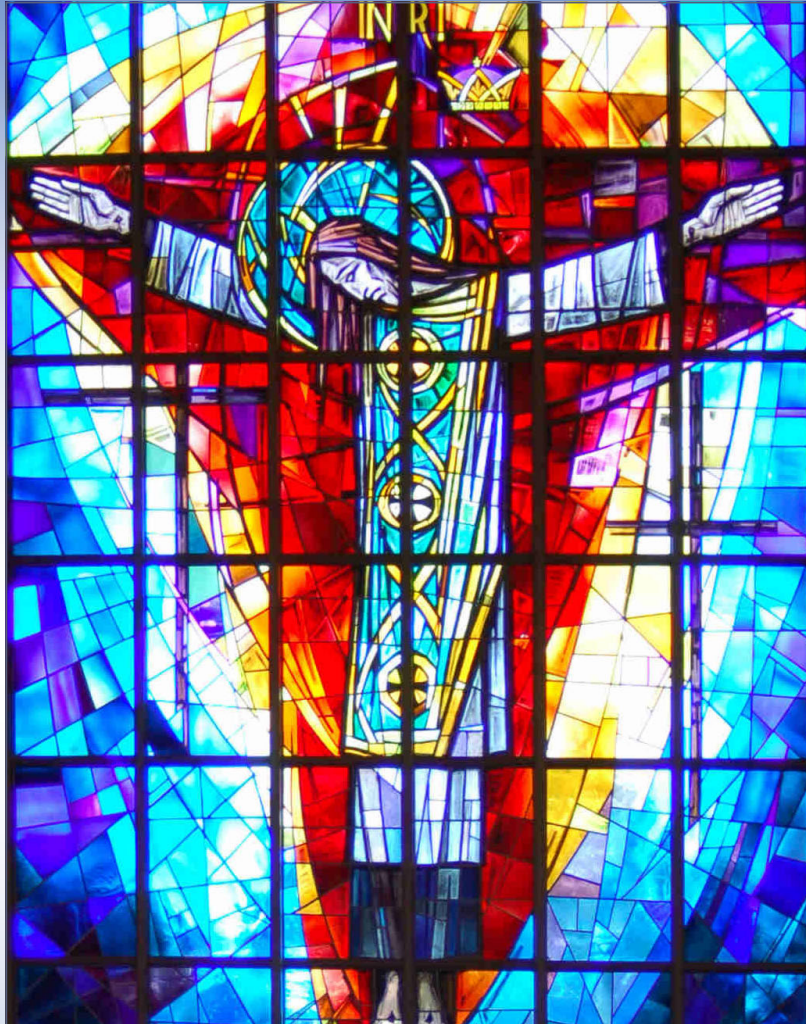


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Holy Mass:

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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Deacon:	Stephen L. Murray, M.A.

DECEMBER 11, 2022**Third Sunday of Advent**

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Monday, December 12
 Our Lady of Guadalupe
 Zech 2:14-17 Jud 13:18-19 Luke 1:36-38
 6:15 am: Rosemary Dreyer
 8:15 am: Tom Reedy

Tuesday, December 13
 St. Lucy
 Zeph 3:1-2,9-13 Matt 21:28-32
 6:15 am: Harriet Dooley
 8:15 am: Huff Family (Special Intention)

Wednesday, December 14
 St. John of the Cross
 Isaiah 45:6c-8,18,21c-25 Luke 7:18b-23
 6:15 am: Joseph F. & Kathryn H. Darpel
 8:15 am: Madame Levanier Jean-Charles

Thursday, December 15
 Isaiah 54:1-10 Luke 7:24-30
 6:15 am: Victor J. Shulte, Jr.
 8:15 am: Vicky Northover

Friday, December 16
 Isaiah 56:1-3z,6-8 John 5:33-36
 6:15 am: Leo F. Seiffert, Sr.
 8:15 am: Linda Gerth

Saturday, December 17
 Gen 49:2,8-10 Matt 1:1-17
 5:00 pm: Joseph & Alberta Simeone

Sunday, December 18
 Fourth Sunday of Advent
 Isaiah 7:10-14 Rom 1:1-7 Matt 1:18-24
 7:30 am: People of the Parish
 9:00 am: William & Mary Leingang
 11:00 am: Kenneth Sweeney

**Your Gifts to God and Parish.
 Thank you!**

Special Collections:

Seminary Collection - December 25

12/4/22	Actual	Budget
Envelopes	\$ 11,455	\$ 22,500
Online	\$ 6,509	
Total	\$ 17,964	\$ 22,500
YEAR TO DATE	\$ 603,707	\$ 725,800

"You too must be patient. Make you hearts firm, because the coming of the Lord is at hand." JAMES 5:8

Patience is another one of those things many of us struggle with. We want things to go according to our plan and our schedule; we like things to be convenient. Any change brings anxiety and fear. Through daily prayer God reveals to us what He wants us to do with the gifts He has given us. We are able to better align ourselves with God's will and His plan, which is far better than anything we can come up with on our own.

