Saint John Francis Regis Parish

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Fr. Sean McCaffery, Pastor

December 23, 2018

Weekend Masses
Saturday: 4:30PM
Sunday: 8:30 and 10:30AM

Daily Mass
*Monday: 7:*00AM
Tuesday - Friday: 8:30AM

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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Anne Roberts	

Super Sunday

On **Sunday, January 6th**, St. Regis will be hosting a variety of activities during and after Sunday Masses including the following:

• Angels & Saints crafts for kids: school age kids will make Epiphany crafts and join in other games/ activities (after the 10:30 Mass only).
• Presentation on the Mosque Cathedral of Cordoba Spain in Mary's Room (after both Sunday Masses).
• Coffee & Donuts in the gathering space and Mary's Room (after both Sunday Masses).
• Children's Liturgy of the Word – during the 10:30am Mass for school-age children.

Spanish Cathedral Presentation

On **Sunday, January 6th**, join us in Mary's Room for a photo presentation of the Mosque Cathedral of Cordoba Spain. This 6th century "Mesquita " was built as a Muslim Mosque. In 1236, it was converted into the Catholic Cathedral after the Christians conquered the area. Come and learn more about this unique and beautiful World Heritage Site. Presentation by St Regis' own Mary Hunter.

Please Note

St. Regis Parish will be giving out either a CD or a book to parishioners and guests who come to Christmas Masses this year. The titles are a surprise. Please take one per family.

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.

St. Regis Stewardship Corner

As we draw close to the great Feast of the Nativity, we hear the bold stewardship proclamation twice in today's second reading from the Letter to the Hebrews: "Behold, I come to do your will, O God!" Who is this Jesus? Who are we that we should follow him? Many want him as a friend, a guide, a king, an advocate. We long to see the face of God. Jesus reveals the nature of God, the servant sent to give us new life in Him. Take time to ponder: Do we have the courage to follow Jesus? To show others the face of God? To say to the Lord: "Behold, I come to do your will?" The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas Day) Tuesday, December 25, 2018. In today's Christmas Mass at dawn we hear from the Gospel reading that God has entered quietly into the world. Not into the great city of Jerusalem, but into a small village about five miles south. Not into a noble family, but to an outcast couple keeping the newborn in a manger. Not announced by royal edicts, but to common shepherds, the first human heralds of Christ's birth. As Christian stewards we simply allow Christ to live in us no matter what our circumstances happen to be. We allow Christ to share his love with us and reflect that love out to others. We now are the heralds of Christ's Incarnation. What an unimaginable gift from a generous Lord. Good stewards rejoice in this gift and give glory to God.

—International Catholic Stewardship Council

RCIA Update

There will be no class the weeks of Christmas and New Years. The next class will be on January 8th - **Priesthood of the Faithful** (Evangelization, The Priesthood of the Faithful)**, Mystical Body of Christ** . If you are interested in hearing about one or all of these subjects, the class starts at 7pm and will be in St. Joseph's room or the parish hall if St. Joseph's room is not available.

Decorate For Christmas

Many hands are needed to decorate the Church for Christmas. Spend an hour or so on **Sunday, December 23rd, following the 10:30am Mass**. Adults, Confirmation candidates, high school students needing service hours and families are all welcome to join us.

Parish Office Schedule

The Parish Office will be closed December 24-28.
Have a safe and Blessed Christmas.

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.

First Saturday Devotions

The World Apostolate of Fatima is sponsoring the First Saturday Devotions at St. John Francis Regis on **Saturday, January 5th**. Confessions will be at 7:30am, Rosary and meditations at 8am, Mass to follow completion of the Rosary and meditations.

Legacy Brick Pavers

This is the time for the third 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, other appropriate person(s) or church group. Share this offering with former Parishioners. The pavers will be installed in 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 and December. Or go to Parish Web Site: **http://stregischurch.com/legacy-garden**. Print Order form, complete it and send to Parish Office. For more information contact Bill Massop 816-225-5083 or Jerry Cook 816-679-9175.

