

FEBRUARY 18, 2024

## CHURCH INFORMATION CONTACT

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## 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

#### **EUCHARISTIC ADORATION:**

Tuesday 9:00 am until Wednesday 6:00 am

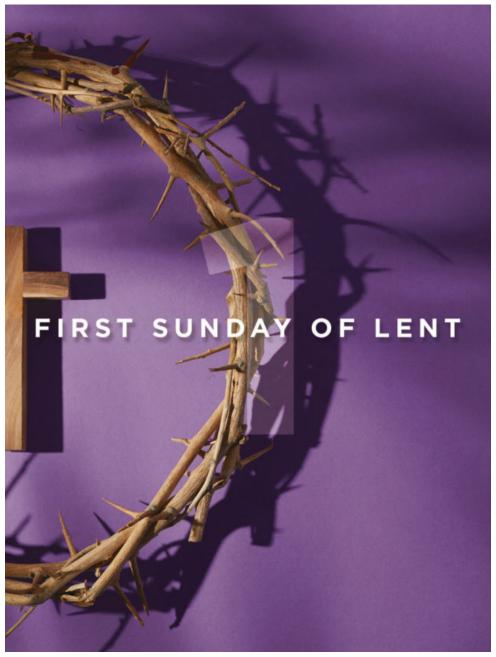
#### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

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

#### PASTORAL STAFF

**Pastor:** Reverend Kevin Schmittgens **In Residence:** Reverend Charles Samson

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### **MASS INTENTIONS & DAILY READINGS**

#### **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19**

President's Day

Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Mt 25:31-46 6:15am: Dorothy Ryzycki

8:15am: Pat Corzine & Terri Burke

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20** 

Is 55:10-11/Mt 6:7-15 6:15am: Michael Gannon

8:15am: Joe Crachiolo, Bob Kilgore

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21** 

St. Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church Jon 3:1-10/Lk 11:29-32

6:15am: Parish Purgatorial Society

8:15am: Vernon Henry

#### **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22**

The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle

1 Pt 5:1-4/Mt 16:13-19

6:15am: Gordon (Brent) Nottingham

8:15am: Shirley Neinhaus

#### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23

St. Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr

Ez 18:21-28/Mt 5:20-26 6:15am: Eric Gannon 8:15am: Mary Janet Young

#### **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24**

Dt 26:16-19/Mt 5:43-48 5:00pm: Greg Pohlman

People of the Parish

#### **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25**

2nd Sunday of Lent 7:30am: Barbara Rudder 9:00am: Wayne Karpinski 11:00am: Lisa Schwartz

### SPECIAL COLLECTION - CHURCH IN CENTRAL & EASTERN EUROPE - FEB 14 **BLACK & INDIAN MISSIONS - FEB 18**

#### WEEKLY COLLECTION

02/11/24	Actual	Budget
Envelopes	\$ 18,916	
Online	\$ 4,762	
Total	\$ 23,678	\$15,335
Year-To-Date	\$474,092	\$506,055



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#### PASTOR'S CORNER

FR. KEVIN SCHMITTGENS, PASTOR

#### "Father, is that a sin?"

Being a priest is like having any professional status. I am always on. I am always fair game. At a restaurant or bar, at any social event or gathering, anytime I am in public, someone will approach me with some question or gripe or complaint about the Roman Catholic Church.

It's OK. It comes with the territory.

Believe it or not, I don't mind the gripes or complaints. Think about it. Any institution will have its issues. Make it a global institution over two millennia years old that spans wildly different cultures with a billion or so members, and the issues multiply... exponentially. Usually after someone vents, I can commiserate with them, help them realize a few things that they might not know or have considered, get them laughing and help them realize that the Church is made up of extremely damaged human beings and so stuff is bound to happen, and will probably continue to happen until Jesus comes back. Easy peasy.

It is the questions that get to me. The primary reason is that often people are seeking simplistic one syllable answers to questions that often deserve a bit more nuance and complexity. Take for instance the seemingly innocuous question: **Father**, **is that (fill in the blank)** a sin? (Even worse, is when someone asks: Is this STILL a sin? A loaded question if I ever heard one.)

There is no easy way to answer this question. Obviously, there are actions and attitudes that most everyone would agree are morally wrong. But no one inquires about the morality of first degree murder. (We're against it, in case you were wondering, thumbs way down.) Instead I get questions about actions and inactions that seem more mundane and familiar, usually centered on our human sexuality. But instead of wandering into that moral minefield, and in order to keep this article shorter and age appropriate, let me talk about Sunday Mass attendance, or more to the point, nonattendance.

Father, is missing Mass on Sunday a sin? Is it a mortal sin?

If I answer NO, I've just offered that person easy justification, a "get out of jail free" card if you will, and that simplistic justification will not serve them well at all in their relationship with God. If I answer YES, they will share with me the most extreme example of how someone could not possibly make it to Mass (three inches of ice, a broken leg, a sick child and no transportation). I will appear dogmatic, doctrinaire, antiquated and controlling. As you can see, this question is posited with a wee bit of an agenda.

The real answer should focus on the person's own conscience. From the Catechism:

Deep within their conscience humans discover a law which they have not laid upon themselves but which they must obey. Its voice, ever calling them to love and to do what is good and to avoid evil, sounds in their hearts at the right moment. . . . For humans have in their heart a law inscribed by God. . . . Our conscience is our most secret core and sanctuary. There we are alone with God whose voice echoes in our depths.

Conscience is a judgment of reason whereby the human person recognizes the moral quality of a concrete act that they are going to perform, is in the process of performing, or has already completed.

In all we says and do, humans are obliged to follow faithfully what they know to be just and right. It is by the judgment of our conscience that we perceive and recognize the prescriptions of the divine law.

