



# Saint John Francis Regis Parish

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December 13, 2015

## Weekend Masses

*Saturday:* 4:30PM

*Sunday:* 8:30 and 10:30AM

## Daily Mass

*Monday:* 6:45AM

*Tuesday-Friday:* 8:30AM

*Thursday:* 6:15AM

## Confessions

*Sat:* 3:30PM & *Wed:* 6:00PM

& by appointment

## Eucharistic Adoration

*Wednesday:* 6:00-7:00PM

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*Third Sunday*  
**OF ADVENT**  
DECEMBER 13, 2015

*Whoever has two cloaks should share with the person who has none. And whoever has food should do likewise.*

Luke 3:11

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## A GIFT OF GRATITUDE

Express your gratitude for your parish with a "Year End Gift." Remember all that you have is a gift from God, consider returning a portion of that gift to St. Regis Parish and School.

There are several ways you are able to give to St. Regis: Personal Checks, Securities & Mutual Funds, IRA gifts (if you are 70 ½), and Online at the St. Regis website: [www.regischurch.org](http://www.regischurch.org) -- click on the "Online Giving" button at the top right which will take you to the Online Giving Link where you will be able to complete the online registration form.

There are flyers on the kiosk in the gathering space with more detailed information about the different ways to give. You may also call the parish office at 816-761-1608 and talk with Karen. All gifts made on or before December 31, 2015 are tax deductible for 2015. May God continue to bless you for all that you do for St. Regis Parish and School.



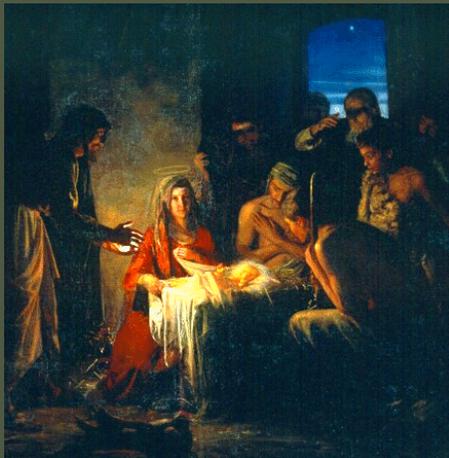
## RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

Aging religious need your help. In the United States today, there are more than 33,000 senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. These religious worked tirelessly in Catholic schools, hospitals, and agencies, usually for little to no pay. As a result, many religious communities lack adequate savings for retirement and eldercare. Your gift to today's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious helps provide medications, nursing care, and more. Please be generous.

## STEWARDSHIP APPEAL FORMS

Thanks for the great response to our 2016 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, 2016.

# Christmas Schedule

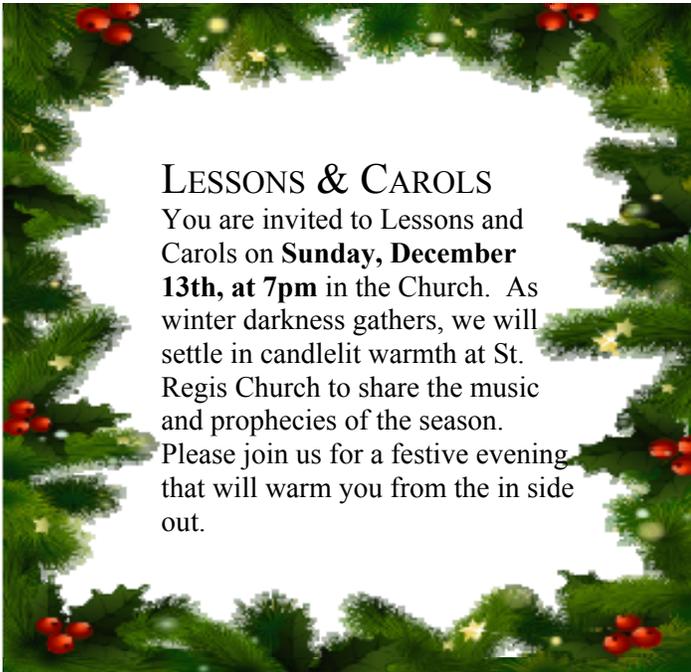


## Christmas Eve Masses

Thursday, December 24 - 4:30pm  
(4:10pm Music Prelude)  
Midnight (11:30pm Music Prelude)

