

CHURCH INFORMATION

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HOLY MASSWEEKEND MASS

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 7:30, 9:00 and 11:00 am

WEEKDAY MASS

Monday-Friday: 6:15am (Summer Months) 6:15 & 8:15 am (During the School Year) Holy Days: See Bulletin Announcements

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION:

Tuesday 9:00 am until Wednesday 6:00 am SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Saturday: 4:00 to 4:45 p.m.

PASTORAL STAFF

Pastor: Reverend Kevin Schmittgens **In Residence:** Reverend Charles Samson

Deacon: Patrick Waldschmidt **Deacon:** Stephen L. Murray, M.A.

MARCH10, 2024



FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

HOLY REDEEMER CATHOLIC CHURCH



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MASS INTENTIONS & DAILY READINGS

MONDAY, MARCH 11

Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and

13b/Jn 4:43-5

6:15am: Frank & Lucille Boyer

8:15am: Angelo Buffa

TUESDAY, MARCH 12

Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16

6:15am: Dorothy Ruzycki

8:15am: Pat Corzine & Terri Burke

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13

Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18/Jn

5:17-30

6:15am: Parish Purgatorial Society

8:15am: Kenna Daly

THURSDAY, MARCH 14

Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/Jn 5:31-4

6:15am: Colleen Thayer 8:15am: Mary Janet Young

FRIDAY, MARCH 15

Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and

23/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-3 6:15am: Jerry Flens

8:15am: Marilyn Lou Preston

SATURDAY, MARCH 16

Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12/Jn

7:40-5

5:00pm: Loretto & Charles LaBarge

SUNDAY, MARCH 17

5th Sunday of Lent

Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 (12a)/

Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33

7:30am: Frank & Lucille Boyer 9:00am: Bernard Potter,

People of the Parish 11:00am: Bob Kilgore

SPECIAL COLLECTION - CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES - MAR 10

HOLY LAND - MAR 29, RETIRED PRIESTS - MAR 31

WEEKLY COLLECTION

03/03/24	Actual	Budget
Envelopes	\$ 5,450	
Online	\$ 5,904	
Total	\$ 11,354	\$15,335
Year-To-Date	\$ 518,969	\$552,060



PASTOR'S CORNER

FR. KEVIN SCHMITTGENS, PASTOR

Why we love the darkness...

There is an old Russian folk story about a mother and daughter who earned their living by sewing. They sat by a window and rested their eyes by lifting them from their work now and then to survey the beautiful scene outside their window. Then, one day, someone came and built a house right next to their window which rose like a massive wall and shut out the light and sun and air. So for many years they worked, in sorrow. Then one day the wall was finally demolished, and when it was gone. . . the two women *grieved* for it.

"The light came into the world, but they loved darkness rather than the light. . ."

Why is it that we love the darkness?

When I was a little boy the darkness was always threatening, always scary. One never knew what was out in the darkness, what was lying in wait for us. The darkness was dangerous. When I lived out in the country it was a common occurrence for the electric to go out and I often had to grope in the dark. It is much easier to fall and hurt oneself, tripping over this or that. It is getting up in the middle of the night with no illumination and tripping over obstacles which would have easily been avoided in the sunlit day. The darkness is limiting. "Called on account of darkness." Many things that I love to do, I am unable to do when it is dark. Oh, we have lighting and electricity, but the darkness tends to restrain us and cramp our style. It often keeps us from truly living.

So again, why is it that we love the darkness?

First of all, like my folk tale suggests, we get used to it. They say that victims of abuse often times feel lost when their abuser is not around. Twisted, but it happens. People with mental illness, often avoid getting better because they do not feel like themselves. Sickness seems more comfortable than wellness.

How do we break the cycle of darkness? How do we snap out of destructive and murky behavior? It's not easy. But first we need to be absolutely convinced that the light is better than the darkness. We need to know that the way of darkness is a dim and ultimately deadly path. If we are to be people of light, we need to recognize that this is the only way to go. An addict need to face up to the fact that their addiction will eventually kill them or someone that they love.

They need to return to sanity.

Second, we love the darkness because we do not like facing the truth. People like the darkness because they can hide their faults, failures, vulnerabilities and sin more easily in the murky dimness rather than the harsh glare of the truth. It is safer to remain in the dark.

