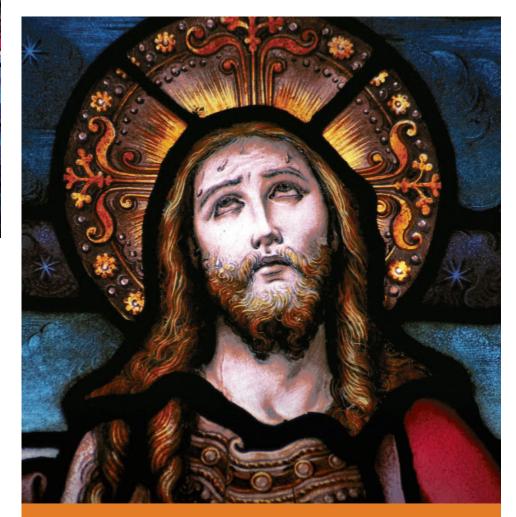


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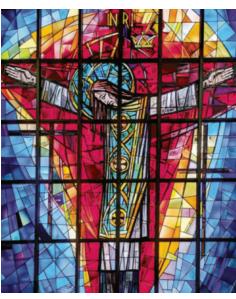
3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

He said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the law of Moses and in the prophets and psalms must be fulfilled ... You are witnesses of these things." - Lk 24:44, 48

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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

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MASS INTENTIONS & DAILY READINGS

MONDAY, APRIL 15

Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30/ Jn 6:22-2 6:15am: Doris Hoffman 8:15am: Marie Sweeney

TUESDAY, APRIL 16

Acts 7:51—8:1a/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab/Jn 6:30-35 6:15am: Eric Gannon 8:15am Geneva Rooney

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17

Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a/ Jn 6:35-40 6:15am: Parish Purgatorial Society 8:15am: Marge Heck

THURSDAY, APRIL 18

Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20/Jn 6:44-5 6:15am: Frieda Haenchen 8:15am: Doris Hoffman

FRIDAY, APRIL 19

Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 6:52-59 6:15am: Frank & Lucille Boyer 8:15am: Eric Gannon

SATURDAY, APRIL 20

Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/ Jn 6:60-6 **5:00pm: Marie Sweeney**

SUNDAY, APRIL 21

4th Sunday of Easter World Day of Prayer for Vocations Acts 4:8-12/Ps 118: 1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29 (22)/Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-1 **7:30am: Marie Balliu**

9:00am: Virgil Oeltjen People of the Parish 11:00am: Frank & Lucille Boyer

SPECIAL COLLECTION: MAY 12 - CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION CAMPAIGN MAY 26 - CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Actual	Budget
\$ 3,687	
\$ 5,024	
\$ 8,711	\$15,335
\$ 583,110	\$628,735
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HOLY REDEEMER MEN'S CLUB BAGS TOURNAMENT!

Please join the Holy Redeemer Men's Club for its <u>2024 Annual</u> <u>Spring Bags Tournament</u>, to be held on the parish parking lot on **Thursday, April 25, 2024**.

The tournament will kick off around 7:30 p.m.

ST. PATRICK'S CASSEROLE PROGRAM

TEAM #1

Please pick up your pan and return your spaghetti casserole to the rectory anytime this week but no later than:

3:00 pm Thursday, April 18th

Thank you!

HOLY REDEEMER CATHOLIC CHURCH

PASTOR'S CORNER FR. KEVIN SCHMITTGENS, PASTOR

Put me in coach, I am ready to play...

This was a decision so complex, so far-reaching, so fraught with so many pitfalls but filled with so much good, if it was right, I just had to work it out in this room with you. I had to talk to God about it and be sure what he wanted me to do. I hope you don't mind.

My father was born and raised in St. Louis. But in 1994 when he passed away, when it came time to bury my dad, we buried him, not in Cardinal red, but in blue, the blue of the Los Angeles Dodgers.

Why was my dad a Dodger fan? Blame Branch Rickey.

It is safe to say that Branch Rickey not only revolutionized the sport of baseball, but he transformed America. He was the inventor of the farm system in baseball, a way of developing talent. He was responsible for the first full-time spring training facility, in Vero Beach, Florida, and encouraged the use of now-commonplace tools such as the batting cage, pitching machines, and batting helmets. He also pioneered the use of statistical analysis in baseball (what is now known as sabermetrics). But his biggest and most profound innovation happened seventy-seven years ago last week, on April 10, 1947, when Rickey announced that Jackie Robinson, an African-American player, had signed with the Dodgers, thereby breaking the color barrier of Major League Baseball which had tacitly been in place since 1881.

