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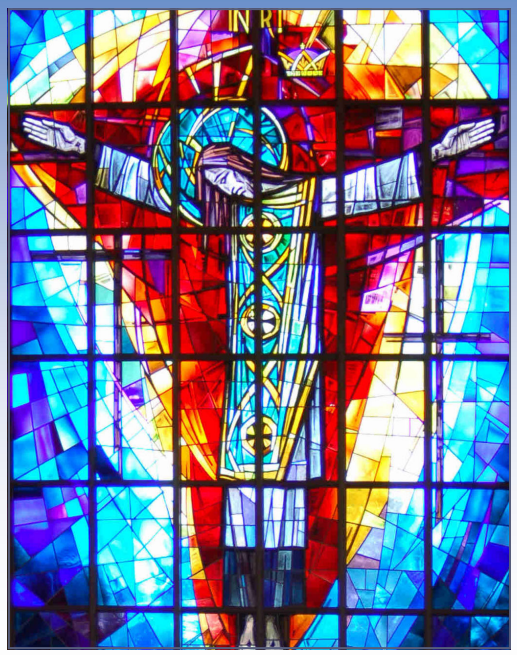

Holy Mass:
Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm
Sunday: 7:30, 9:00 and 11:00 am
Weekday: M-F 6:15 am · 8:15 am

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.

Rectory/Office: 314-962-0038

Website: www.holyr.org

Pastor: Reverend Kevin Schmittgens
Deacon: Patrick Waldschmidt
Deacon: Stephen L. Murray, M.A.

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February 13, 2022 — **Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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Mass Readings and Intentions

Monday, February 14, 2022
Sts. Cyril, Monk & Methodius
James 1:1-11 Mark 8:11-13
6:15 am: Liz Bramlet
8:15 am: James & Florence Downey

Tuesday, February 15
James 1:12-18 Mark 8:14-21
6:15 am: Charles R. Schrank, Sr.
8:15 am: Jack Perlongo

Wednesday, February 16
James 1:19-27 Mark 8:22-26
6:15 am: Thomas F. Aleto
8:15 am: Jim Christy

Thursday, February 17
Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order
James 2:1-9 Mark 8:27-33
6:15 am: Parish Purgatorial Society
8:15 am: Frank & Lucille Boyer

Friday, February 18
James 2:14-24, 26 Mark 8:34 — 9:1
6:15 am: William Randolph Allen
8:15 am: Stephen Werner

Saturday, February 19
James 3:1-10 Mark 9:2-13
5:00 pm: Terry Alvino

Sunday, February 20
Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
1 Sam 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23
1 Cor 15:45-49 Luke 6:27-38
7:30 am People of the Parish
9:00 am Mark Sexton
11:00 am Frank & Lucille Boyer

Your Gifts to God and Parish.
Thank you for your generosity!

2/06/22		Actual		Budget
	Envelopes	$ 12,952	$	15,450
	Online	$ 6,031		
	Total	$ 18,983	$	15,450
YEAR TO DATE		**$ 82,894**	**$**	**117,450**

"Blessed are you when people hate you,…exclude and insult you, and denounce your name…on account of the Son of Man." (LUKE 6:22)

All of us have been in situations when someone has made a negative comment or joke about God or our Catholic faith. How did you respond? Did you stay silent or pretend to go along with the crowd because you didn't want to cause waves and then, later, you felt bad? Know that God is with you all the time; the Holy Spirit will put the right words in your mouth. Pray for the strength and courage to proclaim our faith to others, especially during uncomfortable situations.

PRAY FOR OUR SICK

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Salvatore Colletti
Torni Corno
Susy Dolan
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Rosemary Dreyer
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Teresita Manubay
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Mardel McGuire
Ginny Miller
Bob Nawrocki
Will Newman
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PASTOR'S CORNER

Bit by Bit,
Putting it Together

I had a great insight during Snowmaggeddon last week. No one should be able to run for President of the United States without first showing that they can put a 1000 piece jigsaw puzzle together. They can have four days to do it (I did it in two and a half) and we will feed them. (I am not a monster.) Nevertheless, they have to do it by themselves and… they have to finish it.

A friend of mine (she still is) gave me a 1000 piece puzzle, just in time for being trapped in my rectory for a few days. When I started it, dumping out a jumble of pieces on a card table, I questioned whether this was a productive endeavor. When you see that mess of pieces, it makes you want to just go up and take a nap. But as I went on, the puzzle became a seminar on problem solving and leadership skills. (Don't worry, I did it by myself.) Here's what I learned.

1. Beginning is a commitment. When you open a jigsaw puzzle box, you better be dedicated to finish it or you are lost. Without that commitment the puzzle, and a bit of your self-worth is gone.

2. Start with what you know. My particular puzzle was covers of Playbill theatre productions. This gave me the plan of starting with similar colored pieces. Within minutes, I had put a whole section together and I knew I could make it through. A good idea to get you going is to set aside the side pieces so that you can get a good framework from which to start.

