

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.

Rectory/Office: 314-962-0038

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

APRIL 9, 2023

RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

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Monday, April 10

Acts 2:14,22-23 Matt 28:8-15

6:15 am: Rick Bischoff

8:15 am: Marvin J. Sack

Tuesday, April 11

Acts 2:36-41 John 20:11-18

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

8:15 am: Frank & Lucille Boyer

Wednesday, April 12

Acts 3:1-10 Luke 24:13-35

6:15 am: Parish Purgatorial Society

8:15 am: Robert Dagenais

Thursday, April 13

Acts 3:11-26 Luke 24:35-48

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

8:15 am: Rick Bischoff

Friday, April 14

Acts 4:1-12 John 21:1-14

6:15 am: Elizabeth Dolan

8:15 am: John Heagney

Saturday, April 15

Acts 4:13-21 Mark 16:9-15

6:15 am: Ruth Marshall

Sunday, April 16

Divine Mercy Sunday

Acts 2:42-47 1 Peter 1:3-9 John 20:19-31

7:30 am: People of the Parish

9:00 am: St. John de Sud Parish

11:00 am: Joseph F. & Kathryn H. Darpel

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

Special Collections:

**April 7 - Holy Land
April 9 - Retired Priests**

3/26/23	Actual	Budget
Envelopes \$	5,848 \$	14,150
Online \$	12,246	
Total \$	18,094 \$	14,150
YEAR TO DATE	\$ 171,674 \$	187,000

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 | | |





PASTOR'S CORNER

Some things bear repeating.

The Easter story which we retell and remember today is the most important story of all time. It is the reason for our hope, our courage, our compassion and our joy. We share it each and every year because we need to continue to withstand the despair, hatred, hard-heartedness, arrogance and anguish that grips our world.

With this in mind, I would like to share with you one of my favorite Easter homilies. If you recall, I shared this my first Easter here at Holy Redeemer. (Remember, that Easter we couldn't come to Easter Mass.)

*Several years ago, I did a rather fascinating project with my students. They were also asked to write a memoir of their lives. But here's the catch: **you can only use six words.** I actually stole this idea from a book I read which is based on this very simple, yet very intriguing premise. (I can't help it, I am a thief.)*

*Some of the memoirs were goofy, yet revealed some truth nonetheless. One procrastinator just scribbled something very quickly: **This is not good. I'm sorry.** Another bold young man, stealing from Julius Caesar wrote: **I came, I saw, I conquered.** Some were very upbeat, clever and funny. One student wrote: **I am an overachiever.** (only four words, get it?) In case you are wondering my six word memoir was the punchline of a joke, a somewhat edgy joke which I really shouldn't tell you in church. It goes like this: **Not bad for a country priest.** I will let you figure out the joke, and yes, I know that since I've moved to Webster, I am no longer a country priest. Some of my students' responses were incredibly deep and rather poignant and profound. One girl, a dancer and quite possibly the smartest student I ever taught wrote: **Dancing through life, stumbling over myself.** Another wrote: **Only my music knows the truth.***

But of all the responses, one of the memoirs in particular really stuck with me. It stuck because I believe that it is one that many people, if not all of humanity, could us. A girl simply wrote:

I'm used to the word "no."

I'm used to the word "no." Isn't that the story of humanity in general? We sin. We say no to life and love. We suffer. Life says "no" to us. And we die. The ultimate "no" perpetrated on humanity. No. No. No. No. No. No.

*They are all before us, beside us, around us and inside us. To paraphrase a vulgar bumper sticker: **Life's a "no" then you die.***

*But today, we remember, we celebrate, we rejoice in a God who firmly and unequivocally responds with a "yes." By raising Jesus from the dead, God says "yes" to creation, "yes" to life, "yes" to us. God, are you there? **Yes.** God, do you care? **Yes.** Do you forgive us? **Yes.** Is the long reign of sin and sadness ended? **Yes.***

As we stand before the empty tomb, we remember this central, vital, essential tenet of our faith. We stand against the night, against the darkness, against the hate, against the futility, against the gloom, against the senselessness, and dedicate ourselves to living the fullness of life in Christ. Our whole lives must now be a "yes" and we need to share that with a world that is far too used to the word "no." Especially now, in this mad season.

If you have ever watched improvisational comedy, where actors make up stories and jokes on the spur of the moment, you probably wondered how they can do that so fast and think on their feet so quickly. One of the tricks of the trade is that you always have to think and act and speak "yes." In improv, one never says "no." The idea is that you must always go with the flow of a skit no matter what. You must always agree, always keep moving forward. Improv artists know that a single "no" derails and, indeed, kills the show.

