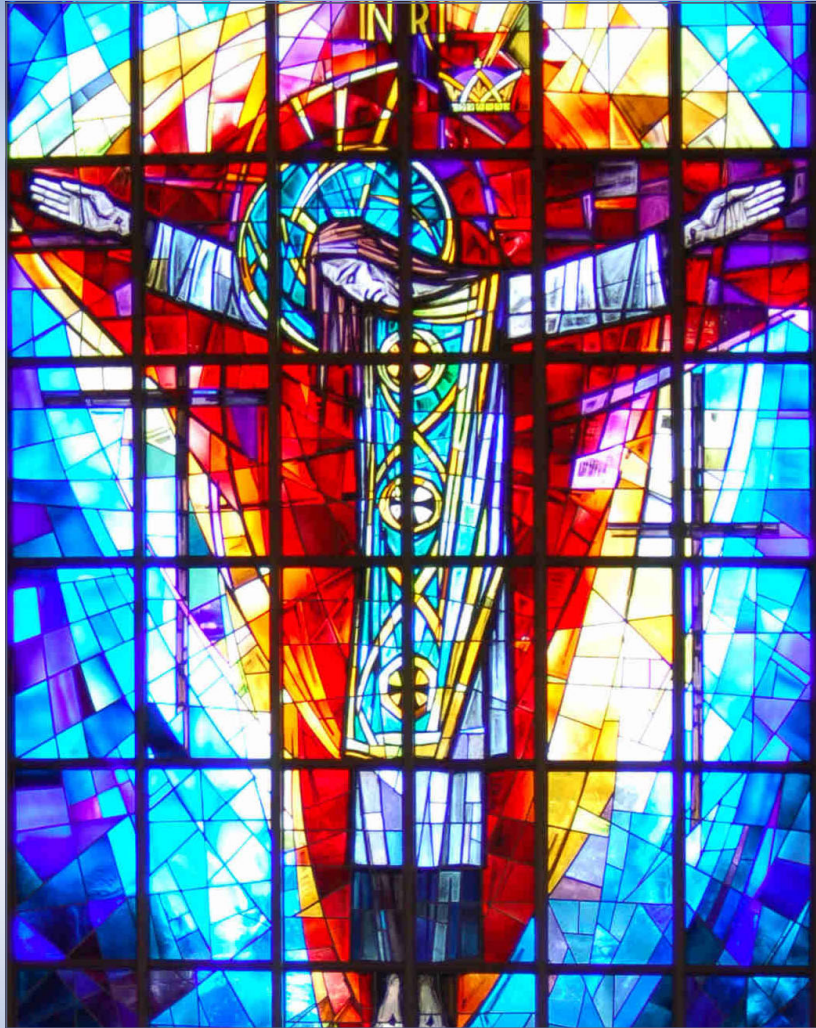


# Holy Redeemer Parish

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.

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

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DEACON: Deacon Stephen L. Murray

December 8, 2019

Second Sunday of Advent

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### MASS INTENTIONS

**Monday, December 9 The Immaculate Conception**

**Genesis 3:9-15, 20 Luke 1:26-38**

6:15 am Lucille Boyer

8:15 am Bunny (Eleanor) Hunt

**Tuesday, December 10**

**Isaiah 40:1-11 Matthew 18:12-14**

6:15 am Thomas J. O'Toole, Jr.

