



Saint John Francis Regis Parish

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December 24, 2017

Weekend Masses

Saturday: 4:30PM

Sunday: 8:30 and 10:30AM

Daily Mass

Monday: 7:00AM

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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School Office 763-5837

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FOURTH SUNDAY

OF Advent

Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord.
May it be done to me
according to your word.

Luke 1:38



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KEEP THE TRADITION ALIVE



Tradition holds that the three kings or wise men followed the star to bring gifts to the newborn king, beginning a tradition of gift giving to the Christmas season we enjoy each and every year.

But what about the gifts that God has bestowed upon each and every one of us during the year and throughout our lifetimes? We are merely stewards of these gifts. Christmas and year's end is a spiritual opportunity to make a return to God of His many blessings.

For more information pick up a copy of the of the sheet on the round table in the Gathering Space titled **"Christmas & Year End Giving to St. Regis Parish"** and find the options that best reflects how you can continue the tradition of gift giving to Jesus. Your special Christmas gift will be an investment in the many programs our Parish, School and ECC offer. For your convenience, there are additional copies of the "Christmas Offering" envelope on the round table.

ST. REGIS STEWARDSHIP CORNER

In today's Gospel reading we hear proclaimed 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?

CATHOLIC KEY

January 6 and 7, 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.

TAKE CONTROL OF YOUR FINANCIAL FUTURE ONCE AND FOR ALL

What if you knew where all your money was going each month? What if you were debt-free, investing and making wise spending decisions? With Dave Ramsey's class Financial Peace University, you CAN take control of your money and start planning for your future. We will be offering a class at St. Regis starting in late **January**. If your interested in taking the class or want more information, leave your name, email and phone number at the office.

HOME BOUND MINISTERS NEEDED

We are in desperate need of ministers to the infirm and home bound people of our parish. If you are interested in participating in this ministry please contact the parish office at 761-1608.

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.





PARISH OFFICE SCHEDULE

The Parish Office will be closed **December 25-29**. Have a safe and Blessed Christmas!

THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY

The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year. Mass for the Solemnity of Mary is on Monday, **January 1st at 9am**.

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.



MASS INTENTIONS

Mass intentions are a way to remember our deceased loved ones or a special need of someone in our life. Each Mass has a designated intention. If you would like to schedule a Mass intention, please call or stop by the Parish Office during regular hours. A donation of \$10 is suggested for each Mass. Mass intentions can be said for weekday or weekend Masses. If you would like a specific date, it is best to reserve early.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION WITH CONFESSIONS

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

A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

Dear Parishioners,

I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas! As we journey forth in these last days of Advent let us reflect on the many blessings God has bestowed upon our parish community. May the shepherds be our humble guides as we seek to adore our Savior Jesus Christ. In this busy season may we take time to gaze upon the humility and love of God who wanted so much to be near us that he took on human flesh. In becoming man Jesus sought to journey with us every step of the way sharing in all of our joys and sufferings.

So let us rejoice this Christmas on how much Almighty God loves all of us who are created in his image and likeness. I thank God this day for the great spirit of service, community and love I see so clearly displayed at St. Regis Parish. May the light of Christ continue to burn brightly in our world through our thoughts, words and actions. My hope is that St. Regis continues to be a true light and beacon of hope to all those in need of God's love and mercy. Be assured of my prayers for you and your loved ones this Christmas Season. Please keep the mission of St. Regis Parish, School and Early Childhood Center in your thoughts and prayers.

"Today a light will shine upon us, for the Lord is born for us; and he will be called Wondrous God, Prince of Peace, Father of future ages: and his reign will be without end." Cf. Is. 9:1,5; Lk. 1:33

In Christ's Love,

Fr. Sean McCaffery

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.

SCHOOL NEWS

Mission Statement of St. Regis School

We believe that each child is a unique creation of God, and our mission is to educate the whole child through a God-centered curriculum. We strive to create a community in which children grow in Catholicity, academics, service, fine arts, and wellness. Realizing that parents are the primary teachers of their children, we seek to complement and reinforce religious truths and values beginning in the home.

