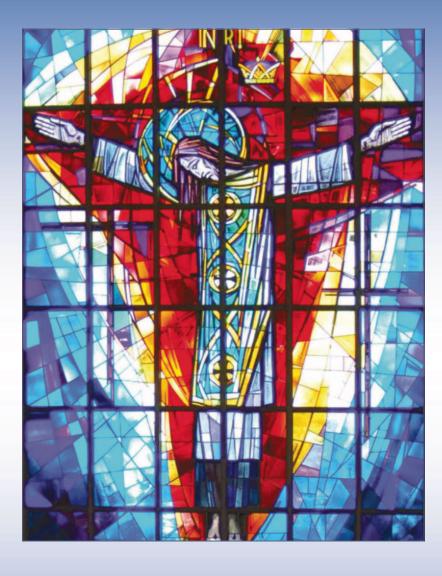
# Holy Redeemer Parish

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

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

#### October 29, 2023

#### **30th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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Monday, October 30 Rom 8:12-17 Luke 13:1-17 6:15 am: Lemoine Skinner III 8:15 am: Kenna Daly

Tuesday, October 31 Rom 8:18-25 Luke 13:18-21 6:15 am: Parish Purgatorial Society 8:15 am: Donna Waters

Wednesday, November 1 Feast of All Saints Rev 7:2-4, 9-14 1 John 3:1-3 Matt 5:1-12a 6:15 am: Joseph F. & Kathryn H. Darpel 8:15 am: Ralph Henry 7:00 pm: Cathy Jeep

Thursday, November 2 All Souls Day Wis 3:1-9 Rom 5:5-11 John 6:37-40 6:15 am: Frank & Lucille Boyer 8:15 am: Barbara, Jerome & Kathleen Oates

Friday, November 3 St. Martin de Porres Rom 9:1-5 Luke 14:1-6 6:15 am: Jim Murphy 8:15 am: Charlie & Betty Conway

<u>Saturday, November 4</u> St. Charles Borromeo Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29 Luke 14:1, 7-11 5:00 pm: Maria Argentina Perez Abaunza

Sunday, November 5 Mal1:14b-2:2b 1Thes 2:7b-9,13 Matt 23:1-12 7:30 am: Jim Christy 9:00 am: Frank & Lucille Boyer 11:00 am: Karoline Weilbacher People of the Parish

S.I. - Special Intention

#### **PRAY FOR OUR SICK**

Catie Barnes Joe Cantalin Jamie Christv 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 Ginny Miller Judie Tucci Bob Nawrocki Will Newman Don Pokorny

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

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

**Special Collections: October 1 - Formation of Permanent Deacons October 22 - World Mission Sunday** 

10/22/23		Actual	Buc	lget
	Envelopes	\$ 4,738		
	Online	\$ 6,327	_	
	Total	\$ 11,065	\$	15,335
YEAR TO DA	TE	\$ 196,199	\$ 2	60,695

**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 - Armv



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

#### **Mass of Remembrance** Sunday, November 5th

Our Mass of Remembrance will be celebrated at the 9:00 am Mass on Sunday, November 5th.

At this Mass we honor in a special way all those who have been buried from Holy Redeemer in the past year. This Mass will also be livestreamed on our YouTube channel.



# PASTOR'S CORNER

#### All Souls' Day

There are few more "catholic" feasts than the Feast of All Souls. Everyone is included. This week I'd like to remember four souls who had a deep impact on my life, four individuals whose deaths deeply touched me. All of them were untimely. All of them were sad. But all of them brought me closer to the Lord. Don't worry: I purposely picked individuals NOT from our parish.

**Kurt.** Kurt's story is difficult and problematic. Kurt was a parishioner of mine from the mid 1990's. One night, Kurt and some of his friends were, as young people are wont to do, messing around after midnight. ("Nothing good ever happens after midnight," I ominously always told my students.) The precise nature of their actions is not important, all that is important is that (and this is safe to say) he was doing things he should not have been doing and he was in places where he should not have been. The story gets a bit muddled here, but the outcome isn't. Kurt, running away from getting caught, leapt off a railroad viaduct. The force of the impact when he landed killed him instantly. The one thing I remember the most about Kurt's wake was the intense anger of many of his friends. "How could he have been so stupid?" "Why did he do this?" Their anger was understandable. It was a stupid act. However, Kurt's death taught me two infinitely valuable lessons. First, if I am honest, I did stupid things as well. I was no different than Kurt. I have done reckless things. I was in places and situations where I should not have been. The difference? I got away with it. Kurt didn't. That understanding helped me deal with Kurt's senseless death. Second, I learned that we should be careful not judge the totality of someone's life by one singular act. Kurt was more than his mistake. Kurt was more that that fatal jump. Kurt was more.

