



Saint John Francis Regis Parish

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December 17, 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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Early Childhood Center 763-6566

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THIRD SUNDAY

OF Advent

As the earth brings forth its plants,
and a garden makes its growth spring up,
so will the Lord God make justice and praise
spring up before all the nations.

Isaiah 61:11



DECEMBER 17, 2017

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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.

TAKE CONTROL OF YOUR FINANCIAL FUTURE ONCE AND FOR ALL

What if you knew where all your money was going each month? What if you were debt-free, investing and making wise spending decisions? With Dave Ramsey's class Financial Peace University, you CAN take control of your money and start planning for your future. We will be offering a class at St. Regis starting in late **January**. If your interested in taking the class or want more information, leave your name, email and phone number at the office.

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 sounds easy but it's not. 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 because they are people of hope. A good reflection this week would be how the season of Advent can give you reason to hope.

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.



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 theses ministries.

HOME BOUND MINISTERS NEEDED

We are in desperate need of ministers to the infirm and home bound people of our parish. If you are interested in participating in this ministry please contact the parish office at 761-1608.



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.

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.

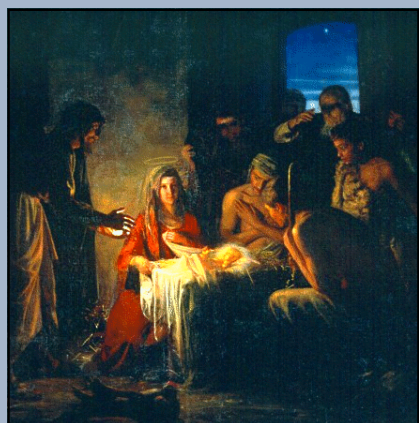


LEGACY BRICK PAVERS

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 17, 2017**. For more information contact Bill Massop 816-225-5083 or Jerry Cook 816-679-9175.

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

A religious sister writes, "When we see the generous response of so many thousands of persons in order to help us, religious men and women, we are left speechless." Senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests across the country send heartfelt thanks and prayers for your donation to last week's Retirement Fund for Religious collection.



Christmas Schedule

Christmas Eve Masses

Saturday, December 24 - 4:30pm
(4:10pm Music Prelude)
Midnight (11:30pm Music Prelude)

Christmas Morning Mass

Sunday, December 25 - 10:30am

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

Teacher Christmas Wish Lists

Mrs. Grantham, Kindergarten: DVD of a Saint for kids: Nicholas, Patrick, Francis, Bernadette, etc., washables markers, kid-sized headphones for ipads.

Mrs. Lum, 1st Grade: power strip, app store gift cards & kid-sized headphones

Ms. Murray, 2nd Grade: colored Sharpies, gel pens, Sticky notes & scented markers

Ms. Preston, 5th Grade: dry erase markers

Ms. Morrissey, Technology: headphones & dry eraser markers

Ms. Sharkey, Spanish: Crayons, pencils & candy when they play Spanish Bingo

Mrs. Walters, Title 1: Highlighters, pack of different colored card stock, black fine point Sharpies & copy paper

Ms. Crocker, Para/Angel: dry erase markers, colored fine point Sharpies & pens.

Mrs. Acton, Art: 2 boxes of black Sharpies from Office Mart, colored Sharpies, watercolor sets, colored "tru ray" brand construction paper from US Toy or hobby store

Important Dates:

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

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.

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!

HELP WANTED

St. Regis Early Childhood Center is looking for 2 part time nursery staff members. The first position is Monday - Friday from 7:00-10:00 am. The second position is also Monday-Friday, but from 2:30-6:00 pm. Each staff member will need to be 18 years of age, have their own reliable transportation, and be prompt and reliable. Duties will include changing diapers and feeding babies. Rocking and engaging babies with songs and conversation will also be expected.

We are also looking for an afternoon toddler teacher. The hours are Monday-Friday, 2:30-6:00 pm. This position also requires changing diapers, supervising snack, and engaging children in play, stories and other activities. For more information regarding any of these positions, please call Lori Long or Kaitlin O'Connor at 816-763-6566.

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



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TICKETS

▶ **CELTIC THUNDER'S**
NEIL BYRNE AND RYAN KELLY

**ROCKHURST
HIGH SCHOOL**

@ROSE THEATER - 7:30pm
www.byrneandkelly.com

\$50 GENERAL
ADMISSION

Meet the band for an additional
price - Limited to 50 tickets.

