

HOLY REDEEMER

CATHOLIC CHURCH AND SCHOOL



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

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION:

Tuesday 9:00 am until Wednesday 6:00 am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

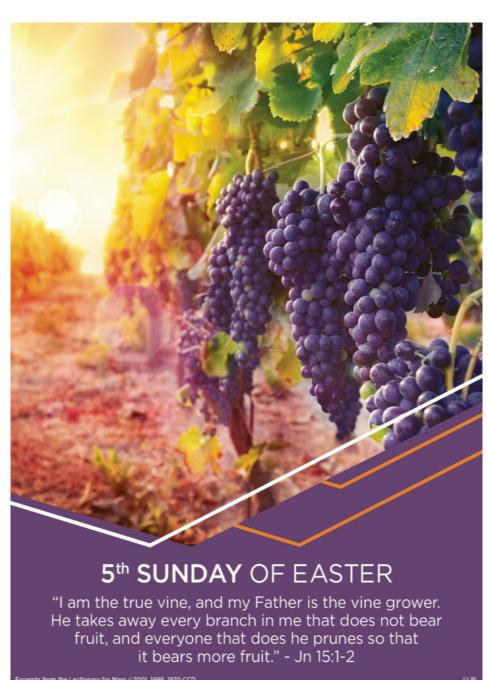
Saturday: 4:00 to 4:45 p.m.

PASTORAL STAFF

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

Deacon: Patrick Waldschmidt **Deacon:** Stephen L. Murray, M.A.

APRIL 28, 2024



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5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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PARISH STAFF

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MASS INTENTIONS & DAILY READINGS

MONDAY, APRIL 29

St. Catherine of Siena

Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16/Jn 14:21-26

6:15am: John Reis 8:15am: Bob Kilgore

TUESDAY, APRIL 30 St. Pius V, Pope

Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21/Jn

14:27-31

6:15am: Kenneth Portwine 8:15am: Do Reis

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1

St. Joseph the Worker

Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122: 1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Jn 15:1-8

6:15am: Ryan Comisky 8:15am: Jim Christy

THURSDAY, MAY 2

St. Athanasius, National Day of Prayer Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10/Jn 15:9-11

6:15am: Marie Balliu

8:15am: Frank & Lucille Boyer

FRIDAY, MAY 3

Sts. Philip and James, Apostles 1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Jn 14:6-1 6:15am: Parish Purgatorial Society

8:15am: Dotti Abbott

SATURDAY, MAY 4

Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-2

5:00pm: Bob & Janet Hart and

Maria Argentina Perez Abaunza

SUNDAY, MAY 5

6th Sunday of Easter

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-

4 (see 2b)/1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-1
7:30am: (S.I.) Paul & Barbara Ring
9:00am: Edward Bramlet Jr.,
People of the Parish
11:00am: (S.I.) Jerry & Nancy Soke
50th Wedding Anniversary

Special Intention (S.I.)

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

WEEKLY COLLECTION

04/21/24	Actual	Budget	
Envelopes	\$ 8,464		
Online	\$ 6,124	_	
Total	\$ 14,618	\$15,335	
Year-To-Date	\$ 617,186	\$659,405	





Anne Radovich

Mother of Phyllis Hartrich

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.

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PASTOR'S CORNER

FR. KEVIN SCHMITTGENS, PASTOR

Today our second graders will be receiving their First Communion. Here is one of my favorite First Communion stories. It is rather unconventional.

Felicia Braun's First Communion was a rather traumatic affair. She was tortured with deep apprehension.

The photographer who was to take the children's pictures saw it and his questioning frightened Felicia. He told the little girl how beautiful she looked in her Communion dress. "Smile," he implored the girl, "why are you so sad? You want to be bright and smiling on the day of your first Communion, you will want to remember it all of your life." Felicia would remember the day, but not for the reasons the photographer imagined. He ultimately took two pictures, one worse than the other, of the glum little girl.

As the ceremony went on, Felicia was shoved into the procession of children approaching the altar. Finally, she looked up and saw the priest presenting the host to her, and she looked into his eyes and saw forever. She remembered the kind face of her own real father, and she thanked God, she thanked God that none of the people in the church had discovered -- her lie.

