

# 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)

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DEACON: Deacon Stephen L. Murray

May 17, 2020

Sixth Sunday of Easter

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**MASS READINGS & INTENTIONS**

**Monday, May 18**  
Acts 16:11-15 · John 15:26—16:4  
Carroll Maas · Bill and Teresa Haynes

**Tuesday, May 19**  
Acts 16:22-34 · John 16:5-11  
Lemoine and Virginia Skinner

**Wednesday, May 20**  
Acts 17:15, 22—18:1 · John 16:12-15  
Mike Devanny

**Thursday, May 21**  
Acts 1:1-11 · Matt. 28:16-20  
Mike Devanny

**Friday, May 22**  
Acts 18:9-18 · John 16:20-23  
Jeanne Perabo

**Saturday, May 23**  
Acts 18:23-28 · John 16:23-28  
5:00 pm · Louise Portwine

**Sunday, May 24**  
Acts 1:12-14 · 1 Peter 4:13-16  
John 17:1-11  
7:30 · Holy Redeemer Parish  
9:00 · Frank and Lucille Boyer  
11:00 · Michael, Margaret & Jerry L'Ecuyer

Due to the cancellation of Masses and the Stay at Home orders, monies that have come through the mail will be processed at a later date. An updated accounting will be posted as soon as possible.

5/10/20	Actual	Budget
Envelopes	\$ 14,032.00	\$ 16,300.00
Online	\$ 6,509.00	
Other	\$ 100.00	
Total	\$ 20,641.00	\$ 16,300.00
<b>YEAR TO DATE</b>	<b>\$ 317,452.30</b>	<b>\$ 335,800.00</b>

*"For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that be God's will, than for doing evil." 1 Peter 3:17*

The old line says "if you want to make God laugh, tell him your plans". Many of us are diligent in our planning and making sure things are progressing smoothly. Then disaster strikes, we don't get the result that was intended or an unforeseen problem arises. Many times we may respond negatively and ask, "why me? I did everything right!" Here's the thing- adversity humbles and reminds us of our dependence on God and not on our own self-reliance. Rest assured, God has a better plan in store for you.

**Thank you for your support!**

**PRAY FOR OUR SICK**

Catie Barnes	Patrick Fox	Will Schmitt
Toni Berberich	Claire Galli	Alberta Simeone
Kenneth & Henry Burton	Candido Leyson	Mary Slais
Joe Cantalin	Teresita Manubay	Rick Slais
Richard Champion	Johanna Marnatti	Jim & Mary Swift
Torni Corno	Mardel McGuire	Steve Thompson
Jim Cuidon	Ginny Miller	Judie Tucci
Susy Dolan	Betty Mueller	Alice Vogt
Janet Doubek	Bob Nawrocki	Fr. Tim Vowels
Rosemary Dreyer	Will Newman	Patricia Wilhelm
	David Schilli	

Please pray for our deceased and all those written in our book of remembrance.

Mrs. Mary Kofron  
(former parishioner)

*"May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace."*

**Public Masses Resume on May 18th**

May 18 - 22 · Daily at 6:15 am only  
(8:15 am Mass discontinued until further notice)

May 23 · 5:00 pm  
May 24 · 7:30, 9:00 & 11:00 am

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

## PASTOR'S CORNER

On May 8, Archbishop Carlson announced that **public Masses may resume beginning Monday, May 18<sup>th</sup>**. It is up to the individual pastors whether or not to reinstate them. I have chosen to go ahead and begin.

That being said, let me be as straightforward as possible: **the health and welfare of the parishioners of Holy Redeemer is utmost in my mind and heart.** In other words, it cannot, and will not, be business as usual. There will be some rules and regulations for folks to abide. This is not, as some have suggested, a violation of civil rights. That is utter nonsense. There are rules and regulations on our roads to keep people safe. For instance, you cannot drive on the left side of the road, just because "that's how they do it in other countries." I see the sensible rules we will put in place as no different. We are applying the best available scientific and medical information that we have at this time in order to keep people safe. Will it be 100% effective? 100%? Probably not, nothing in life is. The drive to church isn't 100% safe either. But we will do our utmost to keep people healthy.

That being said, if you do not feel comfortable coming, that is fine. **We will still be live-streaming Mass at 9 am on Sunday even after we start public Masses.** If you are a member of a group that may be immuno-compromised, especially if you are 70 or older, I would encourage you to stay and continue worshipping at home.

