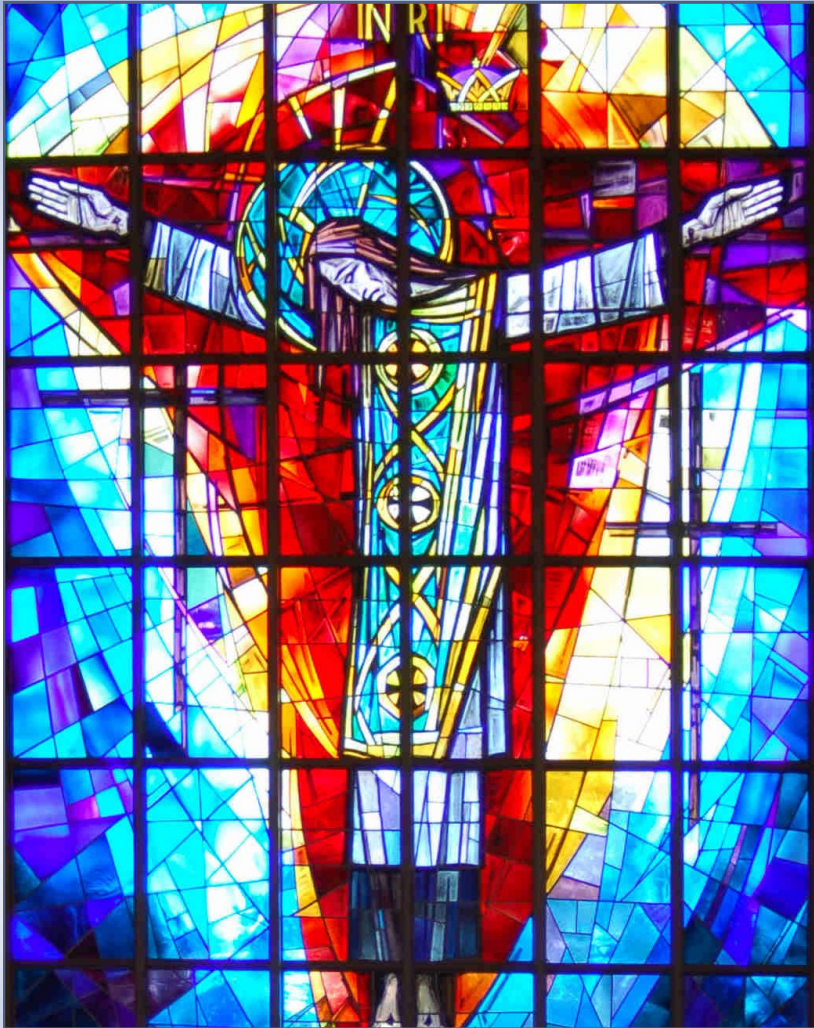


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**Holy Mass:**

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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In Residence:	Reverend Jim French
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Deacon:	Stephen L. Murray, M.A.

December 27, 2020

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, & Joseph

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Mass Readings and Intentions

Monday, December 28

1 John 1:5-2:2 · Mat 2:13-18

6:15 am: Peg McCarthy

8:15 am: Frank & Lucille Boyer

Tuesday, December 29

1 John 2:3-11 · Luke 2:22-35

6:15 am: Paul Probst

8:15 am: Joe Meyer

Wednesday, December 30

1 John 2:12-17 · Luke 2:36-40

6:15 am: Matthew Baumgart

8:15 am: John & Leola Vogt

Thursday, December 31

1 John 2:18-21 · John 1:1-18

6:15 am: Michael Tschudin

8:15 am: Parish Purgatorial Society

Friday, January 1

Mary The Mother of God

Num 6:22-27 · Gal 4:4-7 · Luke 2:16-21

8:00 am: Regina Randich

10:00 am: Peg McCarthy

Saturday, January 2

1 John 2:22-28 · John 1:19-28

5:00 pm: Robert Eis

Sunday, January 3

The Epiphany of the Lord

Isaiah 60:1-6 · Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 · Mat 2:1-12

7:30 am: People of the Parish,

Frank & Lucille Boyer

9:00 am: Maryann Sexton,

Candido & Francesca Leyson

11:00 am: Paul Probst

Your Gifts to God & Parish

12/13/20	Actual	Budget
Envelopes	\$ 10,127.00	\$ 22,100.00
Online	\$ 6,407.00	
Other	\$ 3,048.96	
Total	\$ 19,582.96	\$ 22,100.00
YEAR TO DATE	\$ 748,275.86	\$ 787,100.00

January Special Collections:

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*"...as the Lord has forgiven you, so you must forgive."
COLOSSIANS 3:13*

Forgiving is one of the hardest things for people to do. We can't give what we don't have. We need to receive God's mercy and forgiveness first before we can give it to others. Go to the sacrament of Reconciliation and receive God's mercy and forgiveness. Then, share give the gift of forgiveness with someone – a family member, a friend or a co-worker. Pick up the phone or text someone right now.

