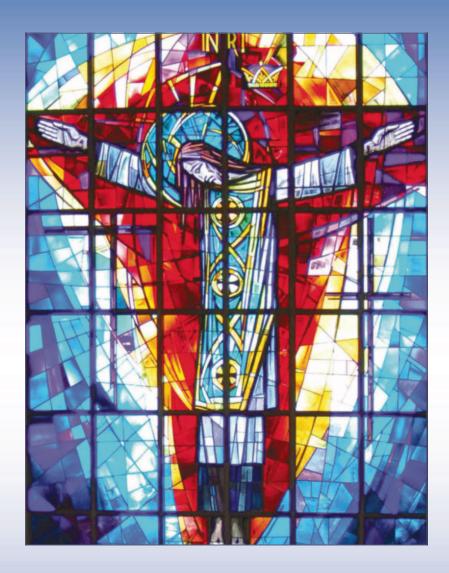
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Holy Mass:

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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August 20, 2023

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Monday, August 21

St. Pius X

Judges 2:11-19 Matt 19:16-22

6:15 am: Huff Family (Special Intention)

8:15 am: Stuart Hilton

Tuesday, August 22

The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Judges 6:11-24a Matt 19:23-30 6:15 am: Joseph F. & Kathryn H. Darpel

8:15 am: Bethany Weems

Wednesday, August 23

St. Rose of Lima

Judges 9:6-15 Matt 20:1-16 6:15 am: Donald Wernert 8:15 am: Joseph Rohs

Thursday, August 24

St. Bartholomew

Rev. 21:9b-14 John 1:45-51 6:15 am: Lemoine Skinner III

8:15 am: Janet Hart

<u>Friday, August 25</u> St. Louis IX - Patron of St. Louis

St. Joseph Calasanz

Ruth 1:1,3-6,14b-16,22 Matt 22:34-40

6:15 am: Louise & Vincent Burke

8:15 am: Rick Bischoff

Saturday, August 26

Ruth 2:1-3,8-11,4:13-17 Matt 23:1-12 5:00 pm: Casper & Mary Louise Sack

<u>Sunday, August 27</u> Isaiah 22:19-23, Rom 11:33-36 Matt 16:13-20 7:30 am: Jan Brockland

9:00 am: People of the Parish 11:00 am: Charles Chiburis

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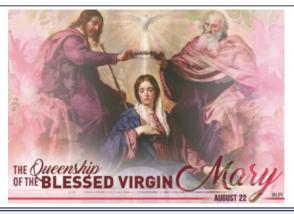
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PASTOR'S CORNER

In the magnificent fresco of the Last Judgment painted on the wall of the Sistene Chapel at the Vatican, there is a very peculiar sight. It is one of three places in that magnificent structure that the artist, Michelangelo actually placed the likeness of his own face. Apparently, he had an incredibly morbid sense of humor, because it is one of the most macabre and grisly things I have ever seen. In the scene, the saints are gloriously ascending into heaven as Jesus opens the gates of paradise. Directly below Jesus is a man holding a knife in one hand and what looks like a rubber chicken in the other. On closer inspection and with a little help from an art history class, one discovers that the person is St. Bartholomew, one of the twelve apostles of Jesus whose feast we celebrate this **Thursday**. He is holding a knife because, according to legend, he was martyred by having his skin flayed. And that rubber chicken is his own boneless sagging drooping, floppy skin in all of its gruesome glory.

Ah, they don't paint 'em like that anymore!!

To be totally honest, we don't really know that much, historically speaking, about Bartholomew. He was one of the twelve. He seems to have been a friend of Philip. He may have been called Nathaniel (at least that is what he is called in John's gospel). He was a bit of a smart-aleck since as he is to be introduced to Jesus he makes a rather snotty remark about what good can come from Nazareth. And he is recognized by Jesus as an honest man, an "Israelite without guile" an authentic person. And that's it. That is all we know.

Then the legends kick in.

So we have good old Bart offering his own skin at the last Judgment in the exact spot where the Popes are elected. I found several even more bizarre legends, whose accuracy, historicity and truthfulness I cannot vouch for, but, boy howdy, they are great stories.

On the small island of Lipari, off the coast of Italy, there's a legend that St. Bartholomew's body was apparently found on the shore. (the least bizarre part of this story) The Bishop of the Church of Lipari ordered many men to get the body. But the big, strong strapping men of the island were unable to lift it due to its extreme weight. Then, for reasons that are beyond me, the Bishop then sent out the children of the village to retrieve the body. And, of course, the children easily brought the body ashore even though the older men couldn't.

And thus, ever since, the people of Lipari celebrated Bartholomew's feast day. The tradition of the people was to take the solid silver and gold statue from inside the Cathedral of St. Bartholomew and parade it through the town. One year, when taking the statue down the hill towards the town, it suddenly got (you guessed it) very heavy and had to be set down. When the men carrying the statue regained their strength they lifted it a second time. After another few seconds, it got even heavier. They set it down again and attempted once more to pick it up. They managed to lift it but had to put it down one last time. Within seconds, the walls further downhill collapsed. If the statue had been able to be lifted, so they say, all of the townspeople would have been killed.

Once the island was invaded and the king of the invading country discovered the statue and ordered it be taken to be melted down. The statue was taken and weighed. It was found to

weigh only two ounces and was thought to be hollow. It was returned to its place in the Cathedral in Lipari. In reality, the statue weighs several tons and it is considered a miracle that it was not melted down.

