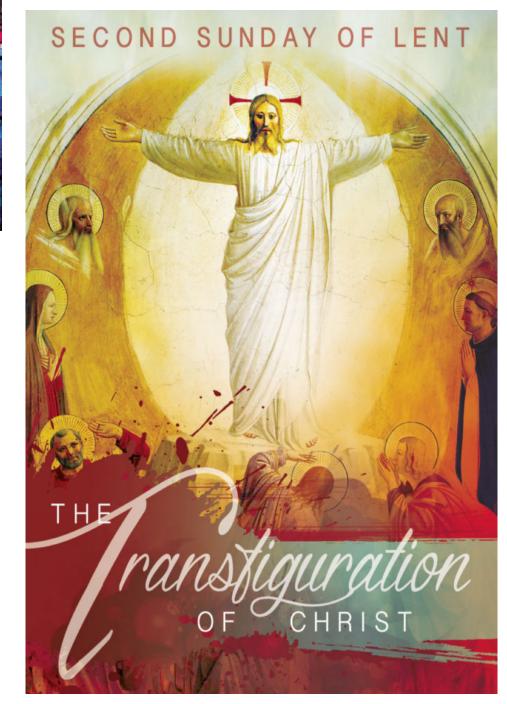
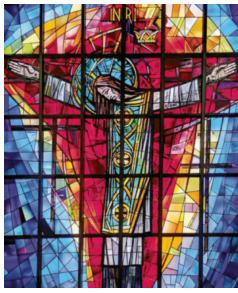


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HOLY MASS

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.

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MASS INTENTIONS & DAILY READINGS

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26

Dn 9:4b-10/Lk 6:36-38 6:15am: Parish Purgatorial Society 8:15am: Matt Baumgart

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27

St. Gregory of Narek Is 1:10, 16-20/Mt 23:1-12 6:15am: Frank & Lucille Boyer 8:15am: Nicholas Weber

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28

Jer 18:18-20/Mt 20:17-28 6:15am: Roger Walz 8:15am: Pat Corzine & Terri Burke

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 29

Jer 17:5-10/Lk 16:19-31 6:15am: Leo Dressel 8:15am: Kenneth Portwine

FRIDAY, MARCH 1

Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a / Mt 21:33-43, 45-46 6:15am: Jim Christy 8:15am: Theresa Jorgen

SATURDAY, MARCH 2

Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32 5:00pm: Bob & Janet Hart

SUNDAY, MARCH 3

3rd Sunday of Lent Ex 17: 3-7 Rom 5:1-2, 5-8 Jn 4:5-42 7:30am: People of the Parish 9:00am: Robyn Stoneburner 11:00am: John H. Murray

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

WEEKLY COLLECTION

| 02/18/24 | Actual | Budget |
|--------------|-----------|-----------|
| Envelopes | \$ 8,087 | |
| Online | \$ 13,107 | |
| Total | \$ 21,194 | \$15,335 |
| Year-To-Date | \$495,286 | \$521,390 |



COVENANT NETWORK-

This year of 2024 has been designated as The Year of Prayer. Covenant Network Catholic radio is here to help you to increase or begin to create a structured prayer life. In addition to our engaging programming, the day is laced with prayer. You can pray the Angelus, the Holy Mass, the Rosary, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and much more with us. Don't miss the opportunity to enrich your day with prayer. Tune in to KHOJ 1460 AM or 96.7 FM or listen anytime on our Covenant Network app or at OurCatholicRadio.org.

PASTOR'S CORNER FR. KEVIN SCHMITTGENS, PASTOR

Ten Rules gleaned from Self-Help Books

In the interest of helping you save money by not buying selfhelp books, here are ten rules of life that are common themes in them. (You are welcome, by the way.)

1. Take one small step.

When people want to make a change in their life, they often go for the big, dramatic, over-the-top types of changes. For instance, if someone wants to get into shape, they will join a gym, start pumping iron and jog for an hour and a half. This works for a week perhaps, and then it becomes too much and the person just gives up. Start small. Do a little thing consistently. It is small changes that make the most difference in the long run.

2. Change your mental maps.

There are always multiple ways to look at events in your life. How you interpret these events and how you envision them will make all the difference in the world. Problems become challenges. Roadblocks transform into opportunities. Failures are seen as learning moments. It's not *all* in your mind, but it is *mainly* in your mind.

3. Struggle is good. Scary is good.

This was my mantra to my students when I was teaching high school. Don't be afraid of the difficult things. Japanese students do better in math than American students, not because they are innately suited to math because of their DNA, but because they are allowed to struggle more with math. Believe it or not, sometimes a Japanese teacher will *purposely* give their students the wrong answer so that they will struggle more. The key to life is getting out of your comfort zone and stretching.

4. Instant Judgment is bad.

First impressions are important, but they are also deceptive, at times extremely deceptive. How many things in my life did I initially reject and then come to appreciate and love? To how many people in my life did I do the same thing? This is where the word RESPECT comes in. It literally means "to look at again." Be careful of instant judgments, you may be missing something really important and vital. Look again. Look deeper.

5. Remember the end of your life.

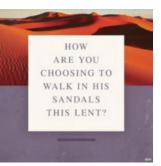
I was once told that we need to think about our legacy virtues instead of immediate gratification. We need to think about what will we leave behind of lasting value when we are gone. I've learned the hard way that sometimes your last interaction with someone may be the final interaction with them. You need to think about the long game.

