



# Saint John Francis Regis Parish

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Fr. Sean McCaffery, Pastor

December 20, 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**

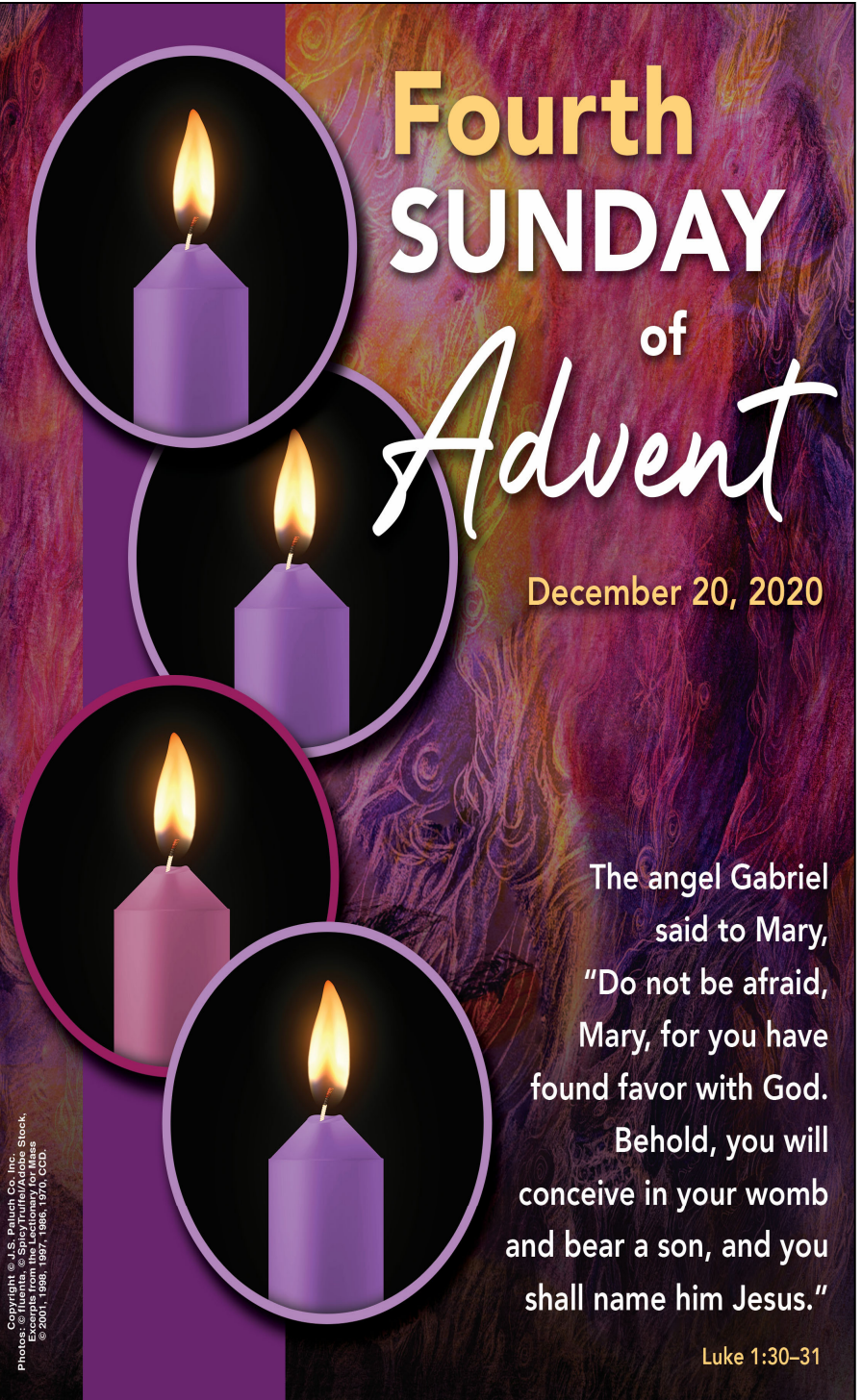
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# Fourth SUNDAY of Advent

December 20, 2020

The angel Gabriel said to Mary, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus."

