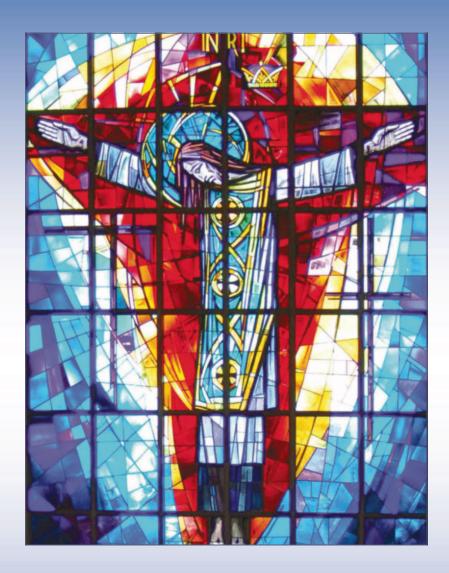
Holy Redeemer Parish

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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
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Deacon: Stephen L. Murray, M.A.

November 19, 2023

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Laurie Medley, Parish Secretary	lmedley@holyr.org	St. Vincent De Paul Helpline	(314) 289-6101 Ex 2250
Carol Herber, Bookkeeper	bookkeeper@holyr.org		

Monday, November 20 1 Macc 1:10-15,41-43,54-57,62-63 Luke 18:35-43

6:15 am: Parish Purgatorial Society

8:15 am: Jim Murphy

<u>Tuesday, November 21</u> The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

2 Macc 6:18-31 Luke 19:1-10 6:15 am: Bob & Janet Hart 8:15 am: Jim Menner

Wednesday, November 22 St. Cecilia

2 Macc 7:1, 20-31 Luke 19:11-28 6:15 am: Joseph F. & Kathryn H. Darpel

8:15 am: Maya Burns (S.I.)

Thursday, November 23

St. Clement I, St. Columban, Bl Miguel Agustin Pro

Thanksgiving Day 1 Macc 2:15-29 Luke 19:41-44

8:15 am: Veronica Furey

Friday, November 24

St. Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions 1 Macc 4:36-37, 52-59 Luke 19:45-48

8:15 am: Frank & Lucille Boyer, Candido Leyson

Saturday, November 25 St. Catherine of Alexandria 1 Macc 6:1-13 Luke 20:27-40 5:00 pm: Joseph & Alberta Simeone

<u>Sunday, November 26</u> Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Ez 34:11-12,15-17,1 Cor 15:20-26,28

Matt 25:31-46

7:30 am: Casper & Mary Louise Sack

9:00 am: Gwen Bramlet

11:00 am: Paul Barnes, People of the Parish

S.I. - Special Intention

PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Catie Barnes Joe Cantalin Jamie Christy 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

Your Gifts to God and Parish. Thank you!

Special Collections:

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

11/5/23			Actual	Budget
	Envelopes	\$	6,074	
	Online	\$	6,443	
	Total	\$	12,517	\$ 15,335
YEAR TO DATE		\$	220,859	\$ 291,365

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.

St. Vincent De Paul

During this Thanksgiving holiday, we are grateful for the incredible support from our Holy Redeemer parish community. Your generosity enables us to give a gift to each of the neighbors we've assisted in the last year so they can enjoy a Thanksgiving meal with friends and family.

We encourage any parishioner who has a need or knows of a neighbor in need to reach out to our hotline for assistance. Our contact number is 314-289-6101, mailbox 2250.

PASTOR'S CORNER

I had a great time.

Eleven-year-old Brendan Foster died on November 21, 2008. The little boy from Western Washington State had been fighting leukemia for three years. He had seen his disease obliterate everything in his life that he loved to do. Before he got sick, he would come home from school, finish his homework as fast as he could, and would go outside to run and play, climb trees and fences, do all the things that boys tend to do. He had gone from a vigorous, energetic, lively force of nature, to a child who was bedridden and fading quickly from earthly existence.

Nothing more detestable does the earth produce than an ungrateful man.

