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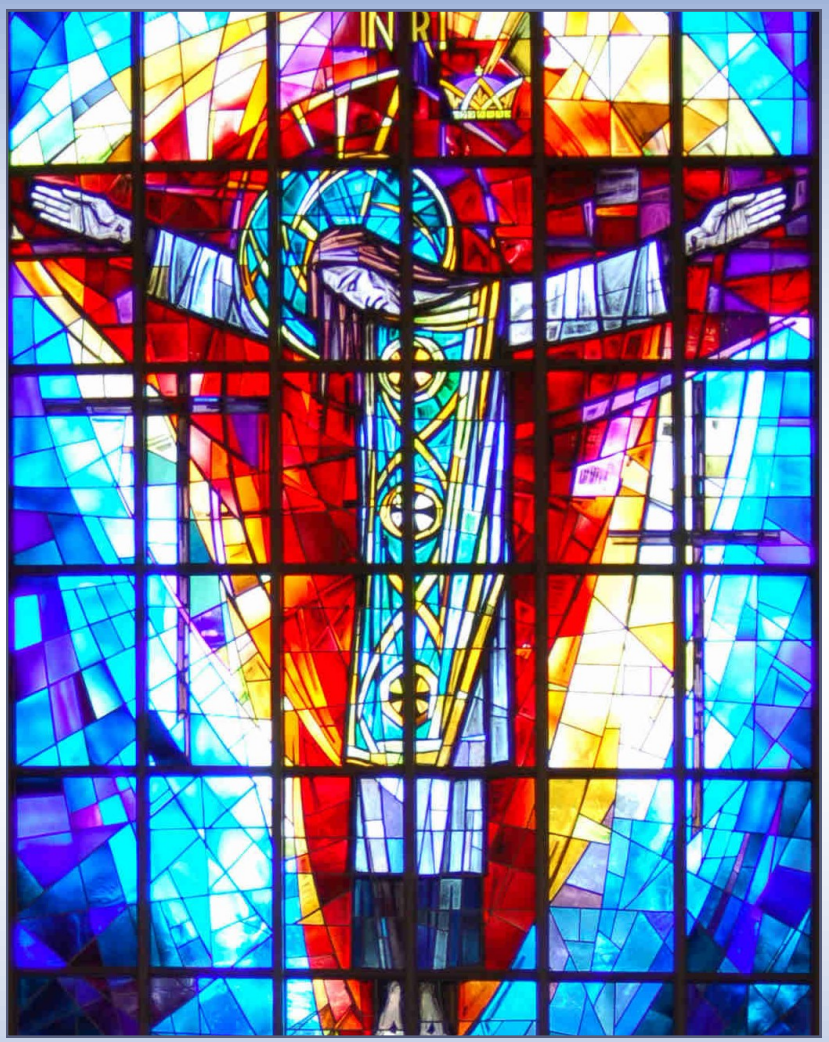

Holy Mass:
Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm
Sunday: 7:30, 9:00 and 11:00 am
Weekday: M-F 6:15 am · 8:15 am

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.

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Mass Readings and Intentions

Monday, December 21
Song of Songs 2:8-14 · Luke 1:39-45
6:15 am: Clair Galli (SI)
8:15 am: Jan Brockland

Tuesday, December 22
1 Samuel 1:24-28 · Luke 1:46-56
6:15 am: Matthew Baumgart
8:15 am: Parish Purgatorial Society

Wednesday, December 23
Malachi 3:1-4,23-24 · Luke 1:57-66
6:15 am: Bonnie Birke
8:15 am: Peg McCarthy

Thursday, December 24
2 Samuel 7:1-5,8b-12,14a · Luke 1:67-79
6:15 am: Regina Randich
8:15 am: Susie Beck
5:00 pm: Bill Hartman, Natalie Schutze-Klaus
10:00 pm: Paul Snyders

Friday, December 25
The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)
Isaiah 9:1-6 · Titus 2:11-14 · Luke 2:1-14
8:00 am: Paul Probst
10:00 am:Francesca & Candido Leyson

Saturday, December 26
Acts 6:8-10;7:54-59 · Mat 10:17-22
5:00 pm: Bill Berberich

Sunday, December 27
Gen 15:1-6,21:1-3
Col 3:12-21 · Luke 2:22-40
7:30 am: People of the Parish
9:00 am: Jim Nash
11:00 am: Francis Heck

Due to an early deadline, this section will be updated next week.

