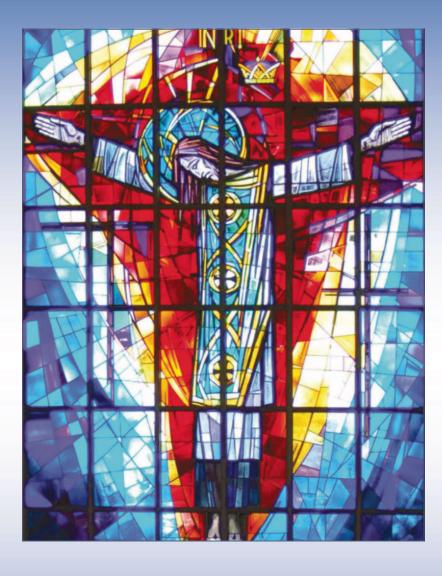
Holy Redeemer Parish

17 Joy Ave. Webster Groves 63119



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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Deacon:	Patrick
Deacon:	Stepher

Reverend Kevin Schmittgens Reverend Eugene Schaeffer Patrick Waldschmidt Stephen L. Murray, M.A.

FEBRUARY 19, 2023

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Monday, February 20 Sirach 1:1-10 Mark 9:14-29 6:15 am:Thomas F. Kubat 8:15 am: Hugh Vincent Doran Tuesday, February 21

St. Peter Damian Sirach 2:1-11 Mark 9:30-37 6:15 am: Joseph F. & Kathryn H. Darpel 8:15 am: Lemoine Skinner III

Wednesday, February 22 Ash Wednesday Joel 2:12-18 2 Cor 5:20-6:2 Mat 6:1-6,16-18 6:15 am: Parish Purgatorial Society 8:15 am: Janet & Dan McAuliffe (Special Int) 8:00 pm: Ed Smith

Thursday, February 23 St. Polytcarp Deut 30:15-20 Luke 9:22-25 6:15 am: Lemoine & Virginia Skinner 8:15 am: Jack Mullin

Friday, February 24 Isaiah 58:1-9a Matt 9:14-15 6:15 am: Albert Rueschhoff 8:15 am: Ed Bramlet

Saturday, February 25 Isaiah 58:9b-14 Luke 5:27-32 5:00 pm: John Herber

Sunday, February 26 First Sunday of Lent Lev 19:1-2,11-18 Matt 25:31-46 7:30 am: Casper & Mary Louise Sack 9:00 am: Matthew Baumgart 11:00 am: People of the Parish

PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Catie Barnes Joe Cantalin Salvatore Colletti Teresita Manubay Peggy Smith Torni Corno **Bethany Curtis** Gayla Daugherty Susy Dolan Janet Doubek John Dwyer Patrick Fox Claire Galli Ruth Henry

Cletus Henry Daniel L'Ecuver Johanna Marnatti Mary Swift Mardel McGuire Ginny Miller Bob Nawrocki Will Newman Barbara Oates Don Pokorny Do Reis David Schilli

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Your Gifts to God and Parish. Thank you!

Special Collections:

Black & Indian Missions - Feb 5

2/12/23		Actual	Budget
	Envelopes	\$ 7,634	\$ 15,250
	Online	\$ 4,220	
	Total	\$ 11,854	\$ 15,250
YEAR TO DA	ΛTE	\$ 94,144	\$ 100,500

"But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you..." MATTHEW 5:44

Love your enemies, easier said than done. But, remember, the foundation of stewardship is prayer. When we are in close communication with God, it opens our heart and it turns our attention away from "me" and moves it towards God and others. It changes my heart and actions, allowing for a little more empathy for "my enemy." When we pray for others, even our enemies, it may soften their hearts as well.





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PASTOR'S CORNER

PARCE DOMINE, PARCE POPULO TUO, ne in aeternum irascaris nobis.

This Wednesday we begin the Season of Lent. We will have four Masses on Ash Wednesday, our usual Masses at 6:15 and 8:15 (live-streamed), 12 pm and 7 pm.

Lent is an awesome time of growth, renewal and hope. It is also crucial to our faith.