6. Be playful

Playfulness is more than just silly, frivolous stuff. When we play, our mind works on a different level and is often freed to think in wildly different ways. I worry that so many of our young people are herded into select sports programs exclusively and are not allowed to play freely. When children play freely, the rules are made up as you go along and the altercations you get into must be worked out without the benefit of a referee or umpire or adult. Besides all that, we human beings genuinely like playful people. Play!

7. Be useful to others.

Recently, I did a funeral for a man who was, for lack of a better term, a handyman. He could fix almost everything. These people are golden and we ought to appreciate them in our lives. And if you are one such person, I want to be your friend.



8. Perfectionism = Procrastination.

I've had several students who were perfectionists. School and life were horrible for them. Nothing they handed in was good enough, and thus they didn't hand in anything. They were paralyzed by the suffocating attitude that if something was not exactly right, it was not worthy. So they often put things off and drove themselves, their parents and me crazy. Let it go.

9. Sleep, exercise, eat, chill out. Repeat.

I have spoken many times about the need for sleep, proper exercise and nutrition. (I have difficulty with the nutrition part.) It is also important to *chill*. Far from being a waste of time, it can often be the break that puts things together in your mind and heart. When I work on a homily, I often write it out and then forget about it for a day or so. When I return to it, I can often find new insights. Life is really rather simple: sleep, exercise, eat and chill.

10. Write it all down.

When I get really angry about something, I find it helpful to write a blistering letter. All of my gripes, all of my energy, all of my venom, flow onto the page. The act of writing is cathartic and healing. Many times just reading what I wrote gives me enough perspective to figure it all out. If I am still upset, I often send my vitriol to a close friend for a third party perspective. At times, they have told me to get over myself. At times, they told me to send the letter. Beyond that, when I hear a good story I often write it down quickly and put it into a file on my computer marked IDEAS and save it for a rainy day. The idea for this article was in that file.

11. You can't get it all from reading.

Hey Rev. Kev, you cheated. That is #11 and you said there would only be ten! It is supposed to be ironic. You have to live your life, you just can't read about it in a self-help book.

Father Kevin

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RETROUVAILLE ST LOUIS WEEKEND March 15 - 17, 2024

Do you need RETROUVAILLE? Has your romance failed? Do you argue without reaching resolution? Are you more like roommates than soulmates? Have you grown apart? Retrouvaille can help you.

Register now - 800-470-2230 (24hour confidential hotline) or visit: <u>helpourmarriage.org</u> Questions? Tom & Kerry 314.753.2022



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS FEBRUARY 2024

<u>Tuesday, February 27 | 9 - 11:30 am</u> Catholic Women's League Morning of Reflection (see bulletin ad)

MARCH 2024

<u>Friday, March 1 | 4:30 - 7:00 pm</u> 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 I 9:00 am Calling all Girl Scouts!

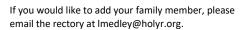
Please join us at the Girl Scout Mass on Sunday March 3rd at 9am. We will have a small reception to follow in the cafeteria. For any questions or to RSVP please email gstroop4104@gmail.com

All Girl Scouts welcome!



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



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

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

<u>Good Friday</u> 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 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.



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.

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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: https://

mostandswithwomen.org/about/

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The Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet invite you to join us for a morning of quiet prayer and song as we deepen our Baptismal call during Lent.

Enjoy a continental breakfast and conversation with the sisters afterward.

The event is free, and registration is required by March 3. Learn more and register at <u>csjsl.org/events</u>.

Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet

Invitation to Love: A Lenten Prayer Saturday, March 9 at 10 a.m.

Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet Motherhouse

6400 Minnesota Ave., St. Louis, MO 63111



Lactore Extraordinary Ministore & Servers

HR Men's Club News

All Men of the Parish are Invited!

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 <u>Greg@InjuryLawS</u> <u>tL.com</u>



| Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers & Servers | | | | | | |
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| Date | Mass Time | Lector | Extraordinary Ministers | | Servers | |
| March 2 | 5:00 pm | Teresa Meyer | Sue Darcy Mike Darcy | Beth Mayer Paul Mayer | Paul Geiss Patrick Geiss Patrick Jenks | |
| March 3 | 7:30 am | Paul Fiess | Ellen Fusz Ann Fusz | Phyllis Matteuzi Kathy Rehmer | Charlie Lindh Mary Clare Lindh | |
| March 3 | 9:00 am | Patrick Murphy | Patty Miano Tony Miano | Erin Scherer Carol Devanny | Kate Nixon Zoe Klevorn Elise Wiseman | |
| March 3 | 11:00 am | Susanne Doran | Maria Savage Susanne Doran | Theresa Jeevanjee Pam Mahoney | Finn Rose Molly Rose Owen Rose | |

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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.





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

Life Teen - Hiah School





TO VOLUNTEER:

Please contact Jen Nixon @ 314-458-9229 or <u>jengrib@gmail.com</u> if you can help! THANK YOU!

Morning of Reflection

9:00 – 11:30 AM | Tuesday, February 27 HR Church Meeting Room

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.

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 Marv 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 Margie Leitner - mother of Tricia Warner





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