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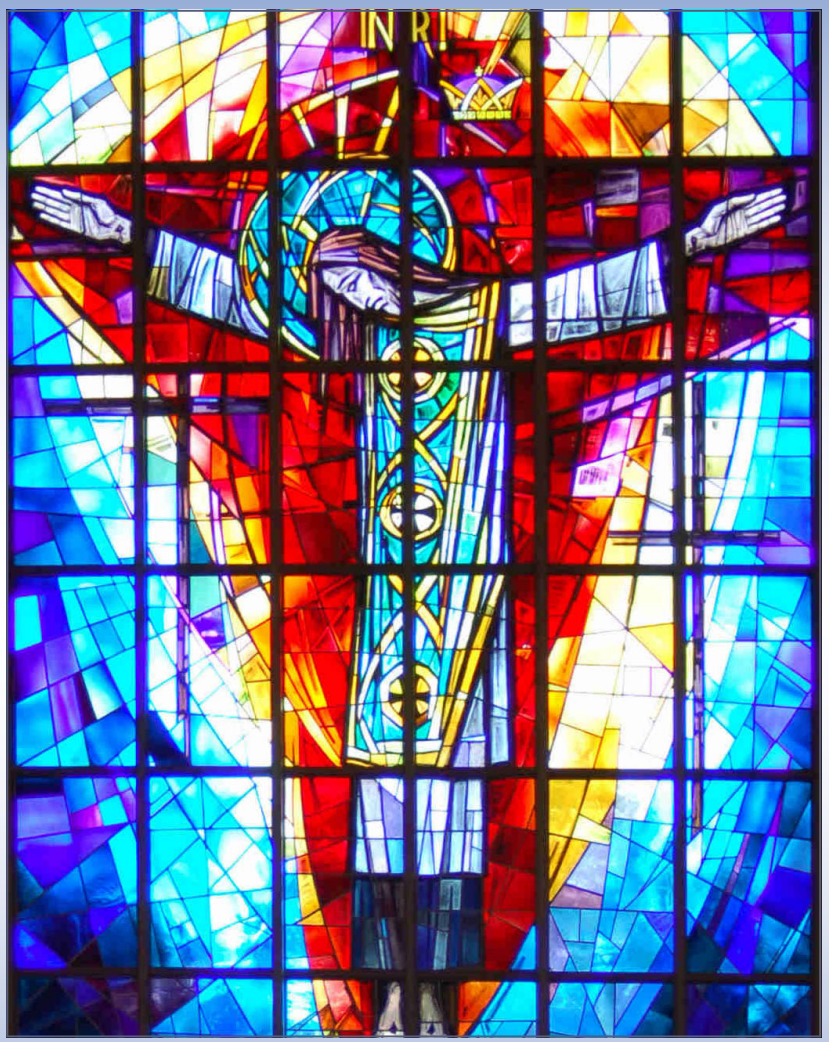

Holy Mass:
Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm
Sunday: 7:30, 9:00 and 11:00 am
Weekday: M-F 6:15 am · 8:15 am

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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Pastor:	Reverend Kevin Schmittgens
In Residence:	Reverend Jim French
Deacon:	Patrick Waldschmidt
Deacon:	Stephen L. Murray, M.A.

January 10, 2021 **The Baptism of the Lord**

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Mass Readings and Intentions

Monday, January 11
Heb 1:1-6 Mark 1:14-20
6:15 am: Paul Probst
8:15 am: Thomas Prindiville

Tuesday, January 12
Heb 2:5-12 Mark 1:21-28
6:15 am: Bob Craddock
8:15 am: Barbara Moran

Wednesday, January 13
Heb 2:14-18 Mark 1:29-39
6:15 am: John Family
8:15 am: Paul & Barbara Rung (SI)

Thursday, January 14
Heb 3:7-14 Mark 1:40-45
6:15 am: Paul Snyders
8:15 am: David Hepler

Friday, January 15
Heb 4:1-5:11 Mark 2:1-12
6:15 am: Parish Purgatorial Society
8:15 am: Morgan A. Casey Family (SI)

Saturday, January 16
Heb 4:12-16 Mark 2:13-17
5:00 pm: Michael, Margaret & Jerry L'Ecuyer

Sunday, January 17
1 Sam 3:3b-10,19 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20
John 1:35-42
7:30 am: People of the Parish,
9:00 am: Frank & Lucille Boyer
11:00 am: Barbara Rudder

Your Gifts to God & Parish

12/25/20 12/27/20		Actual	Budget
	Envelopes	$ 22,531.00	$ 22,100.00
	Online	$ 5,708.00	
	Other	$ 4,140.00	
	Total	$ 32,379.00	$ 22,100.00
YEAR TO DATE		**$ 797,157.86**	**$ 831,300.00**

1/03/21		Actual	Budget
	Envelopes	$ 1,976.00	$ 14,280.00
	Online	$ 7,647.00	
	Other	$ 0,000.00	
	Total	$ 9,623.00	$ 14,280.00
YEAR TO DATE		**$ 9,623.00**	**$ 16,800.00**

Thank You for Your Generosity!

PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Catie Barnes
Kenneth Burton
Joe Cantalin
Torni Corno
Susy Dolan
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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.

Rest in Peace

Antoinette Berberich

Mary Ann Ferrara
Wife of Paul Ferrara

Mary Slais

May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the Mercy of God, Rest in Peace.

PASTOR'S CORNER

"We have never seen anything like this before."

I recently watched a podcast about Covid-19 and the vaccines that have been developed to fight it. The scientist who presented it, a virologist from Vanderbilt University, was very blunt about this virus strain. The world had never seen anything quite like this before. (Even during the so-called Spanish Flu of 1919). **Here are some of my thoughts about what is happening:**

1. There is no secret that when we have a holiday, the infection rate spikes. The Fourth of July, Thanksgiving and now Christmas and New Years have all caused upticks in viral infections. The worst offender, as far as St. Louis County was concerned, was Halloween. The positivity rate was 10.4 on All Saints' Day and then it jumped to 21.9 just two weeks later. **Human nature being what it is, this makes sense.** We had been distant since March (St. Patrick's Day was a wash.) and so people wanted to get together. (Not saying it is right, just that, it is what it is.)

2. We will be wearing masks for a while. If you are an anti-masker (and you really shouldn't be), I got some bad news for you: masking is not going away with the advent of vaccines. Someone could be vaccinated and still be able to spread the virus. So, don't throw away your masks quite yet. **We will also be livestreaming long into the future,** possible from now on.

3. **I am going to get the vaccine as soon as it is available to me**. There is a notion that this vaccine has been rushed into development and therefore it may be unsafe. This is not true. **Scientists have been working on this for a long time.** They have known that coronaviruses exist and may be a problem for years. After SARS-CoV -2 was discovered, it was only three days until they were able to figure out how to stop it. It was then that the development and blind test of the vaccines were begun. Normally a 60% effectiveness rate would be great. The new vaccines have a 95% effectiveness rate.

And, in case you are wondering, the **Church has given its OK to the vaccine.**

Finally, it is important to discern what God is saying to us in the midst of all of this. I do not take gathering for Mass for granted anymore. Our senior citizens and those with pre-existing conditions have become more precious to me. I think I enjoy our school students more. I am awed by doctors, nurses, scientists and researchers, teachers and first responders. And most of all, SARS-CoV-2 has taught me to appreciate the gift of life. I said it before and I will saying it again, if this hasn't changed you, if you have not learned anything, if your attitude hasn't been altered, you are doing it all wrong.

Father Kevin

SCHEDULE UPDATE

- **Eucharistic Adoration:**
  Jan 12 · 9:00 am - Jan 13 · 6:00 am
- **Lifeteen:**
  Meets tonight, January 10th
  7 - 8:30 pm in the gym.
- **9:00 am Sunday**
  Mass via Livestream

ST PATRICK'S

CASSEROLE PROGRAM

Team #1

Please pick up your pan and return your spaghetti casserole to the rectory no later than:
3:00 PM - Thursday, January 14th.

Thank you!

A majority of women choose abortion due to financial hardship, lack of practical resources, and lack of emotional and spiritual support.

Since 1986, the archdiocesan Lifeline Coalition campaign has helped to "change the odds" by meeting these needs for more than 10,000 women in our community each year facing crisis or unplanned pregnancies.

Your generous gift to this campaign will provide women and families the concrete means to choose Life. All funds are distributed through the Respect Life Apostolate directly to the area Birthright agencies, Our Lady's Inn, Good Shepherd Children and Family Services, and the Blessed Teresa of Calcutta Fund, created by Archbishop Carlson. **The St. Louis community has contributed more than $2 million in gifts of support to the LifeLine Coalition agencies for three decades, which has changed the odds for over 200,000 mothers and their babies.**

Ways you can help with a gift:

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2021 Roe v. Wade Memorial Mass

Saturday, January 16, Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis (in-person and live-streamed)

Join the Respect Life Apostolate for the **Archdiocese of St. Louis Roe v. Wade Memorial Mass** celebrated by *Archbishop Mitchell T. Rozanski* on **Saturday, January 16 at 10 a.m. at the Cathedral Basilica.**

Mass will include the *Pro-Life Generation Memorial* and the *LifeLine Coalition collection*, which benefits over 10,000 local women and families annually. The Rosary and Benediction will follow Mass, which marks the 48th anniversary of the Roe v. Wade Supreme Court decision which legalized abortion on Jan. 22, 1973.