## Christmas Morning Mass

Friday, December 25 - 10:30am



### LESSONS & CAROLS

You are invited to Lessons and Carols on **Sunday, December 13th, at 7pm** in the Church. As winter darkness gathers, we will settle in candlelit warmth at St. Regis Church to share the music and prophecies of the season. Please join us for a festive evening that will warm you from the inside out.

### MERCY - A BIBLE STUDY FOR CATHOLICS

Would you like to find out what the bible says about "Mercy"? Starting Dec. 22nd, a 6 – session bible study will begin. We will use the book titled "Mercy – A Bible Study Guide for Catholics" by Fr. Mitch Pacwa. This bible study centers on the history of the development of Israel's experience of mercy, with a final look at how God's mercy is embodied in Christ. Israel's experience of breaking God's commandments and then receiving his mercy is key to the slow process of understanding mercy.

- Session 1 – Human Mercy
- Session 2 – Withholding and Granting Mercy
- Session 3 – An Overview of God's Mercy
- Session 4 – Mercy and the Covenant Love
- Session 5 – Lord, Have Mercy
- Session 6 – Mercy as a Saving Act

Each session is approximately 1 hour to 1 hour 15 minutes and will begin at 7 PM.

The book can be purchased from Amazon for about \$10 new. They also have used one that are about half the price. If you are interested in taking part in the bible study, there will be a table setup after each mass the weekend of the 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> so that you can sign up and order a book. Contact Ora Reyes at 816-668-5680 if you have any questions.

### THE CATHOLIC STEWARD

Today, the Third Sunday in Advent, is also called Gaudete Sunday. That name is taken from the Latin word *Gaudete* which is the first word of the introit of today's Mass. *Gaudete* means "Rejoice." The first line of the introit in its entirety is *Gaudete in Domino semper*, meaning "Rejoice in the Lord always."

Joy and rejoicing are part of all of our readings on this day. As Christmas draws near, the Church emphasizes the joy which should be in our hearts over all that the birth of Jesus Christ means for us. Like Lent, Advent is a penitential season for us as Catholics. However, having passed the midpoint of Advent, we see some changes to encourage us in our spiritual preparation.

Yes, this should have been a time when we have been spiritually preparing for the coming of Christ. It is not too late; it is never too late in the eyes of the Lord for us to make a determined effort to change, to repent, and to find ways to properly serve the Lord as disciples. On this day of Joy let us renew our efforts to be good stewards of all of our gifts. Stewardship, of course, is founded in trust. On Gaudete Sunday in 2013 Pope Francis said, "Those who trust in God experience the peacefulness in their hearts and nothing and no one can take that away. Our joy is Christ."

### SIGN UP FOR CHRISTMAS & NEW YEARS 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 and the New Years Masses. Please sign up in the Gathering Space.

### GIVING TREE

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 **Monday, December 14, with the original tag attached**. Thank you for your generosity.



### SCHOOL NEWS

We have kicked off our Hy-Vee and Price Chopper coupon book sales. Please help us sell these books to families and friends. Each book costs St. Regis \$1.00 and we are charging \$5.00, you will be able to earn \$4.00 towards your fundraising obligation for each book sold. The best feature of each book is that it contains a \$5.00 off coupon towards any \$50.00 purchase, we are hopeful this will help make it easier to sell the books. These books also make great stocking stuffers for family and friends. Our top three sellers that turn in all of their sales by 12/15 will earn gift cards. Our top selling classroom (averaged based on student class size) will earn a root beer float party.

