

A dramatic sunset over a body of water. The sky is filled with vibrant orange, pink, and purple clouds. In the foreground, a path of white ice or snow leads from the bottom center towards the horizon, flanked by dark, choppy water. The horizon line is visible in the distance, with some landmasses or mountains silhouetted against the bright sky.

Holy Redeemer Church
2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 13-14, 2024

“Behold, the Lamb of God.” The two
disciples heard what he said and
followed Jesus.” (Jn. 1:36-37)

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WELCOME!

PARISH INFORMATION

Office Hours

Tuesday-Thursday: 9:00a.m.-4:00p.m.
Saturday: 3:30p.m.-5:30p.m.
Sunday: 8:30a.m.-12:30p.m., 4:30p.m.-6:30p.m.

Outreach (Drive-Thru) Hours

Tuesday & Wednesday: 1:00p.m.-3:00p.m.,
Thursday: 10:00a.m.-12:00p.m., 5:00p.m.-7:00p.m.
(Closed 5th week of month)

Reconciliation

Wednesday: 4:00p.m. (will resume 01.31)
Saturday: 11:00a.m.-12:00p.m.
First Friday: 6:30p.m.

Adoration Chapel

Tuesday-Thursday: 9:00a.m.-4:00p.m.
(access through church building)
With Keycard: 24/7 | Chapel closed during Masses

Regular Mass Times

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday: 8:30a.m.
Wednesday: 6:30p.m.
Saturday: 10:00a.m., 4:00p.m. (Vigil),
Sunday: 9:00a.m., 11:00a.m., 5:00p.m.
Healing Mass on 3rd Friday: 6:30p.m. (starts Feb. 16)

Infant Baptism Preparation

3rd Thursdays at 6:30p.m.: [Register Online](#)

Marriage Preparation

Deacon Ken Preiss: Marriage.hrc@gmail.com

Confirmation Preparation

Youth: Contact John Mira
Adult: Contact Emily Arthur

Parish Pastoral Council

Erin Shankie: [Send Feedback](#)

New Devotion:

Divine Mercy/Precious Blood: Friday 3:00p.m.

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IN FR. GEORGES' ABSENSE

Fr. Georges has traveled back home to be with his family to mourn the passing of his grandmother. There will be some scheduling changes while he is gone. Thank you for your patience and prayers. The 10AM and 4PM Masses will be cancelled on Saturday, January 13 and 20. The Adoration Power Hour will be postponed until February. Wednesday evening confessions are cancelled and will resume on January 31. The Healing mass will not take place on January 19, but will on February 16.



WINE TASTING EVENT

The CCW will be holding a Wine Tasting event on Saturday January 20th at 1:00 PM in the Family Life Center. The sommelier from Oliver T's will be present with several wines to taste and discuss. We will also be serving heavy hors d'oeuvres. Cost is \$30 per ticket, which includes a free wine glass. We will be selling tickets after all Masses the weekend of January 6-7. Any questions, please contact Teresa Sherman-Gach at (810) 875-0604.



HRC CHAPEL ANNIVERSARY

Sunday, January 21st we will celebrate the 31st anniversary of the Adoration Chapel. Please join us at the 11 a.m. Mass as we gather to give thanks to God for the opportunity to adore Him in the Blessed Sacrament anytime day or night. There are more hours to be filled to truly become a perpetual Adoration Chapel. Please prayerfully consider committing to one of the available times listed on our website: holyredeemerburton.org/adoration-chapel



3 ALPHA COURSES—3 DIFFERENT VENUES

Everyone should have the chance to explore the biggest questions about life, faith and meaning; ask their questions and share their point of view. Everyone should take the chance to find out who Jesus is and why He matters in your life. And Alpha is the perfect place to discover and explore faith. This coming January, we will be hosting 2 Alpha Courses on Sunday evenings at HRC beginning January 21 and Tuesday evenings at Taboon, Grand Blanc beginning January 30, and we are partnering with Catholic Charities in Flint to do a third course on Thursday evenings beginning February 1. Good food, engaging presentation, lively discussion, what could be better? Learn more: holyredeemerburton.org/alpha



HEART TO HEART: WOMEN'S MINISTRY

What is Heart to Heart? A new women's ministry providing a safe place for women to connect in friendship with Jesus and each other every other Wednesday evening beginning January 10th, 2024.