Mark. Mark was the brother of one of my friends. Because I was a friend of his sister, I was Mark's friend as well. Mark always was kind and genial to me. However, there was much that I did not know about Mark. For instance, I did not know that he was gay and it was only after he died that I learned about his awful grief over the death of his friend and partner. His friend died of AIDS and his death was ugly and difficult, a long and torturous process. Ironically, it was also a process of spiritual regeneration, because before he succumbed to that terrible scourge, the friend had decided to convert to Catholicism and be received into the church. Sadly, about two weeks after his companion's death, Mark took an overdose of sleeping pills. Mark's family, whom I love very deeply, was devastated. They asked me to do his burial service and I did so gladly. Later, Mark's mother told me how comforting it was for me, as a friend and a representative of the church to be there. Knowing Mark and knowing his story, changed me. The bottom line is surprisingly simple: the church needs to be there for her children, no matter what. Right now we as a church we are struggling with this issue. Some may be horrified

that the subject is even brought up. Some are heartened that we are finally reaching out to a community that has felt long shunned and ignored. Working through this issue, I will always recall praying at Mark's graveside and realizing that it was exactly where I needed to be, for Mark, for his family, and for myself.

**Jane.** Calls in the middle of the night are rarely happy, and the call I received early one August morning from Jane's family was no exception. Jane was the mother of three of my former students. They called me at 12:30 am to say that their mother had been in a car accident, she was airlifted to a hospital's intensive care unit, and could I come and give her last rites. So I drove from Washington into St. Louis at one o'clock in the morning to be with the family for a long and painful vigil. Without getting into all of the details of what happened, I will tell you that indeed, it was an accident, but it was a preventable accident. Alcohol was involved. It was an accident that the family may have been dreading might happen for a long time. Around four in the morning, after sitting for a few hours, the word came: Jane had passed away. These moments are brutal. The family is exhausted. I'm exhausted. And the longer you are there, your mind begins to wander. How will I operate at school with only two hours of sleep? Selfish, I know, but you think those things. But years later, I was profoundly glad that the family had trusted me to come. As with Mark's story, it was important for me to be there. It was important for me to share in their grief.

Dakota. The only murder victim whose burial service I ever officiated was Dakota's. He was two years old. (You read that right, it is not a typo.) And that sad fact only scratches the surface of the chaos surrounding that poor child's tragic death. Dakota was killed by his mother's boyfriend. (His mother was a former student of mine, whose life went a bit off the rails.) Dakota's biological father, I was reassured by the funeral director before the wake, was not in the picture, so I would not have to deal with that brokenness. Or so I thought. The instant I walked into the funeral home, I heard the unmistakable blood-curdling wailing of a young man, Dakota's grieving father. Dakota's funeral service became exponentially more complicated than I had figured. There are moments when you just have to lift things up to the grace of God and trust, and that is exactly what I did that sad day. It was nerve-wracking and terrifying, no doubt, but we entrusted the soul of that poor child to Christ that day. And that memory is forever etched on my soul.

Kurt. Mark. Jane. Dakota.

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon them.

Father Kevín



The Holy Redeemer 5th grade class is once again selling holiday Wreaths and Garland to offset the cost of Camp Lakewood. **Keep your eye out for a 5th grade student outside after Mass the last 2 weekends in** 

October! You can also place orders online at <u>https://</u> <u>sherwoodfundraiser.com/holyr2023</u>

Wreaths will arrive after Thanksgiving and may be picked up in the church garage.

Make checks payable to Holy Redeemer and mail to Holy Redeemer, 17 Joy Ave, Saint Louis, MO 63119 or drop off at the rectory.

Orders accepted now through November 1st.

The 5th Graders thank you for your support! Contact Brenda Malloy with any questions <u>brendajmalloy@gmail.com</u> 314-609-2692

# 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!



## Join a Small Church

### Community!

You are invited to continue creating small church communities (SCCs) at Holy Redeemer within our larger community. We began forming SCCs in January 2015 and several groups are still active. This invitation is open to every parishioner, no matter your age or current involvement in the parish.

Through reading and reflecting on Sunday scriptures, Small church communities help ordinary people connect life and faith. SCCs are groups of 8-12 parishioners who meet weekly. The groups develop a sense of community among the participants as we learn about each other and our life journeys.

Groups will be organized based on dates and times convenient to the participants. The meetings will last for about an hour and a half and be held in parishioners' homes. Please consider this opportunity to deepen your faith by participating in a SCC. No experience or preparation necessary – just come as you are!

