



# CHILDREN & FAMILIES NEWSLETTER

## September 2024

### SUNDAY SCHOOL



Sunday School is back!

Classes are held for VPK (must be 4 years old by September 1, 2024) through 12th grade every Sunday of the academic year after the 9 a.m. mass. Sunday School ends at 10:40 a.m. Students in grades 3 and under must be signed out by an adult. A teacher crew even visits our “Confident Walkers” nursery each week to share a Bible story! Sunday School is also offered in Spanish during the 1 p.m. mass.



The entire parish family is invited to visit all of the Sunday School classrooms on Sunday, September 1, during our Sunday School Open House, following the 9 a.m. mass.

### THE 2024 REDEEMER CUP: EVENS VS. ODDS

The 2024-25 year brings a little competition to our Sunday School classes! Even-numbered grades will collectively compete against the odd-numbered grades to see who will win the coveted **Redeemer Cup**! Awarded three times throughout the year, students in VPK-12th grade can garner points for their team by attending Sunday School, serving as an acolyte, singing in the choir, ushering, carrying oblations, reading the lessons or prayers in Children's Chapel, or just getting “caught” doing something great!

Stay tuned: The first Redeemer Cup will be awarded on Sunday, November 11.



# REDEEMER CHOIR SCHOOL

The Redeemer Choir School program teaches children and youth how to sing and read music along with personal responsibility, self-discipline, and how to spread the Gospel using music.

Choir School is held on Wednesdays at 4 p.m. For more information, contact Redeemer Organist-Choirmaster Sam Nelson at [SamNelson@RedeemerSarasota.org](mailto:SamNelson@RedeemerSarasota.org).



## ACOLYTES

Our acolyte program is open to children and youth in kindergarten and up. Acolytes serve at all masses and special services.

Special training days will be available soon for all interested children. To register, contact parishioner Jody Maxwell at [Jody@jjmcpa.net](mailto:Jody@jjmcpa.net).

## LOGOS: SIGNPOSTS TO THE MESSIAH

Was it just an accident that Jesus was born when he was? Hardly. God knew it would happen just this way from the beginning. It was His plan — His “road map to the Messiah” — and the salvation of the world. His “signposts” are the focus of LOGOS this year.

LOGOS is Redeemer’s Wednesday night program for children in kindergarten through fifth grade. LOGOS, which is Greek for “The Word,” includes Bible study, choir, art, and a family-style dinner mixed with lots of fun. The goal of LOGOS is to “connect our Sundays,” as we model faith being part of our daily lives. LOGOS is held on Wednesdays from 5-6:30 p.m.

Tuition for this 14-week program is \$50, and scholarships are available. Parent participation is a requirement, and there are many ways to be involved that will work with your family’s schedule. Register at [RedeemerSarasota.org/Register](http://RedeemerSarasota.org/Register). For more information, contact 2024 LOGOS Chair Maranda Kles at [mkles09@gmail.com](mailto:mkles09@gmail.com).





## PELICAN PARTNERS

With a goal of fostering friendships and offering mentoring opportunities, each of our Sunday School classes is partnering with another class this year and becoming **Pelican Partners**: kindergarten is paired with 5th grade, 1st grade is paired with 6th grade, 2nd grade is paired with 7th grade, 3rd grade is paired with 8th grade, and 4th grade is paired with high school.

Pelican Partners will work together on projects, outreach efforts, and more throughout the 2024-25 academic year. Our Pelican Partners also will work together as a team to “Race Back to Sunday School” after Christmas break.

## PARENT'S NIGHT OUT: AN INTERACTIVE COOKING CLASS

Parent's Night Out is coming on Saturday, September 28, at 7 p.m. in Goewey Hall.

Join us for a fun evening for parents of Redeemer children and youth with cooking demonstrations by parishioner and professional chef Jeff Trefry.

Space is limited, so sign up now at [RedeemerSarasota.org/Register](https://RedeemerSarasota.org/Register). (Please note: This event is for adults only.)



## BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS



Bring your furry, feathered, or scaly pets to the Parish Courtyard on Sunday, September 29, at 5:45 p.m. for our annual Blessing of the Animals, which celebrates St. Francis of Assisi. Redeemer clergy will be on hand to offer a special liturgy for these animal friends who mean so much to us.

Enjoy great fun for family and friends!

# SEPTEMBER HIGHLIGHTS



**Children's Chapel** is offered weekly during the 9 a.m. mass.

Our **nurseries** are for children ages 6 weeks to those who are not yet 4 years old. They are open during the 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. masses on Sundays. Our nursery suite is on the second floor of the Robinson Center.

**Sunday School** is offered weekly for VPK (for children who are 4 years old by September 1, 2024) through 12th grades. Students go to class immediately after receiving communion at the 9 a.m. mass. VPK-8th grades meets on the second floor of the Robinson Center. High School gathers in the Babcock Youth Center. Classes are also offered at the 1 p.m. mass on Sundays in Spanish.

A **Mother's Lounge**, for convenience and privacy when nursing babies, is directly across from our nursery suite.

**Redeemer Choir School** meets on Wednesdays from 4-5:45 p.m in the Choir Room. Those in LOGOS will be able to participate in both. For more information and to register, email Redeemer Organist-Choirmaster Sam Nelson at [SamNelson@RedeemerSarasota.org](mailto:SamNelson@RedeemerSarasota.org).

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The ***What the Bible Teaches About the Spiritual Realm*** class for adults meets on Wednesdays in September from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in Goewey Hall.

On Sunday, September 1, visit all of Redeemer's classrooms during our **Sunday School Open House** from 10:10-10:40 a.m. on the second floor of the Robinson Center and in the Babcock Youth Center.

The **Kings and Prophets Women's Bible Study** is offered on Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. or 6:30 p.m. starting on September 10.

On the first and third Thursdays of the month, women can attend **Grace Gang**, a line-by-line Bible study with the Rector from noon-1 p.m.

The **Redeemer Golf Tournament**, sponsored by Men of Redeemer, will be held on Saturday, September 28, at The Meadows Country Club. All men and women are invited to play. Sign up at [RedeemerSarasota.org/Golf2024](http://RedeemerSarasota.org/Golf2024).

The **Blessing of the Animals** will be on Sunday, September 29, at 5:45 p.m. in the Courtyard.

For more information about Children and Families at Redeemer, contact Director of Children's Formation Mandy Latta at [MLatta@RedeemerSarasota.org](mailto:MLatta@RedeemerSarasota.org).