Where do we meet? Holy Redeemer's Ministry Center (the small school between Holy Redeemer Church and the Family Life Center) last room on the left. All women 18 and over are welcome so spread the word!

Upcoming Meetings:

January 24th 6:30 PM Mass followed by 7:15 PM Meeting: Diving into Sunday's Gospel with Lectio Divina

Learn More: holyredeemerburton.org/heart-to-heart



LUNCH TODAY—CARDS TOMORROW

We have 2 great events coming up for our Holy Redeemer Family—Young at Heart Luncheon and a Euchre Tournament. Please join us on Wednesday, January 17 at 12PM in the Family Life Center for a free lunch and fun conversation with old friends...or make some new ones! The following night on January 18 we will have our monthly Euchre Tournament, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and the Council of Catholic Women. It only costs \$15 to play and have delicious food to eat as well. Have fun with us!

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13

Celebrating: St. Hilary

1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1; Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Mk 2:13-17

11:00a.m. Reconciliation

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14

Celebrating: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Blue Book Pgs: 381-383

1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42

9:00a.m. Mass-Repouse of the Soul of Paul Paris by Marie Luckner and Gene Meyers

11:00a.m. Mass-Repouse of the Soul of Edward Nechvatal by Dr. Stephen Nechvatal

12:30p.m. OCIA/Becoming Catholic

5:00p.m. Mass-Intentions of the Parish

6:15p.m. NO Seekers: Children's Ministry

6:15p.m. Youth Group

MONDAY, JANUARY 15

1 Sm 15:16-23; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23; Mk 2:18-22

Parish Office Closed

8:30a.m. Mass-Healing of the Slabchucks by Lisa

TUESDAY, JANUARY 16

1 Sm 16:1-13; Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28; Mk 2:23-28

8:30a.m. Mass-Marie Eyenga by Lisa

6:30p.m. K of C Officers' Meeting

7:30p.m. K of C Regular Meeting

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17

Celebrating: St. Anthony

1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10; Mk 3:1-6

12:00p.m.

Young at Heart Luncheon

6:30p.m.

Mass-Clara Wash by Cathy Atkins and Family

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18

1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13; Mk 3:7-12

8:30a.m.

Mass-Repouse of the Soul of Victoria Kudwa (1st Anniversary) by Kudwa Family

5:30p.m.

Euchre Tournament

6:30p.m.

Infant Baptism Prep Class—[Register Online](#)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 19

1 Sm 24:3-21; Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11; Mk 3:13-19

Parish Office Closed

8:30a.m.

Mass-Birthday Remembrance for Richard Gach by Friend

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20

Celebrating: St. Fabian

2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Ps 80:2-3, 5-7; Mk 3:20-21

11:00a.m.

Reconciliation

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21

Celebrating: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Blue Book Pgs: 383-385

Jon 3:1-5, 10; Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20

9:00a.m.

Mass-Intentions of the Parish

11:00a.m.

Mass-Repouse of the Soul of Don Bostwick by Steve and Judy Peto

12:30p.m. OCIA/Becoming Catholic

5:00p.m.

Mass-Divorced and Separated of the Parish

6:15p.m.

Seekers: Children's Ministry

6:15p.m.

Youth Group

OUR PRAYER LIST

Joseph Abraham
Vaughn Brines
Barbara Camarro

Dianne Cherry
Rick Cherry
David DeSilva

Tim Dunlap
Janet Foster
Kathleen Heddon

Diane Hoffman
Sandy Latcha
Lee Mathis

Bill McClanahan
Bryce McClanahan
Chris McClanahan

DiAnna McClanahan
JoAnn McClanahan
Judy Peto

NOTICE: We began a new prayer list on January 1, 2024.

