



Dear Redeemer Family,

The older I get, the less I really know. Seriously, I learn something new every single day. (My second-grade teacher, Mrs. Mouchette, would be so proud that my public vow to be a lifelong learner is bearing fruit decades later.) Yesterday, for example, I learned that Steve Winwood's hit "Higher Love" from 1986 was co-written with Will Jennings, the lyricist who also wrote for Whitney Houston, Mariah Carey, Jimmy Buffett, and Barry Manilow, to name a few. You may remember "Higher Love" because it was the No. 1 hit in the USA for four entire weeks:

Bring me a higher love
Bring me a higher love (oh oh)
Bring me a higher love
Where's that higher love I keep thinking of?

What I did not know is that Will Jennings was raised in the church and described the song as a "modern hymn." He was quoted as saying his earliest and happiest memories were of his family "singing the beautiful old hymns" at church, so he wanted to capture the essence of all those hymns by condensing them into one single refrain. He nailed it!

Sadly, Jennings died in September, but isn't it remarkable that (a) the memories he most cherished came from singing at church, and (b) that the 1980s rock hit was actually a hymn about Jesus?! It turns out, as Bob Seger sang in his 1979 hit, "Old Time Rock & Roll," music really does "soothe the soul."

Your servant,

Fr. Charleston Wilson
Rector, Church of the Redeemer

P.S. Fun fact: King Charles III loves "Higher Love," so Winwood sang it at his coronation concert at Windsor Castle. Watch it on YouTube!

Pictured above:
Members of the Redeemer Welcome Team gathered on the Goewey Hall terrace at sunset on January 14 at a dinner to thank them for their service to the parish.

— Milestones —

Births

Ruby Mae Spears

Deaths

Nelli McBride

Baptisms

Karson Gill
Turner Gill
Seth Shugg
Jordan Simpson

Joining

Dallas Decklever and
Leona Decklever

Paul, Giulia, Anthony,
Victoria and Isabella Hill

Ned Selvog

Transfer In

Julie Ann Planck & Chuck Albers
from Christ Church, Short Hills, NJ

Donna and Charles Beard
from Church of the Holy Comforter,
Vienna, VA

Lacey, Stu, and Conrad Parsons from
Grace and St. Stephen's Episcopal
Church, Colorado Springs, CO

Transfer Out

Edward "Ned" Richardson to
Christ the King Episcopal Church,
Santa Rosa Beach, FL

Richard J. Maney to Bruton Parish
Episcopal Church, Williamsburg,
VA

Welcome Back

Doris Stade

— Special Gifts —

A gift in memory of
John Dumbaugh
designated to the Music Endowment
from Carol & Bob Oram

An anonymous gift in memory of
President Jimmy Carter
designated to the Memorial Fund

A gift in memory of
John Dumbaugh
designated to the Memorial Fund
from Joan Campbell

A gift in memory of
Marlys Fuller Fixx
designated to the Memorial Fund
from Stephen Fixx

A gift in memory of **John Mercurio**
designated to the Memorial Fund
from Joan Langdon

A gift in memory of
Jared William Younkman
designated to the Memorial Fund
from Scott & Kim Younkman

A gift in memory of
Becky Thornhill
designated to the Rector's
Discretionary Fund
from Gayle Brookfield

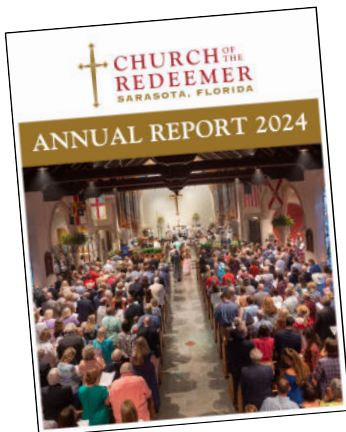


In January, Redeemer awarded 87 St. Scholastica Grants totaling nearly \$22,000 to public school teachers in Sarasota and Manatee counties.

Over 450 teachers applied for the \$250 grants to help them provide enhancements for their classrooms. All full-time K-12 public school teachers in Sarasota and Manatee were eligible. A "prize patrol team" from Redeemer awarded the grants by surprising teachers in their classrooms.

This is the third year of the program, and this year represents the most grants awarded yet. Thousands of area students have been impacted so far. Next year, the goal is to award 90 grants.

Read Redeemer's Newly Released Annual Report for 2024



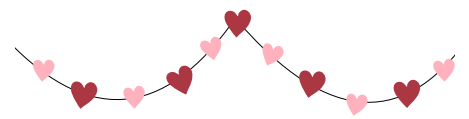
The 2024 Annual Report includes key highlights from the year, statistics showing Redeemer's growth at a glance, features about new members, stories of parish outreach efforts, details about campus improvements, and reports from clergy and staff.

If you didn't receive a copy at the Annual Parish Meeting, you can find the 2024 Annual Report in the narthex and Parish Office reception area. To read it online, visit RedeemerSarasota.org/AnnualReport2024.