8:15 am Marvin J. Sack

**Wednesday, December 11 St. Damasus I**

**Isaiah 40:25-31 Matthew 11:28-30**

6:15 am Barbara Ring, Special Intention

8:15 am Michael Devanny

**Thursday, December 12 Our Lady of Guadalupe**

**Zechariah 2:14-17 Luke 1:26-38**

6:15 am Parish Purgatorial Society

8:15 am Joseph Hofer **Grades 4-8**

**Friday, December 13 St. Lucy**

**Isaiah 48:17-19 Matthew 11:16-19**

6:15 am Greg Streeter

8:15 am Veronica Furey **All School Mass**

**Saturday, December 14 St. John of the Cross**

**Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11 Matthew 17:9-13**

5:00 pm Joseph Simeone

**Sunday, December 15 Third Sunday of Advent**

**Isaiah 35:1-6 James 5:7-10 Matthew 11:2-11**

7:30 am Lucille Boyer

9:00 am Christopher Fogarty Dinkel

11:00 am Bill l& Teresa Haynes

### MINISTERS FOR DECEMBER 14-15 EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

5:00 pm J. Furey, A. Guenther, M. Shasserre,

M. Werner, T. Malyszko, K. Mank, T. Meyer

7:30 am A. Fusz, E. Fusz, C. Jeep, P. Matteuzzi,

K. Rehmer, D. Tom, S. Tom

9:00 am M. Ziegelman, J. Baum, R. Bischoff,

E. Blumfelder, D. Dahl, C. Devanny, S. Flanigan

11:00 am K. Timpe, J. Cuidon, E. Franke,

T. Gaffney, T. Gerard, K. Hartrich, T. Jeevanjee

### SERVERS

5:00 pm M. Taylor, C. Taylor, G. Taylor

7:30 am Q. Wulkopf, C. Wulkopf, M. Yemm

9:00 am M. Ahlheim, N. Ahlheim, E. Anderson

11:00 am A. Barr, E. Barr, L. Birner,

### LECTORS

5:00 pm Robert Hanson

7:30 am Tracy James

9:00 am David Hercules

11:00 am colleen Dolnick

### DECEMBER NEWS

**Sunday, December 8th** is the Second Sunday of Advent. We will celebrate the **Feast of the Immaculate Conception** on Monday, December 9th. Although a holy day, it is not a holyday of obligation. Masses will be celebrated at our usual times of 6:15 & 8:15 AM.

Our Webster Parishes **Advent Penance Service** will be held on **Monday, December 16 at 7:00 PM**. Multiple priests will be available for confessions.

### LOST AND FOUND

Please check for any items you may have left in church over the past months including gloves, hats, eyeglasses, umbrellas and rosaries. These can be found on the metal shelf to the left of the sink in the church library. Dishes used for Father's meals or other church activities will also be there. All unclaimed items will be removed after Masses on Sunday, December 8, and donated to St. Vincent dePaul.



## PASTOR'S CORNER

For the next three bulletins, I hope to walk with you through Pope Francis' 2015 encyclical *Laudato Si*, literally, Praise to you, my Lord. It is an encyclical about the environment and our need to take care of it. I know what a few of you are thinking, Fr. Kevin has become a tree hugger. Well, sorta.

Here is how I look at the issue. Take a look at your home, your yard, your basement. If someone would leave a barrel of toxic waste on your porch, you would be concerned. You would want to protect your investment, your home, your children. That is all that this is about. We need to be reasonable about our home, the earth. And there are people who are leaving it trashed.

*Nothing in this world is indifferent to us.*

With this line, the Pope walks us through sixty plus years of Catholic teaching. This is not some trendy topic, it is part of a long line of Catholic teaching including Pope John XXIII's *Pacem in Terris*, to Pope Paul VI, to St. John Paul II, to Pope Benedict as they speak about care for our common home. John Paul II wrote: *Authentic human development has a moral character. It presumes full respect for the human person, but it must also be concerned for the world around us and "take into account the nature of each being and of its mutual connection in an ordered system"*.

Pope Francis recognizes that this is not just a Catholic thing, it is a human thing. He writes: *These statements of the Popes echo the reflections of numerous scientists, philosophers, theologians and civic groups, all of which have enriched the Church's thinking on these questions. Outside the Catholic Church, other Churches and Christian communities – and other religions as well – have expressed deep concern and offered valuable reflections on issues which all of us find disturbing.*

The Pope does not suggest that we go back to the Stone Age, but that we find ways to protect our common home which includes a concern to bring the whole human family together to seek a sustainable and integral development, for we know that things can change.

So often when we talk about these topics there seems to be not only a great divide, but there also seems little hope for solutions. Pope Francis does not despair, but he is also realistic. I encourage you to read this encyclical, pray about it, talk about it and ultimately act on it.

Think about the toxic barrel on your porch.

*Father Kevin*

### STS. PETER & PAUL CHRISTMAS DINNER

Please join the party serving Christmas dinner for the homeless and poor at Sts. Peter & Paul Soup kitchen on Friday, December 13, 816 Allen Ave., 63104.

Food preparation begins at 3:30 PM and dinner served from 5-6 PM. This month we only need desserts, due to our special Christmas menu. Donations may be dropped off at 710 Tuxedo Blvd. on the front porch anytime.

For our party, we are collecting hats, gloves, scarves, socks, coats (new or used) and toiletries. Items may be placed in the box in the church library marked Sts. Peter & Paul. Monetary donations may be made payable to Mary Toler with Sts. Peter and Paul in the memo. Questions, call Mary at 314-962-4855.

### WHAT DOES A VINCENTIAN DO?

They seek and serve all in need so that people are inspired to grow closer to God.

