



Saint John Francis Regis Parish

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Fr. Emmanuel Lopez, Parochial Vicar

December 18, 2022

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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FOURTH SUNDAY OF

Advent



DECEMBER 18, 2022

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

MATTHEW 1:23

WIDOWS &
WIDOWERS YOU
ARE INVITED!

**CHRISTMAS
LUNCH**

DEC | 22 | 11:15am
Parish
Hall

OUR LUNCH WILL BE
CATERED. BRING A \$5
GIFT FOR THE GIFT
EXCHANGE. NO COST
THE LUNCH IS OUR GIFT
TO YOU!

RSVP TO
ESMERALDA LOPEZ
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ST. REGIS STEWARDSHIP CORNER

In today's Gospel we hear of the coming of Emmanuel, which means "God is with us." We celebrate three Advents: the birth of Christ, his Second Coming, and his presence in the world today. Our daily lives are attended by God's presence. Indeed, "God is with us." The Good News of Christ's Incarnation is that we are the sign, the "sacrament," of Christ's presence in the world. People are supposed to see us, see how we love one another, see how we treat the stranger among us, see how we give comfort to the poor and afflicted, and share the Good News with joy. They see how good stewards are the light of Christ. And there can be no possible response except to say: "God is here!"

En el Evangelio de hoy escuchamos la venida de Emmanuel, que significa "Dios está con nosotros". Celebramos tres Advenimientos: el nacimiento de Cristo, su segunda venida y su presencia en el mundo de hoy. Nuestra vida diaria es atendida por la presencia de Dios. De hecho, "Dios está con nosotros". La buena noticia de la encarnación de Cristo es que somos el signo, el "sacramento" de la presencia de Cristo en el mundo. Se supone que las personas nos ven, ven cómo nos amamos, ven cómo tratamos al extraño entre nosotros, ven cómo damos consuelo a los pobres y afligidos, y compartimos las Buenas Nuevas con alegría. Ellos Ven que los buenos corresponsables son la luz de Cristo. Y no puede haber una respuesta posible excepto decir: "¡Dios está aquí!"

SIGN UP FOR CHRISTMAS MASSES

Greeters, Lectors, Communion Ministers and Servers are invited to sign up for the 3pm and 5pm Masses on Christmas Eve and the 10:30am Mass on Christmas Day. Please sign up in the Gathering Space.



Come join the Magi in Adoration of the Lord Jesus by signing up for Eucharistic Adoration! We would like to have perpetual adoration—at least 1 person signed up for every hour of the day and night by mid January. We encourage the men to take the night shifts. Please join us in praying for our parish and our community! Contact Luke Donahue in the office or Connie Wood to sign up. If you were signed up for a shift before, please confirm your time with us.

Parish Support

November 28-December 4, 2022

<u>Contribution Income</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Weekly Offertory	\$ 6,821
Plate	\$ 1,504
Online Giving	\$ 3,940
Total	\$ 12,265



PARISH OFFICE SCHEDULE

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

FEED YOUR FAITH

Feed Your Faith has been watching a marvelous DVD about St. Peter. Join us tomorrow night, **December 19**, for *Session 8: Peter and Pentecost: The Transforming Power of the Holy Spirit – of Peter: Cornerstone of the Church*. Dr. Tim Gray discusses the transforming power of the Holy Spirit as seen in Peter’s life starting at Pentecost. No longer do we see fear or questioning in Peter – instead, he leads the Apostles and preaches to the Jews with a remarkable boldness that will characterize the rest of his life and ministry.

Feed Your Faith meets in the Parish Hall for dinner tomorrow night at 5:30 p.m., the on-line people connect with the group at 6:00, we pray together at 6:15 p.m., then watch **Peter** at 6:30 p.m. Join us in person or via Zoom. Send an e-mail to conniemariewood@yahoo.com to receive an e-vite.

THANK YOU

Thanks to all who have turned in their 2023 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

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.

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.