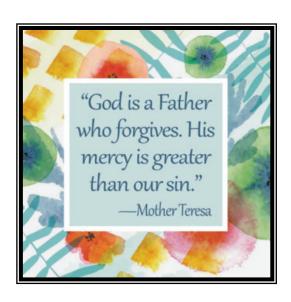
Lent is a continual process of coming to terms with the truth of our lives. And yet, the only way we will ever know freedom, the only way we will ever grow, the only way we will find happiness is if we are committed to light and to truth. There is no other way. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is a tremendous way of facing up to the truth of our lives. It is threatening, to be sure, but it allows us a freedom that can open us up to the fullness of life. Without letting everyone in on our business, we can face up to the truth in the difficult reality, yet loving acceptance of our God.

This Wednesday evening we will have a joint Penance Service with Mary, Queen of Peace Parish beginning at 7 pm here at Holy Redeemer.

If it has been awhile, don't be afraid. Let the Lord break down the wall of sin and shame that hinders your view and keeps you in the dark.

And, for goodness sake, do not grieve its destruction.

Father Kevin



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RETROUVAILLE ST LOUIS WEEKEND March 15 - 17. 2024

Do you need RETROUVAILLE? Has your romance failed? Do you argue without reaching resolution? Are you more like roommates than soulmates? Have you grown apart? Retrouvaille can help you.

Register now - 800-470-2230 (24-hour confidential hotline) or visit: helpourmarriage.org
Questions? Tom
& Kerry 314.753.2022



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Catie Barnes Joe Cantalin John Charron Jamie Christy Salvatore Colletti Torni Corno **Bethany Curtis** Gayla Daugherty Susy Dolan Janet Doubek John Dwver Patrick Fox Claire Galli Jim Hardin Ruth Henry Cletus Henry Teresita Manubay Johanna Marnatti Patricia V. Miano Ginny Miller Bob Nawrocki Will Newman Don Pokorny Scott Petty Renee Petty David Schilli Bob Simcox Rhonda Simeone Rick Slais Bev Straub Mary Swift Kathy Timpe Judie Tucci Paul Vogt Ken Wetzel Patricia Wilhelm

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MARCH 2024

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Wednesday, March 13 17:00 pm
PARISH RECONCILIATION SERVICE
Mary Queen of Peace &
Holy Redeemer at Holy Redeemer

Monday & Tuesday: March 25 & 26 After 8:15 am Mass



DR. PHILIP CRYER FATHER OF JUSTINE DUGAN

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and may eternal light shine upon them. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God rest in peace.

Spring Event Weekend at the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal in Perryville, Missouri.

<u>Saturday, March 16</u>: A Relic Display featuring new relics of St. Patrick, St. Frances Cabrini, St. Anthony, St. Timothy, St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, and fragments of the True Cross and the Last Supper Table will be on exhibit from 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Two priests will be available from 1:00 p.m. -2:00 p.m. for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. A musical performance by "The Dining Room Consort" will take place at 3:00 p.m.

On <u>Sunday, March 17</u>, at 1:00 p.m., a presentation titled "Transforming Hearts" will be given by best-selling author Marge Steinhage Fenelon. The relics will be on exhibit from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. For more information regarding upcoming events, please contact us at 1-800-264-6279 or visit our website at www.amm.org.

Interested in becoming Catholic?

In the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults or RCIA, you will learn about the teachings of Jesus, as the Catholic Church has handed them on, and also have the opportunity to participate in the life of the parish through service and prayer. If you or someone you know would like more information, please contact Mary Ziegelman 314-732-8708 or Rectory 314-962-0038.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday
Mass of the Lord's Supper
7:00 pm (Livestream)

Good Friday

Stations of the Cross - 2:00 pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion 7:00 pm (Livestream)

Holy Saturday
Easter Vigil - 8:00 pm

Easter Sunday 7:30, 9:00 (Livestream) & 11:00 am



Bible Study with Fr. Kevin!

Join me after the 8:15 Mass on Tuesdays during Lent for a seven week Bible study

in the rectory dining room. I am going to make it very simple.

First, you can critique my homily from the prior week (what did you like, what didn't you like, what didn't you understand) and then we will look at the readings for the next week and discuss what they mean to prepare my homily for the following Sunday.

There is no cost and each session will end by 10 am. The remaining dates are March 12, 19, and 26, and April 2.

No need for reservations, just show up and we will take it from there.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

1st Lt. Connor Doran - Army Capt. George Hardin - Army Airman Ethan Baer - Navy Sean Haug - Navy 2nd Lt. Max Hartrich - USMC Capt. Riley Konzen - USMC LCpl. Logan Smith - USMC Capt. Patrick Visser - Army PV2 - Alex Beckerle - Army Spc. Joseph Lowry - Army



If you would like to add your family member, please email the rectory at Imedley@holyr.org.