I like to keep things simple. Here are two very simple mindsets to get into. **First, act as if you are highly contagious.** You might well be. The difficulty with the Covid-19 virus is that many people who are contagious are *asymptomatic*, that is they are not coughing, sneezing, running a fever. In fact, they may feel nothing at all. Covid-19 is a sneaky little bugger, isn't it? **Second, be aware.** Be aware of what you are touching (keep washing your hands whenever you get home with soap and water), try not to touch your face and be aware of your surroundings. Masks should be worn at the times when you have to have some interaction with others, but they are not perfect. As many anti-maskers will tell you, a mask will not protect you from a tiny virus. That's true, but...they will keep you from lobbing large globules and from taking in large globules, which will dramatically cut down the amount of the virus you might take into your system. Be aware of your social distancing. Wash your hands before you come to church. Wash your hands when you get home from church. You may want to bring a small bottle of hand sanitizer with you.

**Social distancing, not touching your face and washing your hands regularly have proven to be the most effective ways of slowing the spread of this disease.** So we want to keep that up. However, I am beginning to feel that people need to get out. We need to balance these two things wisely. Next week, we will have more of the particulars. Until then, remember our two mindsets:

1. I have to act as if I was highly contagious.
2. I am aware of my situation and the people and things around me.

**Father Kevin**



We are pleased to announce Deacon Patrick Waldschmidt will be joining Holy Redeemer as a Permanent Deacon. He was previously assigned to Our Lady of Lourdes parish in University City. Please join us in welcoming Deacon Pat as he begins his service the weekend of June 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>.

## SCHEDULE UPDATES

**Public Masses resume on May 18th.**

**Daily Mass - 6:15 am only**

(8:15 am Mass has been discontinued until further notice)

**Saturday & Sunday - Normal Schedule**

**9:00 am Sunday Mass via Livestream will continue until further notice.**

**Vacation Bible School is canceled.**

**Youth Group postponed until further notice.**

**Adoration - postponed until further notice.**



A big **Thank You** goes to our Holy Redeemer Brown Thumb members and Alumni Garden volunteers:

*Jeanne Samson, Joanne Fogarty, Jamie Hasemeier, Kate Nawrocki, Sue Nordman, Jana Wade, Janey Menner, Mary Smith, Shelly Fiess, Monika Hawkins, Barb Wilmes, Teresa Corby and Ted & Susan Gerard.*

This group has been working diligently this spring, weeding, pruning and planting to prepare the many flower beds around the church. They volunteer numerous hours all throughout the year so we can enjoy the abundant beauty of God's creation. Our parish family appreciates all they do to make our church grounds beautiful!

### **CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE ALLOCATIONS**

The Holy Redeemer CWL distributes all of its earnings each year at the final board meeting, at the end of May. If your organization would like to be considered for an allocation, please send an email request to Tricia Reh, at [tricia.reh@gmail.com](mailto:tricia.reh@gmail.com) or call 314-283-7041.

- Please submit your request by Monday, May 25th.
- Include the amount of your request and how the funds will be used.

We will do our best to distribute the funds equitably. Please understand that this year was a unique one, with the cancellation of one of our Fish Fry events. But, we will do the best with what funds we do have. The CWL appreciates all the ongoing support we receive from the entire parish!

### **GIVE A MEAL A MONTH (GAMAM)**

#### **Non-perishable Food Collection**

Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, 10 am – Noon. // Bring items to Church Garage. //All food is donated to Webster/Rock Hill Ministries.

We will let you know when we are able to bring food to St. Elizabeth, Mother of John the Baptist again.

There is still a great need in our community and your donations are greatly appreciated.

Questions please call Pat (314) 422-6778.

Thank you!



### **St. Louis Friends of Birthright *Virtual* Run for Life and Learning**

Looking for a fun and safe way to support Moms in need? The Friends of Birthright Run for Life and Learning has gone Virtual! To register or donate, visit [run4lifeandlearning.eventbrite.com](http://run4lifeandlearning.eventbrite.com). Complete a Run/Walk distance of your choice (6K, 1 mile, 0.25 mile) individually or with your immediate family anytime between Monday, June 1 and Sunday, June 7. Post your time and/or photo to our Facebook page, or email us, and receive a race t-shirt. Proceeds enable women who are financially stressed by an unplanned pregnancy to continue their education. Please email us at [run4lifeandlearning@gmail.com](mailto:run4lifeandlearning@gmail.com) for sponsorship opportunities.

