



Saint John Francis Regis Parish

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December 4, 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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SECOND SUNDAY

of
Advent

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John the Baptist appeared, preaching in the desert of Judea and saying,
"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!"

Matthew 3:1

***Feast of the Immaculate Conception
Thursday, December 8.***

All are encouraged to attend Mass on this holy day of obligation.

**Masses at St. Regis will be at:
6:15am, 8:30am & 7:00pm**

Please plan to join us as we honor our Blessed Mother
And the special role she has in our lives.

PLEASE NOTE

The Parish Office will be closed **Thursday, December 8th**, in honor of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICES

All are encouraged to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation during the season of Advent.

Area Parish Penance services:
St. Sabina - Tuesday, Dec. 13 - 7pm
St. Bernadette - Thursday, Dec. 15 - 7pm

ITA MAURA INFORMATION SESSION

Join us on Sunday, **December 11th, following the 10:30am Mass in Mary's room** for an information sharing session about our sister community, Ita Maura. Come enjoy a breakfast burrito as you learn of the projects we've supported in the past and what we are proposing for the future. Meet some of the parishioners who plan to represent our community on the next delegation in March 2017.

YOUTH CHRISTMAS CHOIR

Students second grade and higher are invited to sing Christmas Eve 4:30pm Mass. We will have 3 practices. You **MUST** be able to attend at least 2 of the practices. The practices are: **Mon. Dec. 5 at 7pm; Tues. Dec. 13 at 7pm and Wed. Dec. 21 at 7pm.** If you have any questions please contact Susan Duerr: sduerr@regischurch.org.

ST. REGIS STEWARDSHIP CORNER

The Readings for this Second Sunday of Advent proclaim the coming of the Lord. The First Reading from Isaiah prophecy of the new King and includes a list of the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit. Let us consider them as a check list for our preparation during Advent and throughout our stewardship life. They are wisdom, understanding, counsel, courage, knowledge, piety and fear of the Lord. Advent also is a time for new life, and a new way of looking at things.

The Second Reading from St. Paul, prompts us to remember the prophecy related to the first reading. In addition St. Paul calls us to reconcile with the Lord and one another..."think in harmony with one another." There is no better time than during Advent to reconcile any strained relationships we may have. It is often said stewardship is a form of love. Now is the time to show that love to others.

The Gospel from Matthew is relating a powerful message from John the Baptist when he calls out to "Repent." In English we think of this as an order to rid ourselves of sin, but the word "repent" is based on a Greek word which has a deeper meaning, namely to "Change your life". That is what John the Baptist was telling those coming to be baptized. To be good stewards requires us to look at life differently, to in effect change our lives. Advent is the perfect time to begin that journey if we have not already.

ST. REGIS MINISTRY UPDATE

Did you know our 4th and 5th Grade School students and our School of Religion Students gave of their time and talent to make the signs for our Ministry Fair? Check out the picture collage in this bulletin.

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.



SIGN UP FOR HOLY DAY & CHRISTMAS MASSES

Greeters, Lectors, Communion Ministers and Servers are invited to sign up for the 6:15am, 8:30am and 7:00pm Masses on the Immaculate Conception and the 4:30pm and Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve and the 10:30am Mass on Christmas Day. Please sign up in the Gathering Space.

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.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL UPDATE

Thanks to the 60 families who have contributed to the Annual Catholic Appeal. So far we have received \$18,521.00 in pledges and contributions. St. Regis goal is \$23,199.00.

TAILGATE/MINISTRY FAIR THANK YOU

Thank you to all of our parishioners who worked, donated items or came out and supported our annual Chiefs Tailgate fundraiser and Ministry Fair. A special thanks to Robert and Sherry Falke who chaired the Tailgate Party; Ralph Ford who cooked his famous chili; Homer Radford for running the point boards; the Knights of Columbus and Mike Apprill who chaired the Ministry Fair. Without all of your hard work and dedication the event would not have been successful.

1ST RECONCILIATION PARENT MEETING

There is a parent meeting (at least one parent must attend) for those students who will be preparing for 1st Reconciliation on **Wednesday, December 14 at 7:15pm** in St. Joseph's room. If you have any questions contact Susan Duerr at sduerr@regischurch.org.

