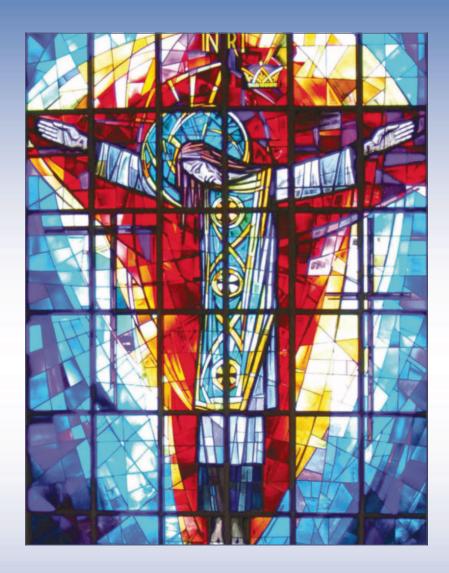
# **Holy Redeemer Parish**

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

#### November 5, 2023

### 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Fr. Kevin Schmittgens, Pastor Fr. Charles Samson,	fatherkevin@holyr.org	Holy Redeemer School	(314) 962-8989	
Priest in Residence	charlessamson@kenrick.edu	Mrs. Pam Galluzzo, Principal	principal@holyr.org	
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Laurie Medley, Parish Secretary	Imedley@holyr.org	St. Vincent De Paul Helpline	(314) 289-6101 Ex 2250	
Carol Herber, Bookkeeper	bookkeeper@holyr.org			

Monday, November 6

Rom 11:29-36 Luke 14:12-14

6:15 am: Janet Hart

8:15 am: Mary Louise & Casper Sack

Tuesday, November 7

Rom 12:5-16b Luke 14:15-24

6:15 am: Bob Hart 8:15 am: Ann Manubay

Wednesday, November 8 Rom 13:8-10 Luke 14:25-33

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

8:15 am: Louise Portwine

Thursday, November 9

The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12 John 2:13-22 6:15 am: Sue Mondello

8:15 am: Jim Menner

Friday, November 10 St. Leo the Great

Rom 15:14-21 Luke 16:1-8 6:15 am: Ray Winkelmann 8:15 am: Marvin J. Sack

Saturday, November 11

St. Martin of Tours Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27 Luke 16:9-15

5:00 pm: Bob Kilgore

Sunday, November 12

Wis 6:12-16 1 Thes 4:13-18 Matt 25:1-13

7:30 am: Conal Furay

9:00 am: People of the Parish Robin Wettach

11:00 am: Bill & Teresa Haynes

S.I. - Special Intention

#### **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

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

#### **Special Collections:**

**November 3 - Retired Religious November 17 - Camp. For Human Development** 

10/29/23			Actual	Bu	dget
	Envelopes	\$	8,237		
	Online Total	\$ \$	3,906	\$	15,335
YEAR TO DA	TE	\$	208,342	\$	276,030

#### **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 Spc. Joseph Lowry - Army



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

### **REST IN PEACE**

#### **Eloise Mrosek**

Grandmother of Johanna Devereaux & Great Grandmother of Eloise Devereaux

#### **David Nordman**

Brother of Larry Nordman & Uncle of Rebecca Graf & Kevin Nordman

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and may eternal light shine upon them. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God rest in peace.

## PASTOR'S CORNER

#### The Dedication of St. John Lateran

He builds a house with his hands Thirty years go by it stands It stands where nothing stood A house of stone The mason sleeps real good

If you have never seen the movie, *My Left Foot*, do yourself a big favor rent it or download it. It tells the real life true story of Christy Brown an Irish writer and painter. But Christy Brown was so much more that that. Christy was born with cerebral palsy and, as a result, was almost entirely spastic in his limbs. I say "almost" because Christy had control of one part, and one part only, of his body, the toes on his left foot. The movie, as you might guess, is rather uplifting and inspiring, although there are dark moments, *very dark* moments, a darkness which may have been a more realistic reflection of Christy's true story. But there is one scene that moved me deeply when I first saw it.

Christy, because of his condition, was thought to be mentally handicapped and impaired. The doctors encouraged his parents to simply put him away in a home, since personal care for him would be grueling and draining and there wouldn't be much to show for it. But Christy's mother, like every Irish mother I know, was a force of nature, and was unwavering in her commitment to raise him in a loving, family environment. But no one expected much.

One day, Christy is on the floor and with his left foot he picks up a piece of chalk between his toes and begins to try to scratch something on the wood floor. At first, it just looks like mindless, pointless scrapes. But what begins as a raw, simple thing continues as a monumental, exhausting task. Poor Christy is grunting and sweating and writhing, practically in tears as he desperately attempts to communicate. It is then that his mother, simply and plainly, encourages her son, thought to be unintelligent, thought to be unreachable, thought to be unteachable, with a straightforward, clear cut command in a beautiful Celtic brogue: MAKE YOUR MARK, Christy. The scene is both excruciating and stirring. At the end of this epic struggle, the camera pulls back and we see Christy flat on the floor, drained and exhausted, with a single, rough, crude word encircling his twisted body: M-O-T-H-E-R. Mother.

The scene is powerful, because the struggle of Christy Brown is the struggle of all of us, all of humankind, all of creation even. We deeply yearn to "make our mark." We crave to express the longings of our heart, to let existence know that we were here and we have made a difference. We seek to articulate our dreams, to scratch out a crude word to express our appreciation, our love, our devotion, sometimes our frustrations, especially to those who believe that there is something more in us than what others expect. Our marks can be bold, can be delicate, can be unsophisticated, can be profound. We want to build something great.

