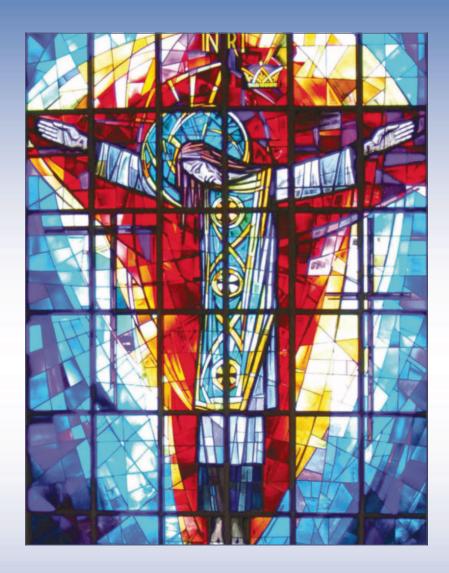
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Holy Mass:

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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In Residence: Reverend Charles Samson
Deacon: Patrick Waldschmidt
Deacon: Stephen L. Murray, M.A.

October 8, 2023

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Monday, October 9

St. Denis & Companions, St. John Leonardi

Jonah 1:1—2;2, 11, Luke 10:25-37 6:15 am: Frank & Lucille Boyer

8:15 am: James Murphy

Tuesday, October 10

Jonah 3:1-10, Luke 10:38-42 6:15 am: Michael Modesto 8:15 am: Marvin J. Sack

Wednesday, October 11

St. John XXIII

Jonah 4:1-11 Luke 11:1-4

6:15 am: Parish Purgatorial Society

8:15 am: John Crachiolo

Thursday, October 12

Malachi 3:13-20b Luke 11:5-13

6:15 am: Bob Hart 8:15 am: Ralph Henry

Friday, October 13 Our Lady of Fatima

Joel 1:13-15, 2:1-2 Luke 11:14-26 6:15 am: Joseph F. & Kathryn H. Darpel

8:15 am: Bob & Janet Hart

Saturday, October 14

St. Callistus I

Joel 4:12-21 Luke 11:27-28 5:00 pm: Francesca Leyson

Joseph & Alberta Simeone

<u>Sunday, October 15</u> Isaiah 25:6-10a Phil 4:12-14, 19-20 Matt 22:1-14

7:30 am: Barbara Rudder

9:00 am: People of the Parish, Linda Gerth

11:00 am: Stanley Apprill

S.I. - Special Intention

Your Gifts to God and Parish. Thank you!

Special Collections:

October 1 - Formation of Permanent Deacons October 22 - World Mission Sunday

10/1/23		Actual		Budget
	Envelopes	\$	4,863	
	Online	\$	6,060	
	Total	\$	10,923 \$	15,335
YEAR TO DATE \$		\$	159,833 \$	214,690

"The stone that the builders rejected has become the corner stone..." - MATTHEW 21:42

Jesus was rejected by the religious and political leaders of his day, as well as ordinary citizens, but he was still obedient to God, the Father. Similarly, living a stewardship lifestyle may cause you to be "rejected" by others, but we, too are called to be obedient. Saying grace before a meal in a restaurant may attract some strange looks from some. But to others it is a sign that God is alive and well!

PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Catie Barnes Joe Cantalin Jamie Christy Salvatore Colletti Daniel L'Ecuyer Torni Corno **Bethany Curtis** Gayla Daugherty Susy Dolan Janet Doubek John Dwyer Patrick Fox Claire Galli

Jim Hardin Ruth Henry Cletus Henry Teresita Manubay Mary Swift Johanna Marnatti Kathy Timpe Ginny Miller Judie Tucci Ginny Miller Bob Nawrocki Will Newman Don Pokorny

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

REST IN PEACE

Barbara Oates

Funeral Mass: Monday, October 16 at 11:00 am

Emily Roseman

Mother of Mary Toler

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.

