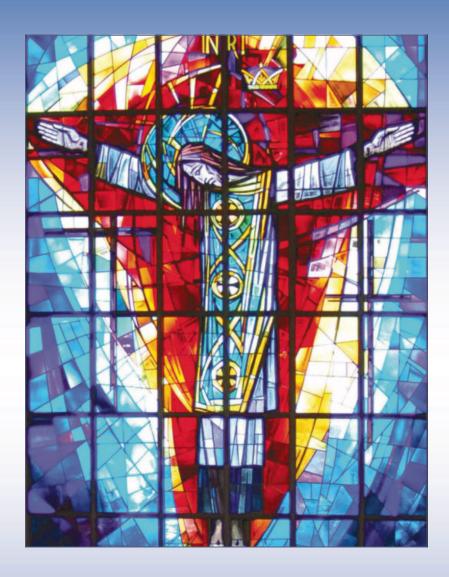
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Holy Mass:

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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APRIL 23, 2023

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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Monday, April 24

St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen Acts 6:8-15 John 6:22-29 6:15 am: Frank & Lucille Boyer 8:15 am: Maureen Lehman

Tuesday, April 25

St. Mark

1 Peter 5:5b-14 Mark 16:15-20

6:15 am: Joseph F. & Kathryn H. Darpel 8:15 am: Lemoine Skinner III

Wednesday, April 26

Acts 8:1b-8 John 6:35-40 6:15 am: Elizabeth Rohn

8:15 am: Casper & Mary Louise Sack

Thursday, April 27

Acts 8:26-40 John 6:44-51

6:15 am: Lemoine & Virginia Skinner 8:15 am: Parish Purgatorial Society

Friday, April 28

St. Peter Chanel, St. Louis de Montfort

Acts 9:31-42 John 6:52-59 6:15 am: Louise & Vincent Burke

8:15 am: Bob Kilgore

Saturday, April 29 St. Catherine of Siena Acts 9:31-42 John 6:60-69 6:15 am: Mardel McGuire

Sunday, April 30

Acts2:14a,36-41, 1Peter2:20b-25 John10:1-10

7:30 am: People of the Parish 9:00 am: Mildred Henry 11:00 am: Bill & Teresa Haynes

PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Catie Barnes Joe Cantalin Jamie Christy Salvatore Colletti Torni Corno **Bethany Curtis** Gayla Daugherty Susy Dolan Janet Doubek John Dwyer Patrick Fox Claire Galli

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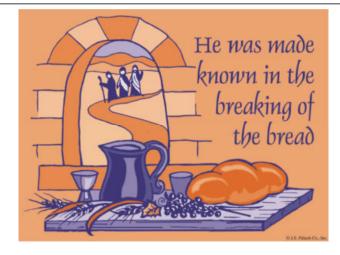
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Your Gifts to God and Parish. Thank you!

Special Collections:

April 7 - Holy Land April 9 - Retired Priests

4/16/23		Actual	Budget
	Envelopes	\$ 5,386	15,450
	Online	\$ 5,715	
	Total	\$ 11,101	15,450
YEAR TO DA	ATE	\$ 210,988	\$ 233,950



REST IN PEACE

Cathy Jeep

Celebration of Life Holy Redeemer Catholic Church Saturday, April 29, 2023 Visitation: 10am

Mass: 11am

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.

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PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear First Communicants (and anyone who has at one time received their First Communion):

"This is the day the Lord has made! Let us rejoice and be glad."

This has been a day that I have been waiting for with much anticipation and eagerness. And I can only imagine how you all are feeling today. At all school Masses, you sit up in the front pews staring with hunger as the other children form the procession line to receive Communion. On Sundays, you walk up with mom and dad and dutifully cross your arms to receive a blessing, but your eyes betray a longing for the host, the Body of Christ. I have witnessed your growth over the years, your spunk, your vibrant and glowing spirit. I love the fact that I have to enter your classroom (both the day school and PSR) attempting to keep you somewhat quiet (it rarely works) before you explode with questions and comments and anything else that pops into those curious and ever-expanding minds of yours.

This is the first time since I got to Holy Redeemer Parish that we will be celebrating First Communion all together as a class (with a couple of siblings to make it even more special), as well as receiving communion under both species. It has been a wild ride over the past three and a half years and I couldn't be happier, nor prouder of all of you.

St. Teresa of Calcutta (you know, Mother Teresa, the saint I met in 1982, even have photographic evidence) once admonished us priests. She said: Celebrate each Mass as if it is your first Mass, your last Mass and your only Mass. Well, I would paraphrase that for all of you: Receive communion as if it was your First Communion (that won't be difficult today), your last Communion (let's hope that doesn't actually happen for a long, long time) and your only Communion.

