



Saint John Francis Regis Parish

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December 6, 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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Second Sunday

OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 6, 2015

*John went throughout the whole region of the Jordan,
proclaiming a baptism of repentance
for the forgiveness of sins.*

Luke 3:3



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END OF YEAR GIFTS TO ST. REGIS

As you begin your season of buying and giving gifts, we would like to encourage you to make an end of year gift to St. Regis for 2015. Many people enjoy using Christmas and the end of the year as a special time to give to their parish and school. All gifts made on or before December 31, 2015 are tax deductible for 2015. Remember that your gift helps us provide all of the ministries and educational opportunities that we offer here at St. Regis Parish and School.

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**. Thank you for your generosity.

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 6:30pm 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.

Feast of the Immaculate Conception Tuesday, 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 & 6:30pm**

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

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe Saturday, December 12.

There will be a special Mass to celebrate Our Lady of Guadalupe at 9:00am

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.

PLEASE NOTE

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

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

Support elderly religious. A parishioner writes, "As a Catholic school student from grades K-12, I was formed to be the person I am by many religious brothers and sisters, and I am forever grateful." Show your appreciation for the senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who made a positive difference in so many lives. Please give generously to next week's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious.

HOSPITALITY SUNDAY

This **Saturday, December, 5th** and **Sunday, December 6th**, the Social Service Ministry Council will host Hospitality Sunday. Cookies will be served on Saturday and 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. 6th**, 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.



ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

The 2016 Annual Catholic Appeal (in past years, the *Bishop's Annual Appeal*) is critical to the health of our work as the Body of Christ in this Diocese. **"Blessed are the Merciful for they will be shown mercy"** (Matthew 5:7) is Jesus' promise to those who respond to His love through charity to those who can't stand alone. Please be generous to those *you* serve through the programs and ministries funded by the **2016 Annual Catholic Appeal**. Go on-line to 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.

THE CATHOLIC STEWARD

Prayer should be an important part of our lives as Catholics; prayer needs to be a part of our lives (and our schedule) during this Advent season as we prepare for the coming of Christ. In our Second Reading today, St. Paul, in his letter to the Philippians proclaims a prayer for them (and for us as well), "And this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception, to discern what is of value, so that you may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ."

That prayer is a succinct way of reminding us what we should be doing as part of our Advent preparations. We should be making a concerted effort to love; that we need to increase both our knowledge and our perception of what it means to be a good Catholic, a good steward, a disciple; that we must sort out what is really of value — that can be a challenge in a world where Christmas is so commercialized and the emphasis seems to be placed more on glitz than on faith; and that we should be striving for "righteousness" as we prepare for not just the birth of Christ, but the final coming of the Lord as well.



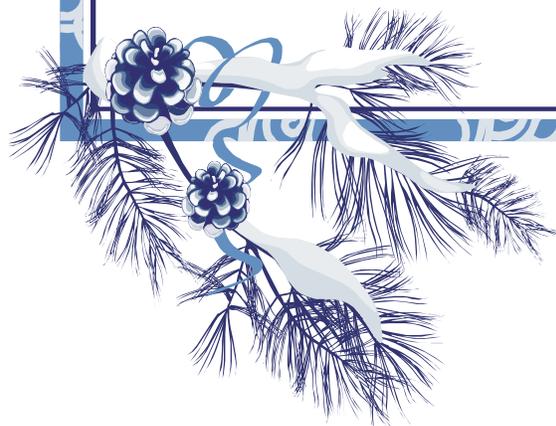
ADVENT FAMILY FUN EXTRAVAGANZA

**December 10th
6:00-7:30pm**

St. Regis will host the 1st annual Advent Family Fun Night. Activities will include cookie decorating, story telling, Advent Bingo, Santa and Joseph's Workshop. We want to invite parish members, parents and kids to St. Regis. We would love to see everyone come together as a community this holiday season

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.



