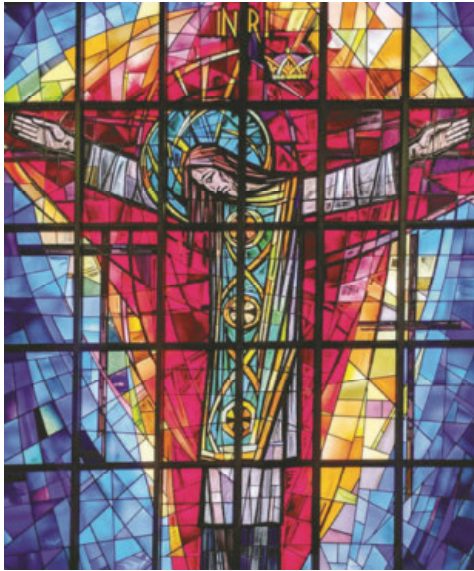




HOLY REDEEMER

CATHOLIC CHURCH AND SCHOOL

FEBRUARY 11, 2024



CHURCH INFORMATION

CONTACT

Address: 17 Joy Ave.

Webster Groves 63119

Rectory/Office: 314-962-0038

Website: www.holyr.org

HOLY MASS

WEEKEND MASS

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 7:30, 9:00 and 11:00 am

WEEKDAY MASS

Monday-Friday: 6:15am (*Summer Months*)

6:15 & 8:15 am (*During the School Year*)

Holy Days: See Bulletin Announcements

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:

Tuesday 9:00 am until Wednesday 6:00 am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Saturday: 4:00 to 4:45 p.m.

PASTORAL STAFF

Pastor: Reverend Kevin Schmittgens

In Residence: Reverend Charles Samson

Deacon: Patrick Waldschmidt

Deacon: Stephen L. Murray, M.A.



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PASTOR'S CORNER

FR. KEVIN SCHMITTGENS, PASTOR

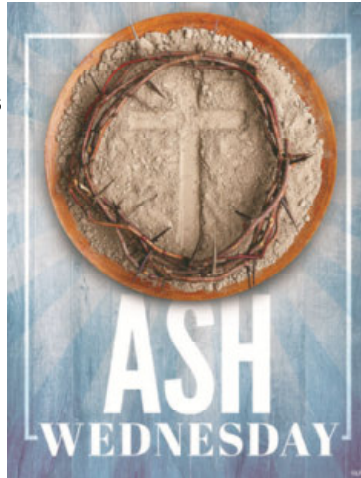
Lent begins this Wednesday!

Wait. What?

Yep, you read that correctly. It felt like we just got finished with Christmas and...bam...here we go into the season of Lent. Let's figure this out.

THE BEGINNING (Mass on Ash Wednesday)

The Season of Lent begins this Wednesday with ashes. We will have four Masses for Ash Wednesday, our regular schedule of **6:15 and 8:15 (live-streamed), noon and 7pm**. Ashes are what is called a sacramental, it is the most democratic (small "d") of Catholic things insofar as ANYONE and EVERYONE is welcome to receive ashes. Ash Wednesday Mass is the perfect way to begin this season, so make plans to attend.



THE BASICS (Fast and Abstinence)

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are *obligatory* days of universal fast and abstinence. Fasting is obligatory for all who have completed their 18th year and have not yet reached their 60th year. (I'm old and exempt, but then again, you are as young as you feel and as young as you fast.) Fasting allows a person to eat one full meal. Two smaller meals may be taken, not to equal one full meal. Abstinence (from meat) is obligatory for all who have reached their 14th year and applies for every Friday in Lent.

