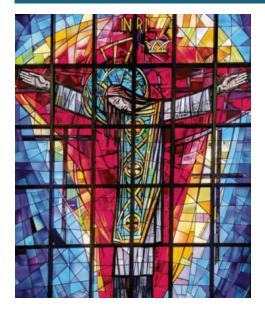


HOLY REDEEMER

CATHOLIC CHURCH AND SCHOOL



CHURCH INFORMATION CONTACT

Address: 17 Joy Ave. Webster Groves 63119 Rectory/Office: 314-962-0038

Website: www.holyr.org

HOLY MASS
WEEKEND 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

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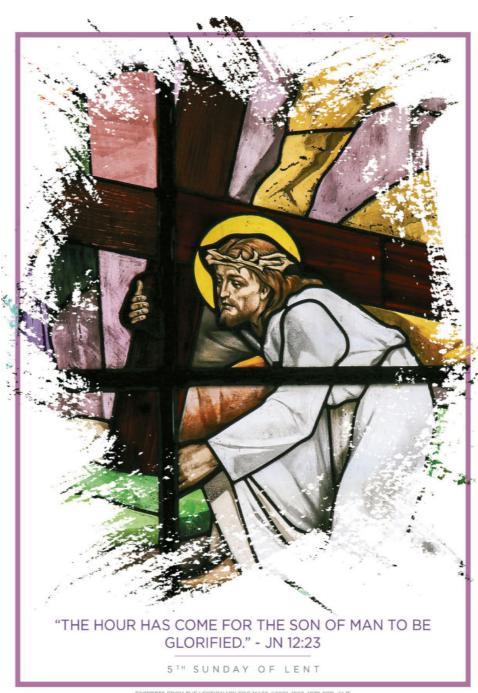
Saturday: 4:00 to 4:45 p.m.

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

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

MARCH17, 2024



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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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MASS INTENTIONS & DAILY READINGS

MONDAY, MARCH 18

St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the

Church

Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-

3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Jn 8:1-11 6:15am: Dorothy Ruzycki 8:15am: Nicholas Weber

TUESDAY, MARCH 19

St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/ Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a

6:15am: Shirley Neinhaus 8:15am: Louise Portwine

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20

Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Jn 8:31-

42

6:15am: Michael Gannon

8:15am: Sr. Christine & Lorraine Bramlet

THURSDAY, MARCH 21

Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 8:51-59

6:15am: Eric Gannon 8:15am: James Bruce Currie

FRIDAY, MARCH 22

Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7/Jn 10:31-42 6:15am: Parish Purgatorial Society 8:15am: Nicholas Nenninger

SATURDAY, MARCH 23

St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13/Jn 11:45-56

5:00pm: Greg Pohlman, People of the Parish

SUNDAY, MARCH 24

Palm Sunday

Mk 11:1-10/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24

(2a),

Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1—15:47 7:30am: Marie Balliu 9:00am: Colleen Thayer 11:00am: John H. Murray

SPECIAL COLLECTION - CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES - MAR 10 HOLY LAND - MAR 29, RETIRED PRIESTS - EASTER SUNDAY - MAR 31 WEEKLY COLLECTION

03/10/24	3/10/24 Actual	
Envelopes	\$ 5,239	
Online	\$ 4,881	
Total	\$ 10,120	\$15,335
Year-To-Date	\$ 529,089	\$567,395



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March 8, 2024

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The annual Archbishop's Collection for Retired Priests will be taken up in parishes throughout the Archdiocese of St. Louis on Easter Sunday, March 31, 2024.

This is a beautiful opportunity to honor and thank the priests who have dedicated their lives to serving others.

We can count on our parish priests to instruct us in the faith, counsel us in difficult times, help us celebrate joyful moments, and comfort us in our grief. Indeed, many retired priests continue serving in parishes, schools, nursing homes, hospitals, and other Catholic ministries.

Your gift helps meet their temporal needs, including physician services, hospitalization, nursing home care, vision care, and disability. I thank you for your generosity in caring for our retired priests who dedicate their lives to serving the Lord and His people!

