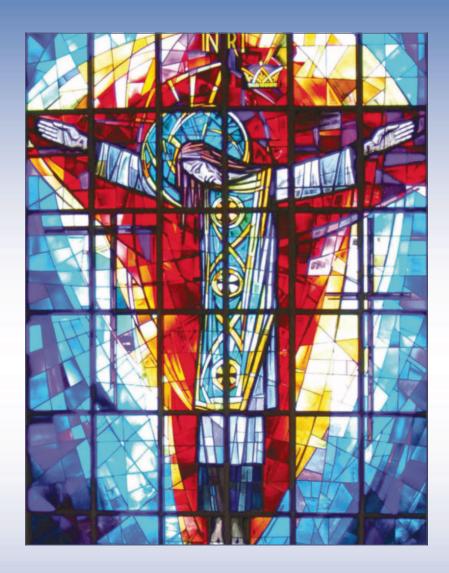
# **Holy Redeemer Parish**

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.

## The Epiphany

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Monday, January 8

The Baptism of the lord

Isaiah 42:1-4,6-7 Mark 1:7-11 6:15 am: Msgr. Jerome J. Buchheit

8:15 am: Stuart Hilton

Tuesday, January 9 1 Samuel 1:9-20 Mark 1:21-28 6:15 am: Leonard S. Dino, Sr. 8:15 am: Barb & Jerry Oates

Wednesday, January 10 1 Samuel 3:1-10, 19-20 Mark 1:29-39

6:15 am: Frank & Lucille Boyer 8:15 am: Bethany Weems

Thursday, January 11 1 Samuel 4:1-11 Mark 1:40-45 6:15 am: Parish Purgatorial Society

8:15 am: Bob & Janet Hart

<u>Friday, January 12</u> 1 Samuel 8:4-7, 10-22a Mark 2:1-12

6:15 am: Donald W. Dunlap 8:15 am: Pepple Family

St. Hilary, Bishop & Doctor of the Church 1 Samuel 9:1-4, 17-19, 10:1a

5:00 pm: Ray Winkelmann

<u>Sunday, January 14</u> 1 Samuel 3:3b-10,19; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20

John 1:35-42

7:30 am: Barbara Rudder 9:00 am: Elise Wettach, (S.I.),

People of the Parish

11:00 am: Bob Kilgore

S.I. - Special Intention

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

#### **Special Collections:**

St. Louis Review Subscription - January 21

12/17/23		Actual	Budget
	Envelopes	\$ 6,556	
	Online	\$ 5,259	
	Total	\$ 11,815	15,335
YEAR TO DA	TE	\$ 321,662	\$ 383,375

### **HELP NEEDED AFTER 11:00 AM MASS TODAY!**

Please come help remove and store all of our Christmas decorations and nativities.

Meet in church right after 11:00 am Mass today. (Sunday, January 7th)

Many thanks to all those who can help!



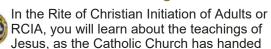
#### **PRAY FOR OUR SICK**

Catie Barnes Joe Cantalin John Charron Jamie Christy Salvatore Colletti Torni Corno **Bethany Curtis** Gayla Daugherty Susy Dolan Janét Doubek John Dwyer Patrick Fox

Claire Galli Jim Hardin Ruth Henry Cletus Henry Teresita Manubay Bev Straub Johanna Marnatti Mary Swift Patricia V. Miano Ginny Miller Bob Nawrocki Will Newman Don Pokorny

David Schilli **Bob Simcox** Rhonda Simeone Rick Slais Kathy Timpe Judie Tucci Paul Vogt Ken Wetzel Patricia Wilhelm

## Interested in becoming Catholic?



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.

## PASTOR'S CORNER

See, darkness covers the earth, and thick clouds the peoples; But upon you the Lord shines, and over you appears his glory. Nations shall walk by your light, and kings by your shining radiance.

Isaiah 60: 2-3

In was a rather huge auditorium. 10,000 seats or so. People had come to hear a speaker when suddenly, disaster struck. POP! All the lights in the auditorium went out. Total power failure. The entire place filled to the brim was now plunged into darkness, a darkness that was total and absolute, since there were no windows to outside around.

And then there was panic.

