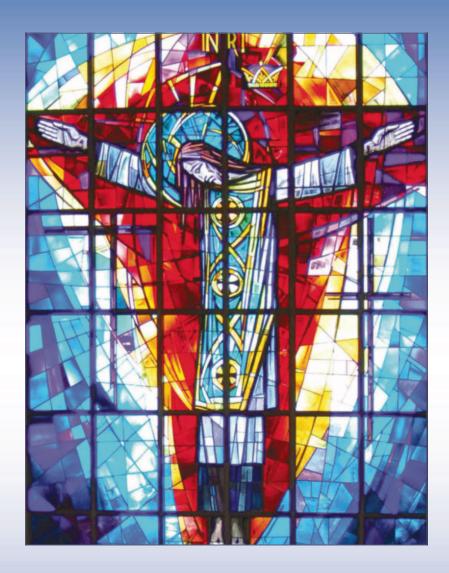
# **Holy Redeemer Parish**

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 26, 2023

### **Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**

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Monday, November 27

Dan 1:1-6, 8-20 Luke 21:1-4 6:15 am: Parish Purgatorial Society

8:15 am: Ray Winkelmann

Tuesday, November 28 Dan 2:31-45 Luke 21:5-11 6:15 am: Cathy Jeep 8:15 am: Fred Gohlke

Wednesday, November 29 Dan 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28 6:15 am: Joseph F. & Kathryn H. Darpel 8:15 am: Janice Laverne Voss

Thursday, November 30 St. Andrew

Romans 10:9-18 Matt 4:18-22 6:15 am: Frank & Lucille Boyer

8:15 am: Tom, Dede & Timmy Muldoon

Friday, December 1 Dan 7:2-14 Luke 21:29-33 6:15 am: Joseph Hartmann & Family (S.I.)

8:15 am: Catherine Hummel

Saturday, December 2 Dan 7:15-27 Luke 21:34-36 5:00 pm: Jim Christy

Sunday, December 3 First Sunday of Advent Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b;64:2-7 1 Cor 1:3-9 Mark 13:33-37

7:30 am: People of the Parish 9:00 am: Jeannette Henry 11:00 am: Dr. Steve Weilbacher

S.I. - Special Intention

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

Catie Barnes Joe Cantalin Jamie Christy Torni Corno **Bethany Curtis** Gayla Daugherty Susy Dolan Janet Doubek John Dwyer Patrick Fox Claire Galli

Jim Hardin Ruth Henry Cletus Henry Salvatore Colletti Teresita Manubay Bev Straub Johanna Marnatti Mary Swift Ginny Miller Bob Nawrocki Will Newman Don Pokorny

David Schilli Rhonda Simeone Rick Slais Kathy Timpe Judie Tucci 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** 

11/12/23		Actual	Budget
	Envelopes	\$ 5,615	
	Online	\$ 4,935	
	Total	\$ 10,550 \$	15,335
YEAR TO DA	TE	\$ 231,409 \$	306,700

## **REST IN PEACE**

Daniel Hart L'Ecuyer Son of Paul & Kris L'Ecuyer Grandson of the late Bob & Janet Hart

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.

#### 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.

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### PASTOR'S CORNER

"Advent invites us to a commitment to vigilance, looking beyond ourselves, expanding our mind and heart in order to open ourselves up to the needs of people, of brothers and sisters, and to the desire for a new world." -Pope Francis

#### What is Advent?

Advent is the start of the liturgical year, in a sense, it is New Year's for Catholics. This year our readings center around Cycle B and focuses on the Gospel of Mark. We had Matthew last year, and in 2025, Cycle C Luke's Gospel will be prominent. (John's gospel figures prominently at the end of Lent and in the Easter season.) Advent is a time of preparation for Christmas, not the arrival of a child, but expecting Our Lord to enter our lives in a new and powerful way. If you listen to the readings during Advent they speak with an immediate and breathless urgency. Now is the time! Now is the day of Salvation! And it is so true in 2023. Usually Advent is about four weeks, but this year we will celebrate the shortest possible Advent with the Fourth Sunday of Advent on Christmas Eve. (Lots of Masses those two days!) This year I am trying something different. Instead of having a Penance Service, we will be celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation the week before Christmas. On December 19, 20 and 21 the priest will be in the confessional at two times: after 8:15 Mass in the morning and at 7 pm at night. Prepare for Christmas by coming to Reconciliation and celebrating the forgiveness of a God who loved the world so much that He sent His Son.

