

Holy Redeemer Parish

Founded 1886
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.

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

MARCH 26, 2023

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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Monday, March 27

Dan 13:1-9,15-17,19-30,33-62 John 8:1-11

6:15 am: Evelyn M. Keller

8:15 am: Delmar Besand

Tuesday, March 28

Num 21:4-9 John 8:21-30

6:15 am: Frank & Lucille Boyer

8:15 am: Bob Shasserre

Wednesday, March 29

Isaiah 49:8-15 John 5:17-30

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

8:15 am: Lemoine Skinner III

Thursday, March 30

Gen 17:3-9 John 8:51-59

6:15 am: Parish Purgatorial Society

8:15 am: Pepple Family

Friday, March 31

Jer 20:10-13 John 10:31-42

6:15 am: Jane Corbett

8:15 am: Gregory R. Rhomberg

Saturday, April 1

Ez 37:21-28 john 11:45-56

5:00 pm: Wayne Karpinski

Sunday, April 2

Palm Sunday

Matt 21:1-11 Is 50:4-7 Phil 2:6-11

Matt 26:14-27:66

7:30 am: People of the Parish

9:00 am: Matthew Baumgart

11:00 am: Bob Kilgore

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

Special Collections:

March 19 - Catholic Relief Services

3/19/23	Actual	Budget
Envelopes	\$ 6,162	\$ 14,150
Online	\$ 4,997	
Total	\$ 11,159	\$ 14,150
YEAR TO DATE	\$ 153,580	\$ 173,450

"Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?'" JOHN 11:40

Many of us say that we believe in God. We attend Sunday Mass and participate in parish events. But when life gets hard and the pressure is on, when things aren't going our way, do we really believe? Do we really put our trust in the Lord? When we live a life of gratitude, recognizing all that we have been given, we really do see that God is providing for our needs. Living a grateful and generous life allows us to see God's active presence in our daily lives and we become "partakers of the divine nature."

PRAY FOR OUR SICK

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| Catie Barnes | Ruth Henry | Do Reis |
| Joe Cantalin | Cletus Henry | David Schilli |
| Jamie Christy | Daniel L'Ecuyer | Rick Slais |
| Salvatore Colletti | Teresita Manubay | Peggy Smith |
| Torni Corno | Johanna Marnatti | Mary Swift |
| Bethany Curtis | Ginny Miller | Kathy Timpe |
| Gayla Daugherty | Bob Nawrocki | Judie Tucci |
| Susy Dolan | Will Newman | Ken Wetzal |
| Janet Doubek | Barbara Oates | Patricia Wilhelm |
| John Dwyer | Don Pokorny | |
| Patrick Fox | | |
| Claire Galli | | |

REST IN PEACE

Rick Bischoff

Husband of Amy,
Father of Madison, Colin & Lincoln

David Pegue

Brother of Phyllis Matteuzzi

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. And let the perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

PASTOR'S CORNER

We adore you O Christ and we bless you, because by your Holy Cross you have redeemed the world.

One of the most stunning things about Holy Redeemer Church is that it is literally held aloft by the Stations of the Cross. In the morning and in the evening, the rising and setting of the sun blaze the power of Christ's sacrifice for us to bask in all its glory. I cannot tell you the number of times I have been enthralled in its beauty.

I have been blessed in my life to walk the actual Via Dolorosa, the Way of Sorrows, in Jerusalem. To actually carry a cross through the narrow passageways of the holy city was one of the most humbling and awe-inspiring moments of my life. As we passed the cross from pilgrim to pilgrim we all felt like Simon of Cyrene, and we carried that feeling home whenever we helped another who was suffering or aching. The Via ends, unsurprisingly, on the roof of the Church of the Holy Sepulcher and you then walk down to the Hill of Calvary, the traditional site of the crucifixion. From there you see the place where the body was prepared for burial and then you see the place of the tomb, the Edicule (the Little House), the traditional site of the resurrection. It is all quite stunning.