The same is true with our lives, especially now. The message of Easter is that we are continually to say "yes" in our lives as we dance our way through life, even if, at times, we stumble over ourselves. To our new Catholics, I will tell you that there is no deep secret to living the Christian life beyond just continuing to say Yes to God wherever He leads you.

For because of this Easter day the memoir of our lives, the memoir of the Church, the memoir of all humanity is now condensed to six glorious words:

Christ is risen, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Blessed Easter!

Father Kevin



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Husband of Phyllis

Johanna Taylor
Visitation & Celebration of Life
Holy Redeemer Catholic Church
Friday, April 14, 2023
Visitation: 10am
Mass: 11am

Harry (Pete) Berndt
Husband of Nancy
Celebration of Life
Holy Redeemer Catholic Church
Saturday, April 22, 2023
Mass: 11am

Lifeteen!

No Meeting Tonight.

Happy Easter!



**ST. PATRICK'S
CASSEROLE PROGRAM**

TEAM #1

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

**3:00 pm
Thursday, April 13th**

Thank you!

**Annual Easter Collection
Supports our Retired Priests**

The annual Archbishop's Collection for Retired Priests is traditionally held on Easter Sunday. This is a beautiful opportunity to honor the vibrant legacy of priests who have dedicated their lives to serve us and who continue to inspire our current and future priests. Your support helps assure our priests receive the essential care they need, including physician services, hospitalization, nursing home care, vision care and disability, now and for years to come. You can make your gift through the designated envelope, or any envelope marked Retired Priests, on or after Easter weekend. You can also text-to-give by texting 4PRIESTS to 314-648-8456. Online gifts are welcome year-round at archstl.org/retiredpriests.



Blood Drive

Holy Redeemer Catholic Church

Cafeteria
17 Joy Ave
Webster Groves, MO 63119

**Tuesday, May 2, 2023
3:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.**

For assistance with scheduling an appointment please contact Carrie Genovese by email at t.c.genovese@sbcglobal.net

Risen Jesus Party

Saturday, April 15
10:30 am – 11:30 am

Join us for our annual Easter Party for children! Includes story time, an activity, treats, and a prayer experience in our chapel. All families and children are welcome. (Activities are designed for children ages 4-7).

To register: tinyurl.com/mav36xpm



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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:

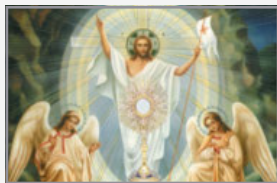


EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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



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.

STEPHEN MINISTRY

Dear Friends,

We are the members of the Stephen Ministry Team of Holy Redeemer Parish. We have had over fifty hours of instruction to prepare us to do this ministry. We are non-judgmental listeners who are ready and waiting to help you with anything weighing on your heart. Our conversations are strictly confidential.

If you would like to meet with a Stephen Minister or want to learn more, please contact Maureen Werner, (314) 962-5079

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.

Lector & Extraordinary Minister Assignments				
Date	Mass Times	Lector	Extraordinary Ministers	
April 15	5:00 pm	Sue Darcy	Sue Darcy Mike Darcy	
April 16	7:30 am	Pat Futhey	Joe Zapf Phyllis Matteuzi	
April 16	9:00 am	Patrick Murphy	Mary Ziegelman Carol Devanny	
April 16	11:00 am	Glenn Fox	Melissa Kessler Pamela Mahoney	

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH!

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Marty & Darby

Seithel Family
Steven, Allison & Rose

Drobish Family
Julie, Jeffrey, Wesley & Nora

Deem Family
Adam, Rica & Olivia

Riti Family
Tom, Kate, Daniel, June & Caroline

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Mary, Brad, Henry, Patrick & Charles

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Susan, David, Lee & Jacob

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Stephen & Melissa

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Matthew & Abigail

Scarlett Lewis O'Connor
Devin & Madeline

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Thomas & Dillia

Sullivan Winter Thomas
Martin & Maureen

SAVE THE DATE!



**The Run for
Life and Learning is June 3!**

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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.

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Norbert Krekeler, brother of Mary Ann Baum
 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
 Mary Ann Borage, mother of Pam Rogers
 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
 Brad Buck, son-in-law to Jim & Kathy Baum
 Robby Johnson, friend of Kathy Robinson
 Donna Hohgreffe-Waters, mother of Suzy Streeter
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