



Saint John Francis Regis Parish

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December 20, 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

Parish Office Hours: Monday-Friday 8AM-4PM

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Fourth Sunday

OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 20, 2015

*Mary set out and traveled to the hill country
in haste to a town of Judah,
where she entered the house of
Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth.*

Luke 1:39-40



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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 -- 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

Religious give thanks. "We cannot begin to repay all who contribute," writes a Catholic sister. "So we pray to God, who is never outdone in generosity, to reward you." Heartfelt thanks for your donation to last week's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious. May God bless you for your goodness!

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 Meditation

Dear St. Regis,

Let us rejoice today at the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ. In taking on human flesh the Son of God shows us the way of humility and poverty. Mary and Joseph find there is no room for them to stay at the inn. Rather, they find a stable with a manger and animals. Let us prepare our hearts, minds and souls to receive such a humble King! God's humility without any pomp and circumstance tells us not to be overly dependent upon human applause and material wealth. Let all men, women and children share in our Joy at the birth of Jesus Christ who comes to take away all our sins and calls us to live in Peace and Harmony. John Paul II states:

...today, millions of men throughout the world know of it. The light of that night in Bethlehem has reached many hearts, but nevertheless, at the same time, darkness remains. Sometimes it even seems more intense... The men of that night welcomed the news; they experienced great joy - the joy that comes forth from light. The world's darkness overcome by the light of the birth of God... It is destined for every human heart! It is the joy of the whole human race, a superhuman joy!

—Homily of the Mass of Christmas night, 1980

All for the Greater Glory of God,

Fr. Sean Patrick McCaffery

PARISH OFFICE SCHEDULE

The Parish Office will be closed Thursday, December 24th and Friday, December 25th. Have a safe and Merry Christmas!

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

Nothing graces the Christian soul so much as mercy: mercy as shown chiefly towards the poor, that you may treat them as sharers in common with you in the produce of nature, which brings forth the fruits of the earth for use to all. —St. Ambrose. Please contribute generously to **“Blessed Are the Merciful”, the 2016 Annual Catholic Appeal.** Go on-line to www.kcsjgives.org for more information or use the form available in the Catholic Key. To make a gift of appreciated stock, mutual fund shares or gift of grain, call Greg Vranicar at 816-714-2363.

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, contact Ora Reyes at 816-668-5680.

THE CATHOLIC STEWARD

“Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled.” With those words from St. Elizabeth, the mother of John the Baptist, to our Blessed Mother Mary our Gospel on this Fourth and final Sunday of Advent closes. It is appropriate that we are reminded of Mary’s stewardship just a few days before she gives birth to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

In the U.S. Bishops Pastoral Letter on stewardship, *Stewardship: A Disciple’s Response*, The Bishops remind us that Mary is the epitome of stewardship: “After Jesus, it is the Blessed Virgin Mary who by her example most perfectly teaches the meaning of discipleship and stewardship in their fullest sense...she was called and gifted by God; she responded generously, creatively, and prudently; she understood her divinely assigned role in terms of service and fidelity.”

As we complete our preparations for the coming of the Lord at Christmas, we need to consider Mary’s total trust in God and her willingness to place her entire life at His service, and ours. If we can even be a fraction of the steward she was, we will be ready for Christ’s coming and better prepared to be disciples and good stewards. In the midst of our joy and celebration at this holy time, we, too, must bear in mind that we are called and chosen.

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

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 Carroll Park Nursing Home, who may not have had such an exciting Christmas



SCHOOL NEWS

Merry Christmas! We are so blessed to have your support with our school. We wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

The school will be closed for the holidays on Monday, December 21- January 3rd. School will resume on January 4th.

We are still selling 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.

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.



BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

St. Thomas More is sponsoring a 3 on 3 Boys High School Basketball Tournament on Monday, December 28th from 9am-4pm. For more information or to register call Tim Waris at 816-942-2492.

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!



CELEBRATE ST. REGIS

Ora Reyes was nominated by Kansas City Hospice for the 2015 Veterans Service Award from the Lieutenant Governor's office. She is one of 35 winners of this award. Lt. Governor, Peter Kinder, will present the award to Ora and the other award winners on March 1st at the State Capitol in Jefferson City, MO. The winners were selected for their service to the community. Ora has volunteered at Kansas City Hospice for about 12 years. She also volunteers at many fundraisers like De La Salle, Marilac and Rosebrook. Congratulations Ora!

If you know of someone whose accomplishments should be recognized and celebrated you can drop their names in the collection basket, turn the information into the parish office or e-mail the news to celebrate.st.regis@gmail.com. Together and separately we make a difference!

