



# Saint John Francis Regis Parish

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Fr. Sean McCaffery, Pastor

December 22, 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**

Parish Office	(816) 761-1608
Emergencies	761-1608
School Office	763-5837
Religious Education	761-1608
Early Childhood Center	763-6566
FAX	966-1350

### **Parish Staff**

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Deacon Ken Albers	
Deacon Robert Falke	
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Diane Banks, Music Ministry	Ext. 303
Jim Brandon, Maintenance	Ext. 307
Christy Cook, Business Manager	Ext. 302
Susan Duerr, Director of Religious Ed.	Ext. 314
Colleen Melchior, Office Manager	Ext. 301
Marilyn Moore, School Secretary	Ext.. 311
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### **Parish Council**

Anne Roberts	Ora Reyes
Elizabeth Kuesterstepfen	Dcn. Robert Falke
Frankline Musongwe	Pat Hansen
Gonzalo Villalobos	Mike Apprill
Robin Fisher	Fr. Sean McCaffery

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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

### 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 Service:

Sunday, Dec.22 at 5pm at St. Catherine Siena

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

### 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!"

#### *Spanish*

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 responsables son la luz de Cristo. Y no puede haber una respuesta posible excepto decir: "¡Dios está aquí!"

### 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.

### 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.



### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION WITH CONFESSIONS

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

### 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!**



**PARISH OFFICE SCHEDULE**

The Parish Office will be **closed December 24 & 25**.  
December 23, 26 & 27 the office will close at noon.  
Have a safe and Blessed Christmas.

**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.

**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.

**BUSINESS MANAGER UPDATE**

Mrs. Christy Cook, our Business Manager, has accepted a position with Reach Out & Read Kansas City. Christy has been a wonderful asset to our team and we thank her for all of her work! Please be sure to stop by to see her and wish her well during this next week.

At this time we will begin our search for a new Business Manager. Christy is still available to assist you and answer questions until her departure on December 26th. We pray for God's blessings on all her future endeavors.

Sincerely,

Fr. Sean McCaffery

**CHRISTMAS MESSAGE**

As we come to celebrate Christmas let us joyfully celebrate the gift of God's Love. Let the shepherds guide us to the manger where wrapped in swaddling clothes we behold the Savior of the world, Christ our Lord. May we encounter Jesus, the Word made Flesh who is born in utter humility, poverty and simplicity. In this Christmas season, may we encounter the grace and peace of the baby Jesus who comes to heal our doubts, fears and anxieties through His salvific love.

*"It does not matter that on this first night, the night of God's birth, the joy of that event should have reached only a few hearts: it does not matter. It is destined for every human heart! It is the joy of the whole human race, a superhuman joy! Could there be any greater joy than this, any greater Good News than this: man has been accepted by God so as to become his son in this Son of God who has become man?" (John Paul II, Homily of the Mass of Christmas Night, 1980)*

Merry Christmas,

Fr. Sean McCaffery



**CATHOLIC KEY**

**January 4 and 5**, 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.

### 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"

### 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.

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.

# 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  
Christy Cook  
Colleen Melchior

Deacon Sam Adams  
Diane Banks  
Susan Duerr  
Marilyn Moore

Deacon Ken Albers  
Jim Brandon  
Robin Fisher  
Chelsea Wilton

## Christmas Schedule

### Christmas Eve Masses

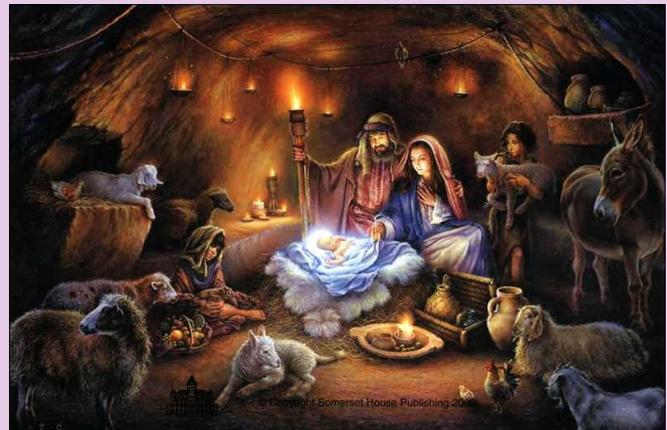
December 24 - 4:30pm

(4:00pm Music Prelude)