Traditionally, the focus has been on three things: **self-denial, prayer and almsgiv-ing**.

Self-denial. I am not one of those priests that says: "Instead of giving something up this Lent, you should so such and such!" Nope. Not gonna happen. Give something up. Self denial is such an important part of one's spiritual life. First of all, it builds discipline. You set a goal for yourself and you struggle to maintain that goal. Second, it teaches us that there are many things in our lives that seem essential and indispensable, but aren't. This is a freeing thing. Lastly, giving up something is good for your soul. I will agree that this should not be the extent of our Lenten journey. That is why the next aspect of Lent is:

Almsgiving. Ever hear the saying: it is better to give than to receive? Giving something up should free you to give and to give freely. There are so many different possibilities here. Our Vincent de Paul Society. Our PIP (Parents in Partnership) drive. And new this Lent, another chance to help our twin parish in Haiti, our Making Haiti Green Again Program. A \$75 donation sponsors a farmer for a year, a \$200 donation enables the planting of 200 trees. Once again the goal is food sustenance. Check the bulletin for more details. There is also Operation Rice Bowl and any number of charities you can support on your own.

But Lent does not stop there. The final aspect is:

Prayer. At the center of the All Things New initiative has been prayer. Over the past three and a half years, my time here at Holy,

I have found great strength in my prayer, especially as I walk the streets of Webster or Grant's Trail. My prayer has centered me, kept me from flying off the rails, helped me view the strategic initiative with a deeper, longer perception. What about starting your day with daily Mass at 6:15 or 8:15? What about inviting a friend who has been away from church to a Sunday liturgy? What about taking an hour on Tuesdays in front of the Blessed Sacrament? What about being more faithful to meal prayers with your family? What about praying the rosary on the way to work? What about joining one of our small Christian communities? There are so many possibilities!

The key to fruitful observance of these practices is to recognize their link to baptismal renewal. We are called not just to abstain from sin during Lent but to true conversion of our hearts and minds as followers of Christ. We recall those waters in which we were baptized into Christ's death, died to sin and evil, and began new life in Christ. Oh and in case you were wondering: Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of universal fast and abstinence. Fasting is obligatory for all who have completed their 18th year and have not yet reached their 60th year. (I'm exempt, but you are as young as you feel and as young as you fast.) Fasting allows a person to eat one full meal. Two smaller meals may be taken, not to equal one full meal. Abstinence (from meat) is obligatory for all who have reached their 14th year.

So what are you going to give up, what are you going to give and what are you going to pray this Lent??

It all begins with ashes on Wednesday.



Father Kevín

Lifeteen!

Meets tonight at 7:00 pm In the Church Meeting Room. All High School Teens are Invited!

Schedule Notes:

Feb 22 - Ash Wednesday Masses: 6:15 am, 8:15 am (Livestream) 12:00 Noon, 7:00 pm

Mar 5 - Donut Sunday in the Church Meeting Rm after 9 and 11am Masses

Mar 7 - 9-11:30 am CWL Morning of Reflection

Mar 22 - 7:00pm: Parish Penance Service

Mar 26 - 3:00 pm: St. Francis Borgia Choir presents Musical Stations of the Cross at Holy Redeemer Mar 31 - Fish Fry!





9 – 11:30 a.m. | Tuesday, March 7 Holy Redeemer Church Meeting Room

Mark your calendars now for the Catholic Women's League Morning of Reflection. Additional details to follow!

Lenten Offering: Making Haiti Green Again

This year, the Annunciation and Holy Redeemer parishes in Webster Groves MO will participate in a Lenten Offering to support our twinned parish in St. Jean du Sud Haiti, specifically a 5year project called **Making Haiti Green Again**. As with the 2021 **Goat & Chicken Project**, this project is focused on improving food security by increasing food production by smallholder farmers while promoting sustainable farming practices.

