



Saint John Francis Regis Parish

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Fr. Sean McCaffery, Pastor

December 25, 2016

Weekend Masses

Saturday: 4:30PM

Sunday: 8:30 and 10:30AM

Daily Mass

Monday: 5:30PM

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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December 25, 2016 • Christmas

*Suddenly there was a multitude
of the heavenly host with the angel,
praising God and saying:*

*"Glory to
God
in the highest."*

Luke 2:13-14



ANNUAL RAFFLE

Our annual Raffle has begun. All those registered in the parish should have received a letter about the Raffle which include 5 raffle tickets. We ask that you please purchase or sell the tickets enclosed. Your support of the Raffle assists important ministries and projects in our parish and school. If every household in the parish purchased or sells at least 5 tickets, we would be able to reach our goal for the Raffle. The raffle tickets are \$20 each and come with a chance to win many exciting prizes at the Pancake/Sausage breakfast on Sunday, January 29th. Please plan ahead and make a commitment to buy a few tickets and sell some to friends, family and co-workers. Also see the Raffle table in the Gathering Space to purchase tickets.

No 3749	St. Regis Annual Raffle 2017  21 Prizes! Donation: \$20 2 each of \$1,000 \$500 \$250 and 15 each of \$100 Drawing to be held at the Catholic Schools Week Pancake Breakfast Sunday January 29, 2017 Benefit for St. Regis School & Parish Need Not Be Present To Win All taxes are the responsibility of the prize winners				No 3749
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DIVINE MERCY;

THE 2ND GREATEST STORY EVER TOLD

This dramatic 10-session film journey featuring the renowned Fr. Michael Gaitley, MIC interweaves the dramatic history of Poland, the transformative message of St. Faustina, the miraculous appearance of Mary at Fatima, the witness of St. Maximilian Kolbe, and the world-changing papacy of St. John Paul II into a tapestry of wonder and beauty. A great follow up to the Advent presentations and this past year of mercy. In Mary's Room on Tuesday evenings from 7 to 8pm beginning January 3.

ST. REGIS STEWARDSHIP CORNER

"A savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord." These words are taken from St. Luke's Gospel which is read this year for the night time mass on Christmas Eve. We know that every child changes the world in his or her own way. But the birth of Jesus, the Son of God and the son of Mary does more than change the world. He changes our lives completely. He comes to save us. He comes to embrace us. And He invites each of us to embrace Him.

Perhaps the birth of Jesus can even change a cartoon character too. The reference here is Linus in the classic *A Charlie Brown Christmas* which first aired on TV in 1965 and continues to be an annual TV Christmas special every year since. Throughout the special Charlie Brown struggles with understanding Christmas and finally yells "Isn't there anyone who knows what Christmas is all about?" There is a crucial detail that makes the clip relevant. Linus, he of the perpetual security blanket, delivers his speech based on today's Gospel with security blanket in hand. Linus is telling about the shepherds being afraid when the angel of the Lord appeared to them but when he recites the angel's words "fear not", he drops his security blanket for the remainder of the speech. If you know about Linus, you know what a big deal it is that he dropped the security blanket. Perhaps even a cartoon character can be a living witness to the truth of the coming of the Prince of Peace.

It is pretty clear that Charles Schultz, the creator of the Peanuts cartoon series and TV special, was saying, the birth of Jesus separates us from our fears. The birth of Jesus frees us from the habits we are unable (or unwilling) to break ourselves. The birth of Jesus allows us to simply drop the false security we have been grasping so tightly, and learn to trust and cling to Him instead. Here is a link to a video clip where Linus drops his blanket:

www.youtube.com/watch?v=DKk9rv2hUfA

Merry Christmas

ST. REGIS MINISTRY UPDATE

Did you know that we have over 85 parishioners giving of their time and talent to make our three Christmas Masses a more joyful and spiritual celebration of the birth of Jesus. If you see parishioners involved in these ministries for Christmas, thank them for their service: Art & Environment, Ushers, Cantors, Children's Choir and Director, Adult Choir, Musicians, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Servers, and Sacristans

CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS FROM ST. REGIS

Merry Christmas,

As we come to the end of this year let us reflect upon the many graces and gifts we have received. Let us ponder the gift of Jesus Christ taking on human flesh and sharing in our humanity so that we might share in his Divinity. This Christmas Season let us seek ways to be truly filled with the light, grace and peace of Christ. In the midst of the parties, presents and meals seek to ponder how gracious and humble our God is to come to us in a manger amongst animals and shepherds to truly share in all our joys and sufferings. Adore him with Mary and Joseph and gaze upon his face with wonder and awe. Help us Jesus to be vessels of mercy for the poor, the despairing, the sick, the lonely, the lost, and forsaken. May we see that true joy and peace only come from knowing and loving You!

“O Emmanuel, may the assurance of your unfailing Presence be for me the source of unending peace. May I never fear my weakness, my inadequacy, my imperfection. Rather, as I gaze with faith, hope and love upon your incarnate littleness, may I love my own littleness, for God is with us. Endow my life with a holy wonder that leads me ever more deeply into the Mystery of Redemption and the meaning of my vocation and destiny.” (Fr. Peter Cameron, O.P. Magnificat Advent Companion 2016)

May Jesus Christ truly be our Reason for the Season!

In Christ,

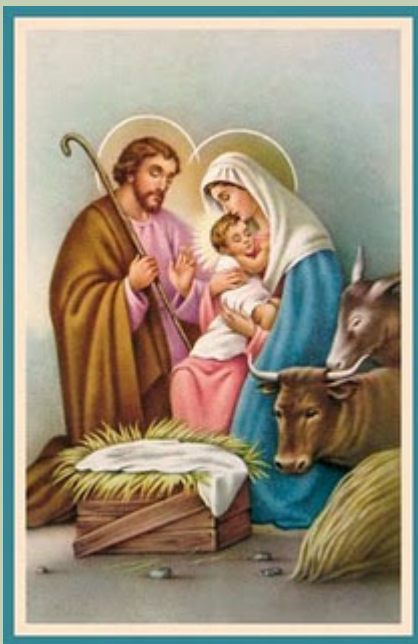
Fr. Sean McCaffery



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
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Marilyn Moore

SCHOOL NEWS

Merry Christmas! The teachers and staff wish you and your family a blessed Christmas. Thank you for all of your support and prayers throughout the year.

School will be closed from December 21 to January 4th.



Hy-Vee and Price Chopper Coupon books are on sale for \$5.00 a book. The first coupon in the book is good for \$5.00 off a purchase of \$50.00. The school makes \$4.00 for each book sold. Please support our school through this fundraiser. These books also make great stocking stuffers!



Winter will be moving in soon, bringing chances of snow and or snow days. Please make sure you are registered with *Remind* to receive updates for school closings and activities. Please register at <https://www.remind.com/join/stjohnfr>.



Wednesday, 12/21-1/3 NO SCHOOL, Christmas Break
 Wednesday, 1/4/17 – Classes Resume
 Thursday, 1/5/17 Luau Meeting, Rm 109, 7:00pm
 Friday, 1/6/17, Grade Available ONLINE
 Tuesday, 1/10/17, Group and Class Yearbook Photos, Wear Uniforms
 Thursday, 1/12/17, Award Ceremony
 1/16/17, No School
 1/18/17, Spirit Wear Day, St. James Dental Collection
 1/25/17, 100th Day of School
 1/26/17, Luau Mtg, Room 109, 7:00pm
 1/27/17, All School Rosary, 2:20pm

HELP WANTED

The Early Childhood Center is looking for staff to fill morning and afternoon shifts. If you are interested call Lori Long at 816-763-6566.

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.

STEWARDSHIP APPEAL FORMS

Thanks for the great response to our 2017 Stewardship Annual Appeal. We encourage those who have not returned their forms to please do so by dropping it in the collection basket or stopping by the Parish Office. We are grateful for your willingness to share God's blessing through your commitment to Stewardship and the sharing of your Time, Talent and Treasure. Please note the new contribution year begins January 1, 2017.