#### Why purple during Advent?

Purple was originally associated with royalty because purple dye was so expensive. It was called Tyrian Purple made from the secretions of sea snails and therefore, very pricey. In the Acts of the Apostles there was a woman, Lydia of Thyatira, the first documented convert in Europe who was a "woman of purple" a dealer in purple goods. Her and her whole household was converted, which seems to suggest that she was in charge and wealthy, probably a widow. Purple as a liturgical color was not widely used until the mid 1500's. It has become a symbol of preparation, penance and sacrifice.

#### What is an Advent Wreath?

The Germans are probably responsible for the tradition of Advent wreaths. It is a circular evergreen wreath with four (possibly five) candles. Traditionally three are purple and one is pink or rose, although all the candles may be white. They are lit according to which week of Advent we are in. (Hint: the first candle lit should be the one opposite the pink candle, so that it goes purple, purple, pink, purple.) One of the stories I've heard about the Advent Wreath is that it was made from a wheel taken off of a cart. The idea was to slow down life a bit and spend some time in preparation for Christmas. Of course, we do the exact opposite in our culture and ramp up our activity in the month of December. Maybe having an Advent Wreath in your home (easy to buy at Catholic Sup-

ply) might serve as a reminder to try to slow things down and remember what this season is really all about.

#### What is Gaudate Sunday?

The pink candle is lit during the third week of Advent often referred to as Gaudate Sunday. Gaudate is the Latin word for "rejoice." In the entrance antiphon for that day we pray:

Gaudete in Domino semper: iterum dico, gaudete. Rejoice in the Lord always, I say it again rejoice! The third Sunday means that we are over half way through Advent and we need a joyous pick me up. The rose color remind us that even in the midst of preparation and penance, we need a joyful heart. There is great human psychology here. Whenever we are in the midst of something, something that may be draining and exhausting, it is always good to remember what we are all about and to celebrate a bit.

#### **Advent Calendars (for every taste)**

I remember as a little boy getting excited for the count-down to Christmas. We had the Advent Novena (nine days before Christmas). The novena on Christmas Eve was the go-to event for the Schmittgens family and afterwards we would open up gifts. (We were told that we were Santa's first stop. Don't be jealous.) Nowadays there are Advent Calendars of all kinds where you would open up a date and find a goodie inside. Normally they are filled with candy or chocolate. All of this, hopefully, stands as a reminder of the impending coming of our Lord in a new way.

If any of you have any Advent traditions, drop me a line and share them.

For your information: Masses for the Fourth Sunday of Advent (December 24th) will be at the regular Sunday Mass times (5 pm Saturday, 7:30, 9 and 11 am on Sunday). Masses for Christmas will be 4 pm (note that this is an HOUR earlier than last year) and 10 pm on Christmas Eve. Masses on Christmas Day will be 8 am and 10 am.

Have a GREAT ADVENT!!