Midnight (11:30pm Music Prelude)

### Christmas Morning Mass

December 25 - 10:30am



**Reconciliation will be available 1 hour prior to Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses.**

**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](http://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 Whitehorse, 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, Siggie 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 Umbenhower, Bob Slusher, Bill Speise, Dennis Wadle, Genevieve Thieme, Pat Filley, Jolene White & unborn baby, Bill Masop, 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:**

Paul Bresette, father of Mary Seura

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

**Liturgical Roles**

December 28 & 29

**Lectors**

- 3:00pm Knights of Columbus
- 8:30am Pat Hanson
- 10:30am Frankline Musongwe & John Reyes, Jr.

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**

- 3:00pm Knights of Columbus
- 8:30am Pat Hanson, Janet Helms, Sherry Falke  
Dave Vorbeck, Cathy Albers  
Sue Quanty Smith & Maxine Rodriguez
- 10:30am Don Wolff, Kathy Wolff, Tino Camacho  
Elaine Allee, Marcia Collins, Jacob Duerr  
Prisca Tizimbune & Theresa Van Pelt

**Servers**

- 3:00pm Knights of Columbus
- 8:30am Clara Stribling & Charlene Nguyen
- 10:30am Katherine Banlomon & Betty Banlomon

**Greeters**

- 3:00pm Knights of Columbus
- 8:30am Joan Sack & Mary Walker
- 10:30am Ken Glasbrenner & Mary Lou Glasbrenner

**Mass Intentions****Monday, December 23**

7:00am †Harold Hanson by Knights of Columbus

**Tuesday, December 24**

- 4:30pm †Rose Solo by Parish Staff
- 12:00pm People of St. John Francis regis Parish

**Wednesday, December 25**

10:30am †Carol Coats by Carla Montesano

**Thursday, December 26**

For the Intentions of the Vogelsang Family

**Friday, December 27**

†Vincent & Betty Marzano  
by Tim Carrigan & Jane Marzano

**Saturday, December 28**

3:00pm Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus  
& Ladies Auxiliary

**Sunday, December 29**

- 8:30am People of St. John Francis Regis Parish
- 10:30am †Bill & Dorothy Glasbrenner  
by the Glasbrenner Family

**IN REMEMBRANCE-DECEASED PARISHIONERS**

Name		Age	Date of Death	
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
Fred	Oberrieder	95	12/28	2004
Inge	Cronley-Corless	88	12/29	2018
Geo. O.	Dewey	67	12/29	1966
Clarence	Pleimann	87	12/29	1997
Paul C.	Bickel	75	12/29	2000

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.

**Schedule of Events**

**Sunday, December 22**

8:30am Mass  
10:30am Mass

**Monday, December 23**

7:00am Mass  
12:00pm Parish Office Closing

**Tuesday, December 24**

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

**Wednesday, December 25**

Christmas Day  
10:30am Mass  
Parish Office Closed

**Thursday, December 26**

8:30am Mass  
12:00pm Parish Office Closing  
7:00pm Boy Scouts

**Friday, December 27**

8:30am Mass  
12:00pm Parish Office Closing

**Saturday, December 28**

2:00pm Confessions  
3:00pm Mass

**Sunday, December 29**

8:30am Mass  
10:30am Mass

**NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCE**

Knight's of Columbus Council #4387 at 5111 E. 112th Terr., KCMO are hosting a New Year's Eve Dance on **Tuesday, December 31st**. Doors open at 6pm, Dinner served at 7pm. The cost is \$25 per person. An Italian Buffet and two champagne toasts at 9pm and midnight provided. For more information or to reserve a table call Craig Lay at 585-7831, Karen Sense at 510-4908 or Judy Lynch at 536-1933.



4th Sunday of Lent

December 22, 2019

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