Luke 1:30-31

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### PARISH OFFICE SCHEDULE

The Parish Office will be **closed on Thursday and Friday, December 24 & 25**. Have a safe and Blessed Christmas.

### A GIFT FOR ST. REGIS PARISH & ACADEMY

In order to balance our parish budget every year we rely heavily on the generous gifts that come to us through the Christmas collection. We also rely heavily on the weekly Offertory gifts that are made 52 weeks out of the year. Both your Christmas gifts to our parish and your weekly Offertory gifts help us manage our operating budget through winter when heating bills are high and unexpected costs arise for snow and ice removal. For this reason, we ask you to please be as generous as possible with your Christmas gift to the parish. If possible, use both your weekly envelope and your Christmas envelope this Christmas. We need your support. Thank you for your generosity both throughout the year and at Christmas!

### 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.



### ON VACATION?

When you are out of town, Mass times can be found on the following website: <http://www.masstimes.org>. Just enter the town or city where you are going. It gives you the names of the nearby churches, their Mass times and website information if available.

### ST. REGIS STEWARDSHIP CORNER

In today's Gospel reading we have the story of the Annunciation, when the angel of the Lord announced to Mary that she would give birth to Christ through the intercession of the Holy Spirit. Mary allowed God's messenger to speak to her. She was attentive, not afraid to enter into a dialogue, then unconditionally obedient. Mary's acceptance of this mystery is a stewardship model for us. Good stewards remain open to the incursions of divine life into the normal course of their daily lives. How open are we to the promptings of the Holy Spirit in our own lives? What might we do this last week of Advent to be more attentive to the Lord?

### RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

"We are conscious of the great generosity of the many benefactors who support the Retirement Fund for Religious each year," says a Catholic sister. "Support from the fund has been a tremendous blessing to our retired sisters." Thank you for donating 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.



### 2021 CALENDARS

Please be sure to pick up the 2021 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.

**CHRISTMAS MESSAGE**

Dear St. Regis Parish,  
I would like to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year. I pray the Grace of God will burn brightly in your hearts and souls this Christmas Season! Here is a meditation by Pope Francis entitled “The Grace of God Has Appeared” from the Magnificat December 2020, Vol.22, No. 1

Why does St. Paul describe the coming of God into our world as *grace*? To tell us that it is utterly free. Whereas on earth everything seems to be about giving in order to get, God comes down freely. His love is non-negotiable: we did nothing to deserve it and we will never be able to repay it...God does not love you because you think and act the right way. He loves you, plain and simple. His love is unconditional; it does not depend on you. You may have mistaken ideas, you may have made a complete mess of things, but the Lord continues to love you. How often do we think that God is good if we are good...Yet that is not how he is. For all our sins, he continues to love us. His love does not change. It is not fickle; it is faithful. It is patient This is the gift we find at Christmas. We discover to our amazement that the Lord is absolute gratuity, absolute tender love. His glory does not overwhelm us; his presence does not terrify us. He is born in utter poverty in order to win our hearts by the wealth of his love.

Merry Christmas,

Fr. Sean McCaffery

**St. Regis Advent Retreat**

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

**Confessions**

Spanish in Confessional in the Chapel  
English in Mary’s room

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



**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

We are experiencing the darkest, longest nights of the year. For centuries, people in the Northern Hemisphere have kindled fires against the dying of the light, turning away the dark of the winter solstice, and leading the imagination to hope and new beginnings. It is thus easy to understand why these solstice celebrations of non-Christian Europe attracted the annual remembrance of the birth of Jesus Christ, the Light of the World.