Daring Disciples Deliver

Prayer: Angel of God

Apostle: St. Andrew

Christskill: Trustworthy & Generosity

Teacher Christmas Wish Lists

Mrs. Grantham, Kindergarten: DVD of a Saint for kids: Nicholas, Patrick, Francis, Bernadette, etc., washables markers, kid-sized headphones for ipads.

Mrs. Lum, 1st Grade: power strip, app store gift cards & kid-sized headphones

Ms. Murray, 2nd Grade: colored Sharpies, gel pens, Sticky notes & scented markers

Ms. Preston, 5th Grade: dry erase markers

Ms. Morrissey, Technology: headphones & dry eraser markers

Ms. Sharkey, Spanish: Crayons, pencils & candy when they play Spanish Bingo

Mrs. Walters, Title 1: Highlighters, pack of different colored card stock, black fine point Sharpies & copy paper

Ms. Crocker, Para/Angel: dry erase markers, colored fine point Sharpies & pens.

Mrs. Acton, Art: 2 boxes of black Sharpies from Office Mart, colored Sharpies, watercolor sets, colored "tru ray" brand construction paper from US Toy or hobby store

Important Dates:

January 4th - School Resumes

HELP WANTED

St. Regis Early Childhood Center is looking for 2 part time nursery staff members. The first position is Monday - Friday from 7:00-10:00 am. The second position is also Monday-Friday, but from 2:30-6:00 pm. Each staff member will need to be 18 years of age, have their own reliable transportation, and be prompt and reliable. Duties will include changing diapers and feeding babies. Rocking and engaging babies with songs and conversation will also be expected.

We are also looking for an afternoon toddler teacher. The hours are Monday-Friday, 2:30-6:00 pm. This position also requires changing diapers, supervising snack, and engaging children in play, stories and other activities. For more information regarding any of these positions, please call Lori Long or Kaitlin O'Connor at 816-763-6566.

CELTIC THUNDER'S NEIL BYRNE & RYAN KELLY

January 24, 2018

Rockhurst High School

Rose Theater - 7:30pm

Tickets \$50 General Admission

Tickets available at byrneandkelly.com

Proceeds go to the BMA Foundation which touch the lives of others through charitable giving, providing educational opportunities and promoting animal welfare in Brian Anselmo's name.

LIGHTHOUSE CD'S

Dr. Christopher Blum, Academic Dean of the Augustine Institute, unfolds the inspiring life of St. Teresa of Ávila and her important role in the Catholic Reformation. He shares how, after having already been a nun for twenty years, she had a radical transformation in her own life and then went on to become one of the most powerful forces for bringing about conversion and positive change in the history of the Church. Listen and learn about this Mystic, Doctor of the Church, and True Reformer.

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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Christmas Schedule

Christmas Eve Masses

December 24 - 4:30pm

(4:10pm Music Prelude)

Midnight (11:30pm Music Prelude)

Christmas Morning Mass

December 25 - 10:30am



SPIRITUAL ADOPTION

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.

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 next sessions will be held at St. Regis on Sundays, January 14-February 25, 1:30-3:30pm. For more information and to register call Donna at 816-305-3760.

2018 MARCH FOR LIFE

The 2018 March for Life in Washington DC will be held on **Friday, January 19, 2018**. The diocesan pilgrimage will be January 17-20. visit www.respectlifekcsj.org for more information.