3. Celebrate small victories. There is a rush of dopamine you get when a piece fits together with another piece. Finishing a section, or finding a piece that fits into a particular way feels great and often gives you the drive to keep going.

4. Don't forget about the big picture. My puzzle was relatively easy because I could see where different covers fit into the whole schema. Hairspray, Come From Away and Mean Girls (all titles of shows) were at the top. Frozen, Waitress, Hamilton and Tootsie were at the bottom. Eventually I had to see how each individual part fit into the whole frame. It was gratifying when different parts fit together.

5. Don't force it. There were a couple of times when I would set a piece, but it didn't feel right and although it seemed OK, it was off ever so slightly. In general when you have to force a piece into the puzzle, that piece is in the wrong place. There was one time when the piece was so close and it only looks a bit off, but there was something that told me that it wasn't right. I took it apart and (after a 15 minute search) found the precise piece. And learned a great lesson.

6. You may need to change tactics along the way. Just seeing the color of pieces served me well for about 60% of the puzzle. Then I hit a point where ALL THE PIECES LOOKED THE SAME. That was a problem. So I arranged the remaining pieces and assigned them a number from 0 to 4. Pieces with no protrusions (a bump out) were 0, then 1, 2, 3 and 4. This narrowed the number of pieces I needed to look through to fit into the puzzle. Sometimes I needed to guess, but that often worked well. In other words, I had to change my method in order to complete the puzzle. Any great leader understands this principle.

7. Frustration is a part of any process. With almost any puzzle, you will hit some stumbling blocks, some seemingly insurmountable problems. The middle part of my puzzle (Rent, Hadestown, Moulin Rouge and the Cher Show) was all dark and muddled. The clear bright easy pieces of Mama Mia and Tootsie gave way to shadowy and opaque tones. It was difficult. This was going to take longer than I had hoped. I handled my frustration in two ways. I would work on those parts a bit at a time. I didn't ignore them, but I would walk away from them every now and then. When I would return I would gaze at them with a bit more purpose, noticing some of the subtle nuances of their tints. With one frame I need to see it in the total context of the whole puzzle. Once I did that, it was easy. In every problem, you need to manage your frustrations.

8. Flow is heavenly. There is a reason why puzzles, Lego models and the like, are addictive, they often lead us into what is called "Flow." That term was coined by the Russian psychologist Mihaly Csikszentmihalyi (I'd like to buy a vowel.). It is a state of hyper-focus, intense concentration on the present moment and a loss of reflective self-consciousness. Time becomes altered. It is a great feeling. (At times, I feel that in golf.) It is great, every so often, to get lost in an activity, to get sucked into the vortex of something positive and rewarding. I felt that as I was working on my puzzle. That feeling might just be what heaven is like.

9. Success needs to be shared. When I finished, I put my work up on the internet. I realize that I accomplished something that the average twelve year old could do, but it was important to me to share my work. Why? Because success builds on success. So the next time I run into a problem, the next time I cannot find the right piece, the next time things don't fit together, I can look back to what I did during the Snowstorm of 2022 and remember that I can and will get through it and I can make something good.

Bit by bit.

Father Kevin

Lector, Minister & Altar Server Assignments

Date	Mass Times	Lector	Extraordinary Ministers	Altar Servers
Feb 19	5:00 pm	Jerry Jones	Sue Darcy Mike Darcy	2 Volunteers
Feb 20	7:30 am	Tracy James	Ann Fusz Ellen Fusz	2 Volunteers
Feb 20	9:00 am	David Hercules	Tony Miano Pat Miano	2 Volunteers
Feb 20	11:00 am	Mary Schurk	Janey Menner Pamela Mahoney	2 Volunteers

A Holy Hour helps the one in the world in most need of God's Mercy (St. John Paul II)

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Join us every Tuesday.

Adoration begins at 9:00 am Tuesday and continues through Wednesday before the 6:15 am Mass.

Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy - 7:15 p

Special Note: Glenn Fox is replacing Ann Wollaeger as our new Eucharistic Adoration Chairman.

Many thanks to Ann for her years of service in helping to coordinate and promote Eucharistic Adoration in our parish.

Please contact Glenn if you need to make changes to your scheduled time, or if you would like to commit to an hour of Adoration each week.

Glenn Fox: (314) 803-9292
or office@familydoctorscare.com

FIAT Women's Group - You Are Invited!

All women are invited for prayer and a talk presented by a Kenrick-Glennon Seminary faculty member on the third Thursday of each month. The next session will take place on February 17, beginning with the rosary at 8:00 a.m. and followed by a talk presented by Fr. Paul Hoesing, Vice-Rector for Formation . To receive updates about this and other Fiat Women's Group events, visit kenrick.edu/fiat.

