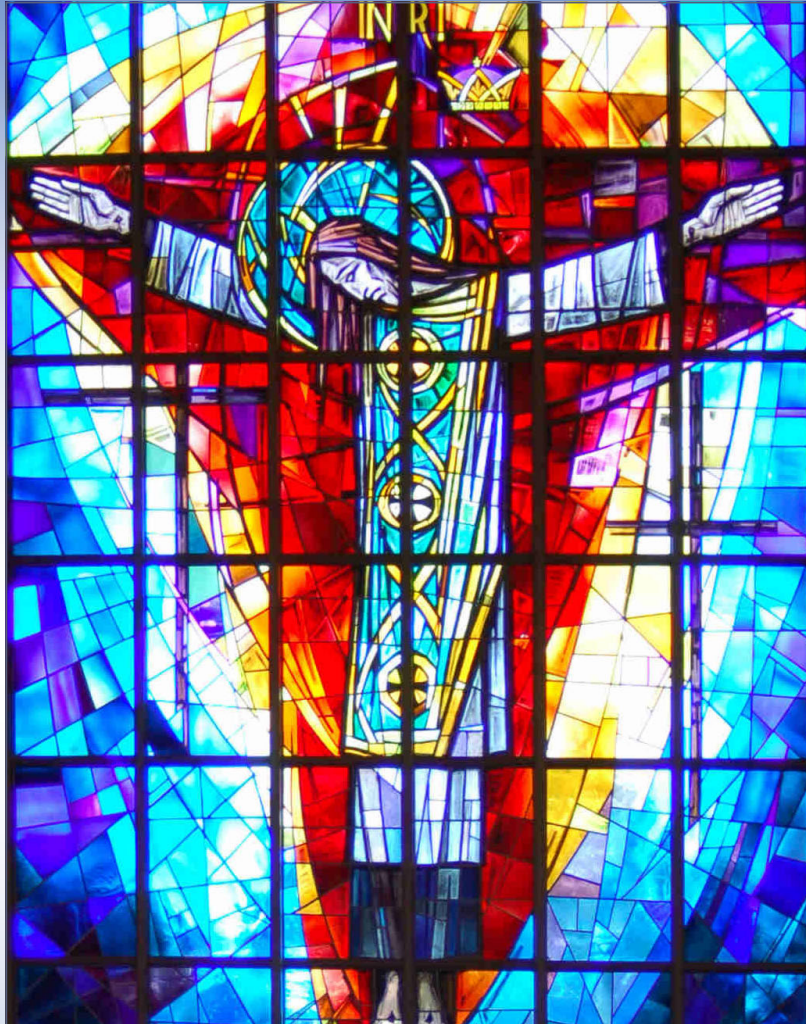


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**Holy Mass:**

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](http://www.holyr.org)

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Assoc. Pastor:	Reverend Eugene Schaeffer
Deacon:	Patrick Waldschmidt
Deacon:	Stephen L. Murray, M.A.

# DECEMBER 18, 2022

# Fourth Sunday of Advent

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Monday, December 19  
 Judges 13:2-7,24-25a Luke 1:5-25  
 6:15 am: Louise & Vincent Burke  
 8:15 am: Toni Berberich

Tuesday, December 20  
 Isaiah 7:10-14 Luke 1:26-38  
 6:15 am: Frank & Lucille Boyer  
 8:15 am: Thomas F. Aleto

Wednesday, December 21  
 St. Peter Canisius  
 Song of Songs 2:8-14 Luke 1:39-45  
 6:15 am: Joseph F. & Kathryn H. Darpel  
 8:15 am: Jan Brockland

Thursday, December 22  
 1 Sam 1:24-28 Luke 1:46-56  
 6:15 am: Parish Purgatorial Society  
 8:15 am: Elmer F. Borgmeyer, Jr.

Friday, December 23  
 St. John of Kanty  
 Malachi 3:1-4,23-24 Luke 1:57-66  
 6:15 am: Msgr. Jerome J. Buchh  
 8:15 am: Deacon John Burke

Saturday, December 24  
 2 Sam 7:1-5,8b-12,14a,16 Luke 1:67-69  
 5:00 pm: Bill Hartrich  
 10:00 pm: Harriet Dooley

Sunday, December 25  
 Christmas  
 Isaiah 62:11-12 Titus 3:4-7 Luke 2:15-20  
 7:30 am: People of the Parish  
 9:00 am: Francis Heck  
 11:00 am: Frank & Lucille Boyer

**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
<b>YEAR TO DATE</b>	<b>\$ 603,707</b>	<b>\$ 725,800</b>

*"When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home." MATTHEW 1:24*

Putting our complete trust in the Lord without expecting anything in return. Striving to put God first in all things and follow Him wherever He may led us. Joseph was a model of these pillars of our faith. As we prepare for the birth of our Lord, pray for the strength and courage to be a model of discipleship, just as Joseph was.