### HOW DO THEY DO THAT?

Fortify themselves in prayer

Work together in friendship

Embrace everyone person to person

Seek out resources for our neighbors

Find a way to say YES

Practice listening. Empathy. Compassion, dignity and joy

See the face of Christ in others

### PRAY FOR THE SICK

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

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 Rohlfling, 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

11/24/19 Envelopes	\$ 7,594.00	\$ 16,500.00
Online	<u>\$ 4,146.00</u>	
Total	<u>\$ 11,740.00</u>	<u>\$ 16,500.00</u>
YEAR TO DATE	\$678,256.00	\$820,000.00
12/01/19 Envelopes	\$ 7,419.00	\$ 19,100.00
Online	<u>\$ 7,496.00</u>	
Total	<u>\$ 14,915.00</u>	<u>\$ 19,100.00</u>
YEAR TO DATE	\$693,171.00	\$839,100.00

*"Therefore, every tree does not bear fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire." Matthew 3:10*

Do you bear good fruit for Christ? Or, do you spend your time, talent and treasure constantly acquiring more toys, clutter and junk. Our time, our talent and our treasure are gifts that God has given us. What we do with them is our gift back to God. What gifts are you planning to give to the Lord during this upcoming Christmas season?.

#### *November Collections*

*Retired Religious, November 3—\$1,238.00*  
*Archdiocese for Military Services, Nov. 10—\$517.00*  
*Human Development, November 24—\$609.00*

#### *December Collection*

*Kenrick-Glennon Seminary—December 25*

*Thank you for your support!*

### The Brown Endowment

The Brown Endowment Fund provides for tuition assistance, technology improvements, school improvements and seminars. This is a restricted fund for the school. The total received to date is **\$33,140.00**.

### WINTER CHESS

Regular registration for Winter Chess is now open! Holy Redeemer offers 8 weeks of classes taught by St. Louis Chess Club coaches from January through early March! Details of the dates and times are in the news section of <https://ezrosters.com/stl-holyr/index/php>. Late registration for Winter Chess begins January 10. Register now to avoid late fees! Fees are waived for kids who wish to represent Holy Redeemer in the CYC chess tournaments but who do not wish to attend lessons. For more information, please contact Su-wen Ho, [suwen.ho@gmail.com](mailto:suwen.ho@gmail.com) or 314-495-3088.

### REST IN PEACE

*Phillip Strohl*, father of Jennifer Strohl  
*James W. Ratchford, Jr.*, father of Jim Ratchford

## JOIN A SMALL CHURCH COMMUNITY!

You are invited to continue creating small church communities (SCCs) at Holy Redeemer within our larger community. We began forming SCCs in January 2015 and over sixty people are now active in seven groups. This invitation is open to every parishioner, no matter your age or current involvement in the parish.

Through reading and reflecting on Sunday scriptures, Small Church Communities help ordinary people connect life and faith. SCCs are groups of 8-12 parishioners who meet weekly. The groups develop a sense of community among the participants as we learn about each other and our life journeys.

Sign-ups for the program opened the first week of December and continue for the next two weeks. The groups will begin meeting in January. Groups will be organized based on dates and times convenient to the participants. The meetings will last for about an hour and a half and be held in parishioners' homes.

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

## FR BOB'S CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Each year at this time HR parish lends a helping hand to those less fortunate through Fr. Bob's Christmas Appeal. Please take one or more of the boxes, which have been placed near the entrances to Church and fill them with any non-perishable food items (**PLEASE, NO GLASS CONTAINERS**). Please return the boxes filled with food to the **GARAGE AREA UNDER CHURCH before/after any of the Masses next weekend, DECEMBER 14-15.**

We are in need of drivers with vans, covered pick ups or SUVs next Sunday, December 15, to deliver the filled boxes of food to Bradley Hall, 5017 Maffitt at N. Kingshighway between 12-1 PM.

We are also in need of volunteers to help unload these filled boxes from parishioners' cars approximately 15 minutes before and after all the masses on Saturday & Sunday, December 14-15.

If you have any questions, please contact Jim @ 314-853-7747

## ST PATRICK'S CASSEROLE PROGRAM

Team #3, please pick up your pan and return your spaghetti casserole to the rectory no later than 4:00 PM on Friday, December 13th. Thank you!

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### **Sunday, December 8**

Haiti Pancake Breakfast—Cafeteria  
Children's Liturgy—9:00 AM Mass  
SVDP—10:00 AM RMR  
RCIA—9:30 AM  
Youth Group—Café 7:00 PM

### **Monday, December 9**

Scouts—5:30 PM RMR  
EDGE—6:30 PM CMR  
PSR—6:30 PM  
Confessions—6:30 PM PSR

### **Tuesday, December 10**

Eucharistic Adoration  
Rosary—7:15 PM

### **Wednesday, December 11**

Advent by Candlelight—CMR

### **Thursday, December 12**

Choir Rehearsal—6:15 PM Church

### **Friday, December 13**

Chess—3:15 PM Library  
Scouts—6:00 PM Café

### **Saturday, December 14**

Men's Fellowship—8:00 AM RMR  
Women's ACTS—7:00 PM CMR  
Women's ACTS—9:00 PM CMR

### **Sunday, December 15**

Children's Liturgy—9:00 AM CMR  
RCIA—9:00 AM School  
Mini-Vinny—10:00 AM CMR  
Pageant Practice—2:00 PM Church  
Youth Group—7:00 PM Café

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

## SAVE THE DATE

Mercy Blood Drive on Tuesday, January 14 from 3 to 7:00 PM in the school cafeteria.

