



# Saint John Francis Regis Parish

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Fr. Sean McCaffery, Pastor - Fr. Gabriel Lickteig, In Residence

December 27, 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**

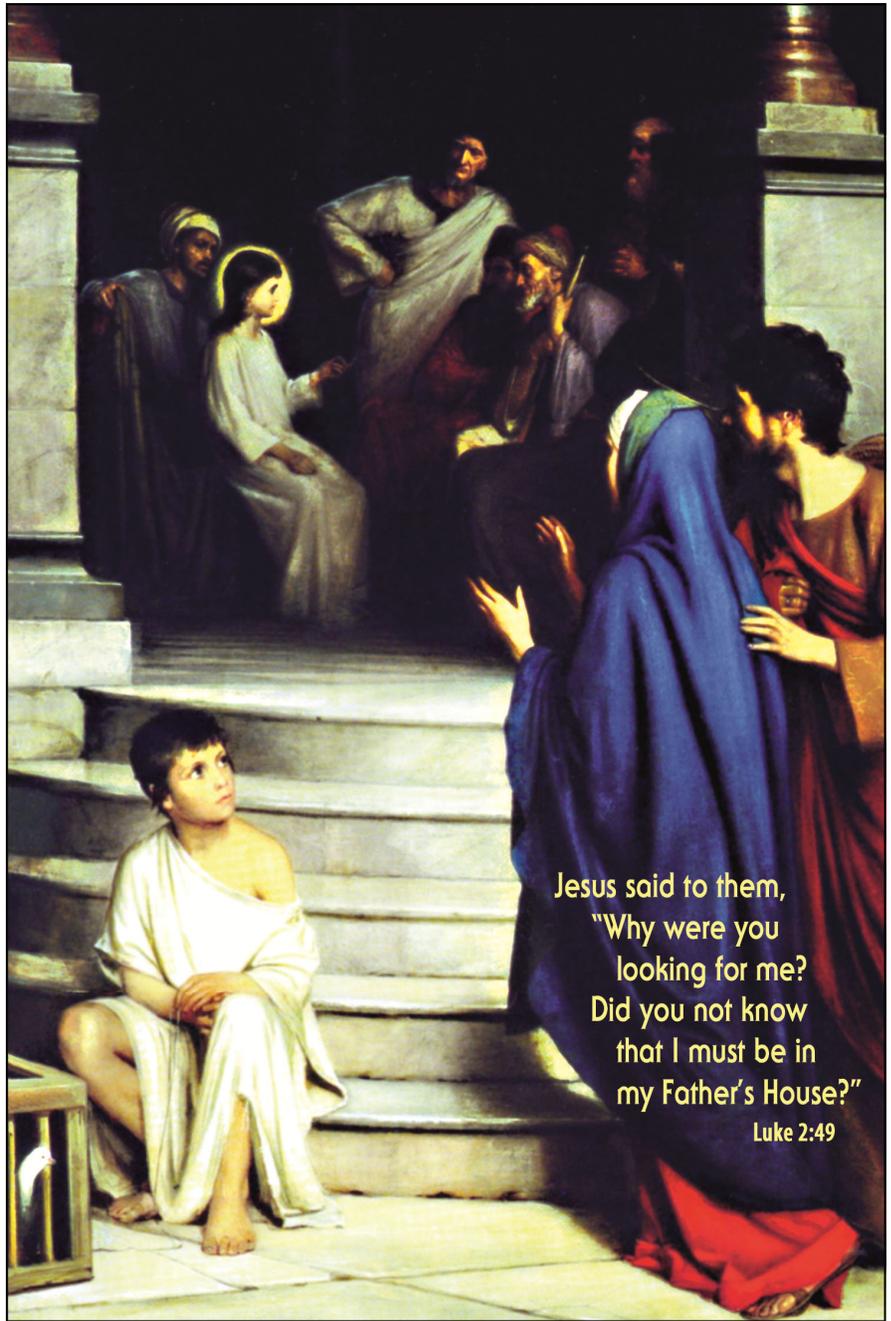
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## **Parish Council**

Cathy Albers	Mike Murtha
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Jesus said to them,  
"Why were you  
looking for me?  
Did you not know  
that I must be in  
my Father's House?"