I have noticed as the year has progressed so many of our students are growing quickly. Remember to check your student's uniforms to make sure their skirts are appropriate length. All skirts and jumpers should be no shorter than 2 inches above the knee. Students out of uniform will receive a written warning. After the third notification students will no longer be able to wear skirts or jumpers.

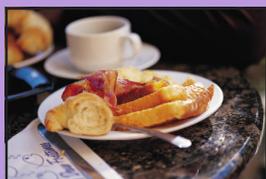
Please remember to pray for a minute daily for our school, students, faculty, and parishioners. One minute of prayer can help us all feel supported and build a strong community. Have a wonderful week!

### 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.

### SENIOR CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST

The 4th Wednesday Breakfast this month will be on **Wednesday, December 23rd** after daily Mass in the Parish Hall. We welcome all those who wish to join us. Come enjoy breakfast and lots of good company. Please sign-up in the Gathering Space or RSVP to Anna DeMarea at 763-2625.



## 2nd Annual St. Regis 50/50 Raffle

Please join us Monday,  
December 21, 2015  
6-10pm  
Bier Station  
120 E. Gregory Blvd



Celebrate as we raise a glass to  
St. Regis School and raise a  
few dollars for our kids!

### ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

As we journey through the Advent season and enter fully into this Jubilee Year of Mercy, may we join with Bishop Johnston as we strive to live out Jesus' proclamation that *"Blessed Are the Merciful."* The **2016 Annual Catholic Appeal** (in past years, the Bishop's Annual Appeal) unites us in serving not only our Catholic community but also our neighbors in need. Please give generously so others may benefit from the parish and diocesan ministries funded by the annual appeal. Go on-line to [www.kcsjgives.org](http://www.kcsjgives.org) or use the form in the Catholic Key. To make a gift of appreciated stock, mutual fund shares or gifts of grain, call Greg Vranicar at 816.714.2363.

### BLESSING BAGS

Thank you St. Regis Parishioners! Because of your generosity we were able to fill 185 Blessing Bags to distribute to the needy and homeless. Please let Colleen, in the parish office, know if you are available to help deliver the bags to Project Uplift on Monday December 14th at 4pm. We are no longer accepting donations for this project at this time. Future collection dates will be listed in the bulletin.

— Knights of Columbus #13671 Ladies Auxiliary

### ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICES

**Monday, December 14, at 7pm.**

St. Regis & St. Matthew Parishes will have a combined service at St. Regis

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

Other area services:

St. Sabina - Tuesday, Dec. 15 - 7pm

St. Catherine - Wednesday, Dec. 16 - 7pm

St. Bernadette - Thursday, Dec. 17 - 7pm

### JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY

St Regis parish is joining with St Regis school to complete both spiritual and corporal works of mercy during each month throughout the year in hopes that this will lead to a more pervasive and long-lasting attitude of service toward those in need. The work of mercy theme for each month can be found on the poster displayed in the gathering space as well as suggested "works". We also plan to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet after weekend masses periodically and pray the Pope's "Mercy Prayer" as a congregation during select masses. Let's work together to make this a mercy-filled year at St Regis.

The suggested work of mercy theme for December is **Forgive Willingly**. Suggested works include:

- Let go of bitterness and resentment in a relationship
- Practice **forgiveness**: e.g. Giving Tree items
- 4Giveness Presentations; Dec 3, 10 and 17 (presented by Scott McKellar)
- Attend a Reconciliation service
- Blessing Bags to the homeless
- Pray for your enemies
- Pray a Chaplet of Divine Mercy for a person I need to forgive

### CATHOLIC BOOK CLUB

How about reading a few Catholic books this year as a New Year's resolution? Come join us for our next Catholic Book Club selection! We will begin 2016 with reading ***The Narrow Road - A Catholic's Path to Spiritual Growth*** by **B. Jeffrey Anderson**. I have a couple of copies left. They are \$13.95 each. You can let me know by phone or email if you are interested in one.