GIVING TREE

Gift tags for the Giving tree will be available the first Sunday of Advent, **November 26/27**. Join in the St. Regis tradition of giving! Help bring hope and joy to those in need this Christmas by taking a tag off the Giving Tree. The gifts should be wrapped and returned by **Thursday, December 15**. Thank you for your generosity.



THANK YOU

Thank you to all those who attended and helped organize Opiefest, it was a great time thanks to you all.

—Don & Donna Ross

GOD WITH US:

AN ADVENT RETREAT AT ST. REGIS

On **Saturday, December 17, from 9am-1pm** (lunch included) set aside a morning to prepare your heart to encounter Jesus this Christmas season. Advent is a time of new beginning and of preparation for the coming of Christ into our lives. We do many active things to prepare ourselves for the Christmas season. Let us also make time to slow down, open our hearts to God's love, and go into this Christmas season refreshed and strengthened by the love of Christ. This retreat is offered at no cost. If you plan to attend, please register by sending Kyle an email at ksellnow@regischurch.org

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

"I read that roughly 95% of donations to the Retirement Fund for Religious aid senior religious," a donor writes. "That's wonderful when we truly want our donations to work." Your gift works for elderly religious by helping to furnish medications, nursing care, and more. Please support next week's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious, and give to those who have given a lifetime.

SCHOOL NEWS

During the month of December, students will participate in the Shoebox Santa project for Little Sisters of the Poor. Items will be collected for the residents and delivered on December 19th. Please remember to bring your items to school by Wednesday, December 14th to participate in the Spirit Wear day.

Our annual Christmas Concert will be held on Monday, December 19th at O'Hara High School in the auditorium beginning at 6:30pm. The preschool students from the ECC and our Kindergarten – 5th grade students will be performing. Please join us to celebrate our students' vocal and instrumental talents!

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>.

HOSPITALITY SUNDAY

This **Sunday, December 4th**, the Social Service Ministry Council will host Hospitality Sunday. Coffee, juice and donuts will be served after the 8:30am and 10:30am Masses. Please plan to share in this time of community fellowship.



PHOTOS WITH SANTA



You better watch out, you better not cry, you better not pout, I'm telling you why, Santa Clause is coming to St Regis! The Ladies Auxiliary are hosting Photos with Santa on **Sunday, Dec. 4th**, in the School music room. We are asking \$7 a photo with the option to print or send your own electronically again this year. Santa will be in the building from 9am until noon.

ADVENT PRESENTATIONS

The Divine Mercy Saints

December 7, 14, & 21 at 7pm
in Mary's Room

Join us for presentations on the Divine Mercy Saints. We will hear presentations on the message from St. Faustina's diary, the appearance of Mary at Fatima, the ultimate sacrifice of St. Maximilian Kolbe and the world-changing papacy of St. John Paul II.



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.

CELEBRATE ST. REGIS

We want to congratulate the following youth of St. Regis parish for their musical accomplishments.

David Severt recently played at the Folly Theater with the Youth Symphony of Kansas City's Philharmonic Orchestra and will play his next concert on December 15th at Raytown High school at 7pm. David plays the lead trombone for Raytown High School's B Jazz Band. He made 3rd chair in the all district band and orchestra and he will be auditioning for state on December 3rd.

Grace Givens, a student at Raytown High School, was selected to the All-District Women's Choir. She will participate in the Kansas City Metro Honor Choir Festival on Saturday, January 21st at Staley High School.

Good luck to David and Grace!



The Parish owes a big THANK YOU to our 4th and 5th Grade School students and our School of Religion students for making the signs for our Ministry Fair.

GUIDE BOOK & DIRECTORY

Look in your mailbox for our new Guide Book and Directory. It should be arriving in the coming week. The advertisers helped provide this service at no cost to our congregation. We encourage you to think of them in the future as your needs arise. If you are interested in advertising next year, contact amandavogt@guidebookpublishing.com for more information.

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

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 Cuario, 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 and the many parishioners who are experiencing situational and financial hardships.

