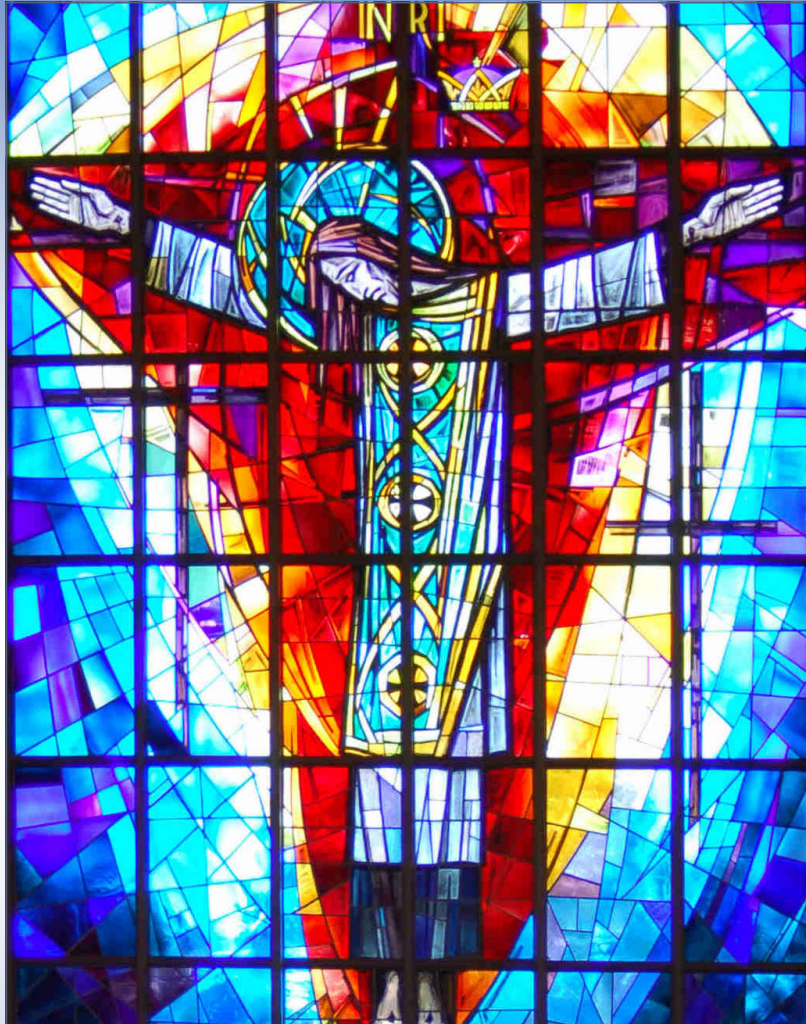


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Holy Mass:

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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DECEMBER 25, 2022**CHRISTMAS**

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Monday, December 26

St. Stephen

Acts 6:8-10,7:54-59 Matt 10:17-22

6:15 am: Donald W. Dunlap

8:15 am: Casper & Mary Louise Sack

Tuesday, December 27

St. John

1 John 1:1-4 John 20:1a,2-8

6:15 am: David & Delores Dunlap

8:15 am: Terry J. Alvino

Wednesday, December 28

The Holy Innocents

1 John 1:5-2:2 Matt 2:13-18

6:15 am: Joseph F. & Kathryn H. Darpel

8:15 am: Leonard S. Dino, Sr.