Be assured that our retired priests are praying for you and your families. I hope you will pray for them as well.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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Most Reverend Mitchell T. Rozanski Archbishop of St. Louis HOLY REDEEMER CATHOLIC CHURCH

PASTOR'S CORNER

FR. KEVIN SCHMITTGENS, PASTOR

Happy St. Patrick's Day!

Have you ever been unlucky?

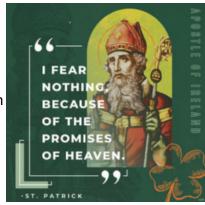
I would like for you to think about the most unfortunate, the most difficult, the most grueling event of your life. For some of you it might be a big thing, like the loss of a parent or a relative or a friend. For some of you it might be what seems a little thing, but what was, at the time, a huge deal for you, like perhaps, being cut from a sports team or having a friend betray a confidence. Whatever the event, try for just a moment, to get into that experience. Feel it again. Let all those old feelings, let all those old emotions, let all that bitterness, hatred, anger, shame, whatever, bubble up inside your heart for a moment.

Now realize an important truth of our faith as Catholics, as Christians. The key to life is not denying that these things have happened. The key to life is not to numb ourselves from the agony or the hurt with alcohol, or drugs or frantic activity. The key to life is not simply to move on and forget that those things have ever happened. The key to life is to face that unpleasantness, face that the misfortune, face that trial, and transform it. More accurately, allow God to transform it. And when that happens we are better, we are more compassionate, we are more empathetic and, best of all, we are readier to face whatever life has in store for us.

This is the history of the people of Ireland. This is the history of St. Patrick,

Patrick was born in Britain, under the rule of Rome in the fifth century (the 400's for you math people.) Like so many young people throughout all of history, he was rather rebellious and he rejected the Christian faith of his family. In his early teens, Patrick had his unfortunate, unlucky experience, **he was kidnapped**. He was kidnapped by Irish pirates and was force into slavery under a Celtic warlord. After six years, Patrick finally escaped. He returned to Britain, but his cruel captivity, the nightmare of slavery, the horror of losing his freedom, transformed Patrick, and indeed, as we will see, transformed the world. He decided to become a priest and, amazingly, decided to go *back* to the people who had chained him in order to bring them the good news of Jesus Christ.

Boy did he! Patrick's influence is now far and wide. Some writers suggest that because of the monasteries that Patrick founded,
Western civilization
remained alive. If that
wasn't enough, Patrick
is the first person in all
of recorded history to
unequivocally condemn
and renounce the
practice of slavery. It
would be fourteen
hundred years later
before the United
States of America and



the Vatican would catch up with him!! Patrick took the unlucky, unfortunate, ill-fated occurrence of his slavery and transformed it with the grace of God into a gift of life and hope, a gift for the people of Ireland, a gift for the Church, a gift for the world, and today a gift for all of us. It a gift that was given to my ancestors, making me a direct recipient of the gift of Patrick.

As far as I am concerned there are two types of people in this world. The lucky and the unlucky. What is interesting about these two groups is that the same things happen to both of them. Diseases, cruelty, accidents, happen across the board. It is the lucky ones who allow God to transform these things into goodness and life. It is the unlucky ones who wallow in their bitterness, their anger, their resentments, their bile. In other words, it isn't about luck at all, it is about grace, it is about blessing, it is about allowing God into your heart and into your life.

The green of St. Patrick's Day reminds us that in the midst of the cold, in the midst of the chill, in the iciness of our lives, springtime is nearly ready to burst forth, new life is about to commence. The unfortunate events of our lives only serve to make us less hateful, less bitter, more compassionate, more loving, more considerate.

Dare I say it, more Irish?

And luck, had nothing to do with it.