Christmas Message

"Dearly beloved, today our Savior is born; let us rejoice. Sadness should have no place on the birthday of life… No one is shut out from this joy; all share the same reason for rejoicing. Christian, remember your dignity, and now that you share in God's own nature…Bear in mind who is your head and of whose body you are a member. Do not forget that you have been rescued from the power of darkness and brought into the light of God's kingdom." From a sermon by St. Leo the Great, Pope (Sermo 1 in Nativitate Domini, 1-3: PL 54, 190-193)

Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, encourages us to seek an encounter with Jesus Christ this Christmas day, by turning from our fears and our indifference to the plight of the suffering and the pain in our world. May the birth of our Savior enkindle a compassionate fire of God's Love and Mercy for the stranger, the elderly, the prisoner, the sick, the immigrant and the unborn.

May the joy and peace of Christmas fill the hearts of our St. Regis faith community and be a light for our world!

Merry Christmas,

Fr. Sean McCaffery

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 3 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…(the angel said) 'what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit."

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.

Upcoming Dates

Friday Dec. 21st-Wednesday Jan. 2nd - Christmas Break
Thursday, January 3rd - School resumes
Tuesday, January 8th - Class Pictures, School Uniforms
Thursday, January 17th - PTO Meeting 7:00pm
Monday, January 21st - No School
Sunday, January 27th - Catholic Schools Week Kick Off! 10:30am All School Mass & 9am-12:30pm - Pancake Breakfast

Christmas Wish List

St. Regis Academy and ECC is in need of a few small items for our classrooms. Our list can be found below. St. Regis Academy will also humbly accept Amazon gift cards as we often use this platform to order supplies for our nursing station, curriculum, and classrooms: White Copy Paper, Expo Markers, Sharpie Markers, Post-It Notes, Baby Wipes. Our wish list can also be found via Amazon Smile at: https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/dl/invite/8zqJY9a

Stream Coaches Wanted

St. Regis Academy is looking for STREAM Coaches for our Fourth session of STREAM classes. Classes will be held on February 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th and March 7th. The classes will be from 10:30am - 11:45am. To volunteer, please contact Robin Sowders, Principal at

EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER NOW ENROLLING

St. Regis Early Childhood Center is committed to the development of the whole child; physically, socially, emotionally, and spiritually. We provide families in our parish and surrounding community with a safe, diverse, and developmentally appropriate environment for their children. Our goal is to build a partnership with families who we serve. Now enrolling ages birth to five years. Call 816-763-6566 for more information.

Family Spotlight

Meet the Murphy Family—

"St. Regis has had a huge impact on my family's life. For us, as AJ's parents, it gives us great comfort and peace of mind to know that he is safe during the day; and not only is he being educated by the finest, but he's also learning life lessons. He's learning rules to carry him through life along with learning the importance of being a devout servant. AJ's been a Regis student since Kindergarten and we've loved every moment of it! He's a critical thinker, a mathematical wiz, he has a spiritual soul, he's a lover of people and he has forged lifelong friendships. Because he's a Regis Scholar, he's also had tons of opportunities that he may not have received, without the support of the Regis Staff and Faculty. These opportunities include being a Duke TIP participant, a member of Envision's National Youth Leadership Forum and being a Hurtado Scholar. St. Regis was an ah-mazing choice for our family and we wouldn't have it any other way!"

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!

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Kaitlin O'Connor

Christmas Schedule

Christmas Eve Masses
December 24 - 4:30pm
(4:10pm Music Prelude)
7:30pm (7pm Music Prelude)

Christmas Morning Mass
December 25 - 10:30am

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

New Year's Eve Dance

Knight's of Columbus Council #4962 at 5101 Blue Ridge Cut-off are hosting a New Year's Eve Dance on **Monday, December 31st at 8:30pm**. The cost is $20 per person in advance and $25 at the door. Live music by Dave Merello & KC Variety Band. BYOB. Setups, finger food, party favors, door prizes and champagne at midnight provided. For more information or to reserve a table call Ed Columbus at 358-8831 or John Hernandez at 356-6086.

