

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

Weekdays: M-F 6:15am (Summer Months)
6:15 & 8:15 am (During the School Year)

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

JUNE 18, 2023

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Monday, June 19

St. Romuald
2 Cor 6:1-10 Matt 5:38-42
6:15 am: Frank & Lucille Boyer
Margot Condie

Tuesday, June 20

2 Cor 8:1-9 Matt 5:43-48
6:15 am: Joseph F. & Kathryn H. Darpel
Bill Lawton

Wednesday, June 21

St. Aloysius Gonzaga
2 Cor Matt 6:1-6, 16-18
6:15 am: Cathy Jeep, Mary Clare Carey

Thursday, June 22

St. Paulinus of Nola, Sts. John Fisher & Thomas More
2 Cor Matt 6:7-15
6:15 am: Johanna Taylor
Rick Bischoff

Friday, June 23

2 Cor 11:18, 21-30 Matt 6:19-23
6:15 am: Parish Purgatorial Society
Marilyn Casso

Saturday, June 24

The Nativity of St. John the Baptist
Is 49:1-6 Acts 13:22-26 Luke 1:57-66,80
5:00 pm: Huff Family (Special Intention)

Sunday, June 25

Jer 20:10-13 Rom 5:12-15 Matt 10:26-33
7:30 am: People of the Parish
9:00 am: Frank & Lucille Boyer
11:00 am: Adam Gaffney

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

Special Collections:

**June 4 - Glennon Sunday for
Cardinal Glennon Foundation**

6/11/23	Actual	Budget
Envelopes \$	6,101	\$
Online \$	4,567	
Total \$	10,668	\$ 15,150
YEAR TO DATE	\$ 311,565	\$ 351,750

"As you go, make this proclamation: 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.'" MATTHEW 10:7

Many of us take our lives for granted. We think we have plenty of time to "repent." Maybe we should live with a little more urgency in making things right with God. This is the difference in living our discipleship out of obligation versus out of love. Obligation implies we do the minimum required. Love implies we want a relationship. God wants us to be with Him in Heaven forever, but He also wants to be in relationship with us right now, while we are on earth.

Start this second – invite the Lord into your heart.

PRAY FOR OUR SICK

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

REST IN PEACE

Jeannette Michel
May 29, 2023
Former Parishioner

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.

PASTOR'S CORNER

Thoughts on Father's Day



I still remember exactly where we were when my father had "the talk" with my brother Tom and myself: driving on Watson Road between River Des Peres and Mackenzie. Dad was driving, I was riding shotgun and Tom was in the back seat.

From out of nowhere my father stated emphatically: If either of you boys got a girl pregnant... (I shot a look at Tom as if to say: What did you do? He shot one back: Me? You're the wild one!) My father continued: ...I would *not* expect you to marry her, but I *would* expect you to take financial responsibility for the child.

And that was it. End of lecture. We drove home the rest of the way in silence. (At least, that's how I remember it.)

If you get one and only one "the talk" I don't think you can get more succinct or spot on than my father's version. He didn't want us to make a rash decision that might totally alter our lives and possibly ruin the life of several others. Yet, he wanted us to know, in no uncertain terms, that our actions had consequences and a real man takes responsibility for those actions. He let us know that there would be repercussions from our romantic exploits and although we shouldn't compound the problem, we would need to live up to our economic responsibility.

It worked. Neither of us had to deal with this issue. And I often think that if other fathers would have this exact same discussion with their sons, how much better our world would be.

My father was not perfect. In fact, he had many flaws and quirks. As I may have mentioned before in church, he was banished from practically every Catholic sports field in South County. (It was at my nephews' games. I wasn't much of an athlete.) He had a temper, but he was not abusive, either physically or verbally.

But besides teaching me how to be moral, he taught me much about life, about finances, about faith and most of all, how to be a good man. The way we knew he had died is that he didn't show up for morning Mass **as he always did**. He was a veteran of World War II (Army Air Corps), serving proudly in the CBI (China, Burma, India) theatre of operations. (Survival tip: *if you are lost in the jungle without any food, watch what the monkeys eat, and if the monkeys don't eat, eat the monkeys*. I never had to actually use this knowledge, thankfully.) When we built our Parish Center at Neier and I had plunged that little parish into \$900,000 of debt, it was my father's advice (*no matter how much you are in debt, as long as you are trying, they will leave you alone*) that echoed in my heart. I credit him for helping me get my finances in order. (Believe it or not, I used to be somewhat scatterbrained about it.)

And I credit him (and my mom, of course) with establishing my faith. Our evening meal prayer rivaled a novena. We prayed for everyone, living and dead. He forced me to go to our block rosary on Monday evenings. (Hated it at 12, appreciate it deeply at 65.) His faith was lively, real, down-to-earth and authentic.

Today we remember our fathers. If your father is alive, thank him. If he has passed to the next life, thank Almighty God. If your relationship with your father was or is strained, pray for healing. If it is beyond that even that, pray for a peaceful heart. I am eternally grateful for my dad's influence in my life and in the life of my siblings. I can only hope to live up to his standards.

As a special treat for Father's Day, here are some bad DAD JOKES. Enjoy.

"My wife said I should do lunges to stay in shape. That would be a big step forward."

"Singing in the shower is fun until you get soap in your mouth. Then it's a soap opera."

"What did the janitor say when he jumped out of the closet?" "Supplies!"

"What's the best thing about Switzerland?" "I don't know, but the flag is a big plus."

"What do you call a poor Santa Claus?" "St. Nick-less."

"I don't trust those trees. They seem kind of shady."