Imagine Brendan's fate. Imagine that you would be confronted with the incredibly sad, incredibly unjust news of your looming and ominous demise. You might have expected that Brendan would be a tad bitter about his fate. All of his dreams gone. He wanted to become a marine photographer. All of the promise of life, poof, disappeared. He died at 11 years of age. All of the regular joys of life, his family and his friends. All of that was taken away, all of that was gone, all of that had vanished. You would think that Brendan would have been angry, enraged and frustrated by the incredible unfairness of it all. You would have thought that he would rage against the brutal circumstances of his heartbreaking illness. You might have thought that, but then again, you might have been wrong.

Gratitude unlocks the fullness of life.

Instead of anger, Brendan responded to his tragedy with an unlikely combination of tranquility, gratitude and selflessness. When Brendan was first diagnosed with leukemia, he and his mom began a new tradition. Every night they list three positive things that happened during the day, and they have to share a laugh. A chuckle will do, Brenden said, but a fake laugh will never do. Then something extraordinary happened. On the way home from his grueling treatments, Brendan and his mother drove past a makeshift village of homeless people. Brendan's heart went out to them. This was true unfairness. This was true need.

And so it began. Even though he has not walked since the prior December, Brendan began a movement to help the homeless throughout the Seattle area. Then people began responding throughout the country, from Los Angeles to Cincinnati. All over people began to stop feeling sorry for themselves, their problems, their economic woes, their issues and began responding to people in need. Truly, a little dying boy's gratitude unlocked the fullness of life.

There are days, even at an age when I should know better, when I am so caught up in my petty, and not so petty problems, and I forget to say thanks, I forget to appreciate the amazing things I have been gifted with. A writer once wrote that when things are going well in our lives, we are often deaf to their song, we are blind to their beauty. Thanksgiving comes along as a time to stop, to pay attention, to reflect and to be grateful. Here are four little things for which I am grateful this year.

My life. I was two weeks away from getting caught in the crossfire of the mess in the Middle East. Even though I was disappointed that my trip was cancelled, I can only imagine what would have happened if hostilities began while I was in Israel. Life is a gift, a rich wonderful gift. I only wish everyone in

that war-torn region would get that through their thick skulls.

Literacy. I am continually bothering people and begging them to read. Readers are leaders, I chant. If you don't use your brain, you will lose your brain. A full one-fifth of the world's population is illiterate and they suffer deeply because of it. Always have a book you are reading.

The Roman Catholic Church. I know the Church has its issues. I know the Church has its problems. All Things New was a deep and difficult challenge. But where else will you find the mercy of God? Where else will you find people gathered together to promote the common good? Where else will people bind together in love? Where else will justice meet with mercy? Is it messy? Sure. But what institution isn't? It is messy because it is real. I am proud to be a Catholic. I am thankful to be a Catholic. No excuse. No regret.

Family. Over the last couple of weeks, I have had several baptisms, weddings and funerals. (I hatch, match and dispatch.) And through it all, I have got to celebrate with wonderful families, full of life and joy. In my career as a priest, I have seen families united, I have seen families at odds, I have seen families broken and torn. But through it all, I have seen families dealing with life, sharing love, seeking truth, discovering compassion. This week when your families gather, open your eyes to that glorious reality.

Gratitude unlocks the fullness of life. It turns what we have into enough, and more. It turns denial into acceptance, chaos to order, confusion to clarity. It can turn a meal into a feast, a house into a home, a stranger into a friend.

Before Brendan Foster died he said three things. First, he told an interviewer that the saddest thing is when someone gives up. Second, he was worried about the bee problems, so he encouraged people to plant wildflowers wherever they could to encourage bee population growth. And finally, he remarked in the end that he had had a great time in his short life on earth.

An airplane pilot hearing about his request promised to promote seeding from the skies from North America through Central America down into Chile and Argentina. So next spring or whenever you see any wildflowers growing, think of a little boy who died of leukemia, whose heart was nonetheless filled with gratitude and joy. And may your Thanksgiving meals be turned into feasts, your houses become homes and any stranger you meet become a friend.