But the process is hard, the struggle is arduous, it is simply a lot of work. Some frustrated by the level of exertion it takes, simply give up. Some because it can be so incredibly difficult settle for superficiality, trifles, small-mindedness. If you have ever felt that way in your life, or if you ever get to that moment, I want you to think of young Christy Brown's left foot and the beauty that surged from it.

This week we celebrate the dedication of the Lateran Basilica

in Rome, the Pope's church, the oldest basilica, and the only one of the four major Basilicas I haven't been in. (The other three are: St. Peter's, St. Mary Major and St. Paul's Outside the Walls) We remember that long ago as the church struggled for acceptance, struggled to make its mark, the mark of Christ, men and women of faith built something great, something of value, something that lasted the centuries.

The word "dedication" comes from a word meaning "proclaim." Back in the fourth century, Christians proclaimed their faith, made their mark and put aside a place where they scratched out a simple word: GRACE. When I think of dedication, I think of those individuals in my life who, like Christy's mother in his life, saw something more in me than others did, more than the world did, more than I did. My parents, siblings, teachers, friends, fellow faculty and staff, even students encouraged me to make my mark in the world and that has made all the difference.

Ten years ago, I had the privilege of being in the musical *Working*. One of the songs, is called The Mason, and it is about a stone worker and how he simply and methodically builds things. It is about how he makes his mark in the world. The song ends:

He builds a house
With his hands
A hundred years go by
It stands
It tells you who he was
A life goes fast
But the work a mason does
It's made to last
The work a mason does is made to last.

I would like for all of you to think about how you are going to make your mark. How are you going to build the temple that is your life? Are you willing to do the hard, hard work to scratch out and write something beautiful, as Mother Teresa once said, something beautiful for God? Don't give in to frustration, don't give in to the cynics, don't give in to the easy way.

Build something that lasts.

Make your mark.



Father Kevin

#### **Lector & Extraordinary Minister Assignments** Date Mass Lector **Extraordinary Ministers** Times Sue Darcy Geri Baumgart November 11 5:00 pm Sue Darcy Maureen Werner Mike Darcy Ellen Fusz Phyllis Matteuzi November 12 7:30 am Patricia Futhey Ann Fusz Kathy Rehmer Laura Welch Barbara Richter November 12 9:00 am Mark William Sara Johnson Carol Devanny Maria Savage Theresa Jeevanjee November 12 11:00 am Susanne Doran Susanne Doran Pam Mahoney

#### **Schedule Notes:**

November 5: 9:00 am Mass of Remembrance

November 5: Donut Sunday after 9 & 11 am Masses

**November 18 - HR Trivia Night** 

Dec 3 - Breakfast with Santa

#### **Holy Redeemer Book of Remembrance**

The Month of November is when the Church remembers our deceased loved ones. A Book of Remembrance has been placed on the Communion rail near the statue of St. Joseph.

You are invited to enter the names of deceased family members and friends you wish to remember in a special way. You are invited to pray for those listed in our Book of Remembrance.

Server Schedule					
Date	Mass Times	Servers			
November 11	5:00 pm	Claire Kessler George Kessler Grace O'Leary			
November 12	7:30 am	Dignan Jost Declan Jost			
November 12	9:00 am	Connor Noakes Rosie P. Jack P.			
November 12	11:00 am	Paul Geiss Patrick Geiss Lucy Wilson			



### **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 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 Youth Ministry



## Life Teen - High School

All High School Students are welcome to join us every
Thursday **night** from **7:00 - 8:30 p.m**.
in the church meeting space, for a night of fun, fellowship,
and snacks

11/23: No Lifeteen Due to Thanksgiving!

7th and 8th Graders

All 7th and 8th graders are invited to join us for open gym night on

> Friday, November 10th 7:00 - 9:00 pm in the school!

Starting November 16th we have a weekly 7th & 8th Grade Edge meeting Every Thursday 5:30 - 7:00pm in the School Cafeteria 11/23: No EDGE Due to Thanksgiving!

## Volunteers Needed at Sts. Peter & Paul Feeding Program:

Please join us November 17th 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, prepared chili, socks, caps, gloves, 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



## **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.



## 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.



#### 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

lame (as you want it to appear on your name tag)	Parish	
Address	Email address	
City, Zip	Home Phone	
Work Phone	Cell Phone	
mergency Contact Person	Relationship	
Emergency Contact Person's Address	Emergency Contact Phone	

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.

A Community Thanksgiving Service will be held on Tuesday November 21 at 6:00 pm at Webster Methodist Church on Bompart Avenue. This is an ecumenical service and everyone is welcome to attend. They are also looking for choir participation and participation in the service itself. If anyone is interested in participating, please email me at Brichtersr@gmail.com. Everyone is welcome to attend the service- - no need to notify me of

your attendance.

#### **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.





#### **BREAKFAST WITH SANTA!**

Sunday, December 3rd 8:00am till 12:30pm

Holy Redeemer Gym

\$10 per person (children under 2 free)

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### PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR **SICK RELATIVES AND FRIENDS**



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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

Our Lady of Life 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 Katie Fechter -- Sister in Law of Barb & Gary Roufa Jane Wegert - Mother of Todd Senzig Marie Senzig - Aunt of Todd Senzig 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 Michelle Drinning - daughter of Brenda Drinning





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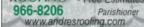


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