From this day on, you will be tasked to come to Mass each and every Sunday. This is a difficult discipline, to be sure, but it is the only way I know of to become full disciples of Jesus. Here's why.

First, that is what God demands from us. It's one of the Ten *Commandments*, not one of the Ten Suggestions. **Keep Holy the Sabbath.** Jesus said it as well when he told his disciples at the Last Supper: **Do this in Memory of Me**.

But I don't just want to play the "because I said so" card. Here is why I think the Sunday Obligation is important:

1. It is how we become family. When I think back at my childhood, my development, my maturity, most of my memories of my family center around our dinner table. I remember the big events: Thanksgiving, Christmas, Easter, for sure. But I also remember the ordinary meals

which always began with a monstrously long meal prayer that rivaled the length of our Easter Vigil this year. (joking, forgive me Fr. Gene). But those moments formed me, made gratitude the center of my life, let me know I was part of something bigger than myself, made me feel the love of my parents, my siblings and my God. Regular attendance at Sunday Mass will make you a vital part of our family here at Holy. It will also make gratitude the center of your life, a sure and certain cure of helplessness, anger and despair. And furthermore, my heart always rejoices when I see you here at Sunday Mass.

2. It is how we are fed. Over the past few months, I have been dealing with some health issues. I have always exercised – never an issue – but my diet was... problematic. Eating well is a crucial part of a healthy lifestyle. The same can be said about our spiritual food. Our popular culture feeds us some pretty unhealthy helpings – that in fact, don't really help us. When we gather at Mass, we hear the Word of God, a well-prepared homily (hopefully) and we take and eat the Bread of Life. All of this, ideally, will help your live your life in generosity, in hopefulness and in joy.

3. It is here where we encounter the Living God.



Throughout the history of the Church, it was unlawful to go to Mass. I played golf at a course in Ireland (Waterville) whose 13th hole was called the "Mass Hole." The green was down in a swale that couldn't be seen from the rest of the

course. That is where Catholics used to secretly celebrate Mass when it was illegal to do so. Many Christians throughout the ages risked punishment, imprisonment and even death to celebrate the Eucharist. Why? Because they knew that this was the event in which they encountered in a real and physical way their God, the Living God. They knew that they needed to gather, to pray, to listen, and to receive in order to truly live their lives of faith. Whenever I feel like Mass is a chore, whenever I feel too tired to care, whenever I would rather do something else, I think about my ancestors in Ireland down in that swale, risking everything, and I don't feel so sorry for myself anymore.

So, First Communicants (and everyone else) never take for granted what you joyfully receive this day. And know that your family loves you, I love you and most of all, God loves you very much.

Father Kevin

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

Reconciliation: 7 - 8pm on the **FIRST** Tuesday of the Month

RECONCILIATION

Now that Lent is over we would like to continue to offer the sacrament of **Reconciliation on the FIRST Tuesday of the month from 7:00pm - 8:00pm.** This is in addition to our normal



4:00pm on Saturday time. Also, if you would like to schedule time for this sacrament, please call the rectory to schedule with a priest. It is a great treasure of our faith that Christ gave us this sacrament! Come and let your burdens be lifted and your soul made light again!

March on the Arch!

Join Coalition Life for the 6th annual
March on the Arch! Come be inspired
by engaging speakers and seize the opportunity to stand
up for the lives of the preborn as the pro-life community
makes a positive witness for life.

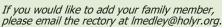
When: Saturday, April 29th- Rally kicks off at 11am. **Where:** Aloe Plaza (near Union Station).

Register online at STLMarch.com

We hope to see you there!

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





ATTENTION SERVERS!

Servers, please continue to signup ONLINE for serving at Mass. Lately there have been Masses where there have been no servers. We really count on your help and the people of the parish love to see you up there helping. Please contact Fr. Gene if you have any questions or if you need help with Sign-Up Genius.

Lifeteen!

Meets tonight
7 pm in the Church Meeting Room
All High School Teens Invited!

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



Our Haitian goats are prospering

Our Haitian partner in St. Jean du Sud, a volunteer organization called AVOREDES, has been running **The Goat and Chicken Project** for the past

two years. Funding for this project was provided by our 2021 Lenten Offering. In 2021, 100 families received a young female goat, 4 chickens, access to elite Boer male goats for breeding, veterinary support, and training in animal husbandry. In return, participants pledged to donate their first female goat to another family that, in turn, will have access to the breeding service. In 2022, we doubled down on the project and added another 200 participating families. As of April 15, we've had 303 newborn goats and 106 goats gifted to other families. Of course, the numbers from the 2022 cohort lag behind the 2021 cohort because not all of the mothers have had their first litter. The chickens are more or less on their own but. like the goats, provide a badly needed source of food and income for the families.