SCHOOL NEWS

School will be closed on December 8th to celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception.

We are starting a new tradition this year with Advent Adventure! Thursday December 10th will be a fun filled family night for fellowship and celebration of the Advent season. Come out to join us from 6:00-7:30 in the Parish Hall to make crafts, bingo, and storytelling!

Our Christmas program for ECC- 5th grade is quickly approaching on December 17th, we will be performing in O'Hara's Theater at 6:30. Please join us in celebrating our student's musical talents!

Please join us on Monday December 21st from 6:00-10:00 for our 2nd annual 50/50 raffle at the Bier Station. The Bier Station is located at 120 E. Gregory Blvd. We look forward to seeing you!

We have begun our fundraiser with Hy-Vee and Price Chopper. Please stop in and purchase a coupon book for \$5.00. Each book has a coupon for \$5.00 off of \$50.00 worth of groceries. This fundraiser will provide \$4.00 back to the school for each book sold. The coupon books will make great stocking stuffers please stop by the office to make your purchases.

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.



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. Cards are available for sale on Sundays after the Masses. Happy Shopping!

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!

THANK YOU

Would like to thank all those who helped us make it through another Jesse anniversary and for keeping Chicago police aware that the case is still very much on all our minds.

—Don & Donna Ross

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

YEAR OF MERCY

In March, Pope Francis announced an extraordinary Jubilee to start on December 8, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. The biblical passage for the Holy Year's theme is from Luke Chapter 6 verse 36, in which Jesus tells his disciples, "Be merciful as your Father is merciful." In announcing this "Jubilee" year, Pope Francis said "I am convinced that the whole Church will be able to find in this Jubilee the joy of rediscovering and making fruitful the mercy of God, with which we are all called to give consolation to every man and every woman of our time," The diocese of KC-St Joseph is making suggestions for parishioners 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.

For those of us who are parents, we already do these works of mercy for our children: we feed them, we give them drink, we care for them when they are sick, we educate them, we pray for them, we comfort them. The challenge becomes - how do we live this out in the wider community. This Year of Mercy will help us develop a habit of doing for others.

At St Regis the Social Service Ministry Council and the John Paul II society are teaming up to promote and facilitate particular works of mercy for each month beginning in December. Watch the bulletin and the Gathering Space poster for more information.

MARCH FOR LIFE

Registration is now open for the 2016 March for Life Pilgrimage to Washington DC, January 20-23. This four-day trip will include the Vigil for Life Mass at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, a Youth Rally and Mass at the Verizon Center, meetings with U.S. Legislators, a Rally on the National Mall and participation in the 2016 March for Life.

Registration will remain open through Saturday, December 12, the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americans and Protector of the Unborn. To register visit www.respectlifekcsj.org.

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.



St. Regis Youth Group Christmas Party

Sunday, December 6 7-8:30pm

High School & Middle School Students You are invited to a Christmas Party!

Eat great food, play games and hang out with friends.

Bring your favorite Christmas cookies to share.

Meet at St. Regis in the Mary's Room.

Bring your friends!



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.



Archbishop O'Hara High Presents the
10TH ANNIVERSARY

Evening of Celtic Pride

DINNER & AUCTION

Saturday, December 12, 2015

TICKETS \$25 EACH

(Tables of 8 may be reserved for \$250)

Doors open at 5:30pm

Dinner at 6pm

RAFFLE - DINNER - MUSIC - LIBATIONS

TICKETS MAY BE PURCHASED AT
WWW.OHARAHS.ORG

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 12 & 13

Lectors

- 4:30pm Ann Marie Hamm & Jim Filley
- 8:30am Paul Roder & Betty Roder
- 10:30am Cathy Albers & Terry Colombatto