In time the solstice migrated away from December 25, but the Christmas feast remained in place. From this day, a whole season of celebration developed, stretching from Advent through the days of Christmas, and even beyond to the February 2 blessing of the candles, and beyond that to March 25, the Annunciation, nine months before the next Christmas. Centuries ago, this was New Year’s Day, and many reasoned that it was the date of Adam and Eve’s fall, and the date of the Crucifixion. The message is clear: don’t let your Christmas be over too soon. Keep the lights blazing into January, and savor the meaning of the feast! —James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

**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.

**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.

### 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.



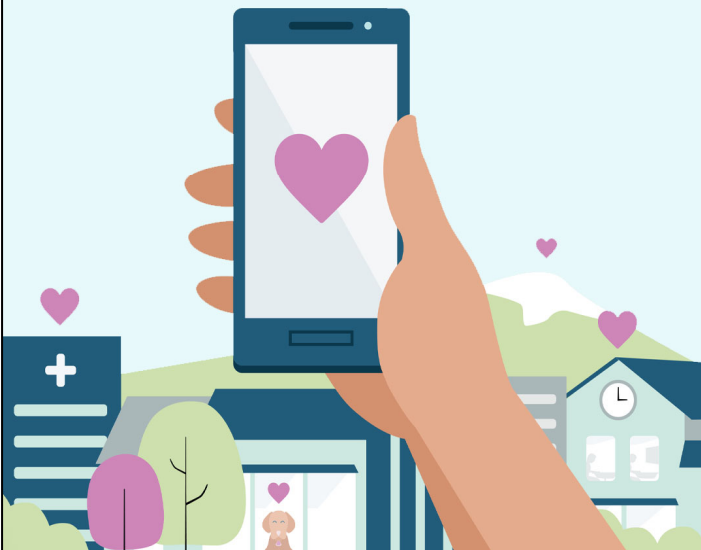
St. Regis Academy & ECC has immediate openings in our preschool program! Our program strives to provide a safe, loving, and nurturing environment for our students to learn and grow! Contact Preschool Coordinator, Chelsea Wilton, for more information and a Virtual Tour!

**phone:** 816-763-5837 **email:** [cwilton@regisecc.org](mailto:cwilton@regisecc.org)

### LECTOR WORKBOOKS

We have a couple of Lector workbooks left. The cost is \$12. If you would like a workbook call the Parish Office, 761-1608.

Turn on AmazonSmile in the Amazon app to generate donations.



Shop Amazon? Now you can shop and give, with no extra cost to you! Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to the charitable organization of your choice which now includes St. Regis Church! You can find us on Amazon Smile under: St Regis Church

### ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

As the Holidays approach, we give thanks to God for all His blessings to us and our families. We especially thank the families who have shared their financial resources toward our parish's goal for the 2021 Annual Catholic Appeal. We are grateful for your listening to our call to give and we know that you feel a sense of accomplishment in sharing your blessings with others in the family of the Church in Northwest Missouri.

### CATHOLIC CHARITIES

During the past fiscal year, Catholic Charities KCSJ has impacted approximately 16,957 people in our communities, including those who are widowed, single, divorced or separated, seniors, ex offenders, disabled and veterans. We provided over 1.3 million in rent, utility, and other emergency assistance. Catholic Charities also facilitated the adoption of two children this year. We are aware there is much more to be done and we are very thankful for your continued support of our outreach. For more information on our programs and impact please contact Nancy Butters, Parish Outreach Manager at [nbutters@ccharities.com](mailto:nbutters@ccharities.com) or 816-659-8266.

# Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

The Staff of St. Regis would like to extend our sincere appreciation for your kindness and support throughout the year.

May you and your loved ones know the blessing of faith and be filled with the love of Christ at Christmas and throughout the New Year!

Fr. Sean McCaffery  
Deacon Robert Falke  
Susan Duerr  
Colleen Melchior

Deacon Sam Adams  
Diane Banks  
Robin Fisher  
Marilyn Moore

Deacon Ken Albers  
Roger Cashman  
Therese Kearney

## Christmas Schedule

### Christmas Eve Masses

December 24 -

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

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

Midnight (11:40pm Music Prelude)

### Christmas Morning Mass

December 25 - 10:30am



**ST. REGIS TRASH BAGS FOR SALE**

St. Regis Academy is selling trash and lawn bags through the Kansas City-based company, Frontier Bag. Bags are available for purchase in the school office; sizes and prices are listed below.