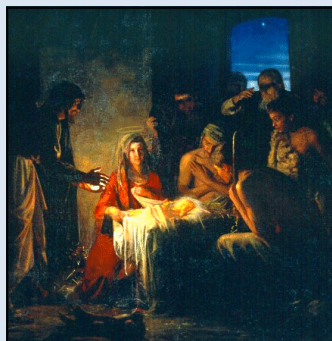
You may place your flower offering in the regular collection at Mass any time during the month of December.



Christmas Schedule

Christmas Eve Masses
Saturday, December 24 -
3:00pm
5:00pm
7:00pm in Spanish

Christmas Morning Mass
Sunday, December 25 -
10:30am



Misas de Nochebuena
Sábado, 24 de diciembre de
3:00pm
5:00pm
7:00pm en español

Misa de Navidad de la mañana
Domingo, 25 de diciembre -
10:30am

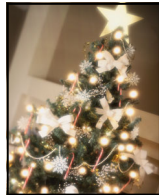
Everyone is welcome to a Christmas Eve Potluck Dinner at 8pm in the Parish Hall.
Todos son bienvenidos a una fiesta de Nochebuena a las 8pm en el salón parroquial.
Por favor traiga un platillo.

ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL NEWS
Apply NOW for the 2023-2024 School Year

Applications for the 2023-2024 school year are now open to new and transfer students! The application checklist must be completed (including the HSPT) to be considered for acceptance to St. Michael. Applications before December 31 will have NO cost. Anything after January 1 will cost \$20 to apply. Click [HERE](#) to apply now!

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.
—Social Service Ministry Council



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.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

The Annual Catholic Appeal gives us an opportunity to join others in our service together—to do more good than one person or one parish can do alone. No gift is too small. Please join our effort.

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
WITH CONFESSIONS**

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

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

How many languages do you know? Most Americans might say they have a primary language, can follow the basics of another encountered in school or in the workplace, and maybe know the barest elements of a third. Yet nearly everyone is fluent in languages of symbol and ritual, languages that transcend the spoken word and may perhaps communicate more clearly. A dance, the delights of the table, the thrill of sport, the power of a painting, a shared silence on a surf-washed beach or under a desert sky, a burst of delighted applause, all communicate without a single word.

Sacrament empowers fluency in these languages. A little girl returning from Mass where a baby had been baptized was asked to summarize her day thus far. “I went to church, and some little baby became my brother.” That’s far more accurate than the adult’s remark, “There was a baptism at Mass today.” When we celebrate sacrament, Christ is always calling us into deeper fluency with the languages beyond speech. Sacraments open our senses to the presence of God precisely so we can respond to the depth of that love more fully.

HOSPITALIZED?

If you are hospitalized and would like us to know, please call or have a family member call Esmeralda in the parish office at 816-761-1608 ext. 303. Due to privacy laws, hospitals cannot contact us.



ATTENTION

Due to the expansion of the Parish we will begin limiting Parish Hall rentals to once a year per family if the Parish Hall is available. This new policy will begin January 2023.

FREE BABY CRIBS

The parish has 2 baby cribs and a large baby changing table that need to go to good homes. If you or someone you knows can use them please call the Parish Office, 816-761-1608.






HORARIO DE LA OFICINE PARROQUIAL
 La Oficina Parroquial estará cerrada el **viernes 23 de diciembre y el lunes 26 de diciembre**. Que tengas una Navidad segura y bendecida.

GRACIAS

Gracias a todos los que han entregado sus tarjetas de Tiempo/Talento y Tesoro 2023. Si no lo ha hecho, déje-los en el cubo verde del Espacio de reunión, en la canasta de recolección o déjelos en la oficina. Sus compromisos de tiempo y talento mantienen activos nuestros ministerios 50+ y su compromiso financiero nos ayuda a preparar y administrar nuestro presupuesto.