	Actual	Budget
Envelopes	$	22,100.00
Online		
Other		
Total	$	22,100.00
YEAR TO DATE		**$ 765,000.00**

December Special Collections:

Seminary Collection - December 25

"Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you!" – Luke 1:28

After Jesus, we look to Mary as an ideal steward. Her entire life was lived in obedience to God's call. Mary teaches us to live with joy for all we have been given. Just as the moon reflects the light of the sun, Mary reflects the light of Christ. Like Mary, we are called to reflect Christ's light to the world through our gratitude and generosity.

Thank you for your generosity!

PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Catie Barnes
Toni Berberich
Kenneth Burton
Joe Cantalin
Torni Corno
Susy Dolan
Janet Doubek
Rosemary Dreyer
Patrick Fox
Claire Galli
Teresita Manubay
Johanna Marnatti
Mardel McGuire
Patricia Miano
Ginny Miller
Bob Nawrocki
Will Newman
Don Pokorny
David Schilli
Will Schmitt
Alberta Simeone
Mary Slais
Rick Slais
Peggy Smith
Mary Swift
Steve Thompson
Judie Tucci
Alice Vogt
Patricia Wilhelm

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

Is Jesus inviting you to spend some quiet time with Him each week?

We are in need of someone who can attend Eucharistic Adoration every Tuesday: 5:30 - 6:00 pm. Please contact Ann Wollaeger if you can commit to this time slot. annwol@icloud.com or (314) 420-8050.

PASTOR'S CORNER

This Monday night, we will try for *the third time* to have a **joint Penance Service with our neighbors in Webster, Mary, Queen of Peace parish.** Last Advent, when we planned to have the service here at Holy, we had an ice storm. Of course, good Catholics made it out and so we had a smaller version of it. Last Lent, we planned for one at MQP and Covid-19 hit. So it has been awhile since we have had a Webster Penance Service.

We hope to have confessors available and we will have socially distant celebrations of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. A couple of things about this.

This a great opportunity. **Reconciliation** is not just about sin and shame. It is not about hellfire and damnation. **It is, at its roots, about growth and freedom.** The Sacrament is not about making people feel bad about themselves, although confronting the truth will always be somewhat difficult. But if we are honest, **the times we have been confronted with the truth in our lives are the most life-giving, enriching and powerful. They are the time we make quantum leaps in growth. It may make us feel uncomfortable, but the outcomes can be glorious.** I had a spiritual director once who could pinpoint what was happening in my soul with a laser beam insight. **It was unnerving and unpleasant, but it was exactly what I needed.**

Second, **Reconciliation offers us freedom because it gives us the security of confidentiality**. The Seal of Confession is one of the strictest principles we priests live by. We know not to mess around with someone's deepest secrets in relationship with their God. The Seal is rarely broken and if it is, there are harsh and severe consequences. Don't be afraid. Some people wonder what I would think about them if I knew what they did. Would my opinion of them change? I can honestly say that I have never walked away from the confessional thinking the worst about someone. Instead, I am flabbergasted by their honesty and trust. I usually walk away humbled.

Finally, we need someone else to bounce these things off of. (Grammatically incorrect, but you get the point.) We can get trapped in our own little worlds of sin, and **Reconciliation gives us the opportunity to put it out there, see our sin clearly and find the pathway to life.** I explain it to people like going to the doctor or a dentist. We often cannot see the problem or (worse to my mind) may think that things are worse than they really are. The confessional smashes through all of that.

Please consider coming to Church on Monday evening and finding the best preparation for Christmas.