Felicia was five years old when the lie began, the lie that saved her life. It was a long way from her home, the death of her mother, the hiding places, the filthy coal box where she was stowed, to eastern Galacia in the Ukraine to live a life of deception. Felicia was good at it. She learned the prayers that her new parents, the Strokas, had taught her. She never told. She was even able to sit on the knees of those that wanted to kill her, German soldiers, who told her that she looked like their own daughters, like a good German girl.

Felicia, as you may have guessed, was Jewish during WWII, and her lie was to pass as the Christian daughter of the Strokas.

So many Christians during that chaotic and dangerous time were willing to sell their neighbors and even participate in the murderous madness of the Nazi regime. They were willing to forget their Lord and Savior's command to love because it was easier, safer and more socially acceptable to suppress it.

But there were others who were willing to put their lives on the line, who were willing to risk ostracism, vilification and even imprisonment and death, to aid and abet their Jewish neighbors, and even people they did not even know. They are called the Righteous of the Nations, those people like the Strokas, who had enough compassion and love for others that they were willing to hide and help those who would have died without their aid. Many of the Righteous were ordinary everyday people, who if you asked them before the war, probably did not think they had it in them to be heroes, but who were heroic nonetheless.

In the familiar story of the feeding of the 5000, a story that mirrors the Eucharist, Jesus tells his apostles to feed the multitude with what they have. The apostles remind the Lord that there is absolutely no way that they can do it. They didn't know that they had it in them to feed the crowd. And yet with the Lord with them, with Him by their side, they not only feed the multitude, but they astonishingly have more to spare. The moral of the story is clear: with the Lord, we can do more than we could ever imagine.

As I read Felicia Braun's story and others like it, I wonder what I would do if I lived at that time in those conditions. Would I have the courage, would I have the fortitude, would I have the savvy, would I have the compassion to love a fellow human in need, even though my life may be on the line? To be honest, I am not that sure. But whatever the people like the Strokas, the Righteous among the Nations, had, I want to have. And what they had, I believe, is the faith that we can do more than what we can ever imagine. That when we need to feed the hungry horde, the Lord will supply, not just bread but bravery, goodness, kindness and humanity.

In the Eucharist, we realize that the bread of life that we share gives us what the Righteous among the Nations had.

When we come forward in the procession may we, like Felicia, see forever.

And may it not be a lie.

Congratulations to our Second Graders!



Father Kevin

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5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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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 Elizabeth (Liz) Kessler Teresita Manúbay Johanna Marnatti Patricia V. Miano Joseph K. 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

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

Patricia Wilhelm



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



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS APRIL 2024

First Communion

Sunday, April 28th 2:00 pm

MAY 2024

Blood Drive

Tuesday, May 7 3:30—7:00 pm

Mazriage Banns

ELIZABETH MANSFIELD
&
THOMAS WILMES

SHRINE OF ST. JOSEPH MAY 4, 2024

STEPHEN MINISTRY NO NEED IS TOO SMALL

Are you having difficulty navigating something in your life? I know from experience that a Stephen Minister can help! Holy Redeemer's Stephen Ministers have received over 50 hours of training to provide confidential support, compassion, encouragement and prayer to any parishioner needing help.

To request a Stephen Minister who will listen and walk the path with you, place a confidential call to Laurie in the Rectory office at 314-962-0038.

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

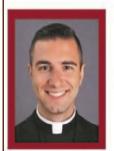
7th and 8th Graders

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



All are Welcome, First Friday

MAY 3, 2024



4:30 PM - Adoration, Reconciliation & Benediction

5:30 PM - Celebration of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Celebrant, Rev. Ryan Quarnstrom, Associate Pastor, St. Margaret Mary Alacoque Parish

*No Activities after mass.

Saint Mary Magdalen Church 2618 S. Brentwood Blvd, 63144

For more information on the sodality, our events, and enrollment, visit:
MostSacredHeart.net



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St. Vincent De Paul

The generosity of our parish community is helping our neighbors across the St. Louis area. There is great need everywhere, but we have focused our service in two main areas: within our parish boundaries, and in the North County community, where parish realignments have made the need even greater than it was previously. For every dollar donated to Holy Redeemer SVDP, \$0.18 is spent for neighbors in need requesting food and in financial support of local area food pantries, \$0.17 for neighbors needing rent assistance, \$0.10 for neighbors facing utilities cutoff, and \$0.52 goes to financial support of SVDP councils in areas outside our parish boundaries. Thank you so much for all you do in supporting these efforts, you are the reason we are able to provide this uplifting support.