CATHOLIC KEY

December 31st and January 1, 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.

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.



CELEBRATE ST. REGIS

We want to congratulate the following graduate from our parish family. We are proud of all of our hardworking students, from the Early Childhood Center (ECC) through post-graduate studies -- and every step in between! If you see this graduate or a graduate on any level, please tell them that you admire their work to improve themselves and the world around them! Together, they are making a difference!

- Tommy Severt, University of Central Missouri with a degree in Music Tech.



SUPPORT OUR SEMINARIANS

The 24th annual "Support Our Seminarians" Benefit Dinner is dedicated to the 100th Anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima. It is scheduled for Friday, January 27, 2017. This event benefits seminarians from the Archdiocese of Kansas City, KS, the Diocese of Kansas City/St. Joseph and Conception Seminary College. It promises to be an evening filled with fun and laughter, celebrating our Catholic faith, enjoying a delicious dinner and socializing with our priests and seminarians! We have two wonderful speakers this year, Fr. Richard Storey, who is currently the pastor of Cure of Ars Parish in Leawood, KS and Cruz Gallegos, who is a senior at Conception Seminary. The benefit will be held at Union Station, 30 W. Pershing Rd., KCMO. The reservation price is \$175 per person with 10 seats per table. To reserve your place, or an entire table or donate to the VIP silent auction, contact Martha Hodes at 913-207-9893, mmmh-sos512@gmail.com or www.supportourseminarians.com

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION WITH CONFESSIONS

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

2017 CALENDAR

Please be sure to pick up the 2017 St. Regis Calendar available in the baskets at each entrance of church. The calendar has a vocation 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.

NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCE

Knights of Columbus Council #4962 will be hosting a New Year's Eve dance on December 31st at their Council Hall located at 5101 Blue Ridge Cut-off. Doors open at 8:30PM. Cost is \$15.00 per person in advance or \$20.00 per person at the door. For that price you will get finger food, setups, party favors, and champagne at midnight. Live music from the 40's, 50's, and 60's performed by the KCVARIETY BAND QUARTET under the directorship of Dave Merello. For more information or to reserve a table call or e-mail John Hernandez at 678-4986 or e-mail jhhernandez500@gmail.com, or Ed Columbus at 358-8831 or e-mail edcolumbus@aol.com



ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL UPDATE

Thanks to the 71 families who have contributed to the Annual Catholic Appeal. So far we have received \$21,816.00 in pledges and contributions. St. Regis goal is \$23,199.00.

BUNCO

All Ladies of the Parish are invited to play BUNCO on Friday, Jan 13th. Bunco is a game of chance, easy to learn and a great way to get acquainted with others. We will begin with food at 6:30pm. You are welcome to bring your favorite beverage. Your \$5 fee helps defray the cost food and prizes. For planning purposes please sign up in the gather space or contact Mary Ernstmann, 366-0431 or mpernstmann@yahoo.com. Plan to join us for an evening of good food and fun!



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.



HELP WANTED

A homebound parishioner is in need of a part-time person to clean her home. If you are interested call Pat Beard at 816-394-9596.