Luke 2:49

## 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*

### SOLEMNITY OF MARY

The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses for the Solemnity of Mary are:

**Thursday, December 31st, at 6:00pm**

**Friday, January 1st, at 9am**

Please join us!

### 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.

### 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.



### PARISH OFFICE SCHEDULE

The Parish Office will be closed Friday, January 1st.  
Have a safe and Happy New Year!

### ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

Charity is the sweet and holy bond which links the soul with its Creator: it binds God with man and man with God. —St. Catherine of Siena.

Please contribute generously to the **“Blessed Are the Merciful”**, the **2016 Annual Catholic Appeal** in support of parish and diocesan programs and ministries. Go online to [www.kcsjgives.org](http://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 gifts of grain, call Greg Vranicar at 816-714-2363.

### DISCOVERING CHRIST IS COMING!

What is the purpose of my life? Why does Jesus matter? How can I begin a better life? Discovering Christ, a seven-week experience that invites guests to hear the Good News and personally encounter Jesus Christ, is coming to St Regis; Tuesday evenings beginning January 26. Discovering Christ is for anyone and everyone, from the baptized in the pews to the unbaptized person who has never entered a church. Invite your friends, family, neighbors. Discovering Christ helps participants enter into or renew a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, experience the love of God the Father, and be empowered by the Holy Spirit to live as God’s children. It also gives participants the relational support necessary to begin living for Christ within the parish or group that offers the course. Sessions will include an evening meal. See future bulletins for registration information and watch for testimonials after mass from St Regis parishioners who have already participated.

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION WITH CONFESSIONS

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

### THE CATHOLIC STEWARD

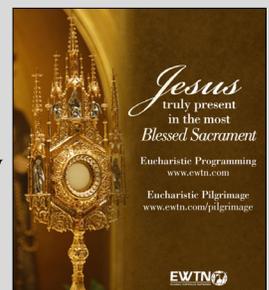
We celebrate the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph today. This feast was instituted a little more than 100 years ago because at that time, just as today, the concept of family was under attack. Pope Leo XIII, who served from 1878 to 1903, felt that in Europe in particular the family was in crisis.

The Gospels do not tell us much about the Holy Family in the years from Jesus’ birth to the beginning of His public ministry. We are aware that they fled to Egypt, returned to Nazareth, and today’s Gospel reading tells us of the twelve-year-old Jesus accompanying His parents to Jerusalem. Today we honor that Holy Family, and we understand that they are a model for us as a Christian family. However, there is also an understanding that we need to be aware that we are part of a bigger family, our faith community as a Church and as a parish.

Just as a family unit cannot function properly without each member playing a part, that is true of our local parish family as well. Each of us needs to play a role and to contribute as a member of that family. That is what stewardship is all about. We must be stewards for our personal families to function, and we must also be good stewards for our parish family to be effective.

### 24 HOUR ADORATION

Since First Friday in January is on New Year’s Day we will have 24 Hour Adoration on **Friday, January 8th**. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Adoration will begin after the 8:30am Mass and lasting until 9am on Saturday. Please consider giving an hour of your time. You may sign-up on the board outside the Chapel or simply show up during the day. At 11am there is a Holy Hour for Church Vocations led by Serra Club of S.E. Kansas City. All are welcome to share in this praying ministry.



### SIGN UP FOR NEW YEARS MASSES

Greeters, Lectors, Communion Ministers and Servers are invited to sign up for the New Years Masses. Please sign up in the Gathering Space.

## SCHOOL NEWS

Happy New Year!

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

Inclement weather plan: In case of severe weather school closures will be announced through call messenger; our school website; and news stations. Please watch for **St. Regis Catholic School and ECC**. School closures are usually determined by road conditions and may or may not reflect the closures of local public schools.

Coming in the second semester you will notice some changes to our policies. I believe these policies will be in the best interest of our students. Please review all of these amendments with your students. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

### **Amendments to Student Handbook**

**Uniform Policy:** Boots in the past have not been allowed, we will change this policy to allow only **rain boots** and **snow boots** for walking into school and out of school and for recess use. All boots must be removed once students enter the classroom and may not be allowed during the school day. Standard leather dress boots are not allowed and may not be worn to school.

**Gum/Food Policy:** In the past we have had a \$20 fine for the violation of the snack/gum/candy policy. Effective 2<sup>nd</sup> semester we will no longer have a fine for this type of violation, in lieu of a fine students will be given an **automatic detention** for the following Wednesday.