Decades of deforestation have degraded topsoil & agricultural productivity in Haiti, including St. Jean du Sud. Any efforts to improve food security in Haiti will first need to address this environmental challenge. This year's Lenten Offering for the Haiti Mission will support the innovative efforts of a Haitian partner, the Smallholder Farmers Alliance (SFA), to promote reforestation, soil renewal, and better farming practices via its Tree Currency program. This program will establish a tree nursery in St Jean du Sud and provide participants with agronomic training, quality crop seeds, and tools in exchange for planting and caring for the trees. A farmer's "sweat equity" becomes a form of currency. The program, a cooperative venture between the SFA and the **Timberland Company**, has increased farmers' yields by ~40% and income by 50-100% in other Haitian communities. To date over 5 million trees have been planted in Haiti through this collaboration.

Examples of trees to be planted include mangoes, papaya, coconut, cashew, breadfruit and Spanish cedar. The trees will be

St. Vincent de Paul News!



Thanks to the enormous generosity of our parishioners, our St. Vincent de Paul conference was able to provide the means for the neighbors we've served this year to have Thanksgiving and Christmas meals and other benefits for their families this holiday season.

We also helped a family who tragically lost their home and two family members in a fire, and they have moved into a new home with the financial support your generosity enabled.

Knowing our neighbors have faced higher costs for food, lodging and transportation, our parishioners opened their hearts and rose to the occasion and far beyond, and we want to express our deep appreciation. If you know of anyone who needs assistance, please have them call our hotline at 314-289-6101, mailbox 2250.



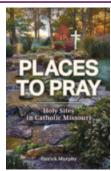
planted on degraded land and slopes, around water catchment infrastructures, in forest gardens on a farmer's land, and in pastures where fruit trees and livestock can coexist as a sylvopastoral system. Over time, the produce from these trees will supplement the food and income of the 400 participating families. A community seed bank will be created to provide these farmers with quality seeds for black beans and pigeon peas, two staple crops that are well adapted to Haiti's climate.

This initiative is made possible by the **Raising Haiti Foundation** which will provide ~47% of the funding for the 5-year program, roughly \$74,000; the HR Haiti mission will provide the remaining ~\$84,000, in part through this 2023 Lenten Offering. The goal after 5 years is to have self-supporting farmer cooperatives that continue the agro-forestry program, ensure access to high-quality seed thru the community seed bank, and promotes sustainable farming practices.

Please consider giving a donation to this year's Lenten Offering. A \$75 donation sponsors a farmer for one year and enables the planting of ~40 trees. A donation of \$200 sponsors a farmer for 2 1/2 years and enables the planting of ~100 trees. Of course, any donation amount is welcome!

For more information about **Making Haiti Green Again**, contact Jim Baum at <u>jabaum54@gmail.com</u> or call 314-853-7747.





Wine, Cheese, and Book Signing!

You're invited to the **Holy Redeemer Rectory on Sunday, February 26 from 2 – 4 pm** to gather, sip, munch and talk with the parish's Patrick Murphy about his latest book, "Places to Pray: Holy Sites in Catholic Missouri."

Patrick spent a year driving around Missouri, visiting churches, monasteries, and shrines in big cities and small towns, photographing and writing about them. Copies will be on hand, and a portion of the proceeds will go to the parish. Feel free to drop by.

EUCHARISTIC 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



GAMAM

I will be collecting non-perishable food for the Webster-Rock Hill Ministries and delivering it to them after Sunday, February 26th.



Please place food items in the blue container In the back of church before the 26th. Thank you for your continued generosity!

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 lmedley@holyr.org.

TRACK REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

Registration for the 2023 Holy Redeemer Track & Field season is open! Register NOW so that you don't miss it – see link below! The Holy Redeemer Track & Field team is open to boys and girls in K–8, and the season is scheduled to run from March through May.

https://www.teamsideline.com/sites/ cycsouthcentral/program/58419/2023-Track-Holy-Redeemer

Bulletin News:

Our bulletins are no longer being published by JSPaluch - our publisher is now LPi. You can view our current bulletin on our website (holyr.org) or at https:// www.parishesonline.com/organization/holyredeemer-parish-63119. On that page, you can also subscribe to be notified when a new bulletin becomes available. If you have previously received the bulletin by email through JS Paluch you will have to resubscribe at parishesonline.com. Please contact the rectory office: (email)Imedley@holyr.org (phone) 314-962-0038, if you need assistance.

