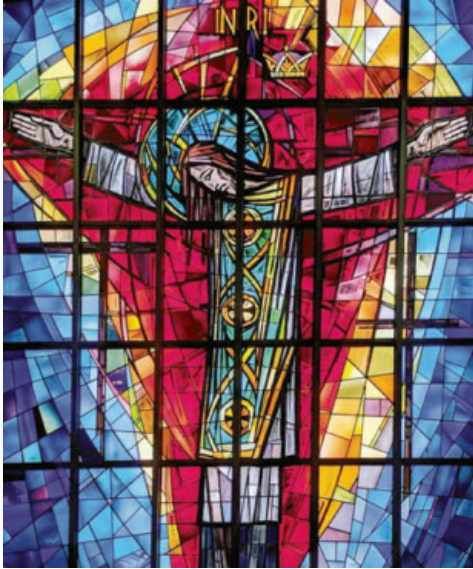


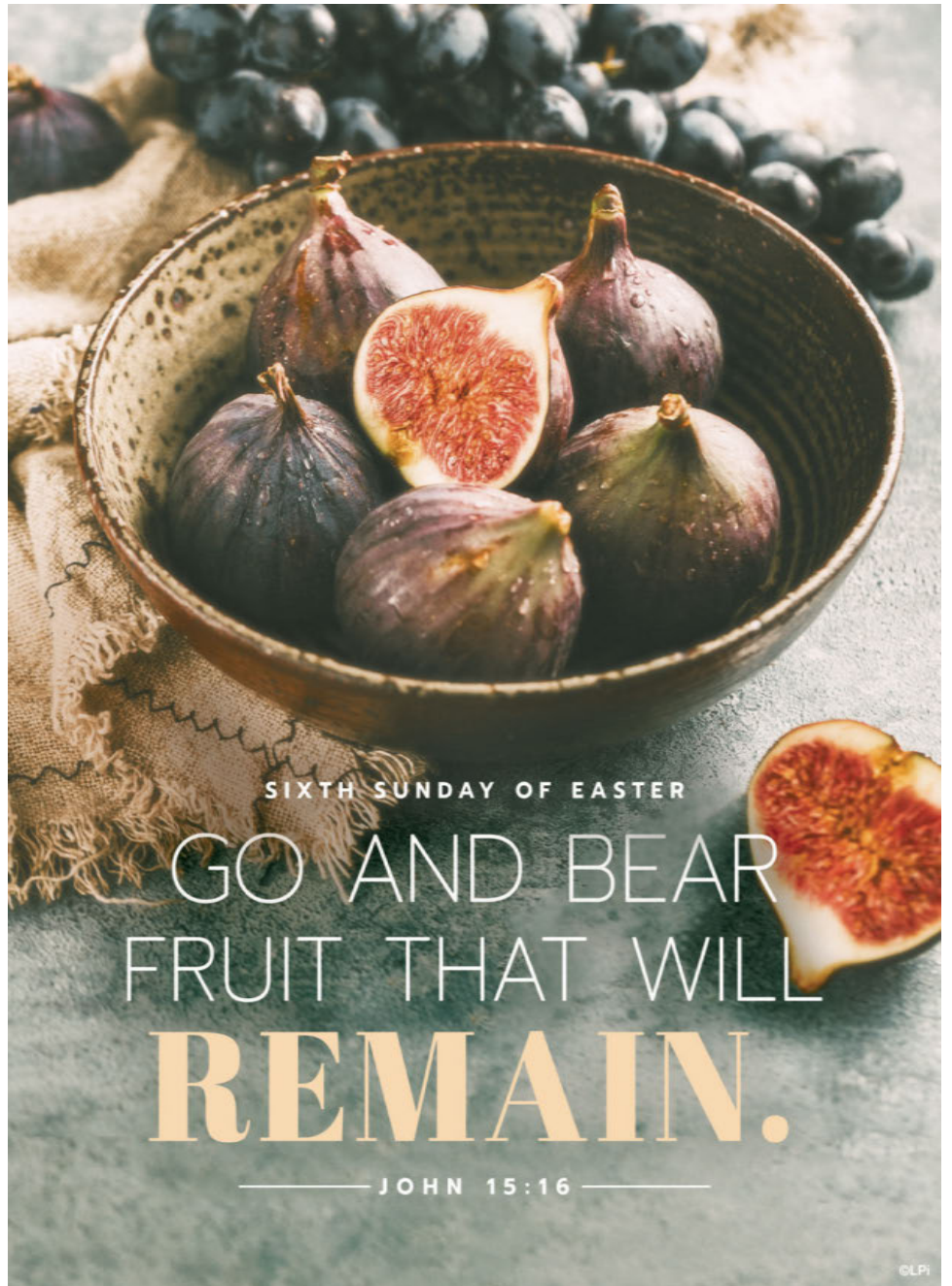


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MAY 5, 2024



CHURCH INFORMATION

CONTACT

Address: 17 Joy Ave.

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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

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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MASS INTENTIONS & DAILY READINGS

MONDAY, MAY 6

Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Jn 15:26—16:4a

6:15am: William P. Wingerter, Sr.

8:15am: Rose Marie Havran

TUESDAY, MAY 7

Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Jn 16:5-11

6:15am: Frank & Lucille Boyer

8:15am: Ann Manubay

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8

Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Jn 16:12-15

6:15am: Marie Balliu

8:15am: Mildred Henry

THURSDAY, MAY 9

Ascension Thursday (moved to May 12)

Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 16:16-20

6:15am: Parish Purgatorial Society

8:15am: Mary Janet Young

FRIDAY, MAY 10

St. John of Avila, Priest and Doctor of the Church; St. Damien de Veuster, Priest

Acts 18:9-18/Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 16:20-2

6:15am: Louise & Vincent Burke

8:15am: Emily Roseman

SATURDAY, MAY 11

Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10/Jn 16:23b-2

5:00pm: Pepple Family

People of the Parish

SUNDAY, MAY 12

The Ascension of the Lord; 7th Sunday of Easter; World Communications Day;

Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20 (19a)/1 Jn 4:11-16/Jn 17:11b-19

7:30am: Michael Osia

9:00am: Mary Helen Nicklaus


11:00am: Shirley Apprill

Special Intention (S.I.)

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

WEEKLY COLLECTION

04/28/24	Actual	Budget
Envelopes	\$ 8,034	
Online	\$ 5,495	
Total	\$ 13,529	\$15,335
Year-To-Date	\$ 630,715	\$674,740




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William P. Wingerter, Sr.
Father of Sally Delabar & Theresa Corby