America was a bit different back in 1947. Believe it or not, St. Louis was the one of the southernmost cities with baseball, and when Mr. Robinson came to town things got a bit heated, which is an polite term for rabidly racist. Rickey knew that his decision would not be a popular one. He knew that he was opening Jackie Robinson up not only to vicious scorn and derision, but possible physical injury and harm. He knew that however harsh he was treated, Robinson must not, could not retaliate. It would be tough.

What motivated Branch Rickey to make such a bold and risky move? Make no mistake about it Rickey was a shrewd and savvy businessman, who knew the sport of baseball as well as anyone. He also knew that Robinson was a great player with blazing speed. He would be in 1947 the Rookie of the Year, a six time All Star and the MVP of the league in 1949.



He is a member of the All-Century Team. And every major league team has retired 42, his number. So Rickey had some solid baseball reasons.

But what you may not know, is that Branch Rickey was also motivated to break the color barrier of baseball because he was a devout Christian. Granted, there were many so-called Christians who loathed the idea of a black man playing baseball. Nevertheless, Branch Rickey was a man of deep faith and conviction, and that factored into this monumental decision. When a well-known journalist of the era told the Rickey that he thought "all hell would break loose" the next day with Robinson due to take the field for the first time as a Brooklyn Dodger, Rickey disagreed. *"I believe tomorrow all heaven will rejoice."*

Rickey deeply deliberated over his decision. He went to see the pastor of his church in Brooklyn. He barreled into his office and told the minister to be quiet. He didn't want to talk; he just wanted to be silent. He paced back and forth in the parish office, for 45 minutes, not allowing the good Reverend to speak or say anything. He finally banged his fist on his desk and said: "I have got it; I am going to sign Jackie Robinson." He continued:

This was a decision so complex, so far-reaching, so fraught with so many pitfalls but filled with so much good, if it was right, I just had to work it out in this room with you. I had to talk to God about it and be sure what he wanted me to do. I hope you don't mind.

He then straightened his trademark bowtie, put on his hat and said thank you to the minister, who sat in stunned silence.

And all of baseball was changed, and all of America was transformed.

And another man born in 1918, in St. Louis, of similar deep faith and conviction, my father, would root for Rickey's team out of respect for that decision, much to his children's chagrin, merciless teasing and profound admiration.

Several years ago, it was a strange fashion for someone, usually right behind home plate to hold a sign saying John 3:16. In case you don't know that verse reads: "God so loved the world that he sent his only Begotten Son." Branch Rickey didn't need a cardboard sign to proclaim his faith to the world, he lived it out with a bold and transforming decision which has touched every aspect of our lives and culture.

On a monument dedicated to Branch Rickey outside of Coors Field in Colorado it reads:

It is not the honor that you take with you but the heritage you leave behind.

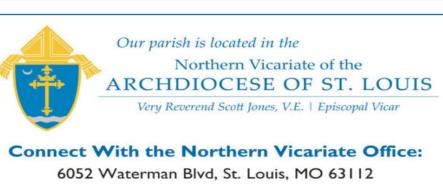
Yes, it is Mr. Rickey, yes it is.

Father Kevin

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FOOD DRIVE

GAMAM

I will be collecting any non-perishable food items for the Webster Rock Hill Ministries on Sunday, April 28th. Please put your donations in the blue container In the back of church before noon that day. They are always very appreciative of any food we donate. Thank you!

St. Louis Pro-Life Dinner

Tuesday, May 21, 2024 Registration & Social 6:00 PM Dinner & Program 7:00 – 9:00 PM \$100 per person (\$50 Tax Deductible) Hilton St. Louis Frontenac | 1335 S. L



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If you would like to add your family member, please email the rectory at Imedley@holyr.org.

HOLY REDEEMER CATHOLIC CHURCH





Blood Drive

Holy Redeemer Catholic Church

Cafeteria 17 Joy Ave Webster Groves, MO 63119 Tuesday, May 7, 2024 3:30 p.m. To 7:30 p.m.

For assistance with scheduling an appointment, please contact Carrie Genovese by email at t.c.genovese@sbcglobal.net 1-800-733-2767 | RedCrossBlood.org



Announcing the HR Men's Club Annual McCarron-Mishalow Catholic Leadership Scholarship Competition

Scholarships to be awarded are as follows:

- One \$2,000.00 High School scholarship (eligible applicants should currently be in grades 9-11)
- One \$1,000 junior high scholarship (eligible applicants should currently be in grades 6-8)
- Up to \$1,000 in scholarships for smaller leadership activities (eligible applicants should currently be in grades 6-8)

The deadline to submit applications for all scholarships is April 30, 2024.