THE THREE DISCIPLINES (Prayer, Self-Denial and Almsgiving)

Prayer. I would like for each and every one of you to consider during the 40 Days of Lent your life of prayer. Prayer centers us. Prayer prods and provokes us. Prayer calms us. Prayer challenges us. How will you deepen your relationship with God in prayer this Lent? What about starting your day with daily Mass at 6:15 or 8:15? It is a fantastic way to start your day. There are also parishes around that offer noon and evening Masses. What about (gently) inviting a friend who has been away from church to a Sunday liturgy? Most of the people I know who are faithful churchgoers began by going with friends. What a great gift of friendship! What about taking an hour on Tuesdays in front of the Blessed Sacrament? That discipline has made a big difference in the lives of many of our parishioners here at Holy. What about being more faithful to meal prayers with your family? Sometimes the simplest of actions are the most

profound. I cannot tell you how much of my upbringing was formed by our meal prayer (which rivaled the rosary at times). Speaking about the rosary, what about praying it on the way to work? There are tons of apps which lead you to a deeper life of prayer. What about downloading one of them? There are so many possibilities!

Self-denial. Even secular culture agrees that self-denial is vital for a happy, fulfilled life. Give something up. Self-denial is such an important part of one's spiritual life. First of all, it builds grit. You set a goal for yourself and you struggle to maintain that goal. Second, it teaches us that there are many things in our lives that *seem* essential and indispensable, but really aren't. This is so freeing. Lastly, giving up something is good for your soul. Write down what you are giving up and give it to one other person so that they can keep you honest.

Almsgiving. There are so many different possibilities here. Our St. Vincent de Paul Society. Our PIP (Parents in Partnership) drive. Any number of things our Haiti committee is doing. Operation Rice Bowl. I know a lot of you give and give generously already. You know how important that is to your relationship with God. As the Scriptures say: God loves a joyful giver.

SOMETHING NEW

This year, I will be trying something new. Join me after the 8:15 Mass on Tuesdays during Lent for a seven week Bible study in the rectory dining room. I am going to make it very simple. First, you can critique my homily from the prior week (what did you like, what didn't you like, what didn't you understand) and then we will look at the readings for the next week and discuss what they mean to prepare my homily for the following Sunday. There is no cost and each session will end by 10 am. **The dates are February 20 and 27, March 5, 12, 19, and 26, and April 2.** No need for reservations, just show up and we will take it from there.

ONE FINAL THOUGHT

"The devil wishes to assure some people that there's no need for repentance, and others that there's no hope for mercy. Some people are deceived into thinking they are too good for the gospel while others are accused into thinking they are too bad for the gospel."

— Russell D. Moore

You are neither too good nor too bad. Thus, you need the good news. Thus, you need Lent!

Father Kevin



MARY JANET YOUNG
SISTER OF TESS STEPHENITCH

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.



PRAY FOR OUR SICK

- Catie Barnes
- Joe Cantalin
- John Charron
- 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
- Teresita Manubay
- Johanna Marnatti
- Patricia V. Miano
- Ginny Miller
- Bob Nawrocki
- Will Newman
- Don Pokorny
- Scott Petty
- Renee Petty
- David Schilli
- Bob Simcox
- Rhonda Simeone
- Rick Slais
- Bev Straub
- Mary Swift
- Kathy Timpe
- Judie Tucci
- Paul Vogt
- Ken Wetzell
- Patricia Wilhelm

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FEBRUARY 2024

Wednesday, February 14

Ash Wednesday Masses:

6:15 & 8:15 am

12 Noon

7:00 pm

Tuesday, February 27 | 9 - 11:30 am

Catholic Women's League

Morning of Reflection (see bulletin ad)

MARCH 2024

Friday, March 1 | 4:30 - 7:00 pm

FISH FRY

Wednesday, March 13 | 7:00 pm

PARISH RECONCILIATION SERVICE

Mary Queen of Peace & Holy Redeemer at Holy Redeemer

SAVE THE DATE! MAY 4, 2024

Holy Redeemer Gala & Auction

STS PETER & PAUL FEEDING PROGRAM

Please join us **February 16** 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, prepared chili, toiletries, 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



Server Schedule

Date	Mass Times	Servers
February 17	5:00 pm	Mimi Sadlo, Charlie Sadlo, Henley Heyder
February 18	7:30 am	Grace O'Leary, Henry O'Leary
February 18	9:00 am	Ella Guller, Jackson Guller, Riley Guller
February 18	11:00 am	Danielle Zeigler, Andrew Malyszko Caroline Malyszko

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.