Thursday, December 29

St. Thomas Becket

1 John 2:3-11 Luke 2:22-35

6:15 am: Parish Purgatorial Society

8:15 am: Rosemary Dreyer

Friday, December 30

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

Sirach 3:2-6,12-14 Matt 2:13-15, 19-23

6:15 am: Diane Giesler

8:15 am: Mary A. Hillerman

Saturday, December 31

St. Sylvester I

1 John 2:18-21 John 1:1-18

5:00 pm: Pepple Family

Sunday, January 1

Mary the Mother of God

Num 6:22-27 Gal 4:4-7 Luke 2:16-21

7:30 am: People of the Parish

9:00 am: Jim Christy

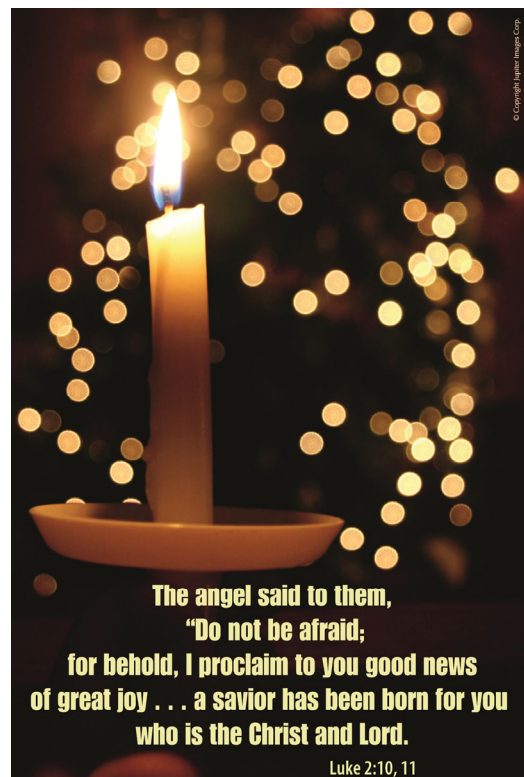
11:00 am: Frances Staub

**Your Gifts to God and Parish.
Thank you!****Special Collections:****Seminary Collection - December 25**

12/11/22	Actual	Budget
Envelopes	\$ 10,609	\$ 22,500
Online	\$ 5,546	
Total	\$ 16,155	\$ 22,500
YEAR TO DATE	\$ 619,862	\$ 748,300

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 Wetzal
John Dwyer	Don Pokorny	Patricia Wilhelm
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Claire Galli	Will Schmitt	
Ruth Henry	Rick Slais	
Cletus Henry		



PASTOR'S CORNER

"She gave birth to her first born son and wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the place where travelers lodged."

8524 Kathleen Ave.



It is an ordinary address in South St. Louis County. There is nothing fancy about the house there. It is a smallish framed structure which had aluminum siding and a slightly tilted porch covering. The sides and back were painted with a truly awful shade of grayish blue, which must have been on sale at the hardware store at the top of the hill. There used to be bushes in the front, before the new owner had them taken out. And there is an addition on the back which hardly made this modest structure into a Better Home and Garden Prize Winner. By anyone's standards, it is a simple, commonplace, everyday, run-of-the-mill residence. But if I become Pope someday, it will become an American landmark. (Don't bet on that. Don't even take odds.)

8524 Kathleen Ave. For thirty-eight years, I called it home.

It was the place where I grew up. It was the place I learned about love. It was the place I often learned some rather harsh lessons. I heard many a lecture there when I came home late at night. It was the place where I learned the meaning of the words: *faith, discipline, honor, neighbor, charity, family*. **And it was the place where I had first encountered my God.**

If you were to go to that house today, no doubt you would still hear echoes of my sisters and my brother and I giggling at the dinner table when my dad asked for *only* five minutes of silence. You would hear whispers of solace as my mother sought to comfort me at five years old when I had an earache. And if you listened really close you could hear the Sing Along with Mitch Miller Christmas Album as the family sang around the tree as lights twinkled and tinsel glistened. We were Santa's first stop, so we got to open our gifts early. I will never forget those Christmas Eves at home, as long as I live, laughing, drinking eggnog, ripping into our gifts.

And I will never forget the day twenty-seven years ago when my family finally sold that modest home, after the death of my father. I will always recall how dislocated, disorientated and disturbed I felt. It was as if someone had pulled me up by my roots.

And yet, if I am honest, even that feeling cannot even begin to compare to what it must be like to be homeless, to be without a place to lie down, without a place to call one's own, without a place to find warmth in all its forms and incarnations. There have been few sights in my life which can compare to actually seeing people living right on the streets, nowhere to go. It is always shocking to me whether it be in Calcutta, San Diego or even good ol' St. Louis.

And the sad, but true, reality of our faith is, according to Luke's gospel, that this is exactly what happens to the Holy Family when Jesus was to be born. They go to Bethlehem for the census, and they find no room at the place where travelers lodged. The King of Kings, the Lord of Lords, the Prince of Peace, the Promised One of the Ages, and there is no room, no place, no vacancy. There is nowhere but a stable for him to be born.

Our faith reminds us that from the night of that birth on, nothing in our world would ever nor could ever be the same. God's very life coming into our world has totally and utterly changed things. All of creation, because of this feast, is now charged with the grandeur of God. All human beings, because God became human, have a new and special dignity that wasn't there before. And we have hope. Hope of salvation. Hope of joy. Hope of freedom. Hope of love.

And yet, there are many in our world who look at us Christians at Christmastime and ask us what real difference all of this makes. They see no Peace on Earth. They feel no good will. They hear no glad tidings of great joy. Instead they sense greed and hate, despair and death. They point out that there are still homeless Mary's and Joseph's seeking shelter. It is appalling, but true, that thousands of little ones have no addresses in America. Where is that hope you keep telling us about? They challenge us to see if there is any room in our lives, any room in our hearts for Christ to come. As Thomas Merton said, *"Into this world, this demented inn, in which there is no room for him at all, Christ has come uninvited."*

If you drive past the Franklin County Courthouse at night you will see a truly remarkable sight, every window has a candle burning in it. My dear Irish mother would tell me that the Irish would put candles in their windows as a indication to the Holy Family that here is a place, in the midst of a cold and often inhospitable world, where they could come and stay. It is beautiful and powerful symbol. And it reminds us of our need to be open, open to the Christ Child, wherever we may find him, especially in the poor, in the homeless, in the lonely, in the weak.