PRAY FOR OUR SICK

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

Rest in Peace

Gwendolyn Bramlet

Mother of Claire Bramlet

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

"The world will be changed by your example, not by your opinion." -Paulo Coehlo

A World Without Pity

Back in the day when I was teaching, I often told my students when we were studying the Sacrament of Reconciliation that they do not want to live in a world without mercy, a world without pity. That is a place where you will lose. Big time.

Actually, everyone loses. Big time.

Think this *all the way* through. Without mercy, none of my family would ever talk to me again. I have certainly done something over the past 65 years to tick them off (probably more than once). Few if any of my students, few if any of my parishioners would have anything to do with me. And my friends? Non-existent.

Archbishop Carlson used to say that ***we live in a world that permits everything and forgives nothing***. Is there a truer statement about our modern cancel culture? It is especially aggravating to think that someone could do something when they were a teenager that people would still hold them responsible thirty, forty, fifty or sixty years later. Certainly, the sins we commit can have some long term ramifications. I am not suggesting that there is no responsibility whatsoever. However...and I address anyone over the age of 35...would you want people judging you today for something that you said or wrote when you were 16? Yikes. Thank God social media did not exist in 1974.

A World without pity? A World without mercy?

Uh, no thanks.

I do like living in a world where Buddy Hackett and the Buddha think alike.

"Don't carry a grudge. While you are holding a grudge, the other person is out dancing." -Buddy Hackett

"Holding on to anger is like grasping a hot coal with the intent of throwing it at someone else; you are the one who gets burned." -the Buddha

"Holding a grudge is like drinking poison and hoping the other person dies." -Unknown

The flip side of a world without pity is that we also can become trapped in our own anger, bitterness and resentment. This never ends well either. I once talked to

a person who was deeply angry at her father. She shook as she spoke. The bitterness in her heart was alarming. Over and over, I told her to try to talk it out with her dad, write him a letter, call, do something. Her rage was eating her up inside and was destroying her spirit. "I CAN'T!" she screamed at me. "Give it a try," I said, "you never know." "IT WON'T WORK! I CAN'T!!" "Why?" I asked.

"BECAUSE HE'S DEAD!"

Oh...

In the brilliant film, *Dead Man Walking*, a Catholic religious woman Sr. Helen tells Matthew, a man who is about to be executed, this: *there are places of sorrow only God can touch*. This is why we need the Sacrament of Reconciliation, this is why we have to break out of the World Without Pity.

This month all of our Day School and PSR students have been given the opportunity to go to Confession. I have been in other Catholic grade schools and high schools celebrating the Sacrament. Hearing confessions, celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation is not a chore for me at all. In truth, it is invigorating and life-giving for me. Furthermore, it is a bold stand against the heartless, merciless, deeply angry world we live in. Truly, a World Without Pity.

How long has it been since you have been to the Sacrament? As the song says: "Don't let fear keep us apart." Besides our regular time on Saturday, we will have special times for Reconciliation on Tuesday and Thursday night the week before Christmas, December 20 and 22 from 7 pm until 9 pm (or until we finish). And if you think you don't need it, well... think again.

We all need it. We all seek to be set free from the dark and despicable World Without Pity.