6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

HOLY REDEEMER CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Lector & Extraordinary Minister Assignments

Date	Mass Times	Lector	Extraordinary Ministers	
February 17	5:00 pm	Christine Novalis	Beth Mayer Paul Mayer	Christine Luebbert Claudia Perreault
February 18	7:30 am	Pat Futhey	Joe Zapf Kathy Rehmer	Ellen Fusz Ann Fusz
February 18	9:00 am	Jennifer Strohl	Carol Devanny Diana Dahl	Kerry DeGregorio Mary Ziegelman
February 18	11:00 am	Theresa Jeevanjee	Melissa Kessler Pam Mahoney	Erica Webb Maria Wagner

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) 962-0038.



HR Men's Club News

All Men of the Parish are Invited!

February meeting:

Thursday, February 22 | 8:30 pm
Weber's Front Row

White House Retreat

The HR Men's Club is sponsoring a Jesuit Retreat on March 7 - 10, 2024 at the White House Retreat Center located on the bluffs of the Mississippi River in south St. Louis County.

Based upon the spiritual exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola, our directed retreat begins with dinner Thursday evening and ends Sunday at noon. All men of the parish are welcome.

For details, call 314-416-6400, or email: Greg Mueller at Greg@InjuryLawStL.com



Decline to Sign!

You may soon see paid signature gatherers in public places in our region asking you to sign a pro-abortion initiative petition. The ballot summary is very deceptive claiming to protect women's health and "reproductive health care." However, this initiative petition will put in the Missouri constitution a right to dangerous late-term abortions with taxpayer money without parental consent for minors and without the oversight of health agencies to protect the health of Missouri women. Those signature gatherers need to get a certain number of signatures from six out of eight congressional districts to put this deceptive and extreme anti-life measure on the November 2024 ballot. Please protect our constitution and defend life in Missouri by declining to sign if you are asked to sign this petition. For more information go to www.missourilife.org





EUCCHARISTIC 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

Please help us fill all open
time slots. Scan the QR Code
or go to Sign Up Genius and
select a time!

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Scan the QR code to sign up to volunteer.
Please contact Jen Nixon @ 314-458-
9229 or jengrib@gmail.com if you have a question
or need assistance signing up.



Mary Lou Bennett and Ann Bira, spiritual directors, will lead us in a Scripture reflection. Mary Lou is the author of *Light Within, Conversations with God*. A light breakfast will be provided. RSVPs are not required, and all women of the parish are welcome to attend. Please direct any questions to Kathy Murphy-Baum (jk.baum@sbcglobal.net). Limited childcare will be provided. Please contact Jen Nixon (jengrib@gmail.com) to reserve your childcare spot.

Holy Redeemer
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

STEPHEN MINISTRY
Dear Friends, ...we are the mem-
bers 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 non-judgmental listeners who
are ready and waiting to help you
with anything weighing on your
heart. Our conversations are strict-
ly confidential.

**If you would like to meet with a
Stephen Minister or want to
learn more, please contact
Laurie in the rectory office,
(314) 962-0038.**

GAMAM
**Give a Meal a
Month!**

We are collecting non
perishable food items on February 25th
by noon.
All food can be placed in the blue plastic
container in the back of church. I will
be bringing all donations to Webster Rock
Hill Ministries that week. Thank you
so much for your generosity.

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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 Hatrich, 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
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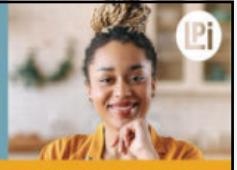
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