Twinsing, \$0.52

Holy Redeemer - St. Vincent DePaul

Webster Rock Hill Ministries - Trivia Night

First Congregational Church of Webster Groves 10 West Lockwood, Webster Groves



Friday, June 14th

Doors open at 6:15 pm | Game begins at 7:00 pm

To Register: Call WRHM Office (314) 961-5082

Ask for Janice or Derek

Blood Drive

Holy Redeemer Catholic Church

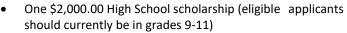


Cafeteria 17 Joy Ave Webster Groves, MO 63119 Tuesday, May 7, 2024 3:30 p.m. To 7:30 p.m.

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 \$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: HRMCScholar-ship@gmail.com

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

Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers & Servers						
Date	Mass Time	Lector	Extraordinary Ministers		SERVERS	
May 4	5:00 pm	Rosemary Meyers	Katie Mank Geri Baumgart	Maureen Werner Tricia Reh	Chloe Drabik Paul Geiss Patrick Geiss	
May 5	7:30 am	Colleen Rohm	Joe Zaph Phyllis Matteuzi	Kathy Rehmer Mark Abad	Evan Johnson Zoe Klevorn	
May 5	9:00 am	Tony Miano	Maria Wagner Sue Flanigan	Diana Dahl Jerry Baum	Tommy P. Jack P. Rosie P.	
May 5	11:00 am	Mary Schurk	Melissa Kessler Susanne Doran	Theresa Jeevanjee Pam Mahoney	Ethan Heavey Molly Wilson Lucy Wilson	

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Holy Redeemer Women's ACTS Retreat Registration

La Salle Retreat Center June 6-9, 2024

Name (as you want to appear on your name tag)	Holy Redeemer Parish
Address	Email Address
City & Zip	Emergency Contact Person & Relationship
Work Phone	Emergency Contact Phone Numbers (cell & other)
Home Phone	Second Emergency Contact Person & Relationship
Cell Phone	Second Emergency Contact Phone Numbers

Any special physical, dietary, medical or other needs for the retreat weekend

Allergies, if any

Holy Redeemer Parish is now accepting registrations for the June Women's ACTS Retreat (Adoration, Community, Theology and Service). This parish-based retreat offers the opportunity to renew your spirituality, strengthen your faith, develop lasting friendships and build parish community. A team of Holy Redeemer women presents the retreat with spiritual direction from our parish priest and deacon.

The retreat begins Thursday evening June 6th with 6pm check-in at Holy Redeemer. Transportation will be provided to and from the retreat center. The retreat will conclude at the 11am mass on Sunday, June 9th at Holy Redeemer.

The cost of the retreat is \$240. A \$50 registration fee is requested to reserve your place. The balance of \$190 will be due at check-in on Thursday. As soon as possible, lease mail or deliver this form and \$50 fee to the Parish office at 17 Joy Avenue, Webster Groves, 63119 (Check payable to Holy Redeemer).

Financial concerns should not prevent anyone from attending the retreat. If you would like further information regarding the retreat or the scholarship program, please contact one of the following:

Nicole Wight, Director 314-210-9032 nicolewight@sbcglobal.net Kay Goga, Co-Director 314-603-5852 kgoga@sbcglobal.net Melissa Kessler, Co-Director 314-324-7355 melissamkessler@hotmail.com

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

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)

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 Rectory 314-962-0038.

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 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 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

Rick Thomas, friend of Deeds & Faith Fletcher Robby Johnson, friend of Kathy Robinson Katie Fechter— Sister in Law of Barb & Gary Roufa 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 Cathy Raney - sister of Ann and Ellen Fusz Grant Fogarty - grandson of Joanne Fogarty Steve LaBarge - son of Mary & Jack LaBarge Tammy Horton - mother of Sarah Horton Crowe









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