The history of the Way of the Cross, the Stations, is somewhat hazy. There is a tradition (which I would like to believe) that after Jesus' Death and Resurrection, his Mother Mary would visit the route he walked that fateful Good Friday. But there is very little evidence that the way of the Cross was an early devotion of the ancient church. As the centuries passed, there was a movement to replicate Jerusalem for Christians throughout the world. At the monastery of San Stefano at Bologna a group of connected chapels were constructed as early as the fifth century, by St. Petronius, Bishop of Bologna, which were

intended to represent the more important shrines of Jerusalem.

The earliest use of the word "Stations," as applied to the accustomed halting-places in the Via Sacra at Jerusalem, occurs in the narrative of an English pilgrim, William Wey, who visited the Holy Land in 1458 and again in 1462, and who describes the manner in which it was then usual to follow the footsteps of Christ in His sorrowful journey. It seems that up to that time it had been the general practice to commence at Mount Calvary, and proceeding thence, in the opposite direction to Christ, to work back to Pilate's house. By the early part of the sixteenth century, however, the more reasonable way of traversing the route, by beginning at Pilate's house and ending at Mount Calvary, had come to be regarded as the proper way.

Around the same time in Europe, places were set up to replicate the path of Jesus, even so far as to set out the exact distance he walked. In time, there were several different devotions to the way and not all of them were delineated by FOURTEEN different Stations. By the nineteenth century it became common practice to erect the stations in churches and the devotion has remained ever since.



With all that being said, I wholeheartedly invite you to the Choral Way of the Cross this Sunday at 3 pm in our church. The choir from St. Francis Borgia Church will be singing and it should be a Way of the Cross like none other. Having read the narration that I will be vocalizing, it promises to be a powerful and spiritually enriching event. This is truly a special event and will kick start the final weeks of the Lenten season in a wonderful way.

Father Kevin

Lifeteen!

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

Schedule Notes:

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

Mar 31 - Fish Fry!

Apr 2 - Donut Sunday

Holy Week Schedule:

Holy Thursday (April 6)
Mass of the Lord's Supper:
7:00pm(Livestream)

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

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

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

THE WAY OF THE CROSS

Choral Prayer of the Stations of the Cross

Saint Francis Borgia Choir
Narrated by Fr. Kevin Schmittgens



SUNDAY + MARCH 26 + 3:00 PM
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LENTEN DEVOTIONAL CONCERT

The Choir of St. Francis Borgia Parish will offer a devotional concert, *The Way of the Cross*, on Sunday, March 26 at 3:00 PM at Holy Redeemer Church, 17 Joy Avenue in Webster Groves.

The Devotional Concert is based on the Stations of the Cross. "Although it is Catholic in its roots, we've found that Christians of all denominations experience this devotional concert as especially moving," said Katie Alexander, the choir's director.

Former director, Paige Byrne Shortal, wrote the narration for this concert and it's been offered every year since 1997. "We're especially pleased to be singing at Holy Redeemer where Fr. Kevin Schmittgens is the pastor. "Fr. Kevin is an old friend of our choir and well-known as not only a fine preacher, but as someone with theatre background. He's agreed to narrate the concert and I'm looking forward to hearing his interpretation." Shortal will serve as co-director for this concert.

"This concert is a favorite of our choir members," said Shortal. "There is a song to reflect on each of the fourteen stations. For example, *Pieta* by Tom Kendzia, the song for the fourth station when Jesus meets his mother as he is carrying his cross, is sung from the mother's point of view: 'Come and see what I have done, I've given my only son,' she cries." The concert includes both traditional and contemporary music.

The choir is accompanied by pianist, Lucy Tobben and the concert will be interpreted for the deaf by Torri Ryder. "Her work is a lovely, graceful addition and both deaf and hearing members of the congregation enjoy her ministry," said Alexander.

The concert lasts about 75 minutes. There is no charge for admission. For more information call or text Alexander at 314-324-3331 or Shortal at 314-583-1522.



Holy Redeemer Fish Fry

Make plans to join us for the Holy Redeemer fish fry from 4:30 – 7 p.m. on Friday, March 31. Great food, fun, music and the company of friends – what’s not to love?