For more information and to apply please email: <u>HRMCScholar-ship@gmail.com</u>

Follow this link to download the Application: <u>https://</u> docs.google.com/document/d/1NwKpbw3ysRcjugOrV-ZQx7jYCgcLGr18TdC75GMhQp0

TRIVIA NIGHT!

Come and join the college seminarians at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary for our annual trivia night! **Join us April 20 at 7 PM at the St. Joe Cottleville parish hall for a night of fun, fellow**ship, and lots of great trivia! Tables are \$120 and can seat teams of up to 8. All proceeds support the college seminarians. Spots are limited, so get a team together and sign up fast at <u>kenrick.edu/trivia</u>!

Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers & Servers						
Date	Mass Time	Lector	Extraordinary Ministers		SERVERS	
April 20	5:00 pm	Sue Darcy	Claudia Perreault Maureen Werner	Sue Darcy Mike Darcy	Jack Keaveny Katie Keaveny Patrick Jenks	
April 21	7:30 am	Jean Furay	Joe Zaph Phyllis Matteuzi	Kathy Rehmer Mark Abad	Adalyn Blumfelder Paul Geiss	
April 21	9:00 am	Jerry Baum	Jerry Baum Laura Welch	Tony Miano Patty Miano	Kate Nixon Grace O'Leary Henry O'Leary	
April 21	11:00 am	Theresa Jeevanjee	Erica Webb Susanne Doran	Maria Wagner Pam Mahoney	Khai Siankhai Danielle Zeigler Agnes Nottingham	

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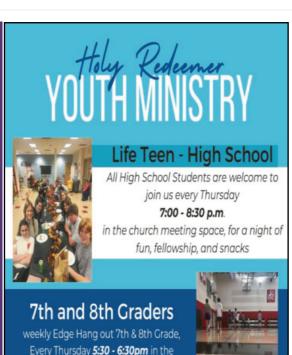


EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

A Holy Hour helps the one in the world in most need of God's Mercy (St. John Paul II)

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



MASS

At each Mass a Special Intention is offered for someone who is still living, or in memory of someone who has died. The names are published each week in our bulletin so all can pray for the intention as well.

If you would like to honor someone special, either living or deceased, with a Mass intention, please call (314-962-0038) or stop by the parish office. The suggested offering is \$10 per Mass. This includes a Mass card to send to the family of the deceased or special intention.



Hello Holy Redeemer Parishioners!

Emmanuel Episcopal Church is holding a **Rise Against Hunger Event on April 28, 2024 at 1:30 pm in our Church** Hall, at 9 South Bompart, in Webster Groves. We invite you to help us prepare dried food packets for 25,000 meals to feed starving communities around the world. Four of your fellow parishioners have already volunteered and we are seeking approximately 20 more to join us. We suggest comfortable shoes, as some stations requiring standing, and a baseball cap or other hat to cover your hair (hair nets are available). To volunteer, please email Mark Rackers at

School Cafeteria

stevareno44@aol.com, or text to (314) 952-1843. If you would like to donate toward the cost of the event, please use the following link: <u>https://</u>secure.myvanco.com/L-YQVQ/campaign/C-12E16?access=tile_direct



Scan to register or donate



SAVE THE DATE! The *Run for Life and Learning* is June 1! Benefiting Birthright Counseling, St. Louis

Join us at Creve Coeur Lake on June 1 for a chip-timed 6K Run/Walk, 1 Mile Fun Walk/Run, and ¼ Mile Kids Run with FREDBIRD[®]. Register or donate at runsignup.com/run4lifeandlearning. **Proceeds enable women who are financially stressed by an unplanned pregnancy to continue their education and secure better lives for themselves and their families. For sponsorship opportunities, email run4lifeandlearning@gmail.com**. **Auction Kickoff Party**

Generously Hosted by Paul & Jodi Beck

May 4, 2024 | 6:30 – 10:30 p.m.

The Beck Home 340 S. Elm Avenue Webster Groves, MO 63119



Join us for cocktails, food and fun as we kick off the Holy Redeemer Great Gatsby Auction & Gala

Use the QR Code to buy your tickets now – only a limited amount will be sold

All dollars collected will be used as seed money for the Holy Redeemer Great Gatsby Auction & Gala

For questions, contact Jodi Beck (314.226.3627)

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PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK RELATIVES AND FRIENDS

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