Please Remember In Your Prayers: Susan Nealy, Seth Dujakovich, Jack Mitchell, John Hernandez, Jean Kraus, Eric Severt, Pat Beard, Carol Beard, Rose Solo, Beth Heidler, Mary Pat Lambert, David Berg, John Weaver, Fran Wadle, Eleanor Cutler, Don Knipp, Rose Marie Larson, Gilbert Valle, Dean & Mary Starr, Herb Letzig, Jacob Smith, Veronica Maschek, Marsha Crum, Gene Helling, Dorothy Linn, Joseph Day, John Biegel, Cathy Groover, Bobbie Duncan, Michael Whitehorse, Sr. Marie Neff, Sr. Therese Pfeifer, Leonard Como, Aidan Jones, Jacob Witherspoon, Kathy Ness, Margaret Ngwane, Joanne Whitehorse, Rob & Sandy Smith, Larry Waitley, Ken Arens, Dan Machetta, Helen Sheehan, Patrick Sheehan, Jessica Berger, Norma Szumigala, Sharon Walker, Virgie Nelson, Rebecca Lochmiller, Bill Caufield, Romeo Cuarrio, Michelle Benoit, Cliff Uhlig, Shreeka Mays, Joan Fischer, Boyer Rivera, Hilton Simien, Jane Marzano, John Quinn, Theresa Wavada, Sara Davis, Mary O'Donnell, Donna Carrupher, Stella Chi, Joseph Musongwe, Kankoe Kuevi, Edgar Mehl, Kaye Clark, Ed Batcheler, Bud Seeger, Joanne Mattingly, Gary Stroble, Melinda McGee, Kathy Grantham, Callie Banks, Michael Wertz, Mike Hampton, Greg Weiberg, Rita Jackson and the many parishioners who are experiencing situational and financial hardships.

Please Pray for the Repose of the Soul of:

Franke Dixon, Sister of Terry Lillig

Liturgical Roles

December 31 & January 1

Lectors

- 4:30pm Jim Filley & Iruka Hannon-Watford
- 8:30am Joan Sack & Sue Nichols
- 10:30am Susan Duerr & Ann Garrison

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

- 4:30pm Charlene Helling, Larry Hayden, Jim Filley
Dorothy Quinn, John Nash, Alex Pope
Barbara Schroeder & Gretchen Maschger
- 8:30am Betty Roder, Paul Roder, Anna Barber
Dave Vorbeck, Dennis Wadle, Joan Sack
Maxine Rodriguez & Dianne Schmidt
- 10:30am Ora Reyes, Tony Reyes, Marlene Sanchez
Virginia Reyes, Don Wolff, Kathy Wolff
Prisca Tizimbune & Theresa Van Pelt

Servers

- 4:30pm Breanna Wood & Audrey Maglich
- 8:30am Evan Burdick & Anna Strobl
- 10:30am Isaac Duckworth & Bryan Lane

Greeters

- 4:30pm Larry Hayden & Barbara Wilkins
- 8:30am Rick Kraus & Sue Quanty Smith
- 10:30am Julie Schmidt & Richard Rademacher

Mass Intentions

Monday, December 26

5:30pm For the Intentions of Kaye Clark by Johni Keely

Tuesday, December 27

†Vincent & Betsy Marzano
by Tim Carrigan & Jane Marzano

Wednesday, December 28

†Verle Gilbert by Family

Thursday, December 29

6:15am People of St. John Francis Regis Parish
8:30am †Stephen Crosby by Jim & Mary Joe Kilp

Friday, December 30

†Dick Scheerer by George & Teri Weiter

Saturday, December 31

4:30pm People of St. John Francis Regis Parish

Sunday, January 1

8:30am †Dottie Seeger by Bud Seeger
10:30am †David Carrillo Jr. by Family

SPIRITUAL ADOPTION UPDATE

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 sessions focus on topics of the grief process, changes in family and other relationships, trust, and coping with memories. **The next sessions will be held at St. Regis on Sundays, January 8-February 19, 1:30-3:30pm.** For additional information or to register call Donna at 816-305-3760

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 25

Christmas Day
10:30am Mass

Monday, December 26

5:30pm Mass
Parish Office
No School

Tuesday, December 27

8:30am Mass
9:00am Bible Timeline
7:00pm Rosary
7:00pm Worship Council
No School

Wednesday, December 28

8:30am Mass
6:00pm Eucharistic Adoration w/Confessions
7:00pm Knights of Columbus Officers
Parish Office Closed
No School

Thursday, December 29

6:15am Mass
8:30am Mass
7:00pm Boy Scouts

No RCIA Class

Parish Office Closed
No School

Friday, December 30

8:30am Mass
Parish Office Closed
No School

Saturday, December 31

New Year's Eve
3:30pm Confessions
4:30pm Mass

Sunday, January 1

New Year's Day
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.

The Nativity of the Lord

December 25, 2016

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