**PRAY FOR OUR SICK**

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|--------------------|------------------|------------------|
| 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       |                  |                  |



## PASTOR'S CORNER



### I'll Be Home for Christmas.

The best Christmas songs are a vibrant mixture of melancholy and hope, a touch of darkness in the midst of the season of light. This peculiar blend of sadness and joy gives depth and reality to a season that is often characterized as frivolous and saccharin and even a bit cloying.

And no Christmas song gets that blend as spot on as I'll Be Home for Christmas. It is a very simple song:

*I'll be home for Christmas  
You can plan on me  
Please have snow and mistletoe  
And presents on the tree*

*Christmas Eve will find me  
Where the lovelight gleams  
I'll be home for Christmas  
If only in my dreams*

It is the back story of the song that makes it so powerful.

The lyrics were written in 1942, as many young Americans had been stationed far and wide in a war that very few Americans wanted to be involved with, that is, until Pearl Harbor. And so Christmas of 1942 was particularly painful since the eventual outcome of the war was far from certain and suddenly sons and fathers and even some sisters were strewn far and wide across the globe. Instead of being a time of "tidings of great joy" and "peace on earth", Christmas 1942 felt uncertain, unsettling and more than just a bit terrifying. "Great joy" was replaced with hesitancy, "Peace of earth" with World War.

The lyricist Kim Gannon (maybe one of my relations?) captured the feeling of alienation, while

still clinging to a notion of hope, connection and family. The words are a wish and a prayer of a young serviceman somewhere in the world, away from home, still trying to connect with loved ones during the season. Walter Kent, the composer, knew that the song needed a sense of melancholy, yet tinted with a solid optimism and hope. (By the way, that lyric is correct: "presents on the tree." Presents at that time were *tied on* to the tree instead of placed *under* it.)

Bing Crosby, coming off of the stellar success of *White Christmas*, recorded the song in time for Christmas 1943 and the song took off. It became the most requested song at Christmas USO shows in both WW II theatres.

And the song still reverberates with us today, through conflicts in Korea, Vietnam, the Middle East or wherever someone works or stands guard throughout the world. It is a testament to the human spirit and the hopeful nature of the holiday season. Though it does not mention Jesus specifically, there is a prayerful nature of the song that is unmistakable.

So, if you have a loved one away during this season for whatever reason, do yourself a favor. Crank up old Bing or Michael Buble or whoever you prefer and listen to this song again, have a good cry, and hold on to the hope, hope that is the hallmark of this blessed season.

**Merry Christmas!**

*Father Kevin*

### PARISH RECONCILIATION SERVICE:

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

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

# Lifeteen!

Meets tonight at 7pm in the Gym.  
All High School age teens invited!

## Schedule Notes:

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

## 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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**



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Christmas 2022

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I wish you, your families, and your loved ones joyful greetings at this special time of year!

This past year has been a year of consultation and unceasing prayer as we continue in this journey to make All Things New in the Archdiocese of St. Louis. This strategic pastoral planning process is about revitalizing our parishes and ministries, and providing a more vibrant future for Catholic communities throughout the Archdiocese.

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 look forward to celebrating the joy of the Christmas season with all of the faithful of the Archdiocese. Please be assured of my prayers for you during the season of Christmas.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Mitchell T. Rozanski  
Archbishop of St. Louis



**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!

### 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](mailto: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.

### March for Life 2023 – Registration Now Open

**MISSOURI LIFE CARAVAN** is now accepting registrations for our bus trip to the annual **March for Life in Washington, D.C. Thursday- Saturday, Jan. 19-21, 2023.** In 2023, we will travel to D.C. to give thanks that the Supreme Court, in the Dobbs decision, has overturned the abhorrent Roe v Wade ruling. However, we must continue in our goal to make abortion unthinkable. We will meet with our representatives and tell them that taxpayers should not have to pay for abortion, and to peacefully March to change hearts and minds. This trip is open to anyone ages 7 and up (chaperones not provided). We depart from several locations in the St. Louis area. We do not stay in hotels as we sleep on the buses. Seats are limited. The cost is \$270. For more information, to register or to sponsor a rider go to [www.missourilifecaravan.org](http://www.missourilifecaravan.org). Contact us at: 314-434-4900 or [mrl.eastern@yahoo.com](mailto:mrl.eastern@yahoo.com).

## 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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!

## Make plans to hear the Holy Redeemer Hand Bell Choir!



**Christmas Eve**  
**10:00 pm Mass**

### 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**

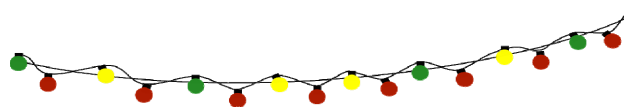
**ACTS team listed below or Tim Tolle who is the recruiting coordinator for this year's retreat: 630-337-2900 or [timtolle30@yahoo.com](mailto:timtolle30@yahoo.com).**

#### 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
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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](mailto: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  
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 Frank Rohlfling, 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 Hattrich, sister of Kate Nawrocki  
 John Coburn, brother of Pat Consiglio  
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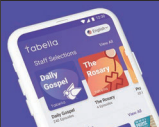


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