Missouri Catholic Conference Opposes Abortion Ballot Initiative

The Missouri bishops, through the Missouri Catholic Conference, have issued a statement opposing the abortion ballot initiative.



The statement reads, in part, "A misleading proposed

amendment to the Missouri Constitution suggests that a 'right to an abortion' is needed to protect women, while the amendment could actually put women at risk and endanger preborn children. This ballot initiative would legalize abortions in this state and remove long standing health and safety standards for women. In addition, this initiative does nothing to reduce or eliminate the underlying social causes for abortion and does not further a true culture of life in the state.

"Groups are currently collecting citizen signatures to add the amendment to the November 2024 ballot. We encourage all Catholics and people of good will to NOT SIGN any petition that would put this amendment on the ballot."



Don't sign your rights and freedom away by signing an abortion initiative petition that would alter Missouri's Constitution!

Don't let <u>lobbying groups and out-of-state</u> <u>special interests</u> inject abortion politics where it doesn't belong and where it isn't wanted.

This extreme initiative petition could:

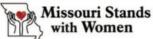
- Legalize abortion as a method of birth control and abortion after a baby can survive outside the womb.
- · Allowunlicensed abortion clinics in your neighborhood even near schools and churches.
- Give power to judges and the government to force Missouri taxpayers to fund abortions.
- Permit governmental intrusion in health care decisions made by parents with their children.

Don't be fooled! Signature collectors might tell you that it's for "women's health" or "reproductive rights" or "to restore Roe"—or that it's "pro-life" or "pro-choice"—or say **anything** to get you to sign. **Don't believe them!**

DECLINE TO SIGN any petition that lets lobbying groups and the government take away your rights and freedom! Tell family, friends, neighbors, coworkers and everybody to DECLINE TO SIGN.

The future of Missouri is counting on you!

For more information on **Decline to Sign**, contact Missouri Stands with Women at <u>mostandswithwomen.org</u>



The Archdiocese of St. Louis has a long history of supporting women facing unplanned or crisis pregnancies. A wealth of local life-affirming resources and help for pregnant mothers and their families is available through the Walking with Moms St. Louis network at: WalkingwithMoms STL.com

HR Men's Club News

All Men of the Parish are Invited!

The HR Men's Club annual March Madness watch party and meeting will be held on:

Thursday, March 21, 2024 at 7:30 p.m. at Pat Connolly Tavern in Dogtown (6400 Oakland Avenue).

Please come join us upstairs in the second floor party room at Pat's!



MARCH ON THE ARCH Saturday • March 23, 2024

Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers & Servers						
Date	Mass Time	Lector	Extraordinary Ministers		Servers	
March 16	5:00 pm	Robert Hanson	Beth Mayer Paul Mayer	Christine Luebbert Claudia Perreault	Claire Kessler George Kessler Patrick Jenks	
March 17	7:30 am	Patricia Futhey	Joe Zapf Kathy Rehmer	Ellen Fusz Ann Fusz	Will Siems Jack P.	
March 17	9:00 am	Jerry Baum	Carol Devanny Diana Dahl	Kerry DeGregorio Mary Ziegelman	Lily Tolle Kennedy Tolle Nolan Roeslein	
March 17	11:00 am	Erica Webb	Melissa Kessler Pam Mahoney	Erica Webb Maria Wagner	Andrew Malyszko Caroline Malyszko Paul Geiss	

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EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Spend some Quiet Time With Our **Lord this Lent**

9:00 am Tuesday & continues through Wednesday before the 6:15 am Mass.

> Rosary and Chaplet of **Divine Mercy** Pray for Peace in Our World at 7:15 pm



Worldwide Marriage Encounter presents weekend experiences for married couples to rekindle romance, enhance meaningful communication, and deepen and renew commitment. Below are our upcoming Spring, Summer and Fall 2024 experiences. Sign-up now as space is limited! For more information or to

apply, go to wwme.org, or call Terry & Eric Engholm at 314-649-7317. 4/5/2024 - 4/7/2024, St. Peters, MO | 8/2/2024 - 8/4/2024, St. Peters, MO 9/27/2024 - 9/29/2024, St. Peters, MO I 10/11/2024 - 10/13/2024, Springfield, IL



STEPHEN MINISTRY

Dear Friends, ...we are the members of the Stephen Ministry Team of Holy Redeemer Parish. We have had over fifty hours of instruction to prepare us to do this ministry. We are nonjudgmental listeners who are ready and waiting to help you with anything weighing on your heart. Our conversations are strictly confidential.

If you would like to meet with a Stephen Minister or want to learn more, please contact Laurie in the rectory office, (314) 962-0038.

