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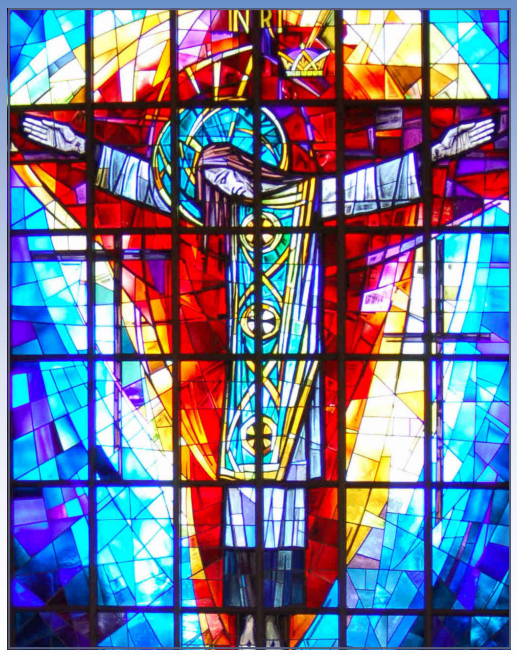

Holy Mass:
Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm
Sunday: 7:30, 9:00 and 11:00 am
Weekday: M-F 6:15 am · 8:15 am

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

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

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March 13, 2022 **Second Sunday of Lent**

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Mass Readings and Intentions

Monday, March 14
Dan 9:4b-10 Luke 6:36-38
6:15 am: Mary Alice Cronin
8:15 am: Bill Berberich

Tuesday, March 15
Isaiah 1:10, 16-20 Matt 23:1-12
6:15 am: Jack Perlongo
8:15 am: Jim O'Neill

Wednesday, March 16
Jer 18:18-20 Matt 20:17-28
6:15 am: Charles & Loretto LaBarge
8:15 am: Huff Family (Special Intention)

Thursday, March 17
St. Patrick
Jer 17:5-10 Luke 16:19-31
6:15 am: Parish Purgatorial Society
8:15 am: JoAnn Yates

Friday, March 18
St. Cyril of Jerusalem
Gen 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a Matt 21:33-43, 45-46
6:15 am: John Herber
8:15 am: Jean Eis

Saturday, March 19
St. Joseph
2 Sam 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16 Matt 1:16, 18-21
5:00 pm: Jim Christy

Sunday, March 20
Third Sunday of Lent
Ex 3:1-8z, 13-15 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12 Luke 13:1-9
7:30 am: People of the Parish
9:00 am: Frank & Lucille Boyer
11:00 am: Jean Eis

PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Catie Barnes	Teresita Manubay	Rick Slais
Kenneth Burton	Johanna Marnatti	Peggy Smith
Joe Cantalin	Mardel McGuire	Mary Swift
Salvatore Colletti	Joe Miano	Steve Thompson
Torni Corno	Ginny Miller	Kathy Timpe
Susy Dolan	Bob Nawrocki	Judie Tucci
Janet Doubek	Will Newman	Ken Wetzel
Rosemary Dreyer	Barbara Oates	Patricia Wilhelm
John Dwyer	Don Pokorny	
Patrick Fox	David Schilli	
Claire Galli	Will Schmitt	

Your Gifts to God and Parish.
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Special Collections:
March 2: Church in Central Europe
March 6: Black & Indian Missions
March 27: Catholic Relief Services

3/06/22		**Actual**	**Budget**
Envelopes	$	6,506	$ 14,150
Online	$	10,198	
Total	$	16,704	$ 14,150
YEAR TO DATE	**$**	**143,388**	**$ 177,950**

"I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land as a possession." (Genesis 15:7)

Just as the Lord gave Abraham, Moses and the Israelites a land to possess, He has also given each of us a home. Whether your home is grand or humble, it is a gift from God. Abraham prepared a great sacrifice to the Lord in gratitude for the home God gave him. How do you show your gratitude to God for the home He has given you? Do you make a sacrifice of any kind? Do you return any of your finances to God, investing equally in your eternal home just as you invest in your earthly home?

Rest in Peace

Richard Murray
Brother of Deacon Steve Murray

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the Mercy of God, Rest in Peace.

PASTOR'S CORNER

Did they beat the drums slowly?
Did they play the fife lowly?
Did they sound the death march
as they lowered you down?
Did the band play the last post and chorus?
Did the pipes play "The Flowers of the Forest?"