## FIAT WOMEN'S GROUP

All women are invited to Kenrick/Glennon Seminary on the third Thursday of the month for prayer and a talk. The next meeting will be on December 19th. The speaker will be Father James Schumer, Vice-Rector for Cardinal Glennon College and Assistant Professor of Sacramental and Liturgical Theology at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary. The Rosary will be prayed at 8 and Fr. Schumer will speak from 8:15—9. Coffee will be offered afterwards in the Fireside Lounge until 9:30 AM. For more information or to watch videos from past Fiat talks, see: [www.kenrick.edu/fiat](http://www.kenrick.edu/fiat)

**Holy Redeemer Children's Christmas Eve Pageant - 2019**

No acting or singing experience necessary...for this fun 15 minute pageant before the 5pm Christmas Eve Mass, singing some favorite Christmas songs.

We have a variety of roles available (shepherds, sheep, angels)

Two mandatory practices: Sunday, December 15th 2-3:15pm and  
Sunday December 22nd 2-3:15pm

We are also recruiting singers for our children's choir during the mass, 1st grade and up.

Two choir practices: Sunday, December 15th 3:15-4:15 pm and  
Sunday, December 22nd 3:15-4:15 pm.

email Rachel Kessler [rachel@kessler.tv](mailto:rachel@kessler.tv) wit your child's name, age, and role preference

**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 cub 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. As you take a minute to reflect on the coming of the Baby Jesus, consider treating our Earth as gently as a baby: care, tenderness and concern for what the future holds. Christmas blessings!

**Coat Donations:**

Whether you have coats that are too small or too many coats, the folks who visit the St. Anthony of Padua food pantry would be grateful for your donation. A loving way to REUSE and share a gift of warmth to our neighbors most in need. Donation boxes can be found at the entrance to the school building or can be dropped off at 215 E. Swon. Thank you for your generosity. God's blessings to you and yours this Christmas Season.

**MUSIC MINISTRY**

It's not too late to join the parish choir for Christmas. There are only two short rehearsals left, which are on Thursdays at 7:15. You do not need to be able to read music and there is no audition. Only a desire to serve God and your parish through song. What a great way to get involved! See Todd for more information.

**ST. VINCENT DEPAUL**

Holy Redeemer SVDP recently helped a Douglas Manor resident in North Webster Groves with his rent and food. He was facing eviction and we advocated for the Neighbor with his landlord. We spent \$600 and spoke to the landlord personally to keep him from being "put out on the street"? We also helped him with an \$80.00 Ameren bill and some food vouchers to Schnucks. Additionally, we suggested new avenues of seeking jobs so he could be self-sustaining. We challenged him to look for and wide and earn more income. We can be a short term help, but our Neighbors must take a path where they help themselves.

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)

## YOUTH GROUP

**LIFETEEN**—Join us this Sunday for Lifeteen from 7-8:30 PM! All high school teens are invited to attend. Lifeteen meets in the cafeteria.

**EDGE:** Our next EDGE Ministry Night of the year is Monday, December 9 from 6:30-7:45 in the Church Meeting Room. All 7th & 8th graders are invited to attend!

**Donuts and Prayer:** All 7th and 8th graders are welcome to join us for donuts and prayer on Wednesday, December 18 from 7:30-8:00 AM in the Church Meeting Room. All are welcome to spend some time in prayer before 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

Two longtime adorers are leaving their 5-6 AM adoration post. If you can take their place on a temporary basis, please text or email Ann Wollaeger, 314-420-8050.



## Advent by Candlelight

7-9:30 p.m. | Wednesday, Dec. 11 | Holy Redeemer Church Meeting Room

Please join the women of the parish for an evening of reflection and fellowship on Wednesday, December 11. In addition to enjoying desserts and the company of friends at randomly assigned, beautifully decorated tables, Maria Rodgers O'Rourke, a popular St. Louis speaker, will present "Gratitude & Grace: Living the Christmas Spirit."

The event is free, but space is limited. Please contact Sarah Andres at [sarahmarieandres@yahoo.com](mailto:sarahmarieandres@yahoo.com) or (314) 956-3101 to reserve your spot.

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