



# Children & Families Newsletter

## FEBRUARY 2025

### MOVIE ON THE LAWN



**NEW DATE!** Our annual Movie and Supper on the Lawn was postponed last month due to weather, but mark your calendar for the new date. We can't wait to see you there! Join us on Friday, February 28, at 5:45 p.m. in the courtyard. Our featured film is *The Wild Robot* (PG).

Supper and snacks will be provided. Bring something for your family to sit on and the beverage of your choice. This is the perfect night to invite a friend to Redeemer!

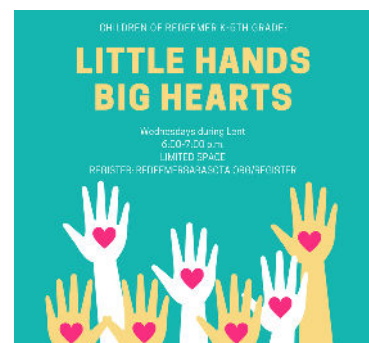
So we can prepare food, please sign up for this free event at [RedeemerSarasota.org/Register](https://RedeemerSarasota.org/Register).

### JUST DO IT!

Wednesday nights for K-5th graders are wonder-filled in February with our series Just Do It! Each week, a parishioner presents his or her gift or talent, and then they invite the children to try it on their own.

Just Do It is held on Wednesday nights from 6-7 p.m. and wraps on February 26. Registration is full, but a wait list is available by emailing [MLatta@RedeemerSarasota.org](mailto:MLatta@RedeemerSarasota.org).

Our next Wednesday evening offering for K-5th graders is Little Hands Big Hearts, which starts in March. Space is limited, so please sign up now at [RedeemerSarasota.org/Register](https://RedeemerSarasota.org/Register).



# GRANTS FOR TEACHERS



Redeemer’s St. Scholastica Grants program for public school teachers offers grants of \$250 to make educational enhancements in their classrooms. All K-12 full-time public school teachers in Sarasota and Manatee counties were eligible to apply at the end of 2024. We are pleased to announce that nearly 500 teachers applied, and 87 grants were awarded! These grants were distributed at the end of January by our St. Scholastica Committee.



We will celebrate these award recipients on Sunday, March 2, at the 9 a.m. mass with a reception to follow in Gillespie Hall. Thank you to all of the parishioners who donated to this wonderful cause!

To donate to our St. Scholastica fund for future grants, please visit [RedeemerSarasota.org/Give](https://RedeemerSarasota.org/Give) and choose the St. Scholastica Fund from the dropdown menu.

# SUNDAY SCHOOL

The second semester of Sunday School for VPK-12th grade students is back in full swing this month! After a successful “Race Back to Sunday School” event, we are thrilled to have everyone back with their classes all month in February!

Sunday School plays a vital role in the Christian formation of children and youth of all ages. It provides a nurturing environment where young hearts and minds are grounded in biblical truths, develop a personal relationship with Jesus, and build a strong moral foundation. Research shows that children who grow up attending Sunday School are more likely to continue practicing their faith as adults and engage actively in their communities.

If you are not involved yet in our Sunday School program, we warmly invite your children to join us each Sunday on this journey of faith and growth. Together, let’s plant seeds of faith that will flourish for a lifetime!

For more information, please contact Redeemer Director of Children’s Formation Mandy Latta at [MLatta@RedeemerSarasota.org](mailto:MLatta@RedeemerSarasota.org). Registration is available at [RedeemerSarasota.org/Register](https://RedeemerSarasota.org/Register).





# FIRST COMMUNION CLASS

Some children at Redeemer begin receiving communion when they are baptized. Others wait to receive until they complete communion instruction. Both are accepted practices. The Episcopal Church affirms that any baptized Christian is welcome to partake in The Feast as a full member. When that happens with children is determined by parental preference.

A tradition at Redeemer is to expose our kindergarteners (and older children who may have missed it as kindergarteners) to the mystery and ritual of the Holy Eucharist through a four-week Instructed Eucharist Class during regular Sunday School time. Students in the class receive their "first instructed Communion" with their families and church family on Easter Day at the 9 a.m. service. Our series of First Communion Classes begins on Sunday, March 9. Parents attend with their children.