As the calendar turns to March, as the world begins to green and as St. Patrick's Day approaches this week, I love listening to Irish Music: The Irish Rovers, The Chieftains, Dropkick Murphy's, Mary Black, The Cranberries, Flogging Molly and, of course, U2. Celtic sensibilities are an amazing mashup of emotions and passions: impish, brash, silly, angry and sentimental, often all rolled up into one.

One song by the Pogues (also covered by Dropkick Murphy's) in particular has stuck in my soul over the last couple of years. And when I listened to it this week, it had a particular poignancy. It is called *The Green Fields of France*.

The song is sung by a traveler, hiking through France, where he finds himself in a cemetery of those who died in World War I, stopping by the grave of a young Irish soldier.

Oh how do you do, young Willy McBride,
do you mind if I sit here down by your graveside
and rest for a while in the warm summer sun
I've been walking all day, and I'm nearly done.
And I see by your gravestone you were only nineteen
when you joined the great fallen in 1916.
Well I hope you died quick and I hope you died clean.
Oh Willy McBride, was is it slow and obscene?

Right off the bat, in just a couple of lines, we know already that our notions will be challenged and our hearts will be stirred. The wayfarer reflects on this poor soul struck down in the prime of his life, before his life even begins really, and attempts to recover the real life individual young Willie was.

And did you leave a wife or a sweetheart behind
in some loyal heart is your memory enshrined?
And though you died back in 1916
to that loyal heart you're forever nineteen.
Or are you a stranger without even a name
forever enshrined behind some old glass pane
in an old photograph torn, tattered, and stained
and faded to yellow in a brown leather frame?

The stranger then reflects on the odd and incongruous scene he has walked into. The quiet and the peace of the graveyard stands in stark contrast to the horror and revulsion of the war which led countless young men to their graves, including the erstwhile Willie McBride.

The sun shining down on these green fields of France.
The warm wind blows gently
and the red poppies dance.
The trenches have vanished long under the plow,
no gas, no barbed wire, no guns firing down.
But here in this graveyard that's still No Man's Land
the countless white crosses in mute witness stand,
to man's blind indifference to his fellow man
and a whole generation who
were butchered and damned.

The true and ghastly horror of the scene is revealed in the final verse. The young of 1916 were sent into war in the hopes of ending all war. (For you young ones, World War I was supposed to be "The War That Ends All Wars.") But by the mere fact that we call it World War "ONE" should give you a clue as to how that actually turned out.

The wanderer ends his song with a bitter and angry reflection, in true Irish style.

And I can't help but wonder, oh Willy McBride,
do all those who lie here know why they died?
Did you really believe them
when they told you the cause?
Did you really believe that this war would end wars?
Well, the suffering, the sorrow, the glory, the shame
the killing and dying it was all done in vain.
Oh, Willy McBride it all happened again
and again, and again, and again, and again.

Indeed, again.

Europe is once again embroiled in war, the biggest since 1945. (If you don't count the Cold War.) Once again, we are witnessing wanton killing and destruction. Innocent, non-combatants are caught in the crossfire. Refugees flee for their lives. And even the insane specter of nuclear weaponry has appeared from the shadows to darken our world. And this war seems particularly senseless since it appears to have materialized from the paranoid delusions of power hungry leader and his tiny cadre of flunkies. Some of the Russian soldiers didn't even realize that they were headed to war. (I am praying for the war protesters in Russia, what a courageous band they are!) So once again, it will be the Willie McBride's of this world that will bear the brunt of the heavy lifting, the bloodshed and the dying.

Let us continue to pray for peace in the Ukraine and let us resolve to find better solutions to international conflicts as well as our own private wars. St. Patrick and St. Michael, Pray for Us.

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lowered you down?
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Father Kevin

Lector, Minister & Altar Server Assignments

Date	Mass Times	Lector	Extraordinary Ministers	Altar Servers
Mar 19	5:00 pm	Bob Hanson	Sue Darcy Mike Darcy	2 Volunteers
Mar 20	7:30 am	James Hardin	Ann Fusz Ellen Fusz	2 Volunteers
Mar 20	9:00 am	Tricia Reh	Tony Miano Pat Miano	2 Volunteers
Mar 20	11:00 am	Susanne Doran	Pamela Mahoney Terri Gaffney	2 Volunteers

Schedule Notes:

- Lenten Penance Service:
  Holy Redeemer & Mary Queen of Peace at Holy Redeemer:
  Wednesday, March 23 7:00pm

Holy Week Schedule:

Holy Thursday
Mass of the Lord's Supper:
7:00pm(Livestream)

Good Friday
Stations of the Cross - 2:00pm
Celebration of the Lord's Passion:
7:00pm (Livestream)

Holy Saturday
Easter Vigil - 8:00pm (Livestream)

Easter Sunday
7:30, 9:00(Livestream) & 11:00 am

Welcome to our Parish!