Liturgical Roles

December 10 & 11

Lectors

4:30pm Jerry Schroeder & Barb Schroeder
8:30am Fred Krabbe & Rick Meyers
10:30am Ora Reyes & Theresa Van Pelt

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

4:30pm Charlene Helling, Jim Filley, Larry Hayden
Marvin Chaney, Melissa Wiehn, John Nash
Gretchen Maschger & Bernadette Brenner
8:30am Robert Falke, Sherry Falke, Dave Vorbeck
Anna Barber, Sue Nichols, Dennis Wadle
Dianne Schmidt & Harold Hanson
10:30am Susan Duerr, Jacob Duerr, Ann Garrison
Cathy Albers, Elaine Allee, Marcia Collins
Maggie Doedtman & Tino Camacho

Servers

4:30pm Ysabella Rogers & Odily Rowland
8:30am Chi Chi Echendu & Nhamdi Echendu
10:30am Haley Scarborough & Madison Hallam

Greeters

4:30pm Larry Hayden & Betty Hernandez
8:30am Pamela Singleton & Mary Walker
10:30am Ken Glasbrenner & Mary Lou Glasbrenner

Mass Intentions

Monday, December 5

5:30pm †Anita Wernsman by Mary Joe & Jimmy Kilp

Tuesday, December 6

For the Intentions of the Vogelsang Family

Wednesday, December 7

†Frank & Daisy Sadecki by Theresa Van Pelt

Thursday, December 8

6:15am †Gerald Kelly
8:30am †Paul Monteil by Harold Hanson
7:00pm People of St. John Francis Regis Parish

Friday, December 9

†Ken & Bernice Van Pelt by Theresa Van Pelt

Saturday, December 10

4:30pm †William & Darlene Meyers
by Mark Siedlik & Maria Meyers

Sunday, December 11

8:30am People of St. John Francis Regis Parish
10:30am †Linda Hanes by John Hanes

SERRA CLUB PRESENTATION

The Serra Club of Southeast Kansas City, Missouri invites you to a presentation at its meeting **December 13th**. Fr. Paul Turner will speak on "The Word Made Fresh: Listening to the Readings at Mass during Advent." This presentation will explain why we hear the readings we hear at mass on both the Sundays and weekdays of Advent. With a better understanding of the structure of the lectionary, Catholics can go even more deeply into the mystery of the Word of God. The Serra Club will meet at Coronation of our Lady Parish in Grandview, Missouri. The meeting will be preceded by recitation of the Rosary at 6pm, dinner at 6:30pm and the presentation is at 7pm. Meal cost is \$11. Please RSVP to Roger Tilling 524-8572 or rjtilling1@aol.com by December 10th for the meal and/or the presentation.

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.

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 4***Hospitality Sunday*

- 8:30am Mass
- 9:00am Pictures with Santa
- 9:45am Sunday Readings
- 10:30am Mass/Childcare/Children's Liturgy
- 7:00pm Youth Praise Night

Monday, December 5

- 5:30pm Mass

Tuesday, December 6

- 8:30am Mass
- 9:00am Bible Timeline
- 10:25am O'Hara Mass
- 7:00pm Rosary
- 7:00pm Cursillo
- 7:00pm Stewardship Council

Wednesday, December 7

- 8:30am Mass
- 6:00pm Eucharistic Adoration w/Confessions
- 7:00pm School of Religion
- 7:00pm Grief Group
- 7:00pm Advent Presentation

Thursday, December 8*Immaculate Conception*

- 6:15am Mass
- 8:30am Mass
- 9:00am Scripture Sharing
- 7:00pm Boy Scouts
- 7:00pm RCIA
- 7:00pm Parish Council
- 7:00pm Mass

No School

Parish Office Closed

Friday, December 9

- 8:30am Mass

Saturday, December 10

- 3:30pm Confessions
- 4:30pm Mass

Sunday, December 11

- 8:30am Mass
- 9:30am Ita Maura Presentation
- 9:45am Sunday Readings
- 10:30am Mass/Childcare/Children Liturgy
- 5:00pm Confirmation Meeting
- 7:00pm Youth Group

2nd Sunday of Advent

December 4, 2016

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