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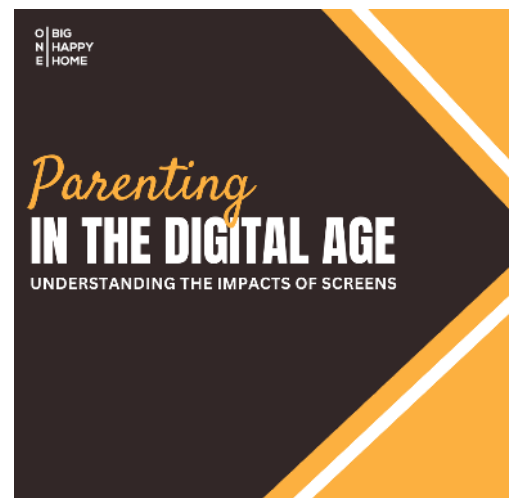
# PARENTING IN THE DIGITAL AGE

Save the date and register now! Redeemer is pleased to announce a free workshop on Parenting in the Digital Age led by Ryan and Kayla North from One Big Happy Home.

Together we will learn more about how screens affect brain development as well as the social, emotional, and spiritual challenges our young people face. The workshop is open to anyone who wishes to attend, not just parents.

Ryan is an engaging speaker who brings scientific data to the table in a relatable way. With Gospel-centered principles, Ryan and his wife, Kayla, will help us look at how we, as Christians, can help parent our kids in a world surrounded by screens.

Parenting in the Digital Age will take place on Sunday, March 30, from 6-8 p.m. in Goewey Hall. Please register at [RedeemerSarasota.org/Register](https://RedeemerSarasota.org/Register).



# FEBRUARY HIGHLIGHTS



## Sunday Morning Adult Offerings in February

- **Redeemer 101**, a three-session class for new members, Sundays, February 2, 9, and 16, 10:10-10:40 a.m., Room 220
- **Tell Me More**, Sundays, February 2 and 23, 10:10-10:40 a.m., Gillespie Hall. This class offers a more in-depth look at the morning's sermon.
- **Redeemer Forum**, Sundays, February 9 and 16, 10:10-10:40 a.m., Goewey Hall, "Herman Who? How to Interpret the Bible; Sunday, February 23, 10:10-10:40 a.m., Goewey Hall, "Eden and Afterward"

## Wednesday Night Adult Offerings

- **Christians Get Depressed Too**, Wednesday, February 5, 6-7 p.m., Goewey Hall with Laura Johnston of Samaritan Counseling Services
- **Adult Confirmation Classes** begin Wednesday, February 12, 6-7 p.m., Goewey Hall

**Baroquefest**: Friday, February 7, and Saturday, February 8, celebrating music of the Baroque presented by Key Chorale Chamber Singers and Redeemer. Purchase tickets at [KeyChorale.org](http://KeyChorale.org). Save 10% on concert tickets at checkout by using code COR10.

**Alpha**: Thursdays, 6-8 p.m., Gillespie Hall. Sign up at [RedeemerSarasota.org/Register](http://RedeemerSarasota.org/Register).

**Men of Redeemer Paella Night**: February 10, 6 p.m., Goewey Hall. Sign up for \$10 at [RedeemerSarasota.org/Register](http://RedeemerSarasota.org/Register).

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**Children's Chapel**, most Sundays, during the 9 a.m. mass

**Nurseries** are open on the second floor of the Robinson Center during the 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. masses on Sundays for children under 4. The nurseries open on Sunday mornings at 8:45 a.m. and are open through the 11 a.m. mass. The nurseries are also open on Holy Days throughout the year.

**Sunday School** is offered weekly for VPK-12th grades. Students go to class immediately after receiving communion at the 9 a.m. mass. VPK-8th grades meet on the second floor of the Robinson Center. High School meets in the Babcock Youth Center. Classes are offered during the 1 p.m. mass in Spanish.

**Redeemer Choir School** for grades K-12 meets on Wednesdays from 4-5:45 p.m. To register, email Redeemer Organist-Choirmaster Sam Nelson at [SamNelson@RedeemerSarasota.org](mailto:SamNelson@RedeemerSarasota.org).

**The acolyte program** is open to children and youth in 1st grade and up. Acolytes serve at all masses and special services. To register, contact parishioner Jody Maxwell at [jody@jjmcpa.net](mailto:jody@jjmcpa.net).



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