**Attention Holy Redeemer Parish Volunteers:  
New System for Safe Environment Compliance**

The Archdiocese of St. Louis has developed a new system for safe environment compliance called Prevent and Protect STL. Everyone (clergy, employees and volunteers) ministering to minors and vulnerable adults in the Archdiocese are required and asked to register in the new system. This includes those new to service and those who are currently in service.

For those who already attended a Protecting God's Children workshop, your previous training date will transfer to the new system (if your class date does not transfer in, contact Laurie Medley in the parish office).

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. Go to **[www.preventandprotectstl.org](http://www.preventandprotectstl.org)** to register. **The passcode is stlprotect.**

Please contact Laurie Medley in the parish office ([parishoffice@holyr.org](mailto:parishoffice@holyr.org) or 314-962-0038) with any questions or for further assistance. It only takes about 30 minutes to fully complete all steps required to register and to be in full compliance in the new system.

Some have registered on the site and submitted a background check but have neglected to complete the other requirements. Here are the steps that everyone must complete:

- Register onto the site
- Submit New Background Check
- Complete "Protecting God's Children" training (For those in the old system, your class date should transfer in. If not please call or email and we can fix that)
- Complete "Mandated Reporter" training
- Complete "Code of Conduct" training
- Sign electronically the "Code of Conduct"

**This is a great time to check this off your to-do list. Please call Laurie at the parish office if you have questions. (314) 962-0038.**

**STS. PETER & PAUL SUPPORT**

Sts. Peter & Paul is in need of items to support their emergency shelter.

Wish List items: toiletries, packaged snacks, cookies & chips, new underwear, socks, razors, deodorant, combs, hair brushes, wipes, travel size toothpaste, body soap (travel size), bed sheets (twin size), blankets, towels, laundry soap, Tupperware style containers, coffee, coffee creamer, ziploc style bags.

Donations may be dropped off anytime at 710 Tuxedo Blvd.

Thank you all for your continued generosity and support as we help some of the most vulnerable members of our St. Louis community.

Questions please call Mary Toler at (314) 962-4856

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**

Many of you contribute regularly to St. Vincent de Paul and your generosity is greatly appreciated.

As you can imagine, in these Corona Virus times a lot is changing. SVDP helps those in need right here within the Holy Redeemer boundaries. The person that may need help right now *may be you....may be us*. Many of us have been affected by furloughs, business declines, paycuts, etc. If this has affected your ability to meet your financial obligations, please reach out to SVDP for assistance. All inquiries and discussions are kept confidential. There are two ways to contact SVDP:

- Call the Helpline (314) 289-6101 ext. 2250
- Email to [HRSVDP2@gmail.com](mailto:HRSVDP2@gmail.com)

**HR HAITI COMMITTEE SPONSOR-A-STUDENT PROGRAM**

The HR Haiti Committee has been sponsoring children at St Therese of the Holy Infant Jesus School at our twining parish of St Jean du Sud, Haiti for over 16 years. Last school year HR parishioners and friends gave \$100 per student to pay for tuition and supplies for 170 children. Additional money is needed to allow Sister to purchase needed books and food for the school children. There are about 450 children in the school.

Anyone can be a Sponsor-A-Student donor. Just complete and return the attached form to the rectory or drop in the collection basket when/if we get back to church OR go to [www.holyr.org](http://www.holyr.org) - ON LINE GIVING - Sponsor-A-Student to make your donation online.

We know that many sponsors are having their own financial problems at this point and might not be able to participate at the same level as in the past. We ask that you evaluate your own needs and consider sending the amount you are able, and we will have "co-sponsors" for the children. Our Haiti Committee guarantees Sister that we will sponsor at least 140 students. Please help us meet or exceed that number this year.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call Corky Bahr at 314-961-0230 or email at [hjcfbahr@prodigy.net](mailto:hjcfbahr@prodigy.net). May God Bless you and your family for helping Haiti.

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**SPONSOR-A-STUDENT FOR 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR**

I/We will sponsor \_\_\_\_\_ Student(s) at \$100 per student  
Additional \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for Books/Supplies OR Partial Tuition  
Total Payments of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Check payable to: Holy Redeemer-Haiti

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK RELATIVES AND FRIENDS**

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  
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  
Carol Warren, mother of Ellen Bengel  
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  
Brendan Mahoney, son of Pam & Peter  
Mary Maloney, mother of Katie Mank  
Joan Dailey, mother of Mary Schurk  
Robert & Jean Eis, parents of Susie Zor  
James L. Dubek - father of James

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