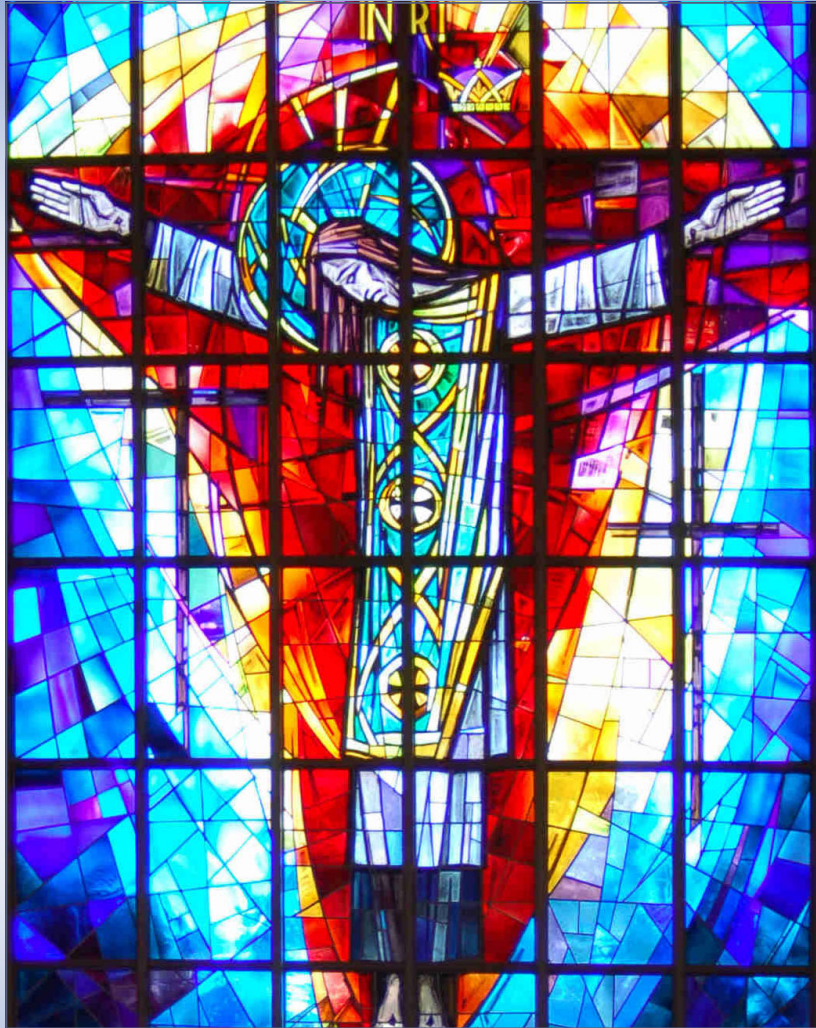


# Holy Redeemer Parish

Founded 1886  
17 Joy Ave. Webster Groves 63119



## **HOLY MASS:**

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 7:30, 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.

Weekday: M-F 6:15 & 8:15 AM (September-May)

M-F 6:15 & 8:00 AM (June-August)

Holy Days: See Bulletin Announcements

## **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:**

Tuesday 9:00 a.m. until Wednesday 6:00 a.m.

## **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:**

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

Rectory/Office: 314-962-0038

Website: [www.holyr.org](http://www.holyr.org)

PASTOR Reverend Kevin Schmittgens

DEACON: Deacon Stephen L. Murray

December 22, 2019

Fourth Sunday of Advent

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**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Monday, December 23 St. John of Kanty**  
**Malachi 3:1-4, 23-24 Luke 1:57-66**

6:15 am Michael Syberg  
8:15 am Debbie Modesto

**Tuesday, December 24 Christmas Eve**  
**2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16 Luke 1:67-79**

5:00 pm Bill Hartrich  
10:00 pm LaMore & Burton Families, Special Intention

**Wednesday, December 25 Nativity of the Lord**  
**Isaiah 62:11-12 Titus 3:4-7 Luke 2:15-20**

8:00 am Mathilde Luersen  
10:00 am Lucille Boyer

**Thursday, December 26 St. Stephen**  
**Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59 Matthew 10:17-22**

6:15 am Parish Purgatorial Society  
8:15 am Casper & Mary Louise Sack

**Friday, December 27 St. John**  
**1 John 1:1-4 John 20:1-8**

6:15 am Lemoine & Virginia Skinner  
8:15 am Betty Roy

**Saturday, December 28 The Holy Innocents**  
**1 John 1:5—2:2 Matthew 2:13-18**

5:00 pm Michael, Margaret & Jerry L'Ecuyer

**Sunday, December 29 The Holy Family**  
**Sir. 3:2-6, 12-14 Col. 3:12-21 Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23**