Father Kevin

#### **Lector & Extraordinary Minister Assignments** Date Mass Lector **Extraordinary Ministers** Times Sue Darcy Beth Mayer December 2 5:00 pm Teresa Mayer Mike Darcy Paul Mayer Ellen Fusz Phyllis Matteuzi December 3 7:30 am Patricia Futhey Ann Fusz Kathy Rehmer Patty Miano Erin Scherer December 3 9:00 am Tony Miano Tony Miano Carol Devanny Maria Savage Theresa Jeevanjee

Susanne Doran

#### **Schedule Notes:**

December 3

Dec 3 - Breakfast with Santa

Dec 5 - Advent by Candlelight

**Dec 8 - Immaculate Conception Holy Day of Obligation** Masses: 6:15 & 8:15 am, 7:00 pm

11:00 am

Susanne Doran

**Advent Confession Schedule:** Dec 19, 20 & 21 After 8:15 am Mass, and 7:00 pm

4th Sunday of Advent Masses Dec 23 & 24 - 5pm, 7:30, 9:00 & 11:00 am

#### **Christmas Masses:**

**Christmas Eve** 4:00 pm & 10:00 pm

**Christmas Day** 8:00 am and 10:00 am

Server Schedule					
Date	Mass Times	Servers			
December 2	5:00 pm	Jack Keaveny Katie Keaveny Nolan Roeslein			
December 3	7:30 am	Dignan Jost Declan Jost			
December 3	9:00 am	Ethan Heavey Kate Nixon Jack Johnson			
December 3	11:00 am	Mimi Sadlo Charlie Sadlo Elise Wiseman			



We are excited to announce the return of the Children's Pageant presented before the 4:00pm Christmas Eve Mass. Please email Laura Welch at Laurakaywelch@gmail.com if you have a

Pam Mahoney

pre-k through 8th grader interested in participating.

Practices will be held on Saturday, December 9th from 9:00-10:15am and Friday, December 22nd from 3:00-4:15pm. A 45 minute choir practice will follow pageant practice for those in 2nd grade and above wanting to participate in the choir during the Christmas Eve Mass.



**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 REGISTRA-TION FORM, PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OF-FICE. (314) 962-0038

#### **Christmas Food Drive!**

This year, we will be collecting food for the food pantry at Immaculate Conception in Maplewood. This weekend and on Dec. 2-3, we will be dis-

tributing boxes for you to take home and fill with non-perishable food items (PLEASE, NO GLASS CONTAINERS). The boxes filled with food should be brought to the RECTORY GARAGE before/ after any of the Masses the weekend of December 9-10.

We are in need of drivers with vans, covered pick ups or SUVs on Sunday, December 10, to deliver the boxes of food to Immaculate Conception in Maplewood between 12-1 PM.

We are also in need of volunteers to help unload the filled boxes from parishioners' cars approximately 15 minutes before and after all the Masses on Saturday & Sunday, December 9-10.

If you have any questions, please contact Billy @ 314-363-8327 or  $\operatorname{Jim}$  @ 314-853-7747

# 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!



# **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.

#### 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.



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#### For more information:

Molly Berra Mberra@holyr.org





All women of the parish are invited to gather for an evening of reflection and fellowship from 7:00 – 9:30 PM 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 <u>sarahmarieandres@yahoo.com</u> (314) 956-3101

#### Baby Jesus Party at St. Paul Bookstore!

Join the sisters for their annual Baby Jesus Birthday Party for kids and families and prepare your hearts for the coming of Christ! Saturday, Dec 2nd - Christmas Program at 10:30 and 1 pm: "Twas the Day Before Christmas in Bethlehem Town" based on book by Leslie Diggins. Picture taking around the nativity (costumes provided) 11:30 - 1 pm and 2 - 4 pm. Pauline Books & Media, 9804 Watson Rd in Crestwood. Call for information 314-965-3512

#### 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

James H. Swift
Albert & Leah Casey
John & Bernice Swift
Jack & Jill McMillen
Rebecca & Tom White
Morgan & Teresa Casey
Dorothy & Frank Bast
George Ripplinger
Gerry Ripplinger
George Ripplnger, Sr.
Bill, Carol & Jim Spies

#### **GAMAM**

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!

# **BREAKFAST WITH SANTA!**



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Free picture with Santa in his sleigh
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St. Jean du Sud, Haiti







## 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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