Our Catholic Book Club will meet in Mary's Room on **Thursday, January 7, 2016**. We begin with dinner (\$5) at 6:30 p.m. and follow with discussion at 7:00 p.m. You are also welcome to come just for the discussion. Come join us! If you have any questions, please call Ann at (816) 529-3148 or [julos@sbeglobal.net](mailto:julos@sbeglobal.net).

### CHRISTMAS CHILDREN/YOUTH CHOIR

Grade school age through young adults (aged 21 and under) are invited to sing at the 4:30pm Mass on Christmas Eve. Practice will be on Tuesday, December 15th at 7pm in the Church.



### MEATLOAF MONDAY & FOOD COLLECTION

Our commitment to serve St. James Soup Kitchen is next **Monday, December 21st**. Sign-up sheets are available in the Gathering Space. Please bring your sliced, wrapped and frozen meatloaf with you to Mass next weekend, **December 19 and 20**, and place it in one of the coolers provided. If you cannot bring your meatloaf to Mass call Judy Quatrocky at 582-6425 or the Parish Office, 761-1608 to make arrangements.

Next weekend is also our monthly food collection. Your canned goods and other non-perishable food donations help keep the food pantry stocked. The pantry shelves are low on most food but especially **canned tuna, Tuna Helper, cereal, macaroni & cheese, syrup, jelly, crackers, Spam, canned chicken and Chicken Helper**. Your donated food items are greatly appreciated. Thanks for your continued support of these ministries.

### HELP WANTED

A parishioner is in need of a part-time handy man. If you are interested in the position please call David at 816-761-6883.

**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.*

**SCRIP/GIFT CARD NEWS**

The Holidays are fast approaching. Don't forget to make those lists and remember that some people might just want gift cards. When you purchase your Gift Cards through St. Regis, we receive back a small percentage that benefits our parish. We have some special denominations just for the Holidays: \$5 Panera, \$10 Target, Wal-Mart, Amazon, AMC, IHOP and Applebee's. Check the list available in the Gathering Space and start planning today. For more info contact Susan Duerr – [sduerr@regischurch.org](mailto:sduerr@regischurch.org). **Deadline to get gift cards back for Christmas is noon on Thursday, December 17.**

**THANK YOU**

Many thanks to several men from the Knights of Columbus for time and work spent clearing my yard of brush, small trees, etc. and hauling it off. It is very much appreciated. My prayers for all of them.

—Betty Ulschak

**Please Remember In Your Prayers:** Susan Nealy, Wes McKellar, Seth Dujakovich, Jack Mitchell, John Hernandez, Jean Kraus, Eric Severt, Pat Beard, Carol Beard, Rose Solo, Beth Heidler, Mary Pat Lambert, David Berg, Joe Underwood, John Weaver, Fran Wadle, Eleanor Cutler, Don Knipp, Rose Marie Larson, Gilbert Valle, Dean & Mary Starr, Herb Letzig, Jack Uhlig, Jacob Smith, Veronica Maschek, Marsha Crum, Gene Helling, Dorothy Linn, Joseph Day, John Biegel, Cathy Groover, Frances Lucas, Bobbie Duncan, Michael Whitehorse, Larry Schmidt, Sr. Marie Neff, Sr. Therese Pfeifer, Leonard Como, Aidan Jones, Jacob Witherspoon, Jim Monnig, Susan Duerr, Jeanne Magee and the many parishioners who are experiencing situational and financial hardships.

