



Saint John Francis Regis Parish

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Fr. Sean McCaffery, Pastor

December 18, 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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FOURTH SUNDAY

of
Advent

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Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and they shall name him Emmanuel, which means "God is with us."

Matthew 1:23

SIGN UP FOR CHRISTMASMASSES

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.

ADVENT PRESENTATION

The Divine Mercy Saints

December 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.



DIVINE MERCY;

THE 2ND GREATEST STORY EVER TOLD

This dramatic 10-session film journey featuring the renowned Fr. Michael Gaitley, MIC interweaves the dramatic history of Poland, the transformative message of St. Faustina, the miraculous appearance of Mary at Fatima, the witness of St. Maximilian Kolbe, and the world-changing papacy of St. John Paul II into a tapestry of wonder and beauty. A great follow up to the Advent presentations and this past year of mercy. In Mary's Room on Tuesday evenings from 7 to 8pm beginning January 3.

ST. REGIS STEWARDSHIP CORNER

We hear in the First Reading from the Prophet Isaiah, "Therefore, the Lord himself will give you this sign: the virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel." This statement is a clear prophecy of the birth of Jesus proclaimed 700 years before Jesus' birth. We know within a week that prophecy will be celebrated by all Christians around the world.

The Second Reading from St. Paul was written for the Romans as an introduction of himself when he first arrived there. Paul identifies himself first as a servant of Christ, and then as an apostle of Christ. Just like Paul, we need to acknowledge that Christ has called us to serve, just as He served. Then He calls us to discipleship, just as Paul says he was called to be an apostle. That is what stewardship is all about – service and discipleship.

The Gospel from St. Matthew gives us the report of Jesus' birth exactly as we heard in the First Reading. Christmas is a feast of faith. Just as Mary gave birth we are called to give birth to Christ in our world through our own faith. We live in a world that desperately needs a Savior, someone who gives ultimate meaning to our lives.

DECORATE FOR CHRISTMAS

Many hands are needed to decorate the Church for Christmas. Spend an hour or so on **Sunday, December 18th, following the 10:30am Mass.** Adults, Confirmation candidates, high school students needing service hours and families are all welcome to join us.

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 last practice is on **Wednesday Dec. 21 at 7pm.** If you have any questions please contact Susan Duerr: sduerr@regischurch.org.

PARISH OFFICE SCHEDULE

The Parish Office will be closed Friday, December 23rd and Monday December, 26th. Have a safe and Blessed Christmas!

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

Thank you for supporting senior religious. A sister from Indiana writes, "Because of your kindness, our elderly sisters will have the comfort, security and joy of living out their remaining years here in their home. You truly honor them and their many years of service by your generosity." Religious across the United States offer sincere thanks for your generosity to last week's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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

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!

Merry Christmas! The teachers and staff wish you and your family a blessed Christmas. Thank you for all of your support and prayers throughout the year.



School will be closed beginning December 21st - January 3rd

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>.



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!

CATHOLIC KEY

December 31st and January 1, is Catholic Key Subscription weekend. The Catholic Key is our official Diocesan publication, filled with local, national and international news concerning the Catholic Church. The Key relies on subscriptions to continue providing this important service. Each parish of our diocese is required to share in the support of the newspaper through assessments and subscriptions. You can help us offset this expense by ordering your own subscription for \$25 a year. Our parish assessment is deducted by \$25 for each individual subscription. In your January packet of envelopes there is one marked Catholic Key Subscription. Please enclose your \$25 check made out to St. Regis in the envelope and place it in the collection next weekend or anytime during the month of January. Thank you for your support.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION WITH CONFESSIONS

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

CELEBRATE ST. REGIS

We want to congratulate the following graduate from our parish family. We are proud of all of our hardworking students, from the Early Childhood Center (ECC) through post-graduate studies -- and every step in between! If you see this graduate or a graduate on any level, please tell them that you admire their work to improve themselves and the world around them! Together, they are making a difference!