Interested in volunteering? Send a note to Jen Nixon at jengrib@gmail.com. Stay tuned for more details!

Confession on Tuesdays during Lent:
7:00 pm in Church
March 28 & April 4

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



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.

**Lenten Offering:
 Making Haiti Green Again**

This year’s Lenten Offering will support an initiative by the Smallholder Farmers Alliance to promote reforestation and sustainable agriculture in St. Jean du Sud, our twinned parish. The goal of the 5-year program is to improve food production and to plant 75,000 trees, most of them fruit and nut trees, to help stabilize the soil and provide an additional source of income for the 400 participating farmers. In exchange for planting and caring for the trees, farmers receive farming tools, high-quality black bean and pigeon pea seeds, training in sustainable farming practices, and access to a seed bank cooperative. Additional information can be found in the back of the church. Donations can be made by check to Holy Redeemer (write **Lenten Offering** on the check) at 17 Joy Avenue, Webster Groves, MO 63119 or by using this QR code for online giving:




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.

Lector, Minister & Altar Server Assignments

Date	Mass Times	Lector	Extraordinary Ministers	Servers
April 1	5:00 pm	Narrator 2 Lectors	Katie Mank Volunteer	
April 2	7:30 am	Narrator, Lector Mary Schurk	Diana Dahl Volunteer	
April 2	9:00 am	Narrator Sara Johnson Tony Miano	Patty Miano Tony Miano	
April 2	11:00 am	Tricia Reh 2 Lectors	Theresa Jeevanjee Volunteer	

GAMAM

Please bring any non-perishable food or personal care items you would like to donate and place in the blue GAMAM container in the back of church.

I will be bringing donations to the Webster-Rock Hill Ministries on Monday, March 27th so please bring all items to the bin before that date. Thank you for your generosity! Pat



“Group Files Initiative Petitions to Add Abortion Rights to the Missouri Constitution”

An abortion rights group recently filed eleven initiative petitions with the Secretary of State’s office to provide protections for the procedure in the state constitution. The proposals, filed by a political action committee called Missourians for Constitutional Freedom, would amend the constitution to declare that the “government shall not infringe upon a person’s fundamental right to reproductive freedom.”

Each proposal states that there must be “a compelling governmental interest” for abortion restrictions to be put in place; however, each differs as to the specifics of what is allowable. **Regardless, the proposals would effectively roll back the current pro-life protections in Missouri.**

The Secretary of State’s office is now accepting public comments on the 11 versions of the proposed amendment. The office will then write a summary and supporters can then begin gathering signatures to place the issue on the 2024 ballot.”



JOIN US NEXT SUNDAY

APRIL 2nd

AFTER 9 am & 11 am Masses

DONUT SUNDAY IN THE

CHURCH MEETING ROOM

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)



SAVE THE DATE!

The Run for Life and Learning is June 3!

Benefiting Birthright Counseling, St. Louis

Join us at Creve Coeur Lake on June 3 for a chip-timed 6K Run/Walk, 1 Mile Fun Walk/Run, and ¼ Mile Kids Run with FREDBIRD. Register or donate at runsignup.com/run4lifeandlearning.

Proceeds enable women who are financially stressed by an unplanned pregnancy to continue their education and secure better lives for themselves and their families. For sponsorship opportunities or more info, email run4lifeandlearning@gmail.com.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK RELATIVES AND FRIENDS



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 Rosemary Rowe, sister of Sr. Angela Senyszyn, OSF
 Stephen Serati, son of Marlene
 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
 Judy George, friend of Carol Devanny

Bethesda Orchard Residents
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 Nazareth Living Center Residents
 Ski-Li Smith, friend of Mary Ann Baum
 Evan Hummel, grandson of Bob & Janet Hart
 Leah Taylor, friend of Pam Mahoney
 Tricia Peckham, daughter of Kate & Bob Nawrocki
 Ann Hatrich, 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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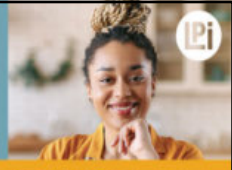
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