¡Únete a los Reyes Magos en la Adoración del Señor Jesús inscribiéndote en la Adoración Eucarística! Nos gustaría tener adoración perpetua, al menos 1 persona se inscribió para cada hora del día y de la noche, antes de mediados de enero. Alentamos a los hombres a tomar los turnos de noche. ¡Únase a nosotros para orar por nuestra parroquia y nuestra comunidad! Comuníquese con Lucas o Esmeralda en la oficina para inscribirse. Si se inscribió para un turno antes, por favor confirme su hora con nosotros.

HOSPITALIZADO?

Si esta hospitalizado y desea que lo sepamos, llame o pídale a un familiar que llame a Esmeralda a la oficina parroquial al 816-761-1608 ext. 3033. Debido a las leyes de privacidad, los hospitales no pueden contactarnos.

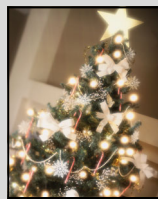


FONDO DE JUBILACION PARA RELIGIOSOS

Los religiosos dan gracias. "Gracias' difícilmente parece adecuado para transmitir lo que significa para nosotros", dice una hermana católica sobre la asistencia financiera que su comunidad recibió del Fondo de Jubilación para Religiosos. Gracias llenas de oración por su donación a la segunda colecta de la semana pasada.

GRACIAS

Muchas gracias a todos los que contribuyeron al Giving Tree. Su respuesta fue nuevamente tremenda y muy apreciada por los residentes de Village at Carrol Park Nursing Home.



—Consejo Ministerial de Servicios Sociales

OFRENDA DE FLORES DE NAVIDAD

Por favor, ayude a embellecer nuestra iglesia en Navidad haciendo una contribución para las flores de Navidad. Puede honrar a su familia o recordar a los miembros fallecidos de la familia con su ofrenda de flores de Navidad. Utilice el sobre designado en su paquete de diciembre e imprima claramente cualquier nombre en el frente. Puede colocar su ofrenda de flores en la colección regular en la Misa en cualquier momento durante el mes de diciembre.



ATENCION

Debido a la expansión de la Parroquia, comenzaremos a limitar los alquileres del Salón Parroquial a una vez al año por familia si el Salón Parroquial está disponible. Esta nueva política comenzará en enero de 2023.

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.

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.



Please Remember In Your Prayers: David Berg, Dennis Wadle, Rose Marie Larson, Aidan Jones, Joanne Whitehorse, Denise Kopek, Margie Strobl, Dolores Dick, McCartney Weist, Teresa Foster, Joseph Gregory, Margaret Kelly, Gregory Richard, Phil Hoffman, John Hoffman, Mary Hunter, Teefey Family, Hanger Family, Daniel & Jeneth Hunter, John Stadler, Genevieve Thieme, Pat Filley, Bill Massop, Milton Bryant, Carole McCaffery, Teresa King, JR Lillig, Michael Wertz, John Minton, Ben Rosenblum, Georgiana Smith, Mary Jill Reid, Rosie Murphy, Kay Nash, Vickie Young, Lou & Terrie Ramsey, Jim Filley, Bobby Washington, Ben Cotter, Andres Foncha, Tom Fournier, Jim Rouchka, Ken Stewart, Juan Godoy, Stephanie Eads, Robert Harvey, Tom Smith, Rick Martin, Julie Boisen, Kathy Gross, Marek Family and the many parishioners who are experiencing situational and financial hardships.

Please Pray for our parishioners' family members serving in the military: Tyler Griggs, Buck Roberts, Cathy Roberts, Jason Webb, & Troy Fraser

Liturgical Roles

December 24 & 25

Lectors

3:00pm Volunteers
 5:00pm Volunteers
 10:30am Volunteers

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

3:00pm Volunteers

 5:00pm Volunteers

 10:30am Volunteers

Servers

3:00pm Volunteers
 5:00pm Volunteers
 10:30am Volunteers

Greeters

3:00pm Volunteers
 5:00pm Volunteers
 10:30am Volunteers

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, December 20

†Samuel DeMoss by Ken Wagner

Wednesday, December 21

†Ricardo Reyes Rodriguez by Family

Thursday, December 22

†Ricardo Reyes Rodriguez by Family

Friday, December 23

†Mildred Zuptich by the Glasbrenner Family

Saturday, December 24

3:00pm People of St. John Francis Regis Parish
 5:00pm †Maria de la Luz Franco
 7:00pm †Carlos Franco