Father Kevin



PARISH RECONCILIATION SERVICE:

TUESDAY , DECEMBER 20 7:00 - 9:00 PM

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22 7:00 - 9:00 PM

Lector & Minister Assignments

Date	Mass Times	Lector	Extraordinary Ministers	Servers
December 17	5:00 pm	Kevin Bayer	Katie Mank Mike Darcy	Andrew Malysko, Connor Noakes Abigail Pardek
December 18	7:30 am	Paul Fiess	Ellen Fusz Ann Fusz	Teaghan Mank, Carly Satchell
December 18	9:00 am	Patrick Murphy	Mary Ziegelman Barbara Richter	Jack Graf, Jackson Guller Riley Guller
December 18	11:00 am	Mary Schurk	Janey Menner Pamela Mahoney	Catelyn Wazlawek, Zack Wazlawek, Edward Whalen

Schedule Notes:

Dec 10 & 11 - Christmas Food Drive
Dec 13: School Board meeting in the school library
Dec 20 & 22 - Reconciliation Service: 7:00 - 9:00 pm
Dec 24 - Mass Times: 5:00 & 10:00 pm
Dec 25 - Mass Times: 7:30, 9:00 & 11:00 am

Thank you note from Fr. Steve for our Thanksgiving Day Collection!



St. Elizabeth,
 Mother of John the Baptist
 Roman Catholic Church

11-30-2022

*Dear Ms. Herber
 & Holy Redeemer Parish,
 Blessed Advent!
 Thank you so much for
 sharing the thanksgiving
 blessing with us. We
 are grateful.
 I hope and pray
 for all of the graces of
 Holy Advent for you
 & the parish.*

Father Steve

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Attn: Parents of Servers:

Fr. Gene is currently working on the **server schedule for early 2023**. Please contact him if you need to change the preferred Mass time for your child.

Attn: PSR & Day School Parents of Prospective Servers:

Please contact Fr. Gene **if you have a 5th grader who would like to serve but is not currently on the schedule**. Fr. Gene will set up a Saturday training and your child can be put on the schedule.

Fr. Gene: fathergene@holyr.org

CHRISTMAS FOOD DRIVE!

This year we are collecting food for the food pantry at Immaculate Conception in Maplewood. Please bring your box filled with food to the RECTORY GARAGE before/after any of the Masses the weekend of December 10-11.

We are in need of drivers with vans, covered pick ups or SUVs on Sunday, December 11, to deliver the boxes of food to Immaculate Conception in Maplewood between 12 & 1:00 pm.

We are also in need of volunteers to help unload the filled boxes from parishioners' cars approximately 15 minutes before and after all Masses on Saturday & Sunday, December 10 & 11. If you have questions, please contact: Jim (314) 853-7747 or Billy (314) 363-8327.

Our Giving Tree this year will benefit patients at Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital and those in need at Immaculate Conception Parish in Maplewood. Cardinal Glennon asks that gifts NOT be wrapped, while those going to Immaculate Conception can be wrapped. Please place gifts under the tree during the weekend masses.



During the week, please drop them off at the rectory during business hours. Deadline for gifts is Sun. Dec 18 at noon. Any questions, please call Kathy Plurad 314-420-6625. Thank you so much and Merry Christmas!

Lifeteen - Meets tonight in the gym at 7pm! All High School teens are invited!



Please Pray for Our Military:

2nd Lt. Connor Doran - Army
Capt. George Hardin - Army
Airman Ethan Baer - Navy
Sean Haug - Navy
2nd Lt. Max Hartrich - USMC
Capt. Riley Konzen - USMC
Pfc. Logan Smith - USMC

If you would like to add your family member, please email the rectory at Imedley@holyr.org.



St. Vincent De Paul

During this season of giving, we are truly blessed by the generosity of our parishioners in your support for our neighbors in need. This year in particular, with so many things costing a bit more than they did last year, your giving has allowed us to continue to provide the means for families to have holiday meals and gifts for the children in their families.

We are truly grateful for your support. If you know of anyone who needs assistance, please have them call our hotline at 314-289-6101, mailbox 2250.

Make plans to hear the Holy Redeemer Hand Bell Choir!

**Christmas Eve
10:00 pm Mass**



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

You are invited to join other Holy Redeemer parishioners 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
Pray for Peace in Ukraine at 7:15 pm



Your Help Is Needed...To Decorate the Church for Christmas!

Sunday, December 18 at Noon

Set up Nativity Scene & Trees



Sunday, January 8th at Noon

Take down & store all decorations

Volunteers are needed to **set up and take down** Christmas decorations in and around the church including the nativity scenes. Please make plans to help if you can. All are welcome!

We could also use 1 or 2 people to lead the decorating efforts. If you can help us, please call the rectory office at 314-962-0038. Thank you!

ST. PATRICK'S CASSEROLE PROGRAM

TEAM #3

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

**3:00 pm
Thursday, December 15th**

Thank you!