St. Vincent De Paul:

If you know of anyone who needs assistance. please have them call our hotline at 314-289-6101, mailbox 2250. If you'd like to learn more about what SVDP does, or about opportunities to volunteer with St. Vincent De Paul, contact Claudia Perreault at claud14@swbell.net.

Our Common Home Ministry/ Green Machines

We would like to share a HEARTFELT note of gratitude to a few folks for the outstanding LOW WASTE FISH FRY! The air was electric with giggles, good music, fun and the aroma of God's Cod.

- THANK YOU to the CWL for allowing us to partner with you to make this event almost ZERO WASTE. At the end of the night there were 3 full recycling toters and 8 full compost toters and ONE BAG OF LANDFILL. This is a remarkable accomplishment!
- THANK YOU to the Green Machines for stepping up to help with traffic control at each waste station. Finn R., Lennon S., Molly O., Lucy W., Georgia M., Gannon M., Molly, W., Maria K, and Ruby H: Thank you for teaching us to Compost Correctly and Recycle Right.
- THANK YOU to Kate Rycenga who organized the Fish Fry effort! And to Stephanie Heavey, President of CWL for the support! The CWL absorbs the expense of compostable serveware so that we can answer the call to care for the Earth.
- THANK YOU to ALL OF YOU! For doing your best to take care of our common home, our Earth!

Curious to learn more about the OCH Ministry? Reach Jamie Hasemeier

at jamiehasemeier@gmail.com. Curious to help out at Holy Redeemer school? Reach Katie Wilson at katie.kaw.wilson@gmail.com

ST. PATRICK'S **CASSEROLE PROGRAM**

TEAM #3

Please pick up your pan and return your spaghetti casserole to the rectory anytime this week but no later than:

3:00 pm Thursday, March 14th

Thank you!

Give a Meal a Month (GAMAM)

I will be collecting non-perishable food items for the Webster Rock Hill Ministries on Sunday, March 24th until noon. Please place donations in the blue Rubbermaid container in the back of church or set around the box if it is filled. Your generosity is so appreciated by this ministry. Remember, no glass please.

Thank you!



PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK RELATIVES AND FRIENDS

Norbert Krekeler, brother of Mary Ann Baum Rosemary Rowe,sister of Sr.Angela Senyszyn,OSF Stephen Serati, son of Marlene Michael Miana, friend of the Serati family Peter Schreiner, grandson of Audrey Schreiner Jim Serati, son of Marlene Serati Jean Marie Darcy, sister of Mike & Sue Darcy Julia Furey-Bastian, niece of Rob & Jane Furey Patricia J. Doubeck, mother of James Rita Hill, sister of Germaine Schlueter Ken Johnson, friend of Faith & Deeds Fletcher Joan Martin

Terry Jordan, friend of Marlene Serati Sarah McCready, aunt of Michelle Mikosz Brendan Mahoney, son of Pam & Peter Joan Dailey, mother of Mary Schurk James L. Dubek - father of James Anne Radovich - mother of Phyllis Hartrich Jim Siebel, son-in-law of Barbara Oates Pat Geiss, mother of Tim Geiss Judy George, friend of Carol Devanny Bethesda Orchard Residents Mary Ann Borage, mother of Pam Rogers Nazareth Living Center Residents Our Lady of Life Residents Evan Hummel, grandson of Bob & Janet Hart Leah Taylor, friend of Pam Mahoney

Tricia Peckham, daughter of Kate & Bob Nawrocki Ann Hattrich, sister of Kate Nawrocki John Coburn, brother of Pat Consiglio Mary Moran, sister of Pat Consiglio Rick Thomas, friend of Deeds & Faith Fletcher Robby Johnson, friend of Kathy Robinson Katie Fechter-Sister in Law of Barb & Gary Roufa Jane Wegert - Mother of Todd Senzig Marie Senzig - Aunt of Todd Senzig Andy Baumgart - nephew of Steve & Geri Baumgart Theresa Waltos - mother of Amanda Waltos Hieger Rita Gralike - Aunt of Rhonda Simeone Jim Schurk - brother of Mark Schurk Paul Christman - cousin of Mary Ziegelman John Costello - Great-nephew of Phyllis Matteuzi Michelle Drinning - daughter of Brenda Drinning Dr. Toby Harris - Haiti Committee Member Cyndi Caimano - niece of Corky & Harry Bahr Christy Reh - sister of Tricia Reh Garry Chaput - friend of Denny Staub Margie Leitner - mother of Tricia Warner Cathy Raney - sister of Ann and Ellen Fusz











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