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PASTOR'S CORNER

I realize I talk a lot about my experiences at **Borgia High School**. That school formed me as a priest and as a human being. This week is the feast of St. Francis Borgia, so it might be good to know about this saint to whom I dedicated almost half my life.

When people hear the word Borgia around Franklin County and the St. Louis area, they may think of a lot of things: Excellence in academics, sports, theatre, technology, dance, cheerleading, service; Tradition; Borgia Pride. But in the larger world, the name "Borgia" has a much more ominous and sinister meaning. It connotes intrigue, corruption, dishonesty, scheming and deceit. The Borgia Family, in a word, was infamous. Alexander VI, one of the so-called Borgia Popes, is generally regarded as the absolute nadir of the Papacy, having fathered seven children and living a life of debauchery. (Although, to be fair, even he did some reforms and advanced science and learning.) Cesare Borgia was the model for Machiavelli's evil Prince in the book of that same name. He stands as a symbol of one who would try to get ahead in the world at all costs, no matter the means. (In case you were wondering, he is also a major character in the video game Assassin's Creed: Brotherhood.) Lucretia Borgia, even though later in life became rather upright and religious, is known for her double dealing and evil. You know your family is rather infamous when Showtime has a mini-series based on them, called appropriately, The Borgias.

So why would anyone name a school after such people?

Well, three years before Machiavelli wrote The Prince, 1510, Francisco de Borja y Aragon was born. He became St. Francis Borgia, the patron of both the parish and the high school in WashMo. He had an interesting pedigree. One of his great grandfathers was King of Spain. Another great grandfather was a Pope. (Wait, what?) Nevertheless, Francis himself was an amazing, holy and righteous man. And there are three things about his life that stand out in my humble opinion.

First, he was a man who changed his life in midstream. A husband and father (eight children, one more than his great-grandfather Pope Alexander VI), after his beloved wife, Eleanor passed away he decided to join the Jesuits at the age of forty. Why the Jesuits? Fate, perhaps. It is recounted that one day Francis passed through Alcala with his entourage and exchanged a glance with a poor man being escorted to prison by the Inquisition. That glance may have changed Francis' life, though he didn't know it at the time. That man being escorted was St. Ignatius of Loyola. And years later, St. Francis would take over for him as head of his order. Even though he made this decision, he still had to fulfill his obligations as a father by making sure all of his children were taken care of into their adult lives. St. Francis Borgia stands as a model for everyone who begins a second career.

Secondly, he was a man of service. He gave his life for the Jesuit order becoming their third superior general, and starting many schools around Europe. He was truly a man for others, tirelessly working and struggling for Christ and other human beings. St. Francis was responsible for sending Jesuits out into the expanding world and thus is directly responsible for the seeds of Catholicism here in the St. Louis area.

Lastly, he was a deeply spiritual man. Humble, prayerful, he was a man who deserved honor and respect, but who was self-deprecating and quiet, never seeking out glory for himself. He never wore priestly clothes since it would draw undo attention to himself, preferring instead to wear ordinary clothes like everyone else. As one of his biographers said, he was one of the sweetest, noblest men our poor old world has known. In his portraits, he is often seen holding a skull with a crown on its head. I looked and looked to find the reason. My best guess is that it was a stark reminder to him of the fleeting nature of power, riches and fame and we would be best to seek after the things that last forever.

When he went into the Jesuits he had to ask the Emperor for permission since Francis had a great deal of land and wealth, land and wealth he would now have to release. Charles, the Emperor, knew Francis, and especially knew about his sanctity and humility. He wrote back to him and gave him, what I would consider, the greatest compliment: "The number of those who will envy you will be greater than those who will imitate you, since it is easy to admire beautiful examples, but difficult to follow them."

As far as I can tell, Borgia High School in Washington, Missouri, is the only high school in the world to be named after St. Francis Borgia. It is my fervent belief that it is his tradition, of faith, of service, of goodness and not the sinister one of his family, that remains at that high school named after St. Francis. I saw it in my fellow faculty members who work tirelessly for their students, I saw it in the community which seeks to see their young people through to adulthood, I saw it in a student body that never ceases to amaze me with their drive, generosity and caring. He made the Borgia name noble again. Hopefully I will not just admire his example, but will imitate that example.