- Valerie Starr, Ultimate Medical Academy with an Associate of Science in Medical Billing and Coding.



SUPPORT OUR SEMINARIANS

The 24th annual "Support Our Seminarians" Benefit Dinner is dedicated to the 100th Anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima. It is scheduled for Friday, January 27, 2017. This event benefits seminarians from the Archdiocese of Kansas City, KS, the Diocese of Kansas City/St. Joseph and Conception Seminary College. It promises to be an evening filled with fun and laughter, celebrating our Catholic faith, enjoying a delicious dinner and socializing with our priests and seminarians! We have two wonderful speakers this year, Fr. Richard Storey, who is currently the pastor of Cure of Ars Parish in Leawood, KS and Cruz Gallegos, who is a senior at Conception Seminary. The benefit will be held at Union Station, 30 W. Pershing Rd., KCMO. The reservation price is \$175 per person with 10 seats per table. To reserve your place, or an entire table or donate to the VIP silent auction, contact Martha Hodes at 913-207-9893, mmmh-sos512@gmail.com or www.supportourseminarians.com

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.

2017 CALENDAR

Please be sure to pick up the 2017 St. Regis Calendar available in the baskets at each entrance of church. The calendar has a vocation 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.

NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCE

Knights of Columbus Council #4962 will be hosting a New Year's Eve dance on December 31st at their Council Hall located at 5101 Blue Ridge Cut-off. Doors open at 8:30PM. Cost is \$15.00 per person in advance or \$20.00 per person at the door. For that price you will get finger food, setups, party favors, and champagne at midnight. Live music from the 40's, 50's, and 60's performed by the KCVARIETY BAND QUARTET under the directorship of Dave Merello. For more information or to reserve a table call or e-mail John Hernandez at 678-4986 or e-mail jhhernandez500@gmail.com, or Ed Columbus at 358-8831 or e-mail edcolumbus@aol.com



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.

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.



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 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, Mike Hampton, Greg Weiberg and the many parishioners who are experiencing situational and financial hardships.

Liturgical Roles

December 24 & 25

Lectors

4:30pm Volunteer
 12:00am Volunteer
 10:30am Volunteer

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

4:30pm Volunteer
 12:00am Volunteer
 10:30am Volunteer

Servers

4:30pm Volunteer
 12:00am Volunteer
 10:30am Volunteer

Greeters

4:30pm Volunteer
 12:00am Volunteer
 10:30am Volunteer

Mass Intentions

Monday, December 19

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

Tuesday, December 20

For the Intentions of the Surber Family

Wednesday, December 21

†Kenny Van Pelt by Theresa Van Pelt

Thursday, December 22

6:15am People of St. John Francis Regis Parish

8:30am †Richard Scheerer by Jim & Mary Joe Kilp

Friday, December 23

†Mildred Zuptich by the Glasbrenner Family

Saturday, December 24

4:30pm People of St. John Francis Regis Parish

12:00am †Bill & Dorothy Glasbrenner
 by the Glasbrenner Family

Sunday, December 25

10:30am †Dottie Seeger by Bud Seeger

BULLETIN DEADLINE

The deadline to put announcements in the bulletin is 8am on Monday prior to the following Sunday.

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 18

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

Monday, December 19

Meatloaf Monday
Soup Kitchen
5:30pm Mass
6:30pm Music Program at O'Hara

Tuesday, December 20

8:30am Mass
9:00am Bible Timeline
3:15pm School Dismissed for Christmas Vacation
7:00pm Rosary

Wednesday, December 21

8:30am Mass
6:00pm Eucharistic Adoration w/Confessions
7:00pm School of Religion
7:00pm Advent Presentation

Thursday, December 22

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

No RCIA Class

Friday, December 23

8:30am Mass
Parish Office Closed

Saturday, December 24

Christmas Eve
4:30pm Mass
12:00am Mass

Sunday, December 25

Christmas Day
10:30am Mass

4th Sunday of Advent

December 18, 2016

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