**Lost Accountability Cards:** In the past we have charged \$5.00 for losing an accountability card. Effective 2<sup>nd</sup> semester we will no longer have a fine for a lost card, in lieu of the fine students will be given an **automatic detention** for the following Wednesday.

**Homework Club:** Effective 2<sup>nd</sup> semester students in grades 4-8 will be **required** to participate in Homework club if they miss two or more assignments due in a one week period. This policy is to help our students complete all of their assigned work. Late work will be accepted by teachers for partial credit. This time will be held in conjunction with detention and students will be provided time to complete their missing assignments. Homework club will be held each Wednesday from 3:15-4:15.

**Detention:** Detention will be held every Wednesday from 3:15-4:15. All students must be picked up by 4:15, any students not picked up by 4:25 will be sent to extended care. Extended care charges an afternoon daily rate of \$10.00.

## CATHOLIC KEY

Next weekend, January 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>, is Catholic Key Subscription Sunday. 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 special thank you to all those who helped make our Christmas Masses a beautiful expression of worship. We are blessed by so many generous people who share their gifts and talents. We are grateful for all the musicians and singers from the 4:30pm Children/Youth Choir, the Midnight Mass Choir and the 10:30am Mass Choir all directed by Raquel Roman. We also had a committed group of volunteers who decorated the Church. Under the guidance of the Art and Environment Committee Christmas came to life at St. Regis. These dedicated people help make St. Regis a great parish.

## HOSPITALITY SUNDAY

Next **Sunday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>**, the RCIA team 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.



**U**nite with Christians around the globe in celebration of Christmas! Attend Mass in Vatican City with Pope Francis, enjoy beautiful musical concerts from Europe and travel to the sacred sites of the Holy Land—all by watching EWTN! Find more details by visiting [www.extn.com](http://www.extn.com) and enrich your Faith this Christmas season!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>3 Hospitality Sunday 830am Mass 930am Ladies Aux. 1030am Mass 12pm Acts of Apostles</p> 	<p>4 School Resumes 645am Mass 700pm SSMC 700pm RCIA</p>	<p>5 830am Mass 9am Holy Land Tour 700pm Rosary 7pm Mercy Bible Study 700pm Cursillo</p>	<p>6 830am Mass 6pm Eucharistic Adoration w/Confessions 7pm School of Religion 700pm Christ 101</p>	<p>7 615am Mass 830am Mass 9am Scripture Sharing 1025am O'Hara Mass 630pm Book Club 700pm Boy Scouts 700pm Choir Practice</p>	<p>1 New Year's Day 900am Mass Parish Office Closed</p> 	<p>2 330pm Confessions 430pm Mass</p>
<p>10 830am Mass 1030am Mass/Childcare/ Child. Liturgy 12pm Acts of Apostles 500pm Confirmation</p>	<p>11 645am Mass 700pm RCIA</p>	<p>12 830am Mass 9am Holy Land Tour 700pm Rosary 700pm PTO Meeting 7pm Mercy Bible Study</p>	<p>13 830am Mass 6pm Eucharistic Adoration w/Confessions 7pm School of Religion 700pm K of C 700pm Christ 101</p>	<p>14 615am Mass 830am Mass 9am Scripture Sharing 1025am O'Hara Mass 700pm Boy Scouts 700pm Choir Practice</p>	<p>15 830am Mass</p>	<p>16 330pm Confessions 430pm Mass Food Collection</p>
<p>17 830am Mass 1030am Mass/Childcare/ Child. Liturgy 12pm Acts of Apostles Food Collection</p>	<p>18 Martin Luther King Soup Kitchen Meatloaf Monday 645am Mass 700pm RCIA Parish Office Closed School Closed</p>	<p>19 830am Mass 9am Holy Land Tour 700pm Rosary 7pm Mercy Bible Study</p>	<p>20 830am Mass 6pm Eucharistic Adoration w/Confessions 7pm School of Religion 700pm Christ 101</p>	<p>21 615am Mass 830am Mass 9am Scripture Sharing 1025am O'Hara Mass 700pm Boy Scouts 7pm School Council 700pm Choir Practice</p>	<p>22 830am Mass</p>	<p>23 330pm Confessions 430pm Mass</p>
<p>24 830am Mass 1030am Mass/Childcare/ Child. Liturgy 12pm Acts of Apostles 500pm Confirmation</p>	<p>25 645am Mass 700pm RCIA</p>	<p>26 830am Mass 9am Holy Land Tour 700pm Rosary 700pm Worship Council 7pm Mercy Bible Study</p>	<p>27 830am Mass 9am 4th Wed. Breakfast 6pm Eucharistic Adoration w/Confessions 7pm School of Religion 7pm K of C Officers 700pm Christ 101</p>	<p>28 615am Mass 830am Mass 9am Scripture Sharing 1025am O'Hara Mass 700pm Boy Scouts 700pm Choir Practice</p>	<p>29 830am Mass</p>	<p>30 330pm Confessions 430pm Mass/K of C</p>
<p>31 830am Mass/All School 9am Pancake Breakfast 1030am Mass</p>	<p>Catholic Schools Week</p> 				<p>JANUARY</p> 	<p>31 830am Mass/All School 9am Pancake Breakfast 1030am Mass</p>