7:30 am Jim Perabo  
9:00 am Phillip Strohl & the People of the Parish  
11:00 am Nicholas Cullman

**MINISTERS FOR DECEMBER 28-29  
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS**

5:00 pm M. Werner, P. Fiess, J. Furey,  
A. Guenther, P. Mayer, B. Mayer, T. Malyszko  
7:30 am A. Fusz, E. Fusz, C. Jeep, P. Matteuzzi,  
K. Plurad, D. Tom, S. Tom  
9:00 am S. Randich, K. Randich, B. Richter,  
K. Schweiss, B. Siems, D. Dahl, T. Welling  
11:00 am J. Menner, J. Reis, B. Satchell,  
G. Schlueter, K. Timpe, J. Cuidon, E. Franke

**SERVERS**

5:00 pm C. Drabik, C. Endraske, C. Forester  
7:30 am P. Genovese, G. Goga, J. Galli  
9:00 am J. Fox, E. Fox, M. Guenther  
11:00 am C. Girsch, T. Girsch, J. Hasemeier

**LECTORS**

5:00 pm Rosemary Meyers  
7:30 am Paul Vogt  
9:00 am Tony Miano  
11:00 am Glennon Fox

**YOUTH GROUP**

**LIFETEEN**—Does not meet 12/22/19 or 12/29/19! Enjoy your Christmas break!

**LOOKING AHEAD**

There will be no Adoration on Christmas Eve, December 24th or on New Year's Eve, Tuesday, December 31st.

Also, there is no Rosary or Divine Mercy Chaplet at 7:15 PM.



**REST IN PEACE**

*Patricia Griggs*

Christmas challenges us to slow up

“*Rapidified*” is a new word to me. My computer does not even recognize it. Pope Francis uses it in *Laudato Si* and warns against falling prey to it. It seems to describe how fast and sometimes out of control our culture is getting. We live in a world that does not want us to stand still, but to move and move even faster. We are called to consume more and consume faster. But can our world sustain that process? For instance, my iPhone is a 6S, the cutting edge when I bought it four years ago. Now it seems like a tin can with a string attached. (I am old enough to remember party lines and rotary phones that lasted forever. I even know what it means to “hang up” the phone.)

Perhaps I'm *rapidified* into trying to get more material possessions. Perhaps I'm rapidified to get the next cool thing or something bigger and badder. Perhaps I'm rapidified by obsessing about or worrying about possessions I have that I may not even need. How often have you bought something that you did not use or wear?

But it is more than that. It is about slowing down in our hearts. Perhaps when I can find moments to stand still — or, better, sit — maybe the issue is I am not using any of that time reflecting on how I might better help a threatened natural order and neglected peoples. Then I could put those reflections into action, with others, and resist being rapidified.

Christmas, the ultimate consumer holiday, seems like a great time to reflect upon all these issues. Do we really need more stuff? And if we do, can we learn sustainability? But most of all, do we have the courage and the foresight to slow down and find the depths of life, of our relationships, with one another, with ourselves, and with our God?

Slow down and come to Christmas Mass 5pm and 10 pm on Christmas Eve, 8 am and 10 am on Christmas morning.

*Father Kevin*

**OUR COMMON HOME MINISTRY**

There are many ways to consider the Earth, our common home, during the thoughtful and joyous season of Advent. Reduce the gifts ordered online as a way to curb carbon. Better yet, walk to some of our amazing Webster Groves shops to support the local economy. Consider alternative wrapping for those gifts, such as newspaper or get creative with fabric scraps and ribbon. If gift paper is your thing, consider purchasing paper without metallic foil or glitter, as those cannot be recycled.

**Christmas Light Recycling:** We will collect your old or broken light strands again this year to keep them from the landfill. Please find the drop-off box at HR school in the front door. Thank you for keeping such items from the landfill. Remember to save your broken electronics for a special recycling. These items should NEVER be put in a curbside dumpster. The next collection nearby is at Richmond Heights Community Center, January 11, 8-12. More info can be found at a [MRCrecycling.net](http://MRCrecycling.net).

The OCHMinistry will be available on Sunday, January 5 in the CMR after the 9 & 11:00 Masses to offer information and to invite families and parish ministries to make a New Year's Resolution to take care of our common home.

**CHURCH DECORATING**

Help is needed after the 11:00 AM Mass today, December 22nd to put up our beautiful Christmas trees and manger scenes!