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 & Mary Starr, Veronica Maschek, Gene Helling, Aidan Jones, Kathy Ness, Joanne Whitehorse, Rob & Sandy Smith, Helen & Patrick Sheehan, Jessica Berger, Virgie Nelson, Mary O'Donnell, Ed Batcheler, Bud Seeger, Rita Jackson, Adelia Spann, Larry Brosch, Dalton Peavler, Donald Miller, Donald Smith, Sara Davis, Walt Ridenour, Dorothy Linn, Nolan Tritschler, Meghan Sauls, Kay Nash, Virginia Esser, Jack Gress, Joanne Mattingly, Jerry Schroeder, Loretta Monnig, Kim Slifer, Bessie Burton, Scott Livingston, Kim Slifer, Dave Kopek, Kevin Ford, Brandon Clark, John Biegel, Elizabeth Williams, Mandy Reimer and the many parishioners who are experiencing situational and financial hardships.

Liturgical Roles

December 30 & 31

Lectors

4:30pm Mark Siedlik & Melissa Wiehn
8:30am Ken Stewart & Dave Vorbeck
10:30am Ann Garrison & Bill Massop

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

4:30pm Gretchen Maschger, Tom Smith, Alex Pope
Charlene Helling, Dorothy Quinn, John Nash
Jerry Schroeder & Barbara Schroeder
8:30am Robert Falke, Sherry Falke, Cathy Albers
Janet Helms, Mary Jordahl, Anna Barber
Harold Hanson & Pat Hanson
10:30am Jacob Duerr, Susan Duerr, Regina Ozbun
Shane Givens, Bill Massop, Ann Garrison
Mary Kimbrell & Teresa Mahnke

Servers

4:30pm Ysabella Rogers & Odily Rowland
8:30am Noah Villegas & Ava Villegas
10:30am Daniel Schmidt & Kenna Schmidt

Greeters

4:30pm Larry Hayden & Jack Gress
8:30am Rick Kraus & Jane Marzano
10:30am Julie Schmidt & Richard Rademacher

Mass Intentions

Monday, December 25

10:30am †Rev. Richard Saale

Tuesday, December 26

For the Intentions of Dave & Denise Kopek
by Denny & Teresa King

Wednesday, December 27

†Vince & Betsy Marzano
by Tim Carrigan & Jane Marzano

Thursday, December 28

6:15am †Rev. John Eldringhoff
8:30am †Mary, Josephine & Frances Hernandez
by Pat Carillo & David Castro

Friday, December 29

†Mike Ruhl by Denny & Teresa King

Saturday, December 30

4:30pm †Marsha Crum by Denny & Teresa King

Sunday, December 31

8:30am †George & Mary Pat Lambert by Cotter Family
10:30am People of St. John Francis Regis Parish

HIGH SCHOOL PLACEMENT TEST

Eighth grade girls are invited to take the High School Placement Test at St. Teresa's Academy on **Saturday, January 6, 2018**. Test takers should check-in at 8:15am in the Windmoor Center (lace wrapped building). Pizza and drawings for great prizes will be provided immediately following the test. All students applying for admission into the freshman class are required to take this test. To register, please visit the St. Teresa's Academy website at www.stastars.org/admissions/apply and fill out either the online or downloadable application.

EWTN ADVENT & CHRISTMAS PROGRAMMING

EWTN is proud to bring you LIVE Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses from Rome and the Basilica of the National Shrine in Washington, D.C. Also, we will be airing inspiring musical performances, specials for children and teens, and new holiday presentations that the whole family will enjoy. Watch or listen to EWTN TV & EWTN Radio on your local channel, online, or even on your smartphone using our free EWTN App! For more information, go to ewtn.com

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 24

Christmas Eve

8:30am Mass

10:30am Mass

4:30pm Christmas Mass

Midnight Christmas Mass

Monday, December 25

Christmas Day

10:30am Mass

Parish Office Closed

Tuesday, December 26

8:30am Mass

7:00pm Rosary

Parish Office Closed

Wednesday, December 27

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 28

6:15am Mass

8:30am Mass

7:00pm Boy Scouts

7:00pm Choir Practice

Parish Office Closed

Friday, December 29

8:30am Mass

Parish Office Closed

Saturday, December 30

3:30pm Confessions

4:30pm Mass

Sunday, December 31

New Year's Eve

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

4th Sunday of Advent

December 24, 2017

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