

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

Website: www.holyr.org

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

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Monday, May 15
 St. Isidore
 Acts 16:11-15 John 15:26-16:4a
 6:15 am: Paul & Barbara Ring (Spec. Int.)
 8:15 am: Maureen Lehman

Tuesday, May 16
 Acts 16:22-34 John 16:5-11
 6:15 am: Joseph F. & Kathryn H. Darpel
 8:15 am: Edward Smith

Wednesday, May 17
 Acts 17:15,22-18:1 John 16:12-15
 6:15 am: Parish Purgatorial Society
 8:15 am: Carroll Maas

Thursday, May 18
 The Ascension of the Lord
 Acts 1:1-11 Eph 1:17-23 matt 28:16-20
 6:15 am: Joan Maier
 8:15 am: Bob Kilgore

Friday, May 19
 Acts 18:9-18 John 16:20-23
 6:15 am: Frank & Lucille Boyer
 8:15 am: Cathy Jeep

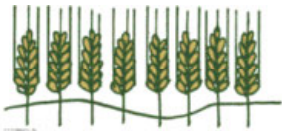
Saturday, May 20
 St. Bernardine of Siena
 Acts 18:23-28 John 16:23b-28
 5:00 pm: Joseph & Alberta Simeone

Sunday, May 21
 Acts 1:12-14 1 Peter 4:13-16 John 17:1-11a
 7:30 am: People of the Parish
 9:00 am: Bob Kilgore
 11:00 am: Bill & Teresa Haynes

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

Special Collections:
May 21 - Catholic Communication Campaign
May 28 - Catholic Home Missions Appeal

| 5/7/23 | Actual | Budget |
|---------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| Envelopes \$ | 8,599 \$ | 14,150 |
| Online \$ | 5,268 | |
| Total \$ | <u>13,867 \$</u> | <u>15,450</u> |
| YEAR TO DATE | \$ 247,880 \$ | \$ 279,000 |



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.



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 Wetzell |
| Susy Dolan | Kenneth Moire | Patricia Wilhelm |
| Janet Doubek | Bob Nawrocki | |
| John Dwyer | Will Newman | |
| Patrick Fox | Barbara Oates | |
| Claire Galli | Don Pokorny | |



PASTOR'S CORNER

What kind of person do you want to be?

There was a research study that examined engaged couples right before they got married. They would bring them into a room and asked them to just discuss anything and everything they wanted. As the couple talked, the researchers would film the pair, noticing facial expressions, body language as well as tone of voice as the couple talked. They would then evaluate their discussion and finally would track their relationship over the years.

What they discovered was astounding.

The researchers could tell, **WITHIN THE FIRST TEN MINUTES OF THE DISCUSSION**, whether or not the couple would remain married, with incredible accuracy (70%).

What was it that the researchers saw? In a word, **CONTEMPT**.

Contempt does not just mean that you simply do not like something. It is much deeper and darker than that. Contempt means a lack of respect or reverence for something or somebody. It is the feeling that a person or a thing is beneath consideration, worthless, or deserving scorn. Imagine feeling that way toward your spouse. What the researchers saw when they saw a person exhibiting contempt is that the other person was put on their guard. Their bodies were on the defensive as if they were being stalked by a saber tooth tiger. When your body experiences this, cortisol is released into your system and bad things begin to happen. In a word, it is destructive. And exhausting.

The brutal thing about contempt is that it not only destroys the person who is held in contempt (the contemptee?), it destroys the person exhibiting contempt (the contemptor?). Listen to this quote from a recent article in the New Yorker magazine by a writer named Jelani Cobb:

The bravado, the contempt, and the veneer of stoicism were all strategically worn masks meant to camouflage their fears and their ultimate powerlessness to change the circumstances that reliably produced such a vast toll of needless deaths—including, quite likely, their own.

In other word, contempt bespeaks an attitude of powerlessness and fear and that is never a good place to be.

The Opposite of Contempt

So it is fairly certain that I do not want to be a person who holds others in contempt. So what is the antithesis, what is the antidote to contempt? Well let me tell you about a group of people whose lives exhibit the exact opposite of contempt: our Parish School of Religion teachers.

There is no job in all of Christendom that is more difficult or thankless than teaching PSR. They only get one hour a week to make an impression. And this year, our PSR teachers had to deal with the fact that they were being led by me, since we had no one to replace our Coordinator of Religious Education this year. (Happily, we have hired someone for next year!)

That being said, our PSR teachers have done a great job this year and have always done it with a smile. I appreciate their generosity, their selflessness, their creativity and, most of all, their patience. I would be remiss to forget about the contributions of Fr. Gene to our PSR program this year. Whenever a teacher was ill or couldn't make class, he was always willing and able to fill in.

Our PSR teachers work to get our children prepared for their Sacraments, teach them about the love of God, pray with them and help them become children of care instead of contempt. It is one of the most noble jobs in the church and so I thank them for all they have done over the past two semesters. For some of them, this was their first year and they did well. All of them deserve our appreciation, consideration and thanks.

They challenge us to be people of love and not people of contempt.

What kind of person do you want to be?