My prayer for you this Christmas evening is that as you and your families gather around the glistening tree, drinking nog, tearing into presents and maybe even dusting off the old Mitch Miller album (does anyone play albums anymore??) you may open up some of the over crowdedness in your heart and soul and make a place in your homes for the Christ Child, however and wherever you may encounter him.

And if you do, wherever you may go, wherever you may roam, you will always find a place called: **home**.

Father Kevin

Lifeteen!

No meeting tonight.
See you next week!

Schedule Notes:

Jan 1 - Mass Times: 7:30, 9:00 & 11:00 am
Jan 28 - Parish Progressive Dinner.
All are invited.

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



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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

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.

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!



THANK YOU & MERRY CHRISTMAS!

The Haiti Committee would like to thank everyone who attended the Pancake Breakfast on Sunday. We also want to thank those who could not attend, but sent us contributions. It was

great to be able to see and talk with everyone once again. We would also like to thank all of you for your support throughout the year and wish all a very **Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year!**

If you had your picture taken with Santa and would like a digital copy of the picture, **please contact Harry Bahr, aka Santa, at 314-961-0230 or at hjcfbahr@prodigy.net** and we will give you a link to Vic Lewchenko's Flickr site. Vic was our great photographer.

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



Christmas Flower Memorials



Deceased members of Potter family
Virginia Taylor
Christina Wood
Deceased members of Claeys family
Deceased members of Horn family
Ann Q. Streeter
John B. Streeter
Elias Engel
Deceased members of Sullivan & Kaiman families
Deceased members of Peterson Family
Hart Family
Cyrier Family
Butler Family
Deceased members of Crotty & Kilgore families
Frances M. Randolph
David J. Hepler
Deceased members of Wilson & Wachtel families
Deceased members of Stevens/Shaugnesey families
Walter Scherer
Ruth Scherer
Francis X. Anderson
Theresa Anderson
Joann Dorr
Wayne Dorr
Dorothy Martz
Paul Martz
Simeone Family
Pigeon Family
Gralike Family
Hoehlfeld Family
Denigan Family
Crotty/Kilgore Families
Don Pokorny, Sr.
John Bargelske
Paul Pokorny
Emma Kryacva
Krahl Family
Esther Miano
Anne Tribut
Antonia Aranda
Krantz/Mormino Families
Jim Christy
Kevin Nentwig
Sack Family

Lector & Minister Assignments

Date	Mass Times	Lector	Extraordinary Ministers	Servers
December 31	5:00 pm	Rosemary Meyers	Katie Mank Maureen Werner	
January 1	7:30 am	James Hardin	Ann Fusz Ellen Fusz	
January 1	9:00 am	Sara Johnson	Maria Wagner Diana Dahl	
January 1	11:00 am	Tricia Reh	Susanne Doran Terri Gaffney	

2023 Holy Redeemer Mens ACTS Retreat:

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 all men of our parish 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 **Tim Tolle who is the recruiting coordinator for this year's retreat: 630-337-2900 or timtolle30@yahoo.com**

Holy Redeemer Progressive Dinner

JANUARY 28, 2023

Join us as we celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Catholic Women's League Parish Progressive Dinner!

Cocktails 6:15-7:45pm Dinner 8:00-10:00pm Dessert 10:15pm -Midnight

Reservations are required | Must be received by January 21 | \$50 per person includes cocktails, dinner and dessert

Completed form can be delivered by mail, email or drop off | Cash, Check to HR CWL or QR Code:

Mail or Drop off: Tricia Reh, 1315 Culverhill Drive, 63119 | Email: tricia.reh@gmail.com



Name(s) _____

Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

Please consider hosting cocktails (for approximately 16 or more) or dinner (for approximately 8-12 or more, including the hosts). Host attendance costs are waived. Hosting can be as casual or formal as you'd like.

_____ I can host cocktails at my home (one host family) or will partner with _____. I can accommodate _____ people.

_____ I can host dinner at my home (one host family) or will partner with _____. I can accommodate _____ people.
(including hosts)

Questions? Contact Tricia Reh by text/phone at (314) 283-7041.



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 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 Hatrlich, sister of Kate Nawrocki
 John Coburn, brother of Pat Consiglio
 Mary Moran, sister of Pat Consiglio
 Rick Thomas, friend of Deeds & Faith Fletcher
 Charlie LaBarge, grandson of Jack & Mary LaBarge
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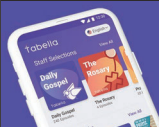


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