St. Francis Borgia Feast Day is October 10.

Father Kevin



STEPHEN MINISTRY

Sunday, October 8 at the 9 o'clock Mass, Father will Commission 8 newly trained Stephen Ministers. Below is a reflection from one of our new Stephen Ministers:

"Soon, a new group of Christian Lay Ministers trained by Stephen Leaders within Holy Redeemer Congregation will be certified to provide Stephen Ministry to people who are hurting within our congregation and beyond.

As one of those new soon-to-be Stephen Ministers, I am excited for the opportunity to be a Christian caregiver for someone in need. Through Stephen Minister training, I learned the importance of listening more intently, of providing the compassion, understanding and encouragement we all need when we are in trial, while honoring faith and confidentiality.

Whether the trial is grief, job loss, divorce, chronic or terminal illness, relocation or any other trial, the relating and caregiver skills needed are the same - someone to listen and to walk the path with you.

Stephen Ministry was established in 1975 and has trained over 600,000 Stephen Ministers and 80,340 Stephen Leaders in the US, Canada and beyond. Millions of people have received care.

The ministry was named after St. Stephen, the first martyr in Christianity who cared for the poor as a deacon of the early Church at Jerusalem and was stoned to death for his faith and condemnation of the murdering of Jesus. A true caregiver, St. Stephen held firm to his faith when he asked while being stoned "Lord, do not hold this against them." (Acts 7:60).

May we all have such deep faith and commitment."

Barb Melton



EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

A Holy Hour helps the one in the world in most need of God's Mercy (St. John Paul II)

> 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

<u>Wedding Banns:</u> Brittany Houseman

Brittany Houseman & Paul Bartkowiak

Date of Marriage: October 14, 2023

Anna Whelan & Ethan Twehus

Date of Marriage: October 20, 2023

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, October 12th

Thank you!

SAVE THE DATE!

HR MEN'S CLUB & HAITI MEDICAL MISSION - TRIVIA NIGHT

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18

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- 50% of proceeds go to HR Haiti Medical Mission -Medical and Dental Vouchers.
- 50% will go to LaSalle Retreat Center
- Registration: http://formless/wTxLREgoUaYUVoF9
- Light snacks provided. Feel free to bring your own food.
- In the spirit of our theme "Time Travel", attendees are encouraged to dress up like their favorite time period (For example: prehistoric times, roaring 20's, 60's, 90's, anything goes!)

Lector & Extraordinary Minister Assignments

Date	Mass Times	Lector	Extraordinary Ministers	
October 14	5:00 pm	Jerry Jones	Maureen Werner Katie Mank	Sue Darcy Mike Darcy
October 15	7:30 am	Jean Furay	Mark Abad Kathy Rehmer	Ellen Fusz Ann Fusz
October 15	9:00 am	Patrick Murphy	Barb Richter Kerry DeGregorio	Susan Randich Kevin Randich
October 15	11:00 am	Theresa Jeevanjee	Julia Taylor Terry Gaffney	Pam Mahoney Theresa Jeevanjee

Schedule Notes:

October 12 - CWL Fall Bash

October 13 - Sts. Peter & Paul

November 5 - Donut Sunday

November 18 - HR Trivia Night

Luke 18 Registrations are going on NOW!!!

All 7th graders and high school teens are invited to take part in this amazing weekend October 13-15, 2023!

Registration is online at holyr.org on the "Luke 18" page!

https://holyr.org/announcements/luke-18-2022/

Calling all area college students:

STL Awakenings hosted by the UMSL Catholic Newman Center is our most popular retreat of the year and we would like to invite you to join us! It's a weekend of spiritual growth and fun that you will never forget (seriously). You do not have to attend UMSL just be college aged.

