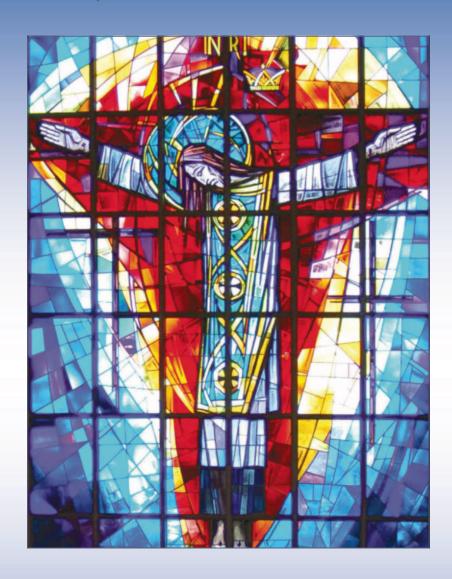
# **Holy Redeemer Parish**

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.

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

Website: www.holyr.org

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

#### **JUNE 25, 2023**

#### **Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Fr. Kevin Schmittgens, Pastor fatherkevin@holyr.org Holy Redeemer School (314) 962-8989 Fr. Eugene Schaeffer, principal@holyr.org Associate Pastor fathergene@holyr.org Mrs. Pam Galluzzo, Principal office@holyr.org Dea. Stephen Murray, M.A. stephen-murray@sbcglobal.net School Secretary Dea. Pat Waldschmidt patrickwaldschmidt@archstl.org music@holyr.org Todd Senzig, Music Director Parish Office cre@holyr.org (314) 962-0038 Teresa Roberson-Mullins, CRE Parish Office Hours Mon-Fri 9 am - 4:00 pm Mike Huggins, Youth Director youth@holyr.org Bulletin Deadline Monday at Noon Parish Council parishcouncil@holyr.org St. Vincent De Paul Helpline (314) 289-6101 Ex 2250 Laurie Medley, Parish Secretary Imedley@holyr.org bookkeeper@holyr.org Carol Herber, Bookkeeper

Monday, June 26 Gen 12:1-9 Matt 7:1-5

6:15 am: Casper & Mary Louise Sack

Tuesday, June 27 St. Cyril of Alexandria Gen 13:2,5-18 Matt 7:6, 12-14

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

Wednesday, June 28 St. Irenaeus

Gen 15:1-12,17-18 Matt 7:15-20 6:15 am: Kay Jacobsmeyer

Thursday, June 29 Sts. Peter & Paul

Acts 12:1-11 2 Tim 4:6-8,17-18 Matt 16:13-19

6:15 am: Parish Purgatorial Society

Julie Furey-Bastian (Special Intention)

Friday, June 30

The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church Gen 17:1,9-10 15-22, Matt 8:1-4

6:15 am: Lemoine & Virginia Skinner

Saturday, July 1 St.Junipero Serra Gen 18:1-15 Matt 8:5-17

5:00 pm: Cathy Jeep, Jim Christy

<u>Sunday, July 2</u> 2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16a Rom 6:3-4,8-11

Matt 10:37-42

7:30 am: People of the Parish 9:00 am: Charles DuFrenne 11:00 am: Bill & Teresa Haynes

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

#### Special Collections:

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

| 6/18/23      |           | Actual           | Budget  |
|--------------|-----------|------------------|---------|
|              | Envelopes | \$<br>4,213      | \$      |
|              | Online    | \$<br>4,815      |         |
|              | Total     | \$<br>9,028 \$   | 15,150  |
| YEAR TO DATE |           | \$<br>309,925 \$ | 366,900 |

"Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father." MATTHEW 10:32

Would others know that you are Catholic by the way you act and speak? Do you share your Catholic faith with others? Do you defend your Catholic faith when the situation arises or do you remain silent? Do you pray in public before meals? Pray for the strength and courage to be a joyful witness of our Catholic faith when the opportunity presents itself. Let us become the radiant light and bold witness that we are called to be!

#### **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

Jim Hardin Ruth Henry Cletus Henry Daniel L'Ecuyer Teresita Manubay Mary Swift Johanna Marnatti Kathy Timpe Jim Menner Judie Tucci Ginny Miller Bob Nawrocki Will Newman Barbara Oates Don Pokorny

David Schilli Rhonda Simeone Rick Slais Bev Straub Ken Wetzel Patricia Wilhelm

#### Children's Liturgy

Children's Liturgy is now on summer hours and will be held sporadically until we resume weekly again after Labor Day. Please email

Laura Welch at Laurakaywelch@gmail.com with any questions/concerns.