Good Samaritan Needed:

We have a parishioner in need of a ride to Mass each week. They live very close by but don't have transportation. Please call the rectory if you can help. (314)962-0038.



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Pope St. John XXIII National Seminary, Weston, MA is offering 'First Friday Visits' on: March 3rd, 2023 at 5:00pm – Holy Hour and Evening Prayer.

Option to attend virtually or in person. In Person includes dinner with the seminarians and a tour. Virtual includes a Zoom visit following Holy Hour. Make a resolution to be courageous.



Contact: msgr.fayepsjs.edu or 781.899.5500 ext. 134 www.psjs.edu

Lector & Minister Assignments						
Date	Mass Times	Lector	Extraordinary Ministers	Servers		
February 25	5:00 pm	Rosemary Meyers	Katie Mank Maureen Werner	Finn Rose, Mimi Sadlo Carly Satchell		
February 26	7:30 am	James Hardin	Phyllis Matteuzi Joe Zapf	Eleanor Anderson Andrew Malyszko		
February 26	9:00 am	Jerry Baum	Mary Ziegelman Carol Devanny	Ellie Hannis, Ethan Heavy Charlie Hugo		
February 26	11:00 am	Tricia Reh	Terri Gaffney Theresa Jeevanjee	George Kessler, Claire Kessler Ava Luer		

STEPHEN MINISTRY



You are Invited!

The Stephen Ministry Team invites you to an Informational Meeting on **Sunday, February 26 at 10:00am in the Rectory Meeting Room**. Join us to learn more about Stephen Ministry. If you would like to join the Ministry or would like to meet with a Stephen Minister or would just like to know about Stephen Ministry, please join us.

For more information please contact Maureen Werner (314) 962-5079 or Laurie Medley in the Parish Office (314) 962-0038.

Interested in becoming Catholic?

In the Rite of Christian Initiation, or RCIA, you will learn about the teachings of Jesus, as the Catholic Church has handed them on and also have the opportunity to participate in the life of the parish through service and prayer.

If you or someone you know would like more information, please contact Mary Ziegelman (314) 968-2561 or the parish office (314) 962-0038.



Sodality of the Most Sacred Heart - Lenten Retreat

All are Invited to join us Saturday, Feb 25, 2023 8a.m. -3p.m. for a day of silent reflection and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. After 8a.m. mass, we'll have 3 reflections given by our speakers, and opportunities for Confession, Prayer ministry teams, plus private conferences with priests and spiritual directors.

Speakers: Jane Guenther, Director of Catholic Renewal Center and Fr. Leland Thorpe, OMV, Assoc. Pastor, St. Mary's Catholic Church, Alton. Additional confessors and Conference Directors: Msgr. Timothy Cronin, Fr. Chris Uhl, OMV & Fr. Sam Conedera, SJ. **Location**: St. Mary Magdalen Church, 2618 S. Brentwood Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63144. Cost: \$30 payable the day of retreat, includes light breakfast and boxed lunch. To Register, send email to <u>info@mostsacredheart.net</u>. For more information, visit: <u>MostSacredHeart.net</u>.



SERVERS NEEDED

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS 7:00 PM

PLEASE SIGN UP IN THE SACRISTY IF YOU CAN SERVE.

Holy Redeemer Parish is looking for a Coordinator of Religious Education for the upcoming 2023-24 school year.



Primary responsibilities include: Coordination and oversight of the parish religious education program (PSR) for students in grade levels 1 – 8. Coordination and preparation for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation for parish students.

Qualifications include exemplifying a love for the Catholic Church and its Sacraments as well as a passion for working with parents in educating the young people of our faith.

Send resume to or for more information, contact: Rev. Kevin Schmittgens, 17 Joy Avenue, Webster Groves, MO 63119 (fatherkevin@holyr.org)

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 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

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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 Mary Moran, sister of Pat Consiglio Rick Thomas, friend of Deeds & Faith Fletcher Charlie LaBarge, grandson of Jack & Mary LaBarge



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