And then, with equal suddenness, something remarkable occurred. Someone lit a single lighter. A solitary light. And, so the story goes, everyone was able to see in that huge auditorium, all because of that one single, solitary light. People were stunned. But a lesson was learned: the greater the darkness, the more penetrating and allencompassing is the light.

If there is one malady facing all of our culture, it is the fact that we feel powerless. We feel helpless in the face of powerful and inexorable forces that permeate our society. We face the darkness with our little bitty lights and we sense that the gloom is too much, that the night is too murky. And so we give up, we capitulate. What good is our light? What can we as a single simple person do? What difference can we possibly make?

But then I think of that solitary light. And then I think of people that I have known, great and not very well at all. But at the center of their lives, they were light to the people around them.

Recently one of my colleagues from Borgia passed away, Sr. Mary Paul Holdmeyer. She was a science teacher par excellance. I put a notice up on Facebook about her passing and the post was flooded by her former students who remembered her fondly. A sampling of responses:

Thinking about her puts a huge smile on my face. What a SMP or Maria. And know that light wonderful teacher and human. SMP or Maria. And know that light shines the brightest in the darkest

One of the greatest women to have ever lived! I'm sorry I caught the Bunsen burner on fire, Sister!! Rest in peace and may you continue to bask in the glory of God.

She was not only an excellent teacher, she was a beautiful person both inside and out. She had a wonderful sense of humor. It was an honor to be her colleague.

When I think of her I'm reminded of all the patience she had during seminar helping me with chemistry. I can still hear her laugh too. She will never be forgotten.

So many amazing memories of Sister... Mid physics lessons..

= A class mate: Sister slow down, you're going too fast! Sister: No, you're writing too slow. It's all relative.

SMP as we called her, was amazing. A light of learning and love for her students and her fellow faculty members.

Another quick example:

A couple of parishes back, there was a little old Italian woman, named Maria (not her real name). She was over eighty years old at the time, and still quite feisty. My favorite story she told me is when her sister Josie would call her on the phone Josie would talk for too long a time. Maria would say, "Fadder, Josie talka and talka anda I get tired. So I have a langa cord on my phone anda I go out to my doorbell and I ringa it and say, 'O, Josie, I gotta go, somebody is atta da door.' Isa that a sin, Fadder?"

How can you not love that?

I remember I was giving a retreat that Maria attended and young mother was lamenting that with her kids and her husband and her job, she felt that had no real time to pray. Maria, sitting next to her, gently patted her on the knee. "I praya for you. That's all I do alla day long." And her and the young mother exchanged wonderful smiles. A simple yet powerful light.

Our gospel tells us that astrologers followed a star, and that star led them to Jesus. Who are those people around you, searching, sojourning, seeking the King? You wouldn't have to look far. They are your neighbors, your family members, your business associates. And when they look to you will they see that light which will points the way to Christ? Will you be the guide in the midst of the gloom and darkness or will you give in to the forces around you? There is so much darkness, violence, hatred, war. It is easy to give up, to think that what you do won't or can't make any difference.

If you think that way, think of that single light. Think of SMP or Maria. And know that light shines the brightest in the darkest night.

Father Kevin



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#### 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.

#### Holiday Food Drives - Thank you!

Our Thanksgiving and Christmas food drives were a great success again this year. Two car loads of food from the Thanksgiving Day offering were delivered to Rock Hill Ministries in Webster Groves and ~ 120 boxes of food were donated to the Immaculate Conception food pantry in Maplewood. Thank you for your generosity!

Server Schedule					
Date	Mass Times	Servers			
January 13	5:00 pm	Jack Keaveny Katie Keaveny Chloe Drabik			
January 14	7:30 am	Mary Clark Lindh Charlie Lindh			
January 14	9:00 am	Paul Geiss Patrick Geiss Nolan Roeslein			
January 14   11:00 am		Mimi Sadlo Charlie Sadlo Danielle Zeigler			

#### **YOU ARE INVITED!**

#### STS. PETER & PAUL FEEDING PROGRAM

Please join us January 12 at Sts. Peter & Paul kitchen: 816 Allen Ave. 63104.