2023 Holy Redeemer ACTS Retreat:

An ACTS retreat is a three day and three night Christian lay retreat presented by fellow Holy Redeemer parishioners and members of our surrounding Christian faith. This is a 3-day retreat beginning Thursday evening at Holy Redeemer parish and ending at 11am mass back at the parish. Talks and activities during the retreat focus on Adoration, Community, Theology and Service, from which the ACTS program acronym is derived. Holy Scripture and the teachings of the Christian Faith are the guides for the retreats. The retreat facilitates the attainment of a new or deeper relationship with the Lord through:

Adoration – the call by, acceptance of, and response to God,

Community – the love and caring of each other,

Theology – the study of God through scripture and Faith

Service – to God and his people.

An ACTS weekend is designed to help the retreatants enter into a new or deeper relationship with our Lord and fellow men of faith. This is accomplished through Adoration and daily prayer, the call to Community in one's parish as a member of the Body of Christ, and Theology in encouraging the study of scripture and our Christian Faith. All of these which emphasize and encourage the virtue of Service to our Lord, our parish/community and one another.

Location - La Salle Retreat Center, 2101 Rue De La Salle Dr, Wildwood, MO 63038

Date - Thursday evening, January 12th - Sunday morning, January 15th, 2023

We would like to welcome you to our next retreat and hope you are willing to go on this faith-building journey with us! If you need additional information please contact one of the **members of the 2023**

ACTS team listed below or Tim Tolle who is the recruiting coordinator for this year's retreat: 630-337-2900 or timtolle30@yahoo.com.

2023 Men's ACTS Team

Elliot Graf	Dennis Steiner	Chad Rycenga	Jim Baum
Terry Tierney	Ryan Rose	Tim Tolle	Rick Bischoff
Mark Malloy	Joe Whyte	Joe Zapf	John Andres
Pete Sadlo	Caleb Wagner	Riki Powell	Billy Siems
Glenn Fox	Tim Kessler	Tim Harper	Jacob Satchell
Mark Allgeier	John Cusamano	Tim Doran	Dave Mason
Doug Gossow	Paul Wight	John Keaveny	Sean Daugherty
Nick Guhl	Dan Hartrich	Dustin Savage	Tyler Martin
Mark Pitlyk	John O'Leary	Mark Viox	

The Holy Redeemer School Board will hold its monthly meeting on Tuesday, December 13th, at 7:00 pm in the school library. If anyone wishes to address the board during the open forum session, please contact Principal Pam Galuzzo at principal@holyr.org.

STS. PETER AND PAUL FEEDING PROGRAM

Please join the party on Friday, December 16 to serve Christmas dinner for the poor and homeless @ Sts. Peter and Paul: 816 Allen Ave 63104. Park in chain link fenced lot. Enter door on far left. Entry code 4855 or ring bell. All ages welcome!

Food preparation begins at 3:30 PM and dinner served at 5 PM. This month we need desserts due to our special Christmas menu. Meat loaf!

For our party, we are collecting new or used coats, hats, gloves, scarves, socks, underwear, seasonal clothes and blankets. Toiletries of any size needed.

Items may be placed in box marked Sts. Peter and Paul in church library or dropped off at 710 Tuxedo Blvd. Monetary donations may be made payable to Mary Toler with Sts. Peter & Paul in memo section. Call for questions: 314-962-4855.

Thank you all for your continued generosity and support as we help some of the most vulnerable members of our St. Louis community.



Time to deck the halls and light the house! It's a bummer to discover that some of your lights have lost their twinkle.

PLEASE DON'T THROW THEM AWAY!

There are valuable metals in the wires that are recovered and recycled. The Green Machines will collect tired light strands at the entrance to the school until mid January. If you have any questions please contact Jamie Hasemeier (jamiehasemeier@gmail.com)

A Blessed Advent and fabulous Christmas to you and yours!



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
 Julia Furey-Bastian, niece of Rob & Jane Furey
 Patricia J. Doubeck, mother of James
 Rita Hill, sister of Germaine Schlueter
 Ken Johnson, friend of Faith & Deeds Fletcher
 Joan Martin
 Terry Jordan, friend of Marlene Serati
 Sarah McCreedy, 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 Hatrlich, sister of Kate Nawrocki
 John Coburn, brother of Pat Consiglio
 Mary Moran, sister of Pat Consiglio
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