Lector, Minister & Altar Server Assignments

Date	Mass Times	Lector	Extraordinary Ministers	Altar Servers
Jan 16	5:00 pm	Susan Darcy	Claudia Perrault	2 Volunteers
Jan 17	7:30 am	Paul Vogt	Mark Abad	2 Volunteers
Jan 17	9:00 am	Jerry Baum	Rick Bischoff	2 Volunteers
Jan 17	11:00 am	Alix O'Brien	Susanne Doran	2 Volunteers

Lifeteen!

Lifeteen meets tonight from 7 - 8:30 pm in the gym! All high school teens are encouraged to attend.

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.

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

Come Pray with Us

Eucharistic Adoration **Tuesday, January 12th**
after 8:15 am Mass and continues through Wednesday
before the 6:15 am Mass

Our Tuesday ***HR Rosary & Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 7:15 pm*** *will continue indefinitely. 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. (Jesus, when exposed on the altar, may never be left unattended.)

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

2021 MARCH FOR LIFE in Washington, DC

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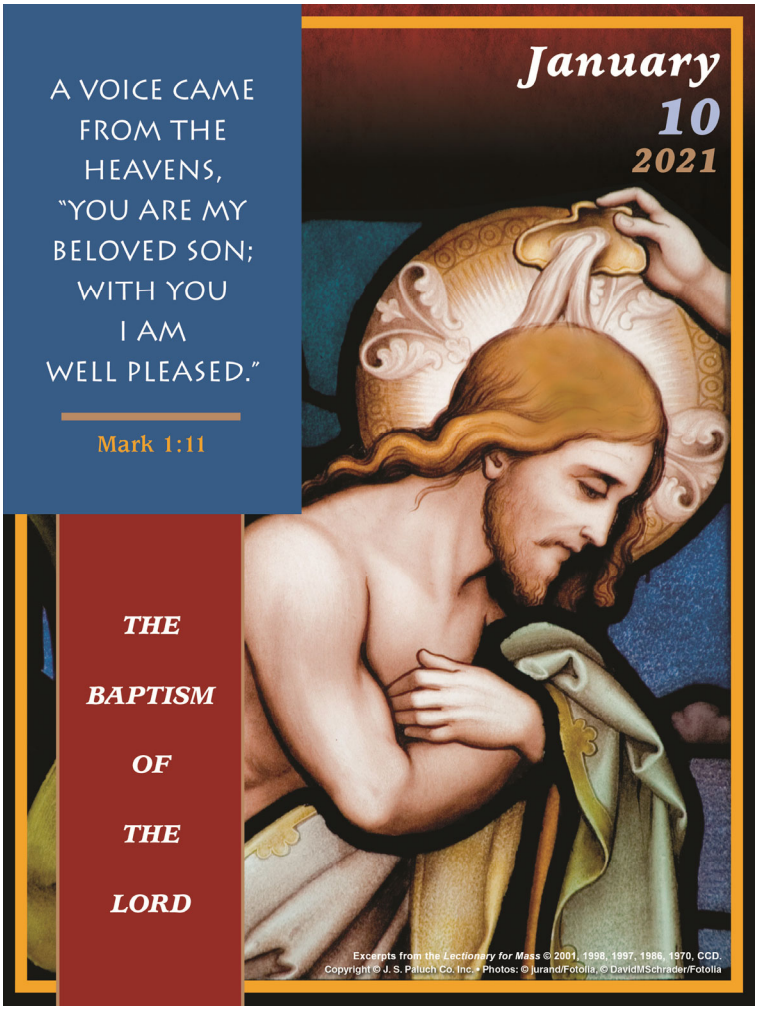

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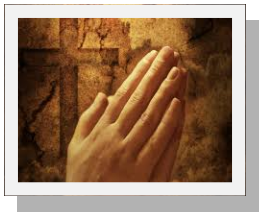
HR Haiti Mission Newsletter

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.



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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
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
Jim Siebel, brother-in-law of Barbara Oates
Pat Geiss, mother of Tim Geiss
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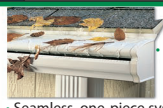
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