We could use some young people to carry up the statues from the Rectory and Church storage areas, as well as assembling the trees and mangers. The more hands, the lighter the workload.

**WOMEN'S ACTS RETREAT**

**JANUARY 9-12, 2020**

Registration forms are still available on the tables at the church exits. For more information, please contact Christine Ahlheim at [cmahlheim@yahoo.com](mailto:cmahlheim@yahoo.com); Beth Satchell at [elizabethknopf@hotmail.com](mailto:elizabethknopf@hotmail.com); Mary Wetzal at [maryken40@sbcglobal.net](mailto:maryken40@sbcglobal.net)

### PRAY FOR THE SICK

Toni Berberich	Mary Slais	Alberta Simeone
Torni Corno	David Schilli	Patricia Wilhelm
Betty Mueller	Candido Leyson	Will Newman
Susy Dolan	Alice Vogt	Richard Champion
Judie Tucci	Joe Cantalin	Johnna Marnatti
Fr. Tim Vowels	Rosemary Dreyer	Steve Thomson
	Jim & Mary Swift	Mardel McGuire
Ginny Miller	Catie Barnes	Claire Galli
Kenneth & Henry Burton	Will Schmitt	Patrick Fox
Ralph & Betty Nuelle	Barb Ferrenbach	Rick Slais

Helen Claire Mashburn, mother of Janet Doubek  
Norbert Krekeler, brother of Mary Ann Baum  
Rosemary Rowe, sister of Sr. Angela Senyszyn, OSF  
Brad Brouwer, brother-in-law of Stephanie Hosler  
Stephen Serati, son of Marlene  
Frank Rohlfing, friend of Barb Oates  
Trent Russell

Austin Lopez, nephew of Mike Huggins  
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  
Tom Darcy, brother of Mike & Sue Darcy  
Julia Furey-Bastian, niece of Rob & Jane Furey  
Patricia J. Doubeck, mother of James  
Mary Jenniches, friend of Christine Keenoy  
Carol Warren, mother of Ellen Bengé  
Rita Hill, sister of Germaine Schlueter  
Ken Johnson, friend of Faith & Deeds Fletcher  
Ann Sullivan, aunt of Connie Moore  
Ed Geiss, father of Tim  
Judy George, friend of Carol Devanny  
Joan Martin  
Terry Jordan, friend of Marlene Serati  
Ann Mank, mother of John  
Sarah McCready, aunt of Michelle Mikosz  
Bill Dickson, friend of Chris Keenoy  
Margaret Bannister, former School Secretary  
Dawn Dailey, sister-in-law of Mary Schurk  
Tess Fortier, niece of Mary Schurk  
Brendan Mahoney, son of Pam & Peter  
Mary Maloney, mother of Katie Mank

*Due to privacy laws we no longer are informed of hospital stays. Family members, please notify the rectory.*

### PRAY FOR THOSE SERVING OUR COUNTRY

**Catlyn Portwine, USMC**, Granddaughter of Kenneth Portwine  
**Bryant Young**, Great grandson of Ralph & Betty Nuelle  
**Brook Blum**, Nephew of Sr. Carolyn Mruz, OSF  
**Vincent Burke, Jr.**, son of Louise Burke  
**Jeston David Miler**, husband of Lori Ann Schmidt

### ACTUAL BUDGET

**Due to the early bulletin deadline, figures for the week of December 15th will be posted on December 29th.**  
YEAR TO DATE      \$ 721,482.00      \$861,200.00

*"When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home."*

*Matthew 1:24*

Putting our complete trust in the Lord without expecting anything in return. Striving to put God first in all things and follow Him wherever He may lead us. As we prepare for the birth of our Lord, pray for the strength and courage to be a model of discipleship, just as Joseph was.

**December Collection**  
**Kenrick-Glennon Seminary—December 25**

***Thank you for your support!***

### PREVENT AND PROTECT

The Archdiocese of St. Louis has developed a new system for safe environment compliance called Prevent and Protect STL. Everyone ministering to minors and vulnerable adults (clergy, employees and volunteers) in the Archdiocese are **required** and asked to register in the new system before March 31, 2020. This includes those new to service and those who are currently in service. For those who have already attended a Protecting God's Children workshop your previous training date will transfer to this new system. In addition to attending a live Protecting God's Children workshop all clergy, volunteers and employees will register for an updated background screening, view two new online training modules on abuse reporting and the Code of Ethical Conduct, and agree to the updated Code of Ethical Conduct. Please go to [www.preventandprotect.org](http://www.preventandprotect.org) to register.