Father Kevin

SCHEDULE UPDATES

Eucharistic Adoration: 12/22 9:00 am - 12/23 6:00 am

Advent Reconciliation Service
(Holy Redeemer & Mary Queen of Peace)
at Holy Redeemer - Monday, December 21st - 7:00 pm

Christmas Eve - Thursday, December 24th
Mass times: 6:15 am · 8:15 am ·
5:00 pm (Livestream) · 10:00 pm (Livestream)

Christmas Day - Friday, December 25th
Mass times: 8:00 am · 10:00 am

New Year's Eve - Thursday, December 31st
Mass times: 6:15 am · 8:15 am

New Year's Day - Friday, January 1st ·
Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God
Mass times: 8:00 am · 10:00 am (Livestream)

Early Bulletin Deadlines for December/January

Sunday, December 27:	Due Wednesday, 12/16
Sunday, January 3:	Due Tuesday, 12/22

Church Office - Holiday Hours:

December 24 & 25:	Closed
December 28 - 30:	8:00 am - 1:00 pm
December 31 & Jan 1:	Closed

Giving Tree Reminder:

We need your gifts dropped off by Sunday, December 20th at Noon. If you have any questions, please call Kathy Plurad (314) 420-6625.

Thank you for your generosity to these vulnerable families, who, like the rest of us, are doing our best during these trying times.

May God Bless you and those you love with a Healthy and Joyous Christmas season!

Bo & Kathy Plurad

Sts Peter & Paul Feeding Program - UPDATE:

Volunteers have been serving meals in person for the past 3 months, but due to rise in covid 19 cases, this has been suspended. A dedicated staff from Peter and Paul will continue to provide hot meals for patrons. Our plan is to continue providing a monthly check to buy food, as well as contributing to Peter and Paul's wish list for supplies, which follows:

Toiletries, packaged snacks, new underwear, socks, razors, deodorant, combs, brushes, wipes, travel size toothpaste, body soap (travel size) twin size sheets, towels, laundry soup, Tupperware containers, coffee, creamer, ziplock bags, packaged cookies and chips. Particular winter clothing needs are new hats, gloves, sweat/shirt pants, blankets, large and extra-large men's coats for distribution at the Meals Hall. Only new items may be accepted at this time.

For those of you wishing to participate, donations may be dropped off at 710 Tuxedo Blvd. on the front porch or monetary donations made out to Mary Toler with Peter & Paul in the memo section.Thank you all for your continued generosity and support as we help some of the most vulnerable members of our St. Louis community.

Mary Toler 314-962-4855

Christmas Light Recycling

Did any of your lights lose their twinkle during the Christmas season?
Keep them from the landfill
and recycle them with the Green Machines!
A collection box can be found outside of the school office and will be there to collect old or broken Christmas lights until mid January.
Thanks for being an Earth Elf!
Happy New Year!

Tis the season of giving!
Follow along as we share some Earth friendly Christmas tips.
You'll find yourself at the top of Santa's "Nice List"!

Tip #3 *Christmas Cards*

Give the Gift of "Reuse"

It's such a delight to get Christmas greetings from friends and family far and wide, especially in this time of Covid distancing. Here's how you can be a good Earth Elf:

Good: Sort the cards and landfill any with foil or sparkles; those cannot be recycled

Better: Be sure those envelopes hit the recycling bin, too!

***Nice List**: With cards sporting winter scenes or Christmas images, cut those down and REUSE or UPCYCLE as gift tags for next year's gifting. *

Tip #4 *Christmas Cheer... and snacking!*

Though our Christmas parties are put on hold in 2020, celebrating the season can still be special with treats and beverages from local spots.

Good: Be sure all glass bottles, aluminum cans, and plastic beverage containers and tubs hit the recycling after they've been rinsed and are dry.

Better: Remember to KEEP FOOD OUT of your recycling! Mixing food with recyclables will contaminate the recycling load.

***Nice List**: Source your party snacks from local merchants. You're guests will be delighted to try new and local fare!

Advent Penance Service: December 21st 7:00 pm

(Holy Redeemer & Mary Queen of Peace)
At Holy Redeemer

Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesday, December 22nd after 8:15 am Mass and continues through Wednesday before the 6:15 am Mass.

HR Rosary & Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 7:15 pm. Prayers will be offered for your intentions as well as for peace in our world.