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.

PASTOR'S CORNER

FR. KEVIN SCHMITTGENS, PASTOR

Can you say these six statements?

“Generally speaking, I am an optimist.”

When I was President of Borgia there was a running joke amongst my staff. They would be in a tizzy about something or other, making it sound like the world was ending. And I would always reply: It will be OK. They would reply: You always say that! But you know what, it was always OK. There are some people who refuse to be positive about anything. I do not know how they make it through life. I am not suggesting that we all get fitted for rose-colored glasses or that we live in a world of make believe, but it has been my experience that optimism is a much better way to approach life. Optimists tend to be healthier, happier and are more fun to be around. Several years ago, Saturday Night Live had a character named Debbie Downer. Every time someone would mention something good or positive, there was Debbie pointing out the flaws, the shadows and even the tragic possibilities. It was hilarious because I've known many Debbie Downers in my life, and they do bring us down. I'm not suggesting that we not deal with our issues and problems, but I always remember my favorite words of wisdom: Many things in life are important, very few are serious. It will be OK...

“I have something to offer to other people.”

It doesn't happen all the time, and if I am completely honest, it doesn't even happen most of the time. But there have been moments when I have said or done something that has helped others, something that they appreciated down the line. Those things keep me going, keep my hope alive, keep me doing what I am doing. I would hate to live a life where I thought I had nothing to offer to others. How sad and pathetic! Most people feel that they have something, however slight, to give to their fellow humans, something to contribute to the good of the cause. Reflect on your gifts and abilities and share those freely.

“I have someone I can count on.”