Now, do I believe all these stories are historically accurate? Well...no. But I do find it fascinating that many of these stories revolve around the weight of things, heavy things vs. light things. There is something there. Quite possibly in the midst of all these rather bizarre stories we are offered some insight into our lives. Maybe, just maybe, these fantastic stories have something to tell us, something to reflect upon especially as we begin a new school year.

I started thinking about heavy and light, weighty and frivolous, things profound and things insignificant and I concluded that a nagging problem in our world, in our community and in our school, quite possibly the central problem of our culture, is that we often make the light things heavy and the heavy things light. In doing so, we get all bent out of shape over things that ultimately are unimportant and inconsequential. How many times have we made a federal case out of something that was trivial, insubstantial and flimsy, something not even worth worrying about? On the other hand, we have a tendency to duck and sidestep some fairly weighty issues, primarily because they are so difficult, they are so heavy. We can miss the crucial things, blow them off, joke around it, make light of it and forgot that it is essential and fundamental, the core of who we are and what we are about. If you want a great example, just pay attention to our political process over the next few months. Without veering into partisan politics, how much will we deal with real issues, health care, infrastructure, and how much will we be drawn into the great non-issues.

As we enter into a new school year, we must ask God to calibrate and adjust the scales of our hearts. We should ask God to gift us with the wisdom to weigh the issues and the problems of our lives accurately and honestly, to deal appropriately with the heavy things and to enjoy and celebrate the light things. And not get the two mixed up. We need to foster in our lives a bit of the guileless character of St. Bartholomew, so that we can strive to become the authentic, honest, straightforward men and women that God sees in us.

I wish the story about the children of Lipari lifting what the adults could not, WAS true, because that has been my experience in my years of teaching. Young people do make my life lighter, they make the heavy things manageable. Please help me to remember that in those times when I make mountains out of molehills and barbells out of feathers. And may we offer all up to Christ this school year. If he was willing to accept Bartholomew's flayed rubber chicken skin, he will definitely accept our humble lives.

Once again, the Feast of St. Bartholomew is this Thursday, August 24th.



Father Kevin



MARK THE DATE!!

The SVDP Thrift Truck will be at Holy Redeemer on Saturday, September 16, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Gather your unused furniture, small appliances, clothing and toys, your donations gain us Thrift Store credits that we use to support our neighbors in need. Volunteers will be on site to help you unload your items.

We hope to see you!!



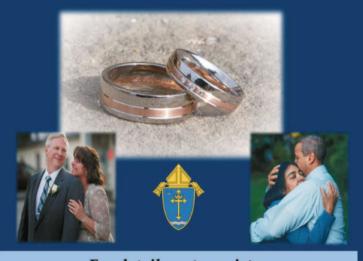
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"GotSneakers" to reuse and recycle those old tennies . Funny enough, they are going to PAY US for our smelly old shoes! During the month of August, there will be blue rectangular bins in the vestibule of Holy Redeemer. They will be marked "GotSneakers Project". After depositing

only sneakers, (AND PLEASE TIE THE SHOES TOGETHER) please close the lid! Feel free to ask your families, friends and neighbors for their old sneakers too.



Lector & Extraordinary Minister Assignments Date Mass Lector **Extraordinary Ministers** Times Beth Mayer Christine Luebbert August 26 5:00 pm Rosemary Meyers Paul Mayer Geri Baumgart Ellen Fusz Phyllis Matteuzi August 27 7:30 am Paul Fiess Ann Fusz Kathy Rehmer Carol Devanny Susan Randich August 27 9:00 am Jerry Baum Erin Scherer Kevin Randich Terri Gaffney Maria Savage August 27 11:00 am Maria Savage Theresa Jeevanjee Julia Taylor



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GAMAM

I will be collecting any non-perishable food items on **Sunday, August 27th after the 11am Mass** and bringing them to the Webster-Rock Hill Ministry food pantry. All donated items can be placed in the blue plastic container in the back of church anytime before that. I sincerely appreciate those who have continued to support this local charity and encourage all to just bring 1 canned or boxed food item and place in the box before the 27th. Thank you so much!

Holy Redeemer School Staff Opening

Holy Redeemer School still has one open staff position for a Full-time middle school Math and Science for the 2023-2024 school year.

Please pass this information along to anyone you know who may be looking for a position in education.

Resumes and a cover letter may be sent to Pam Galluzzo at principal@holyr.org.



Schedule Notes:

<u>September 16</u> - SVDP Thrift Truck at Holy Redeemer. 9am - 3pm. Donations welcome.

Lifeteen!

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

RCIA

YOU can share your Catholic Faith! Who do YOU know who is:
Searching for God?
Desiring to become a Catholic?
Just curious about Catholicism?



Here is your chance to invite friends or family members to just "come and see" what Catholics believe and how we live out our faith.

Beginning Thursday evening September 21, the RCIA process at Holy Redeemer offers an inquiry class. This is a great place to begin to understand us Catholics and our ways.

Start thinking now of the friends or family members you can invite to attend the inquiry classes and then invite them! No cost or obligation of any kind. For more information contact Mary Ziegelman 314-732-8708 or call the Rectory office 314-962-0038.

CHURCH DIRECTORY COMING SOON!

If you have not already informed the Church Office about changes to your record, please let us know now so that the information in the Directory is correct. (314) 962-0038, Imedley@holyr.org

- Have you changed your phone number?
- Have you moved? Are you preparing to move soon?
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If you would like to add your family member, please email the rectory at lmedley@holyr.org.



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 MercyPray for Peace in Ukraine at 7:15 pm

Reconciliation: 7 - 8pm on the **FIRST** Tuesday of the Month

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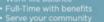


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