

# Holy Redeemer Parish

Founded 1886  
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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.

**Rectory/Office:** 314-962-0038

**Website:** [www.holyr.org](http://www.holyr.org)

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

# APRIL 30, 2023

# FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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Carol Herber, Bookkeeper	bookkeeper@holyr.org		

Monday, May 1  
 St. Joseph the Worker  
 Acts 11:1-18 John 10:11-18  
 6:15 am: Joseph Hartmann & Fam (Spec Int)  
 8:15 am: Sr. Damien Wetzel, D.C.

Tuesday, May 2  
 St. Athanasius  
 Acts 11:19-26 John 10:22-30  
 6:15 am: Huff Family (Spec Int)  
 8:15 am: John Evans

Wednesday, May 3  
 Sts. Philip & James  
 1 Cor 15:1-8 John 14:6-14  
 6:15 am: Elizabeth Rohn  
 8:15 am: Frank & Lucille Boyer

Thursday, May 4  
 Acts 13:13-25 John 13:16-20  
 6:15 am: Parish Purgatorial Society  
 8:15 am: Maria Argentina Perez Abaunza

Friday, May 5  
 Acts 13:16-33 John 14:1-6  
 6:15 am: Joseph F. & Kathryn H. Darpel  
 8:15 am: Rick Bischoff

Saturday, May 6  
 Acts 13:44-52 John 14:7-14  
 Acts 9:31-42 John 6:60-69  
 5:00 pm: Mary Louise & Casper Sack

Sunday, May 7  
 Acts 6:1-7 1 Pete 2:4-9 John 14:1-12  
 7:30 am: People of the Parish  
 9:00 am: Ann Manubay  
 11:00 am: Shirley Apprill

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

### Special Collections:

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

4/23/23	Actual	Budget
Envelopes \$	4,225 \$	15,450
Online \$	5,622	
Total \$	9,847 \$	15,450
<b>YEAR TO DATE</b>	<b>\$ 220,835</b>	<b>\$ 249,400</b>



### PRAY FOR OUR SICK

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

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## PASTOR'S CORNER

### All Things New: The End and the Beginning

The journey began about a year and a half ago, when Archbishop Rozanski called all of us priests together to tell us about a plan to consolidate parishes, all the parishes of the Archdiocese of St. Louis. It was bold...and scary. The need to do this, despite what the critics and complainers may say, is obvious and unmistakable. In case you have any doubts, about a third of the priests of the Archdiocese (including your beloved pastor) will be reaching retirement age in the next ten years. (I could write a book about the priest shortage and the reasons why, but we will let that go for another time.) The number of priests should level off at about 130 in the near future. Beyond that, it is apparent that some places have far too many priests, while other places with larger populations, do not. So *All Things New* was born.

Then began the herculean task of gathering data and ideas and opinions throughout the region. There were surveys that every Catholic (and maybe even some invested non-Catholics) were encouraged to take. Each parish got together to look at their strengths and weaknesses and present them to the Archdiocese. Then there were the Listening Sessions. **TWO FOR EVERY PARISH IN THE ARCHDIOCESE.** Each parish then made a report about their listening sessions. At the end of November, the Archdiocese then made the critical decision to do two things: raise the salaries of every teacher in the system and to delay the decisions on schools for a year. (My guess is that we will hear more about this in the fall. Holy Redeemer School will be fine.)

And, of course, there were the naysayers. I have two issues with them.

First, many of the critics complain that the Archdiocese is not listening to people. My reply to that is a) read the above paragraph again and b) it has become obvious that the original models have changed drastically since August when they were presented to the priests. If anything, the Archdiocese has gathered a mountain of data and opinions. Not everyone will be happy. (Fr. Gene and I have had many discussions about some of the areas that are complaining the most. When you look at the data, you realize how far from reality some of them are. No names...)

Second, the Archdiocese has done the work. This has been a massive effort. It kept me busy for several months and I am really not doing nearly as much as others have been. (My classmate has had to read over a thousand pages of reports in

preparation for the final decision. I've never been so happy to be unimportant in the Archdiocese.) You can say what you want about the process, but you cannot say it wasn't thorough.