Join us on Friday, February 28, at 5:45 p.m. in the courtyard for the movie *The Wild Robot*. Supper and snacks will be provided. Bring a blanket and lawn chairs for a fun movie-watching event! Sign up at RedeemerSarasota.org/Register.

February 2025 Highlights



Guest Preacher — Nashotah House Dean Lauren Whitnah: Sunday, February 2, during the 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. masses, Church

Redeemer 101 Class for New Members: Sunday, February 2, 9, and 16, 10:10-10:40 a.m., Room 220

Tell Me More Class on the Sermon: Sunday, February 2, 9, 16 and 23, 10:10-10:40 a.m., Gillespie Hall

Coffee Talk Women's Book Group: Monday, February 3, 9:30-11:30 a.m., Gillespie Hall (*West with Giraffes* by Lynda Rutledge)

Ladies' Bible Study: Tuesdays, February 4, 11, and 18, 10:30 a.m.-noon, Goewey Hall; 6:30-8 p.m., Room 220

Adult Class — Christians Get Depressed Too: Wednesday, February 5, 6-7 p.m., Goewey Hall

Youth Confirmation Class: Wednesdays, February 5, 12, 19, and 26, 7-8 p.m., Room 202-204

Grace Gang Women's Bible Study with the Rector: Thursdays, February 6 and 20, noon-1 p.m., Goewey Hall

Alpha: Thursdays, February 6, 13, 20, and 27, 6-8 p.m., Gillespie Hall (Sign up at RedeemerSarasota.org/Register.)

First Fridays on Palm Avenue: Friday, February 7, 5:30-7 p.m., Palm Avenue Terrace

Baroquefest Biergarten Experience: Friday, February 7, 5:30-7 p.m., Gillespie Hall (Tickets at KeyChorale.org)

Baroquefest Opening Concert: Friday, February 7, 7-9 p.m., Church (Tickets at KeyChorale.org)

Baroquefest Organ Concert: Saturday, February 8, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Church (Tickets at KeyChorale.org)

Baroquefest Bach's Lunch: Saturday, February 8, 12:30-2 p.m., Gillespie Hall (Tickets at KeyChorale.org)

Baroquefest French Baroque Concert: Saturday, February 8, 7:30-9 p.m., Church (Tickets at KeyChorale.org)

Redeemer Young Professionals Wine & Cheese Gathering: Saturday, February 8, 4-6 p.m., home of Ian McGowan

Redeemer Forum — Herman Who? How to Interpret the Bible: Sundays, February 9 and 16, 10:10-10:40 a.m., Goewey Hall

Men of Redeemer Paella Night: Monday, February 10, 6-8 p.m., Goewey Hall (Sign up for \$10 by Friday, February 7, at RedeemerSarasota.org/Register.)

GATORS Valentine's Event: Tuesday, February 11, 5-7:30 p.m., Goewey Hall (Sign up for \$10 by Wednesday, February 5, at RedeemerSarasota.org/Register.)

Architecture Sarasota Downtown Sarasota Lectures: Tuesdays, February 11 and 25 (also March 11), 6-7:30 p.m., Church (Purchase tickets at ArchitectureSarasota.org.)

Adult Confirmation Class: Wednesdays, February 12, 19, and 26, 6-7 p.m., Goewey Hall (February 12) and Church (February 19 and 26)

Books and Beyond Men's Book Club: Wednesday, February 12, 6-8 p.m., Room 220 (*Musk* by Walter Isaacson)

Evensong: Sunday, February 16, 5:15-6 p.m., Church

Vestry Meeting: Monday, February 17, 6 p.m., Goewey Hall

Redeemer Forum — Eden and Afterward: Finding the Grace of God in Genesis: Sunday, February 23 (also Sundays, March 2 and 9), 10:10-10:40 a.m., Goewey Hall

Night Shift Women's Book Club: Monday, February 24, 6:30-8 p.m., Room 220 (*The History of Love* by Nicole Krauss and *The Secret Chord* by Geraldine Brooks)

Movie on the Lawn: Friday, February 28, 5:45 p.m., Courtyard (Sign up at RedeemerSarasota.org/Register.)

Visit RedeemerSarasota.org/Calendar for more information about upcoming events.

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GUEST PREACHER
DR. LAUREN WHITNAH
DEAN OF NASHOTAH HOUSE



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2
9 A.M. AND 11 A.M. MASSES
AT CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER

Saturday at 5:30 p.m.
Contemporary Mass*

A service with contemporary music

Sunday at 7:30 a.m.
Rite One Mass

A service without music for early risers

Sunday at 9 a.m.
Rite Two Choral Mass*
A service for all ages with
traditional music
(Children's Chapel during mass)

Sunday at 11 a.m.
Rite One Choral Mass*
A service with traditional music

Sunday at 1 p.m.
Rite Two Mass*
A service in Spanish with
contemporary music

*in person and livestreamed

Nursery care at the 9 and 11 a.m. masses.

Daily Mass: Monday-Saturday at 10 a.m.
Morning Prayer: Monday-Saturday at 9 a.m.
Evening Prayer: Monday-Friday at 5:15 p.m.