Whenever someone comes to me for counseling or advice, I usually end up asking them what I consider the most important question I could ask: Who is your best friend? If someone has a hard time answering that question, I know there is trouble. I bounce things off others all the time. It is refreshing to hear either that I am spot on and correct OR that I need to think something through a bit more. My friends are not “YES” friends. They tell me the truth, sometimes the hard, painful variety. My life is so much richer because of that however. I can count on them to tell me the truth.

“When I need answers, I usually find them.”

Over the past ten years when I have been in charge of big places, I have been confronted with some strange problems: plumbing, roofs leaking, HVAC systems on the fritz and, my

favorite, Channel 5 News calling. Let's not even discuss a global pandemic. Luckily for me solutions (or at least temporary fixes) are only a phone call away. This gives me the courage to handle any or all situations. One of the things that exhausts and frustrates most people is when they are blindsided by a problem they either didn't



know they had or don't have the wherewithal to deal with. When you know that there is somewhere or someone who can deal with the issue, it removes a great deal of stress.

“When I think about what I have, I believe I'm more fortunate than many.”

The downside of living in America is that you are often confronted with skewed vision of life. We live in a culture where one of the TV shows we used to watch was Lifestyles of the Rich and Famous. You then begin to see everything that you are missing. A better approach to life is to realize how blessed you indeed are. Whenever I feel an ache somewhere, I immediately recognize that even though I have pains, for the most part I am fairly healthy, I am fed, I have a warm place to sleep. A good majority of the world cannot say that. Focusing on the gifts we have instead of the things we don't is a recipe for happiness and contentment.

“Relying on something larger than myself is reassuring.”

The article from which I stole these statements suggests that this concept need not necessarily incorporate organized religion. Right. Good luck with that. I am not saying that spirituality minus religion is impossible. Not at all. But what I am saying is that there is a great danger (it can happen in organized religion too) of creating God in our own image and likeness, instead of the other way around. At least with organized religion, there is 2000 plus years of tradition, discipline and lived experience to fall back on, instead of just...whatever. That being said, it is vital to believe in something bigger than yourself. It keeps you honest. It makes you humble. And best of all, it gives you hope.

So, how did you do? How many of these statements can you honestly utter?

Father Kevin

6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

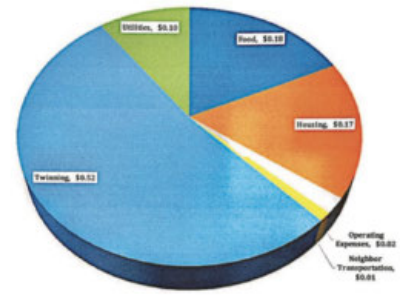
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St. Vincent De Paul

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.

Holy Redeemer - St. Vincent DePaul



Birthright of Hillsboro has provided us with Mother's Day cards.

Please take a card for the mother's in your life. We hope you will consider donating to the Birthright ministry.

For more than 40 years Birthright of Hillsboro has offered free, confidential help to the mothers in our community. They need funds to continue the work of ministering to pregnant mothers, easing the burdens of those faced with an unexpected pregnancy, pledge funds toward rent & utilities and helping provide the essentials for children under three.

You can pick up these free cards on your way out of church. Please consider supporting Birthright as you honor the special women in your life this Mother's Day.



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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

7th and 8th Graders

Weekly EDGE Hang out Every Thursday
5:30 - 6:30 pm in the School Cafeteria

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Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers & Servers

Date	Mass Time	Lector	Extraordinary Ministers		SERVERS
May 11	5:00 pm	Tricia Reh	Sue Darcy Mike Darcy	Geri Baumgart Maureen Werner	Annie Zipfel Claire Wood Will Siems
May 12	7:30 am	Paul Fiess	Ellen Fusz Ann Fusz	Phyllis Matteuzi Kathy Rehmer	Charlie Lindh Mary Clare Lindh
May 12	9:00 am	Mark William	Laura Welch Tim Malyszko	Barbara Richter Carol Devanny	Maggie O'Connell Frank Westerheide Bobby Garrett
May 12	11:00 am	Erica Webb	Maria Savage Susanne Doran	Theresa Jeevanjee Pam Mahoney	Andrew Malyszko Kennedy Tolle Lily Tolle



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, please 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:

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EUCCHARISTIC 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

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

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.

6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

HOLY REDEEMER CATHOLIC CHURCH

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 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
 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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