Lector & Extraordinary Minister Assignments

Date	Mass Times	Lector	Extraordinary Ministers
April 29	5:00 pm	Jerry Jones	Beth Mayer Paul Mayer
April 30	7:30 am	Paul Fiess	Ellen Fusz Ann Fusz
April 30	9:00 am	Kevin Bayer	Susan Randich Kevin Randich
April 30	11:00 am	Tricia Reh	Susanne Doran Terri Gaffney

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

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.

Calling all College Students!

Are you in College? Are you hungry for your faith? Or, are you just plain hungry? If you answered yes to any of these questions, please join Fr. Gene and Joe LaScala from the Webster Catholic College Campus Ministry, for Eucharistic Adoration, social activities, and dinner at the Holy Redeemer Rectory on Sunday April 30th at 5:00pm.



We will gather in the common area behind the rectory at 5:00pm for social time while Fr. Gene cooks! Adoration after dinner followed by dessert. Please RSVP through the Holy Redeemer Office at (314)962-0038 or email Fr. Gene at fathergene@holyr.org.



Celebrate spring with your friends at the Catholic Women's League's Spring Social & Plant Auction at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, April 26! Grab a plant of your choice (or \$20), a few friends and join us at the home of Jenny Fagan (434 Hawthorne Ave.) for a fun night in support of the Catholic Women's League. Your entrance fee (plant or \$20) gets you drinks, appetizers, dessert and some quality time with your Holy Redeemer friends! All guests will have the chance to get their hands on plants via a raffle, silent auction and brief live auction. This is a laidback event perfect for those with green and black thumbs alike! RSVPs are not required. Contact Sarah Andres (314-956-3101) or Rachel Kessler (314-495-2860) with questions or to learn more.

GAMAM FOOD COLLECTION!

The food collection for April will be on Sunday, April 30th. Please place your donated non-Perishable food items in the blue container in the back of church before noon on the 30th. I deliver the donations to the Webster/Rock Hill Ministries the following week.

Thank you so much for your contributions!

THANK YOU FROM SVDP!

Holy Redeemer's St. Vincent De Paul Society wants to express our deep gratitude for the continued generosity of our parishioners. We continue to be able to support the needs of our neighbors within our parish boundaries, as well as parish's in other parts of St. Louis that need financial support their communities cannot help with. And, although it is a small deed, we were able to provide Easter baskets to each of the children whose families we have served in the last year. Thank you again, and if you, or anyone you know, needs assistance, please call our hotline at 314-289-6101, mailbox 2250.

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)

Holy Redeemer Women's ACTS Retreat

LaSalle Retreat Center

June 1 - 4, 2023

Registration Form



Name (as you want to appear on your name tag)	Parish
Address	Email Address
City & Zip	Emergency Contact Person & Relationship
Work Phone	Emergency Contact Phone Numbers (cell & other)
Home Phone	Second Emergency Contact Person & Relationship
Cell Phone	Second Emergency Contact Phone Numbers

Allergies, if any

Holy Redeemer Parish is now accepting registrations for the **June 2023 Women's ACTS Retreat** (Adoration, Community, Theology and Service). This parish-based retreat offers the opportunity to renew your spirituality, strengthen your faith, develop lasting friendships and build parish community. A team of Holy Redeemer women presents the retreat with spiritual direction from our parish priests and deacon.

The retreat begins Thursday evening, June 1st with 6:00 check-in at Holy Redeemer. Transportation will be provided to and from the retreat center. The retreat will conclude at the 11:00 A.M. Mass on Sunday at Holy Redeemer.

The cost of the retreat is \$260. A \$50 registration fee is requested to reserve your place. The balance of \$210 will be due at check-in on Thursday. Financial concerns should not prevent anyone from attending the retreat. If you would like further information regarding the retreat or the scholarship program, please contact one of the following:

Claudia Perreault, Director 314-952-6061 claud14@swbell.net Tricia Martinez, Co-Director 314-378-8970 martinezonclark@sbcglobal.net Linda Hill - Co-Director 314-322-4325 lindah@lindalhill.com

Please mail or deliver this form and \$50 deposit fee to the Parish office at 17 Joy Avenue, Webster Groves, 63119. (Check payable to Holy Redeemer.) Space is limited due to retreat facility accommodations. We welcome non-HR parishioners and non-Catholics, space permitting.

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 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 Evan Hummel, grandson of Bob & Janet Hart 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 Brad Buck, son-in-law to Jim & Kathy Baum Robby Johnson, friend of Kathy Robinson Donna Hohgrefe-Waters, mother of Suzy Streeter Katie Fechter -- Sister in Law of Barb & Gary Roufa Jane Wegert - Mother of Todd Senzig Marie Senzig - Aunt of Todd Senzig Kim Lakamp - Niece of Laurie Medley





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