### 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.

### 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](http://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.

**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, George Weiter and the many parishioners who are experiencing situational and financial hardships.

**Please Pray for the Repose of the Soul of:**

Marie Jordahl, mother of Mark Jordahl

## Liturgical Roles

January 2 & 3

### Lectors

- 4:30pm John Quinn & Mark Siedlik
- 8:30am Dave Vorbeck & Sr. Helen Groudis
- 10:30am Frankline Musongwe & Kathy Morehouse

### Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

- 4:30pm Marvin Chaney, John Nash, Mike Nash  
Larry Hayden, Rita Jackson, Jim Filley  
Gretchen Maschger & Charlene Helling
- 8:30am Jane Marzano, Anna Barber, Mary Jordahl  
Dennis Wadle, Janet Helms, Fred Krabbe  
Sr. Helen Groudis & Harold Hanson
- 10:30am Jacob Duerr, Susan Duerr, Elaine Allee  
Cathy Albers, Marcia Collins, Ann Garrison  
Maggie Doedtman & Tino Camacho

### Servers

- 4:30pm Breanna Wood & Katherine Barton
- 8:30am Chi Chi Echendu & Margaret Banlomon
- 10:30am Graciela Garcia & Elizabeth Holladay

### Greeters

- 4:30pm Larry Hayden & Iruka Hannon-Watford
- 8:30am Larry Waitley & Mary Walker
- 10:30am Dick O'Herron & Sue O'Herron

## Mass Intentions

### Monday, December 28

6:45am For the Intentions of the Burdick Family  
by Jeremy & Elly's Family

### Tuesday, December 29

†Carolyn Mitchell by Paul & Diane Barber

### Wednesday, December 30

†Julia Floyd by Kaye Clark

### Thursday, December 31

8:30am †Jane Ingolia by George & Teri Weiter  
6:00pm †Jacob Weiter by George & Teri Weiter

### Friday, January 1

9:00am People of St. John Francis Regis Parish

### Saturday, January 2

4:30pm †Dottie Seeger by Bud Seeger

### Sunday, January 3

8:30am †Jennifer Wulff by the Vorbeck Family  
10:30am People of St. John Francis Regis Parish

### LEASING AT THE CATHOLIC CENTER

The Catholic Center (at 20 W. 9<sup>th</sup> 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.

**L**ittle 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](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.

## Schedule of Events

### Sunday, December 27

8:30am Mass

10:30am Mass

### Monday, December 28

6:45am Mass

7:00pm RCIA

### Tuesday, December 29

8:30am Mass

7:00pm Rosary

7:00pm Mercy Bible Study

### Wednesday, December 30

8:30am Mass

6:00pm Eucharistic Adoration w/Confessions

### Thursday, December 31

8:30am Mass

6:00pm Mass

### Friday, January 1

New Year's Day

9:00am Mass

Parish Office Closed

### Saturday, January 2

3:30pm Confessions

4:30pm Mass

### Sunday, January 3

Hospitality Sunday

8:30am Mass

9:30am Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary

10:30am Mass

12:00pm Acts of the Apostles

### BULLETIN DEADLINE

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

### CATHOLIC BOOK CLUB

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](mailto:julos@sbcglobal.net).

# The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

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