**Liturgical Roles**

December 19 & 20

**Lectors**

- 4:30pm Iruka Hannon-Watford & Alex Pope
- 8:30am Dianne Schmidt & Theresa Sonderman
- 10:30am Susan Duerr & Ann Garrison

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**

- 4:30pm Mike Nash, John Nash, Jim Filley  
Rita Jackson, Alex Pope, Larry Hayden  
Charlene Helling & Gretchen Maschger
- 8:30am Harold Hanson, Pat Hanson, Janet Helms  
Jim Burdick, Mary Jordahl, Sue Nichols  
Mike Murtha & Jane Marzano
- 10:30am Mary Kimbrell, Shane Givens, Ann Garrison  
Susan Duerr, Regina Ozburn, Diane Pacheco  
John Reyes, Sr. & Teresa Mahnke

**Servers**

- 4:30pm David Maschger & Clara Stribling
- 8:30am Nhamdi Echendu & Abby Salanski
- 10:30am Toni Barrera & Bryan Lane

**Greeters**

- 4:30pm Larry Hayden & John Nash
- 8:30am Sue Quanty Smith & Maxine Rodriguez
- 10:30am Ora Reyes, Tony Reyes & Isaiah Reyes

**Mass Intentions****Monday, December 14**

6:45am For the Intentions of Mike Apprill

**Tuesday, December 15**

†Paul Hanson by Kaye Clark

**Wednesday, December 16**

†Carolyn Mitchell by Carmela DiMartino

**Thursday, December 17**

6:15am For Jesse Ross by Family  
8:30am †Chris Sack by Joan Sack

**Friday, December 18**

†Frances Andregg by Edgar & Olive Mehl Family

**Saturday, December 19**

4:30pm †John & Joan Siedlik  
by Mark Siedlik & Maria Meyers

**Sunday, December 20**

8:30am †Ralph Kleikamp by Dorothy Linn  
10:30am People of St. John Francis Regis Parish

## SUPPORT FOR SEMINARIANS

The Serra Club of Southeast KCMO will be asking for your support for our 35 Diocesan Seminarians on December 12th and 13th. There will be a display with photos and information about those in formation for priesthood after each Mass. Come by the SEKC Serra Club's support for seminarian display, select a picture of a Seminarian to pray for during this year. This is a great way to learn about these 35 men in preparation for priesthood. Your donation will give direct support to our seminarians at Christmas and throughout the year through vocation activities. You may select a packet of Christmas Cards from Conception Abbey's Printery House when you make a \$20 donation.

## MOTHER'S REFUGE OPEN HOUSE

Plan to attend the Mother's Refuge Christmas Open House Sunday December 13th from 1-4 pm. Mother's Refuge is a residential home for Pregnant Teenage girls that St. Regis Parish supports through our ministries. It is located at 3721 Delridge, Independence, MO 64052. Contact Mary Ernstmann at 366-0431 for car pool information.

## 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](mailto: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 at 816-392-0011 or [victimadvocate@diocesekcsj.org](mailto:victimadvocate@diocesekcsj.org) for more information.

## BULLETIN DEADLINE

The deadline to put announcements in the bulletin is 8am on Monday prior to the following Sunday.

## Schedule of Events

### Sunday, December 13

- 8:30am Mass
- 10:30am Mass/Childcare/Children Liturgy
- 5:00pm Confirmation
- 7:00pm Lessons & Carols

### Monday, December 14

#### Gifts due for Giving Tree

- 6:45am Mass
- 10:25am O'Hara Mass
- 7:00pm RCIA
- 7:00pm Reconciliation Service

### Tuesday, December 15

- 8:30am Mass
- 7:00pm Rosary

### Wednesday, December 16

- 8:30am Mass
- 6:00pm Eucharistic Adoration w/Confessions
- 7:00pm School of Religion
- 7:00pm Christ 101

### Thursday, December 17

- 6:15am Mass
- 8:30am Mass
- 9:00am Scripture Sharing
- 6:30pm Christmas Music Program @ O'Hara
- 7:00pm 4Given
- 7:00pm Choir Practice
- 7:00pm Boy Scouts

### Friday, December 18

- 8:30am Mass
- 12:15pm School Dismissed for Christmas Vacation

### Saturday, December 19

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

### Sunday, December 20

- 8:30am Mass
- 10:30am Mass
- Food Collection

## 3rd Sunday of Advent

December 13, 2015

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