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#### PASTOR'S CORNER

#### **All Things New Revisited**

Now that the dust has settled a bit, I think it is good to reflect upon the last year and a half and where it may lead us into the future. Holy Redeemer has remained a stand-alone parish, but we lost our new associate pastor, Fr. Gene, who will be moving to Chesterfield. Fr. Charlie Samson, a professor at the seminary, will be in residence here at Holy. So on one level, very little has changed here at our parish. But what are we to make of all that happened? Four points.

One: The changes were not as sweeping as we thought they would be.

The original plan was to make 178 parishes into 88. That did not happen. Instead, roughly 40 parishes will be subsumed. Cure of Ars will be subsumed into St. Michael's. Multiple other parishes will be joined with others in a pastorate. Our Lady of Providence will be joined with Annunciation. The reason for this may be that, according to Canon Law, it takes a lot to close a parish. But there were some parishes that met the criteria. Take for instance, our neighbor Cure of Ars. There were four reasons for it being subsumed into St. Michael's, a drop in households from 230 to less than 165, dwindling numbers for Weekend Masses, few baptisms and funerals, and finally running a deficit budget.

From the last model, it looked like the four parishes south and east of us would merge, but this did not happen. There are a couple of ways we can interpret this, but, in general, I would say this is a positive thing.

Two: There were a lot of priest retirements.

Twenty-three priests retired, the most I have ever seen in my forty years as a priest. It was quite jarring. And the scary part is, this is just the tip of the iceberg... My class, if you count everyone up, started out with 15 priests. Two have left the priesthood, one cannot serve anymore, one has passed away, one was retired and another has just accepted retirement. That leaves nine of us still serving. Of those nine, only four of us will be pastors come August. My class was the last of the "large" classes, and we are all barreling toward our own retirement. If you doubted the reasons for All Things New, the fact that 23 priests retired this summer, is a wake-up call that it needed to happen.

Three: Schools: This is where it gets complicated.

The reorganization of schools will be happening this fall (I think). This process will not affect Holy Redeemer, at least in the short term. Holy Redeemer School is alive and vibrant. But in other areas (I am thinking about the great-niece's school) this is going to be a very difficult and painful process. Having run a school, I know that it is trickier than it looks. In the old days, you would just reload your faculty with a new batch of religious sisters. Those days are gone. Beyond that, there is much more demanded from a Catholic school than we previously experienced. Not only are you concentrating on the basic academics and sponsoring a vibrant athletic programs, now you are asked to be on the cutting edge of technological advances as well as offering a wide variety specialty programs for your students. Not to mention, schooling them in the ways of sanctity. We want to make them saints, don't we?

The fall of 2023 might be the most complicated and thorny time in the history of the Archdiocese of St. Louis and the issue of schools will be at the forefront. In case you are wondering, I am a strong proponent of Catholic schools. I have seen them accomplish amazing things over my forty years. So I believe that we are up to the difficult challenges that lay before us.

Four: What is a parish?

If there is one brilliant thing that happened over the past year and a half, it is the idea that we as Catholics in the Archdiocese of St. Louis have thought about, prayed about, discussed and argued about what it means to be a parish. And the greatest thing that we learned is that we have to be less – ahem – parochial. From the very beginning of this process we have wrestled with what a parish is all about, our strengths and weaknesses, what we do well and where we need vast improvement. We have learned that we need to become disciples, sharing the life and love we discover in our lives to a world that often looks for meaning in very meaningless things. We have begun to realize that we are all in this together and that what we share with our fellow Catholics is way more invigorating and life-giving than we could ever imagine.

Practically speaking, what this means for Holy Redeemer Parish is two-fold. First we must continue to build on the strengths we undoubtedly have. Our outreach to those less fortunate, both here in our local community and with our twin parish in Haiti comes to mind. Our small Christian communities, where searching sisters and brothers come together to make their way through the muddle and glory of our Christian lives is an amazing blessing. Then, there's the formation of our young people, both in our day school and PSR, as they face a technological jungle where we are both intimately and immediately present and yet still strangely alone and alienated. Second, we must strive to become active disciples of our Lord, sharing the hope, strength and vigor of our Christian faith.