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

Schedule Notes:

May 16 - School Board Meeting
May 21 - Reception for Fr. Kevin. 2-4pm. Church Meeting Room
May 25 - Men's Club Bags Tournament
May 28 - GAMAM Food Collection

Lifeteen!

**No Meeting Tonight.
See You On May 21st!**

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!**



ST. PATRICK'S CASSEROLE PROGRAM

TEAM #2

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

**3:00 pm
Thursday, May 18th**

Thank you!

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.

REST IN PEACE

Kenneth Moire

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

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) | 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 |

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

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
ctaud14@owhell.net

Tricia Martinez, Co-Director
314-378-8970
martinezonark@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.

Lector & Extraordinary Minister Assignments

| Date | Mass Times | Lector | Extraordinary Ministers |
|--------|------------|----------------|---------------------------------|
| May 20 | 5:00 pm | Sue Darcy | Maureen Werner Geri Baumgart |
| May 21 | 7:30 am | Paul Fiess | Kathy Rehmer Joe Zapf |
| May 21 | 9:00 am | Patrick Murphy | Tony Miano Pat Miano |
| May 21 | 11:00 am | Mary Schurk | Tricia Reh Susanne Doran |

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

The Holy Redeemer School Board will hold its monthly meeting:

Tuesday, May 16th
7:00 pm
School Library

If anyone wishes to address the board during the open forum session, please contact Principal Pam Galuzzo at principal@holyr.org.

Give A Meal A Month



I will be collecting non-perishable food items and personal hygiene products on **Sunday, May 28th** and bringing them to the Webster-Rock Hill Ministry that week.

Please be generous and place items in the large blue container in the back of church marked GAMAM. They truly appreciate every donation we make to help their Ministry work.

Thank you!



Thank you from Our First Communicants – In Their Own Words

We are grateful for Fr. Kevin, Fr. Gene, and Deacon Pat for leading Mass and helping us practice. Thank you to our families and teachers for preparing us and celebrating with us. A special thanks for helping us to have music at our First Eucharist.

It wouldn't have been complete without you. You sounded great! Thank you to our lector, servers, and extraordinary ministers at mass. Thanks to our friends who gave out programs. We are excited to join the parish community in celebrating the Eucharist.



You Are Invited!

Please join us for a celebration to honor Fr. Kevin and the 40th anniversary of his Ordination!



All are invited to stop by during the Open House Reception from 2-4PM!

Sunday, May 21st
2 - 4 pm
Church Meeting Room

REACH OUT IN LOVE
AND FILL EVERY HEART WITH HOPE

Please consider a gift to the **Annual Catholic Appeal.**

Let us *Reach out in Love* to those who are most in need so they can experience the Lord's mercy in our embrace.

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The weather is breaking and we look forward to an opportunity to strengthen the comradery within our community.

Please join HR Men’s Club for our **SPRING BAGS TOURNAMENT** on Thursday, May 25th in the back parking lot of HR. Tournament starts promptly at 7:30 pm. This will be our 5th tournament since 2020 and we have had a strong turnout in past events.

This is a great opportunity for new members of the Parish/School to meet others throughout the HR community and see what our Men’s Club is all about. OR, if you’ve been in the parish for years but have found yourself a little disconnected lately, please come out and see us, whether you plan to play in the tournament or not. The winner will select a charity of your choice to donate all proceeds minus expenses.

Please register your team if you plan to play or just show up and enjoy the socializing. This will help us plan for food and beverage purposes. Questions or to register please contact Mike Wazlawek at MWazlawek@polsinelli.com

HR HAITI COMMITTEE “SPONSOR-A-STUDENT PROGRAM” **2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR**

For over 19 years, our Haiti Committee has been sponsoring children at St Therese of the Infant Jesus School in our twining parish in St Jean du Sud, Haiti. This program allows HR parishioners and friends to donate **\$125 per school year per student** to pay tuition for the children in the St Jean area who would otherwise be unable to attend school. Additional money is also needed to allow Sister to purchase needed books and supplies for the school children.

Due to the unrest and the rampant inflation in Haiti, the amount to sponsor a student this year has been increased to \$125.00.

Anyone can be a Sponsor-A-Student donor. Just complete and return the attached form to the rectory or drop it in the collection basket OR you can go to www.holyr.org – OnLine Giving – Sponsor A Student to make your donation. Please note in the comments that you are sponsoring a student.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call Corky Bahr (314-520-3899) or email hjcfbahr@prodigy.net. Please send you donation by August 1, 2023 so that we have time to let Sister know how many students are sponsored. May God bless you for helping the children in St Jean du Sud, Haiti.

SPONSOR-A-STUDENT FOR 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR

I/We will sponsor _____ Student(s) at \$125 per student

Additional Amount \$ _____ Books/Supplies or Partial Tuition

Total of \$ _____ Check Payable to Holy Redeemer Haiti S-A-S

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ email _____

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
 Jane Wegert - Mother of Todd Senzig
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 Kim Lakamp - Niece of Laurie Medley
 Andy Baumgart - nephew of Steve & Geri Baumgart

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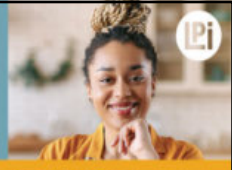
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