30am Olivia West & Eva Alvarez

Greeters

3:00pm Larry Hayden, Marvin Chaney & Kathy Chaney
8:30am Sue Quanty Smith & Maxine Rodriguez
10:30am Tony Reyes & Richard Rademacher

Mass Intentions**Monday, December 16**

7:00am †Harold Hanson by Lupita Sharkey

Tuesday, December 17

†Chris Sack by Joan Sack

Wednesday, December 18

For the Intentions of the Surber Family

Thursday, December 19

†Millie Martin by Mary Joe Kilp

Friday, December 20

†Denny King by Bill & Gay Heydon

Saturday, December 21

3:00pm †Linda Hanes by John Hanes

Sunday, December 22

8:30am People of St. John Francis Regis Parish
10:30am †Mildred Zuptich by the Glasbrenner Family

IN REMEMBRANCE-DECEASED PARISHIONERS

Name		Age	Date of Death	
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
Paul F. Sr.	Monteil	91	12/28	1995
Mary	Rodgers	58	12/21	1964
Damian P.	Woock	77	12/21	1998
Angelo	DeSimone	84	12/21	2011

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.

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

Schedule of Events

Sunday, December 15

8:30am Mass
 9:30am Tax Planning & Gifting Strategies
 10:30am Mass
 11:30am Estate Planning
 Food Collection

Monday, December 16

Soup Kitchen
 Meatloaf Monday
 7:00am Mass
 7:00pm Christmas Eve Choir Practice
 7:00pm Praise & Worship Practice

Tuesday, December 17

8:30am Mass
 6:30pm Rosary
 6:30pm School Music Program

Wednesday, December 18

8:30am Mass
 9:00am 3rd Wednesday Breakfast
 6:00pm Eucharistic Adoration w/Confessions
 6:00pm English as 2nd Language
 7:00pm School of Religion
 SCRIP Orders Due

Thursday, December 19

8:30am Mass
 9:00am Scripture Sharing
 3:30pm Christmas Eve Choir Practice
 7:00pm Choir Practice
 7:00pm Boy Scouts
 7:00pm Parish Council

Friday, December 20

8:30am Mass
 12:15pm School Dismissed for Christmas
 7:00pm Worship Council

Saturday, December 21

2:00pm Confessions
 3:00pm Mass
 4:00pm Posada

Sunday, December 22

8:30am Mass
 10:30am Mass

3rd Sunday of Lent

December 15, 2019

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