"Thank you for your generosity!"

PRAY FOR OUR SICK

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

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



Eucharistic Adoration **Tuesday, December 29th** after 8:15 am Mass and continues through Wednesday before the 6:15 am Mass.

Adorers are needed. Please contact Ann Wollaege to reserve your hour.
annwol@icloud.com or (314) 420-8050.



PASTOR'S CORNER

Well, 2020 was not quite the year we thought it would be, was it?

Let me begin by saying that if you lost a loved one this past year, and especially if you lost a loved one due to the virus, it was a tragic year. I know about a dozen people who died this year because of Covid-19. It is true that many of them were in rough shape already, and many of them may not have made it through the year even if the pandemic never happened. But the coronavirus certainly sped the process along. I will keep many of those people in my heart, especially a couple of my brother priests and former parishioners. *Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.*

This was also a tough year for many people financially. Many people lost jobs due to shutdowns across our country. I feel especially for the people in the restaurant business, travel industry and the life whose year was filled with uncertainty and hardship.

It was a hard year for our children. We take so much for granted, especially our schools. When they were shut down parents became tutors, teachers worked virtually and I became a televangelist. (Don't worry, I still pronounce "Jesus" with only two syllables.) **I have to admit that I am proud of our administration, staff, faculty and students here at Holy for adapting so brilliantly throughout this semester.** As of this writing, we have done pretty well keeping everyone well during the pandemic. We have had in person services at church since late May and in person education since August with little or no dis-

ruption. It is one of the great successes of the year that we have been able to continue. I worried that our kids might have issues with not seeing their friends and that they may fall behind in their studies. **I think because of the hard work of a lot of people Holy Redeemer has weathered that storm pretty well.**

Oh, and there was an election.

A lot of people ask me how I have been faring over the past year. Like most people I long to get back to normal. I enjoy going out to restaurants. I like traveling. I like going to baseball games. I enjoy catching a flick in a theatre. (Online streaming is OK, but I am "old-school" when it comes to movies.) I like visiting people in their houses. And as I have said many times, I was not cut out to "Zoom." Ugh! So like everyone else, I miss all that. Beyond that, I had a pretty good year. I stayed healthy. I got exercise. I focused on prayer. Did some reading (not as much as I would like.) Tried to keep Holy Redeemer Parish going (with the help of a lot of folks). **To be honest, we survived 2020 and things are looking up in 2021.**

And that is my prayer. That despite the tragedy and loss, despite the difficulty and challenge, despite the disruption and disorder, we can still look to the future, to the New Year, with courage, resilience and hope.

May God Bless you in 2021.

Father Kevin

SCHEDULE UPDATES

Eucharistic Adoration: 12/29 9:00 am - 12/30 6:00 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)

Church Office - Holiday Hours:

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



Inside Creche

We now have a brand new sturdily built creche for our sanctuary at Holy Redeemer. It was built by Erik Anderson, as his Eagle Scout Project. Design and work was accomplished by Erik and his father, Jerry, this summer.

Several other men from the parish were also involved in financing, design plans and muscle to accomplish it. Thanks to all who worked on it, but most especially to Erik. It is beautiful and will be much appreciated by us all for years to come.

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 soap, 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. Your guests will be delighted to try new and local fare!




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.

Sponsor-a-Student Update

Previously, the Haiti Committee announced that our parish's generous 2020 offering would enable us to support over 200 students at *St. Therese of the Infant Jesus School* in St. Jean du Sud during the 2020-2021 school year. Unfortunately, a dramatic devaluation of the US dollar relative to the Haitian gourde in early October reduced the dollar's purchasing power by nearly 50% - almost overnight. While this may be good for people who hold their savings in gourdes, it is really bad for initiatives funded with US dollars. Due to the devaluation, the principal at St. Therese school indicated that she would not be able to sponsor additional students, but committed to maintaining the number of sponsored students at 170 for the coming school year.



THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

DECEMBER 27, 2020

*Simeon said,
“Now, Master, you may
let your servant go in peace,
according to your word,
for my eyes have
seen your salvation.”*

Luke 2:29-30

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Minister & Altar Server Assignments

Date	Mass Times	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Servers
Jan 2	5:00 pm	Bob Hanson	Katie Mank Claudia Perrault	2 Volunteers
Jan 3	7:30 am	Cathy Jeep	Kathy Rehmer	2 Volunteers
Jan 3	9:00 am	Tricia Reh	Jerry Baum	2 Volunteers
Jan 3	11:00 am	Colleen Dolnick	Terri Gaffney Janey Menner	2 Volunteers

Lifeteen!

No Lifeteen tonight. See you on January 10th!

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 to 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,

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
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 Frank Rohlfig, 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 Bengé
 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
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