Welch Family
Patrick & Gerry

Julie Leicht Family

Essner Family
Taylor & Molly

Rompf Family
David, Cori,
Madeline & Benjamin

Clara Marie Palmer
Chris & Caitlin Palmer
Baptized February 12, 2022

Charles Nicholas Covert
Kelly & Nicholas Covert
Baptized February 20, 2022

Elizabeth Katherine Wilson
Amanda & Amy Wilson
Baptized February 20, 2022

Palmer Gray McLain
John & Allison McLain
Baptized February 27, 2022

Lifeteen!

No Lifeteen tonight. See you next week!

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Survey is Open!
March 2 - April 4

To Complete the Survey:

- **Go to our Website,**
- **Or Copy this link: https://portal.catholicleaders.org/d/y17kk3,**
- **Or scan the QR Code below**

ST PATRICK'S CASSEROLE PROGRAM

Team #3

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

3:00 PM
Thursday, March 17th

Thank you!

Sts. Peter & Paul Feeding Program!

Please join us on Friday, March 18 to help feed our friends at Sts Peter and Paul: 816 Allen Ave 63104. Park in chain link fenced lot. Enter the door on far left. Entry code 4855.
Food preparation starts at 3:30 pm and dinner served at 5 pm. All ages welcome!
We are in need of desserts of any kind, toiletries, socks, underwear, and seasonal clothing. Gently used accepted now.
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. Call for questions: 314-962-4855.
Thank you very much for your support of the Feeding Program!

57th Annual Chicken Dinner!

St. John's Gildehaus
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Sunday, March 13, 2022

Drive-Thru Carry-Outs $15.00

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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 pm

"Life will bring you to your knees, so you may as well start there."

Matt Birk, Super Bowl Champion, on why he goes to Eucharistic Adoration.

Holy Redeemer
Women's ACTS Retreat Registration

La Salle Retreat Center
May 5-8, 2022
Registration Form

Name (as you want to appear on your name tag)	Parish
Address	Email Address
City & Zip	Emergency Contact Person & Relationship
Work Phone	Emergency Contact Phone Numbers (cell & other)
Home Phone	Second Emergency Contact Person & Relationship
Cell Phone	Second Emergency Contact Phone Numbers

Any special physical, dietary, medical or other needs for the retreat weekend

Allergies, if any

Holy Redeemer Parish is now accepting registrations for the May 2022 Women's ACTS Retreat (Adoration, Community, Theology and Service). This parish-based retreat offers the opportunity to renew your spirituality, strengthen your faith, develop lasting friendships and build parish community. A team of Holy Redeemer women presents the retreat with spiritual direction from our parish priest and deacon. ***We will follow all St. Louis County Covid safety protocols.***

The retreat begins Thursday evening May 5th with 6pm check-in at Holy Redeemer. Transportation will be provided to and from the retreat center. The retreat will conclude at the 11am mass on Sunday, May 8th at Holy Redeemer.

The cost of the retreat is $240. A $50 registration fee is requested to reserve your place. The balance of $190 will be due at check-in on Thursday. Financial concerns should not prevent anyone from attending the retreat. If you would like further information regarding the retreat or the scholarship program, please contact one of the following:

Tricia Reh, Director	Melissa Kessler, Co-Director	Mary Rose, Co-Director
314-283-7041	314-324-7355	314-276-4999
tricia.reh@gmail.com	melissamkessler@hotmail.com	mares814@gmail.com

Please mail or deliver this form and $50 deposit fee to the Parish office at 17 Joy Avenue, Webster Groves, 63119 (Check payable to Holy Redeemer). Space is limited due to retreat facility accommodations. We welcome non-HR parishioners and non-Catholics, space permitting.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK RELATIVES AND FRIENDS

Norbert Krekeler, brother of Mary Ann Baum
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
Ben Herndon, nephew of Phyllis Matteuzzi
Evan Hummel, grandson of Bob & Janet Hart
David Pegue, brother of Phyllis Matteuzzi
Leah Taylor, friend of Pam Mahoney
Tricia Peckham, daughter of Kate & Bob Nawrocki
Ann Hattrich, sister of Kate Nawrocki
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