"My wife is really mad at the fact that I have no sense of direction. So I packed up my stuff and right!"

"Why couldn't the bicycle stand up by itself? It was two tired."

"When two vegans get in an argument, is it still called a beef?"

"If a child refuses to nap, are they guilty of resisting a rest?"

"Did you hear about the guy who invented the knock-knock joke? He won the 'no-bell' prize."

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

Father Kevin

Lector & Extraordinary Minister Assignments

Date	Mass Times	Lector	Extraordinary Ministers
June 24	5:00 pm	Sue Darcy	Beth Mayer Paul Mayer
June 25	7:30 am	Volunteer	Kathy Rehmer Phyllis Matteuzi
June 25	9:00 am	Jerry Baum	Kerry DeGregorio Barbara Richter
June 25	11:00 am	Tricia Reh	Theresa Jeevanjee Janey Menner

GAMAM (Give a Meal a Month)

We will be accepting all non perishable food items and personal hygiene products for **Webster Rock Hill Ministries before noon on Sunday, June 25th.**

Please remember plastic containers and all other items can be placed in the blue plastic container in the back of church. Please be generous and thank you!



SUMMER RETREATS AT MERCY CENTER

Awaken to the Divine: Contemplative Reflections to Transform Your Spirit, a 5-day silent guided retreat led by Paul Coutinho, July 5-9 at Mercy Center, St. Louis. Commuter: \$350 Overnight: \$500. Register by June 23 at www.mercycenterstl.org.

Summer Silent Directed Retreat at Mercy Center, St. Louis. Two options: 6 full days, August 12-17, \$700 or 4 full days, August 12-15, \$425. Register at www.mercycenterstl.org. Choose from spiritual directors listed on the flyer.

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.

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Schedule Notes:

- **Early Bulletin Deadline for July 2nd & July 9th: Submit bulletin items by June 19th.**
- **Rectory Office Hours: During June & July hours may be limited due to vacations. Please call and leave a message and someone will respond as soon as possible.**
- **Weekday Mass Time Change: 6:15 am weekday Mass only. 8:15 am Mass resumes in August.**

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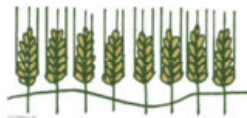
**Happy Father's Day!
No Meeting Tonight.
See you next week.**

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.



Father's Day Prayer

God our Father, You govern and protect your people And shepherd them with a father's love. You place a father in a family As a sign of your love, care, And constant protection.

May fathers everywhere be faithful To the example shown in the Scriptures, Steadfast in love, forgiving transgressions, sustaining the family, caring for those in need.

Give your wisdom to fathers That they may encourage and Guide their children.

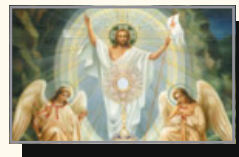
Keep them healthy so they may support a family. Guide every father With the Spirit of your love That they may grow in holiness And draw their family ever closer to you.
AmenAuthor Unknown

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
- Capt. Patrick Visser - Army



If you would like to add your family member, please email the rectory at Imedley@holyr.org.



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



Committee on Pro-Life Activities

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Chairman's Statement on *Dobbs* Anniversary

June 24, 2023, marks the one-year anniversary of the Supreme Court's decision in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*, and we have much to celebrate. By the grace of God, the nearly fifty-year reign of national abortion on demand has been put to an end. *Roe v. Wade*—a seemingly insurmountable blight on our nation—is no more! This is a day for continued joy and for gratitude; a day to recall the countless faithful laborers who have dedicated themselves to prayer, action, witness, and service in support of the cause of life; and a day to thank God for His unending faithfulness.

Even as we celebrate, we are reminded that this is not the *end*, but the *beginning* of a critical new phase in our efforts to protect human life. Despite this momentous legal victory, sobering and varied challenges lie ahead of us. Over the past year, while some states have acted to protect preborn children, others have tragically moved to enshrine abortion in law—enacting extreme abortion policies that leave children vulnerable to abortion, even until the moment of birth.

In this shifting political landscape, we persist confidently in our efforts to defend life. The work that lies ahead continues to be not just changing laws but also helping to change hearts, with steadfast faith in the power of God to do so. The task before us begins with our knowledge of the truth and our courage to *speak* it and to *live* it with compassion.

Each of us is called to radical solidarity with women facing an unexpected or challenging pregnancy. That means doing whatever we can to provide them with the care and support they need to welcome their children. I thank the millions of individual Catholics who are already personally living out this Gospel call through parish and community initiatives like [Walking with Moms in Need](#).

We must likewise extend a compassionate hand to all who are suffering in the aftermath of participation in abortion. The Church continues to share Christ's healing and infinite mercy with women and men through diocesan [Project Rachel Ministries](#).

As we each consider how we are uniquely called to build a culture of life, I invite you to join a growing community of Catholics who have subscribed to Respect Life Prayer and Action. When you sign up, you will receive prayers, alerts to contact Congress and government leaders on important legislation, and ways to strengthen a culture of life in your community. You can sign up today at respectlife.org/prayer-and-action.

May all people of faith and good will work together to proclaim that human life is a precious gift from God; that each person who receives this gift has responsibilities toward God, self and others; and that society, through its laws and social institutions, must protect and nurture human life at every stage of its existence.

Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge
Bishop of Arlington
Chairman
USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities

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
 Joe Consiglio, son of Pat Consiglio
 Rick Thomas, friend of Deeds & Faith Fletcher
 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
 Marie Senzig - Aunt of Todd Senzig
 Guy Medley - Brother in Law of Laurie Medley
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