Sunday, December 25

10:30am †Mike Reilly by the Reilly 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	
Dorothy	Gleason	86	12/18	1994
Tony	Gutierrez	51	12/18	1987
William	Mendolin	78	12/18	1992*
Debbie Jo	Powell	18	12/18	1976
Laura	Schaeffer-Lynch	81	12/18	2000*
Lillian	Vernassie	88	12/18	2019*
Margaret	Holscher	52	12/19	1966*
Robert B.	Bruns Sr.	60	12/20	1985*
James	Gilborne	43	12/20	1985*
Madeline E.	Graham	64	12/20	1969*
Robert F.	Kraxner	74	12/20	1988*
Angelo	DeSimone	84	12/21	2011
Rosa Cala	Jalbuena	60	12/21	1985*
Tony	Mickeletto	63	12/21	1972*
Mary	Rodgers	58	12/21	1964
Damian P.	Woock	77	12/21	1998
John A.	Flahive	53	12/22	1994*
Michael G.	Horgan Jr.	84	12/22	2014*
Edith	Koeneke	82	12/22	1977*
Mattie	Manley	87	12/22	2003*
Marguerite	Rabb	85	12/22	1989*
Joseph	Blackburn	81	12/23	1966*
Joann	Dodds	56	12/23	1983
Walter	Keeter	41	12/23	1977
Rod	Meier	83	12/23	2009
Kerri Jeanne	O'Brien	3	12/23	1973*
Tuufaasee	Tafulu	64	12/23	2003*
Wendlin John	Weigel	26	12/23	1966*
Amos P.	Wood	81	12/23	1972*
William (Bill)	Bink	63	12/24	1998
Gary Edward	Carter	57	12/24	2000
Ambrose A.	Graver Jr.	74	12/24	2003*
Inez	Heinrich	90	12/24	1997
James H.	Hemmingsen	44	12/24	1986*
Thelma Smitka	Ireland	62	12/24	1984*
Marietta	Munkers	93	12/24	2014*
Margie	Sipes	70	12/24	2012
Mary Ann	Smith	79	12/24	2010*
Vita	Treccariche	83	12/24	1985*
Frank	DeMayo	55	12/25	1969
Lena	Mistretta	87	12/25	1980
Raymond A.	Schrader	91	12/25	2010*

*Denotes Our Lady of Lourdes Parishioner

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.

Schedule of Events

Sunday, December 18

8:30am Mass
 10:30am Mass
 11:30am Adoration
 5:00pm Mass/Spanish

Food Collection
 Giving Tree Gifts Due

Monday, December 19

Soup Kitchen
 Meatloaf Monday
 5:00pm Spanish Bible Class
 5:45pm Feed Your Faith

Tuesday, December 20

8:30am Mass
 9:30am Faith Enrichment
 6:30pm Rosary
 7:00pm Spanish Bible Class
 7:00pm Neocatechumenal Way

Wednesday, December 21

8:30am Mass
 6:00pm Adoration/Confessions
 7:00pm Spanish Bible Class
 St. Regis Day @ Bier Station
 School Break Begins

Thursday, December 22

8:30am Mass
 9:30am Scripture Sharing
 6:00pm Spanish Bible Class
 6:00pm Praise Team
 6:30pm OCIA
 7:00pm Boys Scouts
 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

Friday, December 23

8:30am Mass
 6:00pm Spanish Bible Class
 Parish Office Closed

Saturday, December 24

Christmas Eve
 3:00pm Mass
 5:00pm Mass
 7:00pm Mass/Spanish
 8:00pm Potluck Dinner

Sunday, December 25

Christmas Day
 10:30am Mass

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