THANK YOU

Thank You for supporting the Seminarian Awareness Program last weekend hosted by the Serra Club of Southeast KC, MO. Our 35 seminarians and all men and women in discernment for the consecrated life deserve our prayers and support. The purpose of the Serra Club of Southeast Kansas City is to offer prayer and additional support for all Church vocations, and encourage its members to grow in holiness and knowledge of the Catholic faith. For more information about their activities and mission, please contact Homer and Katie Radford 816-356-1760 / hford2@comcast.net

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. The schedule can also be accessed from our website, www.regischurch.org. 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.

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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Jim Brandon
Colleen Melchior

Deacon Ken Albers
Lori Long
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Christmas Schedule

Christmas Eve Masses

December 24 - 4:30pm

(4:00pm 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.



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.

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@sbcglobal.net.

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

Please Pray for the Repose of the Souls of:
Jeanne Magee

Liturgical Roles

December 26 & 27

Lectors

- 4:30pm Patty Sack & Tom Sack
- 8:30am Ken Stewart & Chelsea Voboril
- 10:30am Brooke Givens & Mark McGee

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

- 4:30pm Barb Schroeder, Jerry Schroeder, Tom Smith, Dorothy Quinn, Melissa Wiehn, Peggy Berney, Bernadette Brenner & Francis Brenner
- 8:30am Dianne Schmidt, Paul Roder, Betty Roder, Kathleen Robb, Dave Vorbeck, Joan Sack, Maxine Rodriguez & Sue Quanty Smith
- 10:30am Kathy Wolff, Don Wolff, Virginia Reyes, Tony Reyes, Ora, Reyes, John Reyes, Jr., Prisca Tizimbune & Theresa Van Pelt

Servers

- 4:30pm John Stribling & Emma Thurman
- 8:30am Anna Strobl & Haley Baker
- 10:30am Isaac Duckworth & Rylee Hamby

Greeters

- 4:30pm Larry Hayden, Marvin Chaney & Kathy Chaney
- 8:30am Joan Sack & Pamela Singleton
- 10:30am Ken Glasbrenner & Mary Lou Glasbrenner

Mass Intentions

Monday, December 21

6:45am For the Intentions of Rob Colombatto

Tuesday, December 22

†Dave Roth by Dick & Sue O'Herron

Wednesday, December 23

†Carolyn Mitchell by Jim Burdick

Thursday, December 24

- 4:30pm †Nick Greb by Mary Hunter
- 12:00am People of St. John Francis Regis Parish

Friday, December 25

10:30am †Dottie Seeger by Bud Seeger

Saturday, December 26

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

Sunday, December 27

- 8:30am †Vincent & Betty Marzano by Tim Carrigan & Jane Marzano
- 10:30am †Paul Monteil, Sr. by the Monteil Family

LEASING AT THE CATHOLIC CENTER

The Catholic Center (at 20 W. 9th Street in downtown Kansas City) has a leasing opportunity with 5 floors of approximately 14,300 sq. ft. per floor. The floors are finished out with open floor plans and perimeter conference rooms. Each floor can be divided into smaller offices of 2500 sq. ft.; 4000 sq. ft.; 7,000 sq. ft. or the entire floor. Parking at a 4 spaces per 1000 sq. ft. ratio is also available for a monthly fee. Lease rates are starting at \$12 per sq. ft. Full Service. Tenant Finish improvements would be amortized over the term of the lease. The building has the proper zoning to permit mixed use or residential development. Anyone interested in doing residential or senior living development are welcome to contact us. For information, contact Ron Jury, Jury & Associates, Inc. 913 648

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Research Hospital is looking for volunteers to work the front desk. If you are interested in volunteering please call Nandita Jana at 276-4120.

Little Sister's of the Poor are in need of a piano lamp. If you have a lamp that you would like to donate please call Betty Ulschak at 761-1569.

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 at 816-392-0011 or victimadvocate@diocesekcsj.org for more information.

Schedule of Events

Sunday, December 20

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

Monday, December 21

Soup Kitchen
Meatloaf Monday
6:45am Mass
7:00pm RCIA

Tuesday, December 22

8:30am Mass
7:00pm Rosary
7:00pm Worship Council
7:00pm Choir Practice

Wednesday, December 23

8:30am Mass
9:00am 4th Wednesday Breakfast
6:00pm Eucharistic Adoration w/Confessions
7:00pm Knights of Columbus Officers
7:00pm Christ 101

Thursday, December 24

Christmas Eve
4:30pm Mass
12:00am Mass
Parish Office Closed

Friday, December 25

Christmas Day
10:30am Mass
Parish Office Closed

Saturday, December 26

3:30pm Confessions
4:30pm Mass

Sunday, December 27

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.

4th Sunday of Advent

December 20, 2015

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