Father Kevin

Lector & Extraordinary Minister Assignments

Date	Mass Times	Lector	Extraordinary Ministers	
November 25	5:00 pm	Kevin Bayer	Katie Mank Maureen Werner	Beth Mayer Paul Mayer
November 26	7:30 am	Jean Furay	Joe Zaph Phyllis Matteuzi	Kathy Rehmer Mark Abad
November 26	9:00 am	Christine Luebbert	Christine Luebbert Tim Malyszko	Sue Flanigan Barbara Richter
November 26	11:00 am	Eric Webb	Maria Savage Julia Taylor	Terri Gaffney Theresa Jeevanjee

Schedule Notes:

Thanksgiving Day & Day After Masses: Thursday, November 23 8:15 am Friday, November 24 8:15 am

Dec 3 - Breakfast with Santa

Dec 5 - Advent by Candlelight

Dec 16 - Jingle & Mingle

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 25	5:00 pm	Annie Zipfel Evan Johnson Carly Satchell			
November 26	7:30 am	Eleanor Anderson Will Siems			
November 26	9:00 am	Andrew Malyszko Kennedy Tolle Lily Tolle			
November 26	11:00 am	Paul Geiss Patrick Geiss Danielle Zeigler			



Holy Redeemer Parish ACTS Retreat weekend for men: Jan 4 – 7, 2024

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.

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO GET A REGISTRATION FORM, PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE. (314) 962-0038

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!

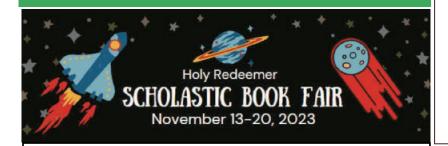
7th and 8th Graders

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!



Shop after each Mass on Sunday, November 19.

Proceeds from book fair are used to stock our classrooms and the Emily A. Lemcke Memorial Library. Thank you in advance for your support! Contact Debbie Lindh @ 314-302-0733 with questions.



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 minutesor 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.



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Be the Light

There is a lot of talk in the Church today about evangelization and missionary discipleship, but what does that look like?

Join us for the Making Missionary Disciples Track at SEEK24 to learn from experts and leaders in evangelization. Develop the tools and skills of discipleship to be the light of Christ and transform your parish and communities.

For more information:

Molly Berra Mberra@holyr.org



GIVE A MEAL A MONTH NEWS

There will be no food collection in November and December for GAMAM to allow more donations to Fr. Bob and other charities.

We will continue in January. Watch bulletin for details and I wish you very Blessed Holidays! Thank you so much!



All women of the parish are invited to gather for an evening of reflection and fellowship from 7:00 - 9:30PM on Tuesday, December 5, in the Holy Redeemer Church Meeting Room. Guests will enjoy an evening of candlelight, desserts and the company of friends while listening to our inspirational speaker, Susan O'Leary. Susan is a mother, grandmother and the co-author, with her husband, Dennis, of Overwhelming Odds, the story of how their nine-year old son John recovered from life-threatening burns, and how their family endured with faith and joy.

The event is free, but space is limited. Please contact Megan Pardeck or Sarah Andres to reserve your spot.

Megan Pardeck megan.pardeck@gmail.com (314)-874-3240

Sarah Andres sarahmarieandres@yahoo.com (314) 956-3101

THANKSGIVING FOOD OFFERING

Sharing food is a vital part of Thanksgiving. You are invited to share food this year with those in need through a local food pantry operated by Rock Hill Ministries.

Please bring non-perishable food items to the Communion rail during the Offertory at the Thanksgiving Day Mass on Thursday, November 23rd at 8:15 am (PLEASE, NO GLASS CONTAINERS). If you prefer to give money, there will be a basket on the Communion rail to receive your donation.



2023 All Souls Day Remembrances

Joe Meyer Deceased members of Kaiman & Peterson Families George Sinn Family Simeone Family Jim Serati Francisca Leyson Candido Leyson Michelle Coyoca Carlito Coyoca Josefina Lao

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA!

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

Holy Redeemer Gym

\$10 per person (children under 2 free)

Free picture with Santa in his sleigh

All proceeds benefit our sister parish in St. Jean du Sud, Haiti



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

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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