When you arrive, please sign your name in the Adoration Registry by the communion rail (Mason side), whether you do or do not have a committed time slot. This way we can be assured that all hours are sufficiently attended.

Adorers are needed for all time slots, especially after midnight. **Come by or contact Ann Wollaeger to commit to your hour.** annwol@icloud.com or (314) 420-8050

Minister & Altar Server Assignments

Date	Mass Times	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Servers
Dec 26	5:00 pm	Tory Welling	Katie Mank Teresa Meyer	2 Volunteers
Dec 27	7:30 am	Pat Futhey	Bill Seems Cathy Jeep	2 Volunteers
Dec 27	9:00 am	Jerry Baum	Jerry Baum Diana Dahl	2 Volunteers
Dec 27	11:00 am	Mary Schurk	Theresa Jeevanjee Janey Menner	2 Volunteers

Lifeteen!

Meets tonight, December 20th from 7 - 8:30 pm in the Gym! All high school teens and incoming freshman are encouraged to attend.

HR Haiti Mission Newsletter

Copies of the 2020 annual newsletter from the Holy Redeemer Haiti Committee can be found in the back of church. The newsletter provides an overview of our parish's relationship with the Catholic parish of St. Jean Baptiste in St. Jean du Sud Haiti, our ongoing initiatives in that community, and our spending priorities for the coming year.

St. Vincent De Paul

If you have questions about St. Vincent de Paul or are interested in learning more about our outreach efforts, please email Claudia Perreault at claud14@swbell.net. We encourage any parishioner who has a need or knows of a neighbor in need, to reach out to our hotline for assistance. Our contact number is (314) 289-6101, Mailbox 2250.

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Christmas 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Rejoice! The weeks of Advent waiting are over, and Christ is born!

We rejoice in our Savior's birth—remembering the great gift of faith He has given us through the mystery of His incarnation and the saving power of His death and resurrection.

If you are like me, you have a lot of uncertainty about the coming weeks and months. Because of the pandemic, there are many challenges ahead. But I am sure of one thing, Christ will be with us in the midst of our difficulties. Now is the time for Catholics to step forward, giving generously to help those in need.

Each year, the people of the archdiocese are asked to make a special gift on Christmas Day to support our seminarians at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary. These men are responding to Christ's call to follow Him as they discern a vocation to the holy priesthood and have dedicated themselves to living, growing, and serving in His love as they prepare for a life of parish ministry. God-willing, these men will bring the faith given to us by Christ 2,000 years ago to future generations.

This Christmas, I ask you to pray for vocations and for all our priests and seminarians. I also ask you to be generous in your donation to the Christmas collection at your parish, which helps ensure that our seminarians receive the education and formation they need to grow closer to Christ each day. Your support is a source of inspiration for the seminarians and helps to build up the Church in St. Louis. Together, we can encourage our future priests to walk the path of holiness as they seek to configure their hearts to the Heart of Jesus Christ.

I am blessed to be celebrating my first Christmas with the people of the Archdiocese of St. Louis! I am grateful for the warm welcome I have already received. What a gift it is be part of this community! Please be assured of my prayers for you during the season of Christmas. May the Lord of life come into your hearts and homes in a special way during this holy time of year.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Mitchell T Rozanski

Most Reverend Mitchell T. Rozanski
Archbishop of St. Louis

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK RELATIVES AND FRIENDS

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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 Benge
Rita Hill, sister of Germaine Schlueter
Ken Johnson, friend of Faith & Deeds Fletcher
Joan Martin
Terry Jordan, friend of Marlene Serati
Ann Mank, mother of John
Sarah McCready, aunt of Michelle Mikosz
Margaret Bannister, former School Secretary
Brendan Mahoney, son of Pam & Peter
Mary Maloney, mother of Katie Mank
Joan Dailey, mother of Mary Schurk
Jean Eis, mother of Suzie Zor
James L. Dubek - father of James
Anne Radovich - mother of Phyllis Hartrich
Kathy Probst - sister-in-law of Paul & JoAnne Probst
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