Father Kevin

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CONGRATULATIONS CONFIRMATION CLASS OF 2024

Max Allen
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Scarlet Besand
Landon Boland
Addie Boyne
Adelaide Endraske
Elizabeth Foppe
Patrick Geiss
Jackson Guller
Ethan Heavey
Eve Heinen
Charles Hugo
Charles Kaiser
Jack Keaveny
Aiden Kessler

George Kessler
Andrew Konopka
Theo Lubben
Clarence Nowak
Henry O'Leary
Allison Paland
Timothy Phillips
Dominic Rizzo
Ava Roberts
Ellie Roberts
Finnegan Rose
Henry Rycenga
Leo Travers
Edward Whalen



PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Catie Barnes Joe Cantalin John Charron Jamie Christy Salvatore Colletti Torni Corno **Bethany Curtis** Gayla Daugherty Susy Dolan Janet Doubek John Dwyer 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

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



JACK MCCARTHY

COLLEEN THAYER

Mother of Kelly Pepple Grandmother of Keegan Pepple

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.



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!



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 19, 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

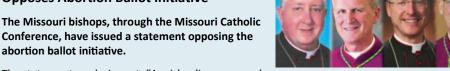


If you would like to add your family member, please email the rectory at Imedley@holyr.org.

HOLY REDEEMER CATHOLIC CHURCH

Missouri Catholic Conference Opposes Abortion Ballot Initiative

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 lobbying groups and out-of-state special interests inject abortion politics where it doesn't belong and where it isn't wanted.

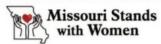
This extreme initiative petition could:

- . Legalize abortion as a method of birth control and abortion after a baby can survive outside the womb.
- Allowunlicensed <u>abortion clinics in your neighborhood</u> even near schools and churches.
- Givepower 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 most



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: WalkingwithMomsSTL.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 23	5:00 pm	Sue Darcy Christine Novalis	Katie Mank Maureen Werner	Beth Mayer Paul Mayer	Jack Keaveny Katie Keaveny Evan Johnson	
March 24	7:30 am	Colleen Rohm Paul Fiess	Joe Zaph Phyllis Matteuzi	Kathy Rehmer Mark Abad	Dignan Jost Declan Jost	
March 24	9:00 am	Megan Pardeck Sara Johnson	Christine Luebbert Tim Malyszko	Sue Flanigan Barbara Richter	Ben Wazlawek Catelyn Wazlawek Zach Wazlawek	
March 24	11:00 am	Maria Savage Erica Webb	Maria Savage Julia Taylor	Terri Gaffney Theresa Jeevanjee	Ethan Heavey Zoe Klevorn Adalyn Blumfelder	

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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 | 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 non-judgmental listeners who are ready and waiting to help you with anything weighing on your heart. Our conversations are strictly confidential.

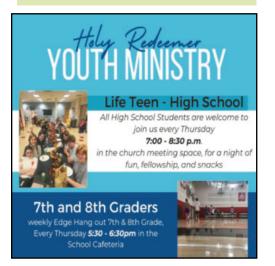
If you would like to meet with a Stephen Minister or want to learn more, please contact Laurie in the rectory office, (314) 962-0038.

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.



In an effort to provide more notice and accommodate our parishioners' busy schedules, the Auction Committee has decided to change the date of the auction to September 14, 2024. Please update your calendars accordingly and notify soccer and volleyball coaches for conflicts, but do not cancel your babysitters! On Saturday, May 4, 2024, there will be an Auction Kickoff Party – see further info on this new event below! Please also check out the Holy Redeemer Auction website for more information, ways to contribute, sponsorships, and eventually ticket sales: https://holyr.org/auction/



Auction Kickoff Party

Generously Hosted by Paul & Jodi Beck

May 4, 2024 | 6:30 – 10:30 p.m.

The Beck Home 340 S. Elm Avenue Webster Groves, MO 63119 Join us for cocktails, food, & fun as we kick off the 2024 Holy Redeemer Auction!

A limited number of tickets will go on sale in early-April via Holy Redeemer's Auction website: https://holyr.org/auction/

All dollars collected will be used as seed money for the auction on September 14, 2024.

Parking is limited - Uber is strongly encouraged.

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

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