### ST. VINCENT DEPAUL

Holy Redeemer SVDP helped two local food pantries with large donations of quality food from Aldi's. Because we send our Neighbors in need to Emmanuel Episcopal and Webster Rock Hill Ministries, we felt it was a prudent expenditure to help these worthwhile organizations. We donated \$1114.00. The need for help with food is very real and is a part of Webster Groves that often goes unnoticed. North Webster Groves is an area where many of our Neighbors live but go unseen.

This is what we do at SVDP, we help our neighbors in very real and practical ways. Without the generosity of our HR Parishioners, we would be unable to assist in any tangible way. To donate, use the envelopes provided in the back of church, with online giving, or in your packet. For more info [tmeyer0215@yahoo.com](mailto:tmeyer0215@yahoo.com)

## HOLY REDEEMER HAPPENINGS

The teachers and staff wish you a Very Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year! School will be on Christmas break from December 23 to January 6, 2020.

As a reminder, our Catholic School's Week Open House will take place on Sunday, January 26. All are invited to tour the school



Spend some time with Jesus after the 8:15 Mass on Tuesday through to the next morning before the 6:15 AM Mass. Or join us to pray the holy rosary and chaplet of Divine Mercy beginning at 7:15 PM on Tuesday evenings.

For more information contact Ann Wollaeger at [annwol@icloud.com](mailto:annwol@icloud.com) or 314-420-8050.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Sunday, December 22

Children's Liturgy—9:00 AM Mass

RCIA—9:30 AM

SVDP—10:00 AM RMR

Baptisms—Noon Church

Pageant Practice—2:00 PM Church

### Monday, December 23

No School or PSR

### Tuesday, December 24

Christmas Pageant—4:45 PM Church

Christmas Eve Masses—5:00 & 10:00 PM

### Wednesday, December 25

Christmas Day Masses—8:00 & 10:00 AM

### Thursday, December 26

Parish Office Closed

### Friday, December 27

### Saturday, December 28

Men's Fellowship—8:00 AM RMR

Women's ACTS—7:00 PM CMR

### Sunday, December 29

Children's Liturgy—9:00 AM CMR

RCIA—9:00 AM School

School and PSR resumes on January 5, 2020.

Basketball practices and games are being held in the gym this weekend.



KINDLY SAVE THE DATE  
SATURDAY, JANUARY 25, 2020

• CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE •

PARISH PROGRESSIVE  
**DINNER**



Please contact Lisa Mueller at [lisakramermueller@yahoo.com](mailto:lisakramermueller@yahoo.com) if you would like to host.



**Coming to you in  
January**

**“Come As You Are” to a Small Church Community (SCC) at Holy Redeemer!** We began forming small church communities (SCC) in January 2015 and over sixty people are now active in seven groups. You too can invited to continue creating small groups within our larger parish community. This invitation is open to every parishioner, no matter age or current involvement in the parish.

**Small church communities us connect life and faith.** SCCs are groups of 8-12 parishioners who meet on a mutually agreed schedule. Those meetings are in a format that focuses on Sunday scripture and how it inspires our daily lives. After a fellowship time, the readings for the next Sunday are read and discussed. This provides us an opportunity to learn about each other and our life journeys.

**Why do we need SCCs?** Although there are many life-long members of our parish, there are many more that don't yet have a close connection to Holy Redeemer. We have a very friendly parish, but it is easy to fall between the cracks and not be involved in parish life. In a SCC, you have the opportunity to deepen your prayer life and relationships with other parish members. These groups will strengthen our parish as we share our lives with one another.

**These SCC groups will begin in January. Sign-ups for the program will open in December.** Each participant will be asked to provide the days of the week and times of day which are best suited to their schedule. From there, groups will be organized to begin meeting in January. The meetings will last for about an hour and a half and will be held in parishioner's homes.

Please consider this opportunity to deepen your faith by participating in a SCC. No experience or preparation is necessary – just come as you are.

### **COME AS YOU ARE SIGN-UPS!**

Sing-ups for the program run the first three weeks in December. Sign-up sheets are now available at the church entrances.

# Holy Redeemer Catholic Church Winter Blood Drive

Tuesday, January 14, 2020  
3 – 7 p.m.



Drive will be held in the School Cafeteria  
17 Joy Avenue | Webster Groves, MO 63119

For an appointment, please visit [MercyBloodDonor.net](https://www.MercyBloodDonor.net)

Appointments will be given priority, walk-ins welcome.

For questions or to make an appointment, please contact Carrie at 314-603-6441.

All presenting  
donors will receive a

INFORMATION SHEET

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