ST PATRICK'S CASSEROLE PROGRAM

Team #2

Please pick up your pan and return your spaghetti casserole to the rectory no later than:

3:00 PM
Thursday, February 17th

Thank you!

Lifeteen!

No Lifeteen tonight. See you next week.

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Survey Opens Wednesday, March 2nd!

We are very excited to announce that we will be participating in a parish-wide survey about discipleship conducted by the Catholic Leadership Institute, a non-profit Catholic apostolate that does leadership training and development.

We want as many parishioners as possible to complete **a 10-15 minute survey.** **The survey will only be available from Ash Wednesday, March 2nd - April 4th, and will ask you to reflect on your own spiritual growth and enable you to provide feedback on what our parish is doing to help you grow.** It will be available online and in paper format with more instructions to follow. All responses will be confidential and the parish will only receive information about the community as whole.

The survey results will be invaluable to our parish as we seek ways to best support everyone in their discipleship journey. **For more information please visit our website at www.holyr.org, or go to allthingsnew@archstl.org and sign up for newsletter updates.**

We look forward to sharing the findings with you when the project is complete!

Thank you for helping with this important project!

AN INVITATION

Wednesday, February 23rd
7:00 until 8:00 p.m.

Father Chris Martin
Vicar for Strategic Planning
will preside and preach.

PLEASE JOIN US
for an hour of
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
praying for **"All Things New"**
and participation in the
Disciple Maker Index commencing on
Ash Wednesday.

Church of the Annunziata
9305 Clayton Road

Schedule Notes:

- Eucharistic Adoration each Tuesday, beginning at 9:00 am
  Rosary & Chaplet at 7:15 pm
- No LifeTeen tonight. See you next week!

You Are Invited - Sts. Peter & Paul

Please join us Friday February 18 at Sts. Peter and Paul Soup kitchen in Soulard: 816 Allen Ave. We will be serving chili and grilled cheese. Desserts are needed. We will begin food preparation at 3:30 pm and serve dinner from 5 pm - 6 pm. Come anytime and all ages are welcome!

Donations may be dropped off at 710 Tuxedo Blvd on front porch. Monetary donations may be made payable to Mary Toler with Sts. Peter and Paul in memo section. Thank you for your support of the feeding program. **Call Mary Toler 314-962-4855 for questions.**

St. Vincent DePaul Society:

Our parishioners have truly been messengers of God through the generosity and compassion you show to our neighbors in need. Your gifts have enabled us to assist families with rent, food, utilities, transportation, and medical needs. An important side benefit is the hope and comfort your support provides. If you have any questions about St. Vincent de Paul or are interested in learning more about our outreach efforts, or if you know someone who needs assistance, please email Claudia Perreault at claud14@swbell.net.

The HR Men's Club is sponsoring a Jesuit White House Retreat on Thursday evening thru Sunday, on March 10 thru 13, 2022.

The White House Jesuit Retreat Center is open with CoVid-19 protocols in place. Our retreat begins with dinner Thursday evening at 7 pm, and ends Sunday at noon, following mass and lunch. All men of the parish are welcome. For more details, contact Greg Mueller at 314.962.5100 or greg@injurylawstl.com

COVENANT NETWORK RADIO!

Our Church has been celebrating the manifestation of Jesus Christ for over a month now. Christ was made manifest to the shepherds at His birth; to the three kings (hence the Gentiles) at the Feast of the Epiphany; to the Hebrews at His Baptism; and to His disciples at Cana.
Covenant Network makes Christ manifest daily through their prayers and devotions and faith-nourishing programming. Tune into AM 1460 or 96.7 FM or listen live anytime on our free Covenant Network app or OurCatholicRadio.org to bring Christ into focus in your life.

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Rosemary Rowe,sister of Sr.Angela Senyszyn,OSF
Stephen Serati, son of Marlene
Frank Rohlfing, friend of Barb Oates
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
Sarah McCready, aunt of Michelle Mikosz
Brendan Mahoney, son of Pam & Peter
Joan Dailey, mother of Mary Schurk
James L. Dubek - father of James
Anne Radovich - mother of Phyllis Hartrich
Jim Siebel, son-in-law of Barbara Oates
Pat Geiss, mother of Tim Geiss
Allison Alexander
Judy George, friend of Carol Devanny
Bethesda Orchard Residents
Mary Ann Borage, mother of Pam Rogers
Nazareth Living Center Residents
Ski-Li Smith, friend of Mary Ann Baum
Hugh Doran, father of Tim
Ben Herndon, nephew of Phyllis Matteuzzi
Evan Hummel, grandson of Bob & Janet Hart
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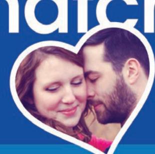
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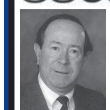
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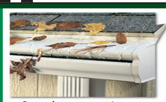
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