

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.

JULY 9, 2023

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Fr. Kevin Schmittgens, Pastor	fatherkevin@holyr.org	Holy Redeemer School	(314) 962-8989
Fr. Eugene Schaeffer,	fathergene@holyr.org	Mrs. Pam Galluzzo, Principal	principal@holyr.org
Dea. Stephen Murray, M.A.	stephen-murray@sbcglobal.net	School Secretary	office@holyr.org
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Carol Herber, Bookkeeper	bookkeeper@holyr.org		

Monday, July 10

Gen 28:10-22a Matt 9:18-25
6:15 am: Marvin J. Sack

Tuesday, July 11

St. Benedict
Gen 32:23-33 Matt 9:32-38
6:15 am: Joseph F. & Kathryn H. Darpel

Wednesday, July 12

Gen 41:55-57, 42:5-7a Matt 10:1-7
6:15 am: Lemoine & Virginia Skinner

Thursday, July 13

St. Henry
Gen 44:18-21, 23b-29 45:1-5 Matt 10:7-15
6:15 am: Frank & Lucille Boyer

Friday, July 14

St. Kateri Tekawitha
Gen 46:1-7, 28-30 Matt 10:16-23
6:15 am: Parish Purgatorial Society

Saturday, July 15

St. Bonaventure
Gen 49:29-32, 50:15-26a Matt 10:24-33
5:00 pm: Pepple Family

Sunday, July 16

Isaiah 55:10-11 Rom 8:18-33 Matt 13:1-23
7:30 am: Donna Lawler, People of the Parish
9:00 am: Mary Jo Finch
11:00 am: Bob Kilgore

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

Special Collections:

July 2 - Peter's Pence (for the Holy Father)

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

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



PRAY FOR OUR SICK

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| John Dwyer | Will Newman | |
| Patrick Fox | Barbara Oates | |
| Claire Galli | Don Pokorny | |

**ST. PATRICK'S
CASSEROLE PROGRAM**

TEAM #1

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

**3:00 pm
Thursday, July 13th**

Thank you!



ASSOCIATE PASTOR'S CORNER

Picking up the Lord's Burden

"For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."
Matthew 11:30.

Reflecting back on my past year and a month of being a priest, this passage proved to be true, even though I didn't believe it when I began the journey. St. Augustine says of this line from today's Gospel, "Any other burden oppresses and crushes you, but Christ's actually takes weight off you. Any other burden weighs down, but Christ's gives you wings. If you take a bird's wings away, you might seem to be taking weight off it, but the more weight you take off, the more you tie it down to the earth. There it is on the ground, and you wanted to relieve it of a weight; give it back the weight of its wings and you will see how it flies."

My journey to the priesthood, as I've told many people began a long time ago. But it took almost 55 years before I really became serious about discerning the actual call. I remember quite well my concerns during that period. I loved my job, I had plans for my retirement, and my kids and grand-kids visited almost every Sunday to have dinner at my house which had become a tradition of sorts. But at the same time I knew the stress at my job was affecting my physical and mental health, and although I had plans for my future, I knew it was going to be a burden to pull it off.

So, with the help of a good spiritual director, I made the radical decision to put down the burdens of life, and pick up the burden that Jesus was offering me. And like St. Augustine says, it was like putting on wings and Jesus has been true to his promise of making the burden light. Sure it required sacrifice, but trusting in God has led to many great moments. Moments filled with simply being with people in their joy and in their hurt. And as a result, I have never been more at peace.

All of us are given a path to take, and a burden to carry. For some the burden is light, but for others the burden only bearable when carrying the load is shared with Jesus yes, but also with others. While the burden they carry is for their salvation, we too also work towards our salvation when we help take some of that weight off their shoulders.

Jesus himself promises us that by trusting in Him, by taking His yoke upon us, we will find rest for our souls. The challenge for us is to believe in His promise, to radically change our lives, by

picking up His yoke, and following where He leads us.

I'll close with this prayer that I chose for my ordination cards. Written by St. John H. Newman, I discovered this prayer on a retreat when I was really struggling between trusting in my plans or trusting in God's plans; between holding on and letting go; between serving myself and serving God.

The Mission of My Life

By St. John Newman

God has created me to do Him some definite service. He has committed some work to me which He has not committed to another. I have my mission. I may never know it in this life, but I shall be told it in the next.

I am a link in a chain, a bond of connection between persons. He has not created me for naught, I shall do good; I shall do His work. I shall be an angel of peace, a preacher of truth in my own place, while not intending it if I do but keep His commandments.

Therefore, I will trust Him, whatever I am, I can never be thrown away. If I am in sickness, my sickness may serve Him, in perplexity, my perplexity may serve Him. If I am in sorrow, my sorrow may serve Him.

He does nothing in vain. He knows what He is about. He may take away my friends. He may throw me among strangers. He may make me feel desolate, make my spirits sink, hide my future from me. Still, He knows what He is about.

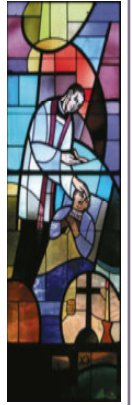
Father Gene

Lector & Extraordinary Minister Assignments

Date	Mass Times	Lector	Extraordinary Ministers
July 15	5:00 pm	Kevin Bayer	Maureen Werner Geri Baumgart
July 16	7:30 am	Volunteer	Kathy Rehmer Mark Abad
July 16	9:00 am	Patrick Murphy	Sue Flanigan Mary Ziegelman
July 16	11:00 am	Mary Schurk	Terri Gaffney Pamela Mahoney

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 bean and 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.

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 twinning 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

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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!



LECTORS & MINISTERS NEEDED:

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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Bridges Foundation offers a life-changing experience of the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius Loyola in Everyday Life

For more than 30 years, the Bridges Retreat has been helping individuals connect and integrate the 500-year-old Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius Loyola into their busy lives. The 8-month retreat helps participants draw closer to God and Jesus, create a more disciplined prayer life using a variety of prayer styles, find spiritual guidance for making big decisions, and form a clearer picture of their purpose and future. Here's what is involved:

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 - Personalized, one-on-one guidance from an experienced, trained prayer companion.
 - 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.

in the Trenches

**A RETREAT FROM THE TRENCHES
FOR MOMS OF LITTLES WITH KELSEY GILLESPY**



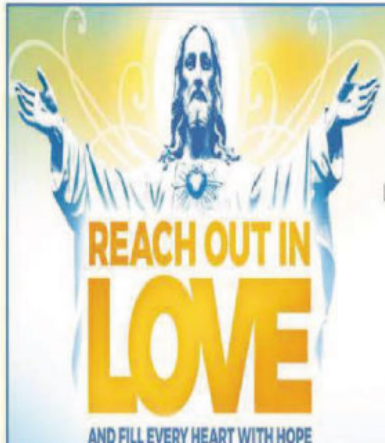
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**WEDNESDAY, JULY 12
9:30-12:00**



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(Brick engraving date is subject to weather conditions and a minimum number of orders. Date cannot be guaranteed.)



Schedule Notes:

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.

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.

Lifeteen!

Meets tonight at 7pm in the Church Meeting Room. All High School Age Teens Are 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



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
 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
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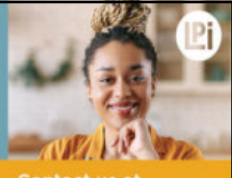
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