Tickets available at :
byrneandkelly.com



**"A MAN
FOR OTHERS"**

Brian Anselmo was a wonderful son,
brother, uncle and friend. He was a
young man with great promise whose life
was cut short at age 28.

It is our aim to positively touch the lives of
others through charitable giving, providing
educational opportunities and promoting animal
welfare in his name.

▶ Learn more at: <http://www.bmafoundation.org/>

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.

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 next sessions will be held at St. Regis on Sundays, January 14-February 25, 1:30-3:30pm. For more information and to register call Donna at 816-305-3760.

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.

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 Whitehorse, 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.

Liturgical Roles

December 23 & 24

Lectors

4:30pm Barbara Schroeder & Jerry Schroeder
8:30am Joan Sack & Theresa Sonderman
10:30am Terry Colombatto & Susan Duerr

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

4:30pm Jerry Schroeder, Tom Smith, Marvin Chaney
Jim Filley, Melissa Wiehn, Larry Hayden
Bernadette Brenner & Francis Brenner
8:30am Betty Roder, Paul Roder, Dennis Wadle
Joan Sack, Sue Nichols, Dave Vorbeck
Dianne Schmidt & Maxine Rodriguez
10:30am Don Wolff, Kathy Wolff, Theresa Van Pelt
Elaine Allee, Marcia Collins, Tino Camacho
Prisca Tizimbune & Maggie Doedtman

Servers

4:30pm David Maschger & Breanna Wood
8:30am Jessica Loulos & Evan Burdick
10:30am Katherine Sanchez & Magaly Sanchez

Greeters

4:30pm Larry Hayden, Marvin Chaney & Kathy Chaney
8:30am Mary Walker & Sherry Falke
10:30am Eddie Villegas & Jenny Villegas

Breaking Open the Word

8:30am Ann Julo

Mass Intentions

Monday, December 18

7:00am †Rev. Richard Saale

Tuesday, December 19

†George Beres by Lois Beres

Wednesday, December 20

†Paul Monteil by Harold Hanson

Thursday, December 21

6:15am †Rev. Richard Saale
8:30am For the Intentions of the Surber Family

Friday, December 22

†Kankoe Jean Kuevi by Family

Saturday, December 23

4:30pm †Mildred Zuptich by the Glasbrenner Family

Sunday, December 24

8:30am †Jerry Fournier by Harold Hanson
10:30am People of St. John Francis Regis Parish

Christmas Eve

4:30pm People of St. John Francis Regis Parish
Midnight †Bill & Dorothy Glasbrenner
by the Glasbrenner Family

HIGH SCHOOL PLACEMENT TEST

Eighth grade girls are invited to take the High School Placement Test at St. Teresa's Academy on **Saturday, January 6, 2018**. Test takers should check-in at 8:15am in the Windmoor Center (lace wrapped building). Pizza and drawings for great prizes will be provided immediately following the test. All students applying for admission into the freshman class are required to take this test. To register, please visit the St. Teresa's Academy website at www.stastars.org/admissions/apply and fill out either the online or downloadable application.

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

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 17**

8:30am Mass
10:30am Mass/Childcare/Children Liturgy
Food Collection

Monday, December 18

Meatloaf Monday
Soup Kitchen
7:00am Mass
7:00pm RCIA

Tuesday, December 19

8:30am Mass
12:15pm School Dismissed for Christmas Vacation
7:00pm Rosary

Last Day to Order SCRIP**Wednesday, December 20**

8:30am Mass
9:00am 4th Wednesday Breakfast
6:00pm Eucharistic Adoration w/Confessions
6:00pm English as Second Language
7:00pm School of Religion

Thursday, December 21

6:15am Mass
8:30am Mass
9:00am Scripture Sharing
7:00pm Boy Scouts
7:00pm Choir Practice

Friday, December 22

8:30am Mass

Saturday, December 23

3:30pm Confessions
4:30pm Mass

Sunday, December 24

Christmas Eve
8:30am Mass
10:30am Mass
4:30pm Christmas Mass
Midnight Christmas Mass

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

3rd Sunday of Advent

December 17, 2017

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