**Bag prices and sizes:****Trash bags are \$12.00 per roll**

Yellow bags...39 gallon bag...25 bags per roll

White bags...15 gallon...65 bags per roll

Blue bags...55 gallon...16 bags per roll

Lawn & leaf bags are \$10.00 for 15 bags (3 packages of 5 bags)

**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 Whitehorse, 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, Siggie 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 26 &amp; 27

**Lectors**

3:00pm Jake Smith & Becky Smith

8:30am John Stribling & Dave Vorbeck

10:30am Bill Massop & Mark McGee

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**

3:00pm Francis Brenner, Bernadette Brenner, Jim Filley  
Charlene Helling

8:30am Pat Hanson, Janet Helms, Sue Nichols  
Mike Murtha

10:30am Virginia Reyes, John Reyes, Sr., John Reyes, Jr.  
Diane Pacheco

**Servers**

3:00pm Allison Wiehn & Jackson Price

8:30am Clara Stribling & Jessica Loulos

10:30am Ronnie Hallam & Bryan Lane

**Greeters**

3:00pm Jack Hanes & Jerry Crowley

8:30am Joan Sack & Sherry Falke

10:30am Richard Rademacher & Tony Reyes

**Mass Intentions****Tuesday, December 22**

†Harold Hanson by Lisa Rocha

**Wednesday, December 23**

For the Intentions of the Surber Family

**Thursday, December 24**

2:30pm †Michael Haas by the Duerr Family

4:30pm †Linda Hanes by Jack Hanes

12:00pm People of St. John Francis Regis Parish

**Friday, December 25**

10:30am †Kenny Van Pelt by Theresa Van Pelt

**Saturday, December 26**

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

**Sunday, December 27**

8:30am †Vincent & Betsey Marzano

by Tim Carrigan & Jane Marzano

10:30am †Bill & Dorothy Glasbrenner by Family

**IN REMEMBRANCE-DECEASED PARISHIONERS**

Name		Age	Date of Death	
Mary	Rodgers	58	12/21	1964
Damian P.	Wooock	77	12/21	1998
Angelo	DeSimone	84	12/21	2011
Walter	Keeter	41	12/23	1977
Joann	Dodds	56	12/23	1983
Rod	Meier	83	12/23	2009
Inez	Heinrich	90	12/24	1997
Gary Edward	Carter	57	12/24	2000
Margie	Sipes	70	12/24	2012
Frank	DeMayo	55	12/25	1969
Lena	Mistretta	87	12/25	1980
Harold W.	Floyd	71	12/26	1984
Walter	McCully	91	12/26	1996
Thomas Allen	Nichols	37	12/26	2002
Rosemary	Schmidt	90	12/26	2016
Edna	Lueking	73	12/27	1972

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](mailto: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](mailto:chastain@diocesekcsj.org) for more information.

**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](mailto:cmelchior@regischurch.org)

**Schedule of Events**

**Sunday, December 20**

8:30am Mass  
 10:30am Mass  
 Food Collection

**Monday, December 21**

Soup Kitchen  
 Meatloaf Monday

**Tuesday, December 22**

8:30am Mass  
 6:30pm Rosary  
 7:00pm Neocatechumenal Way

**Wednesday, December 23**

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  
 7:00pm Knights of Columbus Officers  
 No School/Christmas Break

**Thursday, December 24**

Christmas Eve  
 2:30pm Mass  
 4:30pm Mass  
 Midnight Mass  
 Parish Office Closed

**Friday, December 25**

Christmas Day  
 10:30am Mass

**Saturday, December 26**

2:00pm Confessions  
 3:00pm Mass

**Sunday, December 27**

8:30am Mass  
 10:30am Mass

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## 4th Sunday of Advent

December 20, 2020

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