The retreat is 2 nights and 2 days -- we'll meet at the Catholic Newman Center on Friday, Oct. 20th at 4:30pm and return on Sunday, Oct. 22 at 3pm. Save the date! Cost is \$60.00 for the entire weekend. If you register online before Oct 6th, you get \$10 off!!

The final registration deadline is Friday, Oct. 13th. Registration and more information for our Awakenings Retreat is up on our website: cncumsl.org. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Joe at joe@cncumsl.org.



Server Schedule **Date** Mass Servers Times Tommy P. October 14 5:00 pm Jack P. Ethan Heavey Chloe Drabik October 15 7:30 am Charlie Lindh Connor Noakes October 15 9:00 am Maggie O'Connell Jack Graf Mimi Sadlo Lily Tolle October 15 11:00 am Charlotte Zimmerman



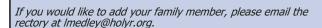
Katy Trail Marian Pilgrimage: October 9th through October 13th

Come for the day or stay for the week! Highlights include daily mass, adoration, prayer and fellowship; overnight accommodations and transportation provided as well as reasonably priced dinner arrangements.

For a detailed itinerary, general information, and/or registration, please visit: www.KatyTrailPilgrimage.com

Please Pray for Our Military:

1st Lt. Connor Doran - Army Capt. George Hardin - Army Airman Ethan Baer - Navy Sean Haug - Navy 2nd Lt. Max Hartrich - USMC Capt. Riley Konzen - USMC LCpl. Logan Smith - USMC Capt. Patrick Visser - Army PV2 - Alex Beckerle - Army



STS PETER & PAUL KITCHEN - YOU ARE INVITED!

Please join us October 13 at Sts. Peter & Paul kitchen: 816 Allen Ave. 63104.

Parking available in chain link fenced lot. Enter door on far left. Entry code: 4855 or ring bell. Food preparation begins at 3:30 pm and dinner is served from 5 - 6 PM. Come for all or part of the fun. All ages welcome! Service hours available!

We are in need of desserts of any kind, toiletries, socks, caps, underwear and seasonal clothing. Gently used items accepted. Donations may be dropped off at 710 Tuxedo Blvd. on front porch. Monetary donations may be made out to Mary Toler with Sts. Peter & Paul in the memo section.

Thank you for your support of the Feeding Program! Mary: 314-962-4855

62nd Annual Sausage Festival

St. John the Baptist Gildehaus 5567 Gildehaus Road Villa Ridge, MO 63089 (636) 583-2488

Sunday, October 22, 2023 10:30 am - 6:00 pm



Holy Redeemer Youth Ministry

High School

All High School Students are welcome to join us every Sunday night from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. in the church meeting space, for a night of fun, fellowship, and snacks

7th and 8th Graders

All 7th and 8th graders are invited to join us for open gym night on Friday, November 10 7:00 - 9:00 pm in the school!

Luke 18 Retreat

All 7th graders are invited to join us for a fun faith filled weekend!!

October 13-15, 2023

More information on the parish webcite



RSVPs are not required. Donations of \$25 may be paid at the door. Contributions benefit the CWL's mission and outreach efforts.

Questions? Contact Melissa Kessler (314) 324-7355 or melissamkessler@hotmail.com

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

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 Hattrich, sister of Kate Nawrocki John Coburn, brother of Pat Consiglio Mary Moran, sister of Pat Consiglio Rick Thomas, friend of Deeds & Faith Fletcher Robby Johnson, friend of Kathy Robinson Donna Hohgrefe-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 Andy Baumgart - nephew of Steve & Geri Baumgart Tom Schneider - brother in law of Jeanne Samson Theresa Waltos - mother of Amanda Waltos Hieger Rita Gralike - Aunt of Rhonda Simeone Jim Schurk - brother of Mark Schurk Paul Christman - cousin of Mary Ziegelman John Costello - Great-nephew of Phyllis Matteuzi





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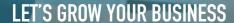


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