And now we are at the end of the first phase of this colossal project. In May, we will hear the results of all of this work. We will know the final decisions about pastorates, which parishes will be joined together. We will also know the clergy staffing of those pastorates. Holy Redeemer is scheduled to host our deanery meeting a week after all of these announcements. That should be a lively discussion.

But that will not be the end. It will only be the beginning.

June and July will be used to prepare parishes for the changes and the new priest assignments are scheduled to begin at the beginning of August. That is when the real work will be done, namely to make all of these adjustments and changes real. As I have said to you many times, this will also be a new beginning for Holy Redeemer. Our parish council is already at work to rethink what we do around here and how we can become an even more vibrant parish. Certainly, the changes around us will have an effect upon what we do here. So it will definitely not be business as usual ahead.

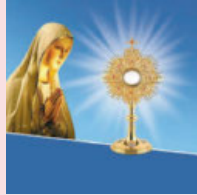
We have several things working in our favor as we move forward. We are starting at a good place already. We have robust ministries, a thriving school, a strong financial base and a solid tradition. All of this says to me that we will face the challenges of the future as Holy Redeemer always has, with clear minds, open hearts, willing spirits and trusting faith in a Loving God.

Bring it on!



*Father Kevin*

## 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

**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!**



### NEXT CHAPTER PROGRAM

The Next Chapter is a program grounded in Ignatian Spirituality that has been offered in the St. Louis community for the past six years. It is a six-month guided journey in a group setting for people who are approaching retirement or who are recently retired. The ultimate goal of the program is to assist one to discern how he or she wants to live the next chapter of life. For more information, go to [www.nextchapterprogram.org](http://www.nextchapterprogram.org). The next session of the program begins in October of 2023. The first step for participating in the program is to attend an information session. The sessions will be held at 6:30 pm on May 25 and June 5 at the Mercy Conference and Retreat Center, 2039 Geyer Road. To RSVP please email Tom at [thomas.auffenberg@slu.edu](mailto:thomas.auffenberg@slu.edu) and indicate which session you will attend.

### 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](mailto:imedley@holyr.org).*

### ATTENTION SERVERS!

Servers, please continue to sign up 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](mailto: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
May 6	5:00 pm	Kevin Bayer	Geri Baumgart Maureen Werner
May 7	7:30 am	Pat Futhey	Mark Abad Joe Zapf
May 7	9:00 am	Sara Johnson	Laura Welch Kerry DeGregorio
May 7	11:00 am	Susanne Doran	Theresa Jeevanjee Janey Menner

## 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 FRED BIRD. Register or donate at [runsignup.com/run4lifeandlearning](http://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](mailto:fathergene@holyr.org).



The RCIA core team would like to extend thanks to the Holy Redeemer Community for supporting our new

Catholics. **Special thanks to our dedicated sponsors, awesome Catechists and those who brought a prayer and some goodies to share. Thanks also go to Father Kevin and Father Gene.** We always appreciate your knowledge and encouragement.

### 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.**



### BIRTHRIGHT MOTHER'S DAY CARDS!

Birthright of Hillsboro has provided us with Mother's Day cards.

You can pick up these free cards in the back of church. (We also have some Father's Day cards)

For more than 40 years, Birthright has offered free, confidential help to the mothers in our community. They need funds to continue the work of saving unborn lives, easing the burdens of those faced with an unexpected pregnancy, and helping provide the essentials for children under three.

Please consider supporting Birthright as you honor the special women in your life this Mother's Day.

# Holy Redeemer Women's ACTS Retreat

LaSalle Retreat Center

**June 1 - 4, 2023**

## Registration Form



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Name (as you want to appear on your name tag)

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Parish

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Address

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Email Address

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City & Zip

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Emergency Contact Person & Relationship

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Work Phone

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Emergency Contact Phone Numbers (cell & other)

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Home Phone

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Second Emergency Contact Person & Relationship

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Cell Phone

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Second Emergency Contact Phone Numbers

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Any special physical, dietary, medical or other needs for the retreat weekend

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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@lindahill.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 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  
 Katie Fechter— Sister in Law of Barb & Gary Roufa  
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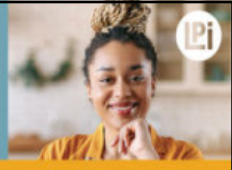
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