Parking available in chain link fenced lot. Enter door marked kitchen. 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

#### **Schedule Notes:**

Jan 27 - Progressive Dinner

Jan 28 - School Open House 10am - 1pm

#### **DONUT SUNDAY TODAY!**

AFTER THE 9:00 AND 11:00 AM MASSES

Stop by the Church Meeting Room for a donut and some fellowship







#### STEPHEN MINISTRY

Dear Friends, ...we are the members of the Stephen Ministry Team of Holy Redeemer Parish. We have had over fifty hours of instruction to prepare us to do this ministry. We are nonjudgmental listeners who are ready and waiting to help you with anything weighing on your heart. Our conversations are strictly confidential.

If you would like to meet with a Stephen Minister or want to learn more, please contact Maureen Werner, (314) 962-5079)



Contact: 600 Clark Avenue Jefferson City, MO 65102 P: (573) 635-7239 mocatholic@mocatholic.org www.mocatholic.org

#### Missouri Bishops Encourage Missourians to Safeguard Sanctity of Human Life

December 11, 2023, JEFFERSON CITY, MO - We, the Catholic Bishops of Missouri, are committed to promoting the sanctity of human life in every circumstance, from conception until natural death. In Missouri, the dignity of life in its earliest stages is being threatened by proposed amendments to the state constitution that would remove legal protections for women and preborn children.

Though several initiatives are being contemplated and none have yet to be finalized for the November 2024 ballot, we encourage all Catholics and people of good will to safeguard as much as possible the fundamental principle of the right to life. We also support efforts that seek to reduce or eliminate the underlying social causes for abortion by expanding care and resources available to mothers. Even with legal protections for the unborn, as we have in our state today, more can still be done to build a culture of life.

The Missouri Catholic Conference will continue to collaborate with diocesan pro-life offices and with other pro-life groups to protect the health and safety of women and their children. As we stated after Roe v. Wade was overturned, the Catholic Church stands ready to continue providing spiritual and material support to expectant mothers and their families through our parishes and ministries, and to advocate on their behalf and on behalf of their unborn children at the state and federal levels. We look forward to the day when every child, born and unborn, has the love and support needed to thrive and reach his or her full potential. Let us pray for a greater recognition of the gift of each and every human life in our society.

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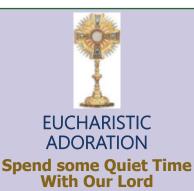
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Most Reverend W. Shawn McKnight Executive Chairman Bishop of Jefferson City

Most Reverend Edward M. Rice Bishop of Springfield-Cape Girardeau



**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

"Let us take time, in the course of the week, in passing, to go in and spend a moment with the Lord who is so near"

**Pope Benedict XVI** 

# YOUTH MINISTRY



## Life Teen - High School

All High School Students are welcome to join us every Thursday

7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

in the church meeting space, for a night of fun, fellowship, and snacks

## 7th and 8th Graders

weekly Edge Hang out 7th & 8th Grade, Every Thursday **5:30 - 6:30pm** in the School Cafeteria



## OPEN GYM

ALL 7TH AND 8TH GRADERS ARE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR OPEN GYM NIGHT ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8TH 7:00 - 9:00 PM IN THE SCHOOL!



## Follow us on social media

Questions? Contact Molly Berra mail: mberra@holyr.org

#### **RED CROSS COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE**

FRIDAY, JANUARY 26 BRENTWOOD REC CENTER 2 - 7 PM

Please sign up at: Redcrossblood.org | Code: BWParksRec | I | Your donation will help others!

Please contact Andy (aleahy2833@gmail.com) for more info. Thank you!!

## **Lector & Extraordinary Minister Assignments**

Date	Mass Times	Lector	Extraordinary Ministers	
January 13	5:00 pm	Jerry Jones	Maureen Werner Katie Mank	Sue Darcy Mike Darcy
January 14	7:30 am	Jean Furay	Mark Abad Kathy Rehmer	Ann Fusz Ellen Fusz
January 14	9:00 am	Patrick Murphy	Barb Richter Kerry DeGregorio	Kevin Randich Susan Randich
January 14	11:00 am	Theresa Jeevanjee	Julia Taylor Terry Gaffney	Pam Mahoney Theresa Jeevanjee

## 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 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 Peggy Probst - daughter of JoAnne Probst Dr. Toby Harris - Haiti Committee Member Cyndi Caimano - niece of Corky & Harry Bahr Christy Reh - sister of Tricia Reh





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