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Please Pray for those in the Hospital this past week:

Phil Hoffman, Harold Holman, John Aquino & Virginia Esser

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 Starr, Veronica Maschek, Gene Helling, Aidan Jones, Kathy Ness, Joanne Whitehurse, Rob & Sandy Smith, Helen & Patrick Sheehan, Jessica Berger, Bud Seeger, Adelia Spann, Dalton Peavler, Donald Smith, Sara Davis, Dorothy Linn, 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, Carl Metz, Seth Dujakovich, Cory Patterson, James Soulis, Katherine Reynolds, Judy Kornowski, Jason Wenberg, Paula Rios, Dennis Reilly, Homer Radford, Siggy Koop, Joseph Gregory, Danny Dolan, Pete Gomez, Julie Nash, Dennis Reilly, Bob Harvey, Fr. Keith Branson, Kate Crawford, Jack Humphrey, Denny King, Jackie Jackson, Carolyn Koetting, Bill Massop, Jack Humphrey, Becky Smith, Oral Eidson, Ardith Fetterolf, Beth Heidler, Maria Rose Brown, Lois Beres, John Stadler, John Teefey, Inge Cronley, Laurie Bomar and the many parishioners who are experiencing situational and financial hardships.

Please Pray for the Repose of the Soul of:

Jim Kissick, friend of St. Regis

Joan Fischer

Liturgical Roles

December 29 & 30

Lectors

4:30pm Marvin Chaney
8:30am Harold Hanson & Pat Hanson
10:30am Knights of Columbus

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

4:30pm Dorothy Quinn, Alex Pope, Tom Smith
Melissa Wiehn, Marvin Chaney
Gretchen Maschger & Charlene Helling

8:30am Dave Vorbeck, Betty Roder, Paul Roder
Joan Sack, Dennis Wadle, Cathy Albers
Maxine Rodriguez & Dianne Schmidt

10:30am Knights of Columbus

Servers

4:30pm Jackson Price & Jeremy Smith
8:30am Miguel Martinez & Charlene Nguyen
10:30am Knights of Columbus

Greeters

4:30pm Larry Hayden & Jack Hanes
8:30am Mary Walker & Sherry Falke
10:30am Knights of Columbus

Mass Intentions

Monday, December 24
4:30pm †Barbara Schroeder by Larry & Arnetta Hayden
7:30pm For the Intentions of Joseph Gregory

Tuesday, December 25
10:30am People of St. John Francis Regis Church

Wednesday, December 26
†Ed Batcheler by Linda Batcheler

Thursday, December 27
†Vince & Betty Marzano
by Jane Marzano & Tim Carrigan

Friday, December 28
†Barbara Schroeder by Denny & Teresa King

Saturday, December 29
4:30pm †Bill & Dorothy Glasbrenner
by the Glasbrenner Family

Sunday, December 30
8:30am People of St. John Francis Regis Church
10:30am Deceased Members of the
Knights of Columbus & Ladies Auxiliary

In Remembrance-Deceased Parishioners

Name		Age	Date of Death	
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
Geo. O.	Dewey	67	12/29	1966
Clarence	Pleimann	87	12/29	1997
Paul C.	Bickel	75	12/29	2000
John P.	Paul	66	12/30	1966
Gertrude C.	McNamara	91	12/30	1996
Virginia	Gonzales	77	12/30	1998
Alice Marie	Selken	45	12/30	2012

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, 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 23
8:30am Mass
10:30am Mass
11:30am Youth Group

Monday, December 24
Christmas Eve
4:30pm Mass
7:30pm Mass
Parish Office Closed

Tuesday, December 25
Christmas Day
10:30am Mass
Parish Office Closed

Wednesday, December 26
8:30am Mass
6:00pm Eucharistic Adoration w/Confessions
6:00pm English as Second Language
7:00pm Knights of Columbus Officers
No School of Religion
Parish Office Closed

Thursday, December 27
8:30am Mass
7:00pm Boy Scouts
Parish Office Closed

Friday, December 28
8:30am Mass
Parish Office Closed

Saturday, December 29
3:30pm Confessions
4:30pm Mass

Sunday, December 30
8:30am Mass
10:30am 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

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