If interested, or for more information contact Jerry Lawler; 314 580-1558 or jerry.lawler@gmail.com.



#### EUCHARISTIC ADORATION Spend some Quiet Time With Our Lord

9:00 am Tuesday & continues through Wednesday before the 6:15 am Mass.

**Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy** Pray for Peace in Our World at 7:15 pm

Drop in for a few minutes .....or hourly time slots are available starting at 9 am on Tuesday until 5 am Wednesday morning. Contact Glenn Fox at 314-803-9292 if interested.

Thanks to all who participated in our **St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Truck** pickup last month, it was a huge success and we were full by early afternoon! We are planning to have another pickup hopefully in April 2024, we will keep you posted.

If you know of any neighbors in need of food or other assistance, please share our hotline at 314-289-6101, mailbox 2250.



#### Lector & Extraordinary Minister Assignments

Date	Mass Times	Lector	Extraordinary Ministers	
November 4	5:00 pm	Christine Novalis	Katie Mank Geri Baumgart	Maureen Werner Tricia Reh
November 5	7:30 am	Jean Furay	Joe Zaph Phyllis Matteuzi	Kathy Rehmer Mark Abad
November 5	9:00 am	Megan Pardeck	Maria Wagner Sue Flanigan	Diana Dahl Jerry Baum
November 5	11:00 am	Mary Schurk	Melissa Kessler Susanne Doran	Theresa Jeevanjee Pam Mahoney

#### Schedule Notes:

November 1— All Saints Day. (Holy Day of Obligation) Mass times: 6:15 & 8:15 am. 7:00 pm

November 5: 9:00 am Mass of Remembrance

November 5: Donut Sunday after 9 & 11 am Masses

November 18 - HR Trivia Night

#### ALL SAINTS DAY - NOVEMBER 1

#### HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

MASS TIMES: 6:15 & 8:15 AM 7:00 PM



#### Server Schedule

Date	Mass Times	Servers
November 4	5:00 pm	Jack Keaveny Katie Keaveny Maggie O'Connell
November 5	7:30 am	Mary Claire Lindh Charlie Lindh
November 5	9:00 am	Ethan Heavey Carter Wagner Lily Tolle
November 5	11:00 am	Mimi Sadlo Andrew Malyszko Charlotte Zimmerman



#### Interested in becoming Catholic?

In the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults or RCIA, you will learn about the teachings of Jesus, as the Catholic Church has ha



ings 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) 732-8708 or the parish office (314) 9962-0038.



#### HOLY REDEEMER MEN'S ACTS RETREAT Jan 4-7th LaSalle Retreat Center

"Your Light Has Come, the Glory of the Lord Shines Upon You"

#### RETREATANT REGISTRATION FORM

Email address	
Home Phone	
Cell Phone	
Relationship	
Emergency Contact Phone	
	Home Phone Cell Phone Relationship

Allergies, if any

Holy Redeemer Parish is now accepting applications for the **January 2024 ACTS Retreat** weekend for men. This parish-based retreat offers the opportunity to renew your spirituality, to strengthen your faith and its application in your daily life and to build lasting friendships and parish community. It is presented by a team of Holy Redeemer men with spiritual direction from our parish priests.

The retreat begins Thursday evening, January 4th, with check-in at 6:00 pm at Holy Redeemer Church, 17 Joy Ave. Webster Groves, MO 63119. Transportation will be provided to and from the retreat center, located in Eureka. The retreat will conclude at the 11:00 am Mass on Sunday at Holy Redeemer. Approximately 7 - 10 days prior to the retreat, you will receive a letter describing what to bring with you (clothing, reading material, etc.) and more information for the weekend.

The cost of the retreat is \$270. A registration deposit of \$65 is requested to reserve your place. The balance of \$195 will be due prior to the retreat date. Please Note: Financial difficulties should not prevent anyone from attending the retreat. If you are unable to pay all or part of the fee or need further information on the retreat weekend, please contact one of the following: Mark Malloy, Director, 314-972-2582, Dan Hartrich, Co-Director, 314-781-8700, Caleb Wagner, Co-Director, 314-306-0610 or Tim Tolle, Spiritual Director, 630-337-2900

We also reserve spaces for those who are not members of HR parish – with priority given to a seed team from another parish that is beginning the ACTS Retreat program. For more information about the space available for non-parishioners, please contact the retreat Director listed above.

Please send or deliver your registration form and deposit fee to the Parish office at 17 Joy Avenue, Webster Groves, MO 63119. (Make checks payable to Holy Redeemer.) Space is limited due to retreat facility accommodations.

### PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK RELATIVES AND FRIENDS



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

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