In closing I think of the verses to a song from one of my favorite musicals, Les Miserables. It never fails to stir and motivate me to do more, be more, share more:

Will you join in our crusade,
who will be strong and stand with me
Somewhere beyond the barricade
is there a world you long to see?
Do you hear the people sing,
say do you hear the distant drum?
It is the future that they bring when tomorrow comes!

That is truly a day when all things will indeed, be new.



Father Kevin

#### **Date** Mass Lector **Extraordinary Times** Ministers Geri Baumgart July 1 5:00 pm Bob Hanson Volunteer Joe Zapf July 2 7:30 am Pat Futhey Phyllis Matteuzi Barbara Richter July 2 9:00 am Sara Johnson Kerry DeGregorio Susanne Doran July 2 11:00 am Susanne Doran

**Lector & Extraordinary Minister Assignments** 

## ANOINTING OF THE SICK

If you suffer from chronic illness, or have a scheduled medical procedure, you can receive the sacrament of anointing. Please contact the parish office (314) 962-0038, to request a visit from Fr. Kevin or Fr. Gene.

#### Make Haiti Green Again - the work begins July 1

Thanks to your generosity during this year's Lenten Offering, *Making Haiti Green Again*, we raised ~ \$55,000 of the \$74,000 needed to finance our Haiti Mission's five-year collaboration with the Smallholder Farmers Alliance and the Raising Haiti Foundation to establish a Tree Currency program in St. Jean du Sud, the home of our twinned parish. Starting with 400 participant families, a tree nursery program will be established and participants will receive agronomic training, farming tools, high quality black beanand pigeon pea- seeds, and access to a community run seed bank in exchange for their planting and caring for a variety of tree species, including fruit- and nut- trees. The five-year goal is to plant 75,000 trees in the St Jean community, stabilize badly-eroded landscapes, provide marketable tree produce, and improve farmer yields. The program is scheduled to launch on July 1 and will be reviewed on an annual basis with both our US- and Haitian-based partners. Expect status updates in September.

Theresa Jeevanjee

# 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 <a href="https://www.holyr.org">www.holyr.org</a> – OnLine Giving – Sponsor A Student to make your donation. Please note in the comments that you are sponsoring a student.

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SAVE THE DATE - SUNDAY, JULY 30
AFTER 9AM MASS

#### **FAREWELL TO FR. GENE!**

Come celebrate Father Gene with donuts after the 9am Mass on Sunday, July 30th in the Church Meeting Room (CMR).

As you know, Father Gene will be leaving HR to become the Associate Pastor of Ascension Parish in Chesterfield on August 1st. Let's show our appreciation for the year of dedication he has given to Holy Redeemer!





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Are you looking for a way to serve your parish? We are in need of people to serve as Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers at all weekend Masses. You do not have to have prior experience – we can provide training.

Please use the link below to give us your information and someone will contact you.

Thank you!

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Weekly or monthly small community meetings at four locations throughout the St. Louis metropolitan area, in addition to an online option for those outside the area or those who need a virtual experience. The retreat begins in September 2023 and ends in May 2024> It is open to Christians of all denominations and is designed to meet the spiritual longings of persons at all stages of the life journey. Free information sessions will be offered at a number of Greater St. Louis-area sites this summer, as well as a virtual "Zoom" session. There will be an information session at Webster Groves Christian Church, 1320 E. Lockwood on Wednesday, July 19, at 10:00 am. For more details about the retreat and full information session schedule, visit: www.bridgesfoundation.org. For questions, contact Steve Givens, executive director, at: executive.director@bridgesfoundation.org or 314-401-2072.

Bridges flyers are available at Church doors.



#### **Schedule Notes:**

July 4th - Mass at 8:15 am

Weekday Mass Time Change: 6:15 am weekday Mass only. 8:15 am Mass resumes in August.

#### **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.

#### **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!





#### **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 lmedley@holyr.org.

### Lifeteen!

Meets tonight at 7:00 pm in the Church Meeting Room.
All High School age teens invited!

#### **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.



# 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

# PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK RELATIVES AND FRIENDS



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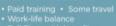


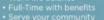
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