Two things about this. First you are OBLIGATED to follow your own conscience. Second, this is a very real way that God communicates with us. HOWEVER...your conscience needs to be both FORMED and INFORMED. Thus, following your conscience is a bit more complicated than doing whatever you want to do (or worse, *feel* like doing). You need balanced formation and you need proper information to follow your conscience.

#### With that in mind:

The Church gives you an obligation to go to Sunday Mass. The Sunday Eucharist is the foundation and confirmation of all Christian practice. For this reason the faithful are obliged to participate in the Eucharist on days of obligation, unless excused for a serious reason (for example, illness, the care of infants) or dispensed by their own pastor. Those who deliberately fail in this obligation commit a grave sin. Catechism 2181

That's what the Church teaches. I've given you the information.

But then you have to make a decision to act in good conscience. Your decision. All by yourself.

To this purpose, we strive to interpret the data of experience and the signs of the times assisted by the virtue of prudence, by the advice of competent people, and by the help of the Holy Spirit and his gifts. Catechism 1788.

So in any moral decision, Fr. Kevin can give you guidance. Fr. Kevin can give you information (or at least, point you to it). Fr. Kevin can help you consider some things that you may not have considered.

But ultimately, Fr. Kevin cannot make that decision for you.

Terrifying, huh.

"Father, is this a sin?" Well...



Father Kevin

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### **BOB JUZENAS BROTHER OF KATHY JUZENAS**

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 Wetzel Patricia Wilhelm

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS FEBRUARY 2024

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** 

## **GIRL SCOUT SUNDAY!** MARCH 3rd | 9:00 am Calling all Girl Scouts!

Please join us at the Girl Scout Mass on Sunday March 3rd at 9am. We will have a small reception to follow in the cafeteria. For any questions or to RSVP please email gstroop4104@gmail.com

All Girl Scouts welcome!



#### **HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE**

**Holy Thursday** Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00 pm (Livestream)

**Good Friday** 

Stations of the Cross - 2:00 pm **Celebration of the Lord's Passion** 7:00 pm (Livestream)

> **Holy Saturday** Easter Vigil - 8:00 pm

**Easter Sunday** 7:30, 9:00 (Livestream) & 11:00 am



**Bible Study** with Fr. Kevin!

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 Sun-

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.

#### 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.



#### 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.



#### Decline to Sign: Archdiocese of St. Louis - Respect Life Apostolate News

Pro-abortion supporters are attempting to put forth a ballot measure that would add language to the Missouri Constitution in the form of an amendment that would **legalize abortion throughout all stages of pregnancy**. Starting this month through May 5, they are in the process of collecting signatures throughout Missouri. They need to collect approximately 172,000 total valid signatures from registered voters in six out of eight congressional districts. "Decline to sign" as no pro-life groups in Missouri are collecting signatures for such a petition. If you see them in your community, call or text the statewide tipline, established by Missouri Right to Life, at 417.413.4134, and volunteers with "decline to sign" signs and information will be sent to that location to be a peaceful, pro-life presence.

Missouri Stands with Women – "Missouri Stands with Women [recently] launched to protect Missouri's laws respecting the dignity of life, the safety of women and parental rights. The organization will be helping lead the fight against out-of-state funded initiative petitions, which are aimed at reversing Missouri's pro-life laws and enshrining extreme abortion initiatives to the state's constitution. Missouri Stands with Women is a united coalition of diverse citizens and groups across the state rooted in the firm belief that the well-being of women and girls is paramount, and they deserve protection from the potential risks posed by unrestricted abortions." See the website for more details: <a href="https://mostandswithwomen.org/about/">https://mostandswithwomen.org/about/</a>

## 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 <a href="mailto:Greg@InjuryLawS">Greg@InjuryLawS</a> tL.com



Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers & Servers						
Date	Mass Time	Lector	Extraordinary Ministers		Servers	
February 24	5:00 pm	Colleen Rohm	Katie Mank Maureen Werner	Beth Mayer Paul Mayer	Molly Wilson Lucy Wilson Annie Zipfel	
February 25	7:30 am	Jean Furay	Joe Zapf Phyllis Matteuzi	Kathy Rehmer Mark Abad	Eleanor Anderson Gannon Malloy	
February 25	9:00 am	Tony Miano	Christine Luebbert Tim Malyszko	Sue Flanigan Barbara Richter	Connor Noakes Lily Tolle Kennedy Tolle	
February 25	11:00 am	Erica Webb	Maria Savage Julia Taylor	Terri Gaffney Theresa Jeevanjee	Agnes Nottingham Danielle Zeigler Nolan Roeslein	

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# **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

#### St. Vincent De Paul:

If you know of anyone who needs assistance, please have them call our hotline at 314-289-6101, mailbox 2250. If you'd like to learn more about what SVDP does, or about opportunities to volunteer with St. Vincent De Paul, contact Claudia Perreault at claud14@swbell.net.



#### **TO VOLUNTEER:**

Please contact Jen Nixon @ 314-458-9229 or <a href="mailto:jengrib@gmail.com">jengrib@gmail.com</a> if you can help!

**THANK YOU!** 



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 (<a href="mailto:ik.baum@sbcglobal.net">ik.baum@sbcglobal.net</a>). Limited childcare will be provided. Please contact Jen Nixon (<a href="mailto:iengrib@gmail.com">iengrib@gmail.com</a>) to reserve your childcare spot.





#### 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

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#### 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 non-judgmental 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 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
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 Dr. Toby Harris - Haiti Committee Member Cyndi Caimano - niece of Corky & Harry Bahr Christy Reh - sister of Tricia Reh Garry Chaput - friend of Denny Staub











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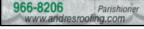
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