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

- 4:30pm Barb Schroeder, Jerry Schroeder, Tom Smith
Peggy Berney, Melissa Wiehn, Marvin Chaney
Francis Brenner & Bernadette Brenner
- 8:30am Robert Falke, Sherry Falke, Dianne Schmidt
Anna Barber, Dennis Wadle, Dave Vorbeck
Sr. Helen Groudin & Maxine Rodriguez
- 10:30am Sally Cook, Jerry Cook, Tino Camacho
Elaine Allee, Marcia Collins, Jacob Duerr
Kathie DeLeve & Maggie Doedtman

Servers

- 4:30pm Odily Rowland & Ysabella Rogers
- 8:30am Margaret Banlomon & Chi Chi Echendu
- 10:30am David Severt & Evan Burdick

Greeters

- 4:30pm Larry Hayden & Betty Hernandez
- 8:30am Rick Kraus & Jane Marzano
- 10:30am Sue O'Herron, Dick O'Herron &
Christi Holladay

Mass Intentions

Monday, December 7

6:45am †Peggy Hanson by Jim & Pat Filley

Tuesday, December 8

- 6:15am People of St. John Francis Regis Parish
- 8:30am People of St. John Francis Regis Parish
- 6:30pm †Joseph Szumigala by St. Regis Choir

Wednesday, December 9

For the Intentions of the Vogelsang Family

Thursday, December 10

- 6:15am Deceased Members of the Lynch Family by
Terry & Mary Lynch
- 8:30am †Paul Hanson by Joan Sack

Friday, December 11

†Alan Mia by Anna Barber

Saturday, December 12

- 9:00am People of St. John Francis Regis Parish
- 4:30pm †Peggy Hanson by David Berg

Sunday, December 13

- 8:30am For the Intentions of Fred & Judy Krabbe
by Jerry & Barb Schroeder
- 10:30am People of St. John Francis Regis Parish

MOTHER'S REFUGE OPEN HOUSE

Plan to attend the Mother's Refuge Christmas Open House Thursday Dec 10th from 4-8pm or 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.

IRA GIFTS

Have you have made a charitable gift to St. John Francis Regis parish from your IRA in the past? Are you interested in doing so in 2015? If so, there is a flyer on the kiosk in the gathering space that explains the details based on current IRA regulations. To find out more information, pick up a flyer and read about it or call Greg Vranicar at 816-714-2363. Greg is in charge of Planned Giving at the Diocese and is knowledgeable about the latest tax laws regarding IRA Gifts.

ONLINE GIVING

St. Regis now offers Online Giving. We are providing this service so that you have the option to manage your contributions either online or with your offering envelopes. This service is safe and secure. Sign up for Online Giving by visiting our parish website at www.regischurch.org and click on the Online Giving link.

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 6**

Hospitality Sunday

8:30am Mass

9:00am Pictures with Santa

10:30am Mass/Childcare/Children Liturgy

12:00pm Choir Practice

7:00pm Youth Group

Monday, December 7

6:45am Mass

7:00pm RCIA

7:00pm SSMC

Tuesday, December 8 - Immaculate Conception

6:15am Mass

8:30am Mass

6:30pm Mass

7:00pm Rosary

7:30pm Discovering Christ

No School

Parish Office Closed

Wednesday, December 9

8:30am Mass

6:00pm Eucharistic Adoration w/Confessions

7:00pm School of Religion

7:00pm Christ 101

7:00pm Knights of Columbus

7:00pm PTO

Thursday, December 10

6:15am Mass

8:30am Mass

9:00am Scripture Sharing

10:25am O'Hara Mass

6:00pm Advent Family Night

7:00pm 4Given

7:00pm Choir Practice

Friday, December 11

8:30am Mass

Saturday, December 12 - Our Lady of Guadalupe

9:00am Mass

3:30pm Confessions

4:30pm Mass

Sunday, December 13

8:30am Mass

10:30am Mass/Childcare/Children Liturgy

5:00pm Confirmation

7:00pm Lessons & Carols

2nd Sunday of Advent

December 6, 2015

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