To place names on the list, please call the office, or contact Emily Arthur: formation.hrc@gmail.com

Pastoral Letter on Christian Stewardship

Sunday, January 7, 2024

*"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another
as good stewards of God's varied grace.
(1 Peter 4:10)*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Today is the Epiphany of the Lord. Led by faith and reason, the magi have travelled from the east in order to seek the newborn king of the Jews. Now we begin to glimpse the salvation that has been prepared for all the peoples of the earth. Jesus Christ will not only be the glory of the Jewish people but also "a light for revelation to the Gentiles" (Luke 2:32). This is the essence of today's epiphany.

Sacred Scripture doesn't actually contain the name nor the number of magi. It is tradition that suggests to us that they were a triumvirate of kingly travelers known as Balthazar, Caspar, and Melchior.

What scripture does tell us is that the magi were "overjoyed at seeing the star" which led them to the child with Mary whereupon "[t]hey prostrated themselves and did him homage" before they "opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh" (Matthew 2:11-12).

What do these facts reveal to us? I think it is this: That there is an innate human need to offer praise, worship and sacrifice upon encountering Almighty God.

This has been true of all cultures and in all generations. This is true of you and me. The founder of the Society of Jesus, Saint Ignatius of Loyola (1491 – 1556), identifies this shared human reality in the first foundational principle of his Spiritual Exercises, stating:

"The human person is created to praise, reverence and serve God, and by so doing to save his or her soul." (#23 of The Spiritual Exercises)

This is why we were loved into existence by God. He is our beginning and, by virtue of our cooperation with the grace of God, our ultimate end. Why then were other things created? Saint Ignatius answers that question in the second foundational principle of his Spiritual Exercises, stating:

"The other things on the face of the earth are created for human beings in order to help them pursue the end for which they are created. It follows from this that one must use other created things in so far as they help towards one's end, and free oneself from them in so far as they are obstacles to one's end." (#23 of The Spiritual Exercises)

This rightly ordered use of created things is foundational to what we call stewardship. Christian stewardship is recognizing that everything we have and everything we are is a gift from God and, thus, being grateful and generous in response to that divine beneficence. It is the wise and generous marshaling of our time, our talent and our treasure so as to love God more deeply, serve others more unstintingly and, in doing so, accrue an ever more abundant life unto ourselves (John 10:10).

God first. Others second. Ourselves last. Thereby lies our path to happiness in this life and salvation in the next. As Our Lord himself advises: "[S]eek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given you besides" (Matthew 6:33).

The new year is often a time for taking stock of our lives. It therefore seems appropriate to conduct a threefold examination of conscience as to how we are living Christian stewardship with particular regards to the use of our time, our talent and our treasure for the glory of God and salvation of souls.

First, time: Do I give my first and last thought of each day to Jesus Christ, my alpha and omega? Do I prioritize time each day for meditative prayer spent in the presence of Our Lord? Do I ensure there is time in my week for Sunday Mass or, even, daily Mass as well as regular confession? Do I recognize that prayer is more important than activity and that if I am too busy to pray I am too busy?

Second, talent: Am I desirous to know God's plan for my life and to follow it wherever it leads? Am I aware that God has bestowed certain talents and charisms upon me which I am to deploy generously in order to save my own soul and serve those other members of the Body of Christ who are depending on me for their salvation? (1 Corinthians 12). In making career choices, am I primarily motivated by the will of God or by the love of money or desire for worldly prestige? Do I work with an order and diligence that recognizes all honest human tasks can be sanctified or do I do my work badly, waste time or cause others to waste time?

Third, treasure: Do I recognize the truth that everything I have is a gift from God and that giving back to God will help orient my entire life to Him and his plan? Do I give the first fruits of the wealth I've been entrusted with to the service of the Church and those in need? Do I place my trust in God by giving sacrificially in imitation of the widow and her two coins (Luke 21:1-4) or do I only give from my surplus, trying to meet my own needs first rather than prioritizing God in all I do?

In the weeks and months to come I will focus some of my teaching on Christian stewardship, and how living the call to stewardship is fundamental to growing as a missionary disciple, helping us all foster greater Christian stewardship in our daily lives. One point worth noting now, however, is this: Stewardship is primarily about our need to give rather than giving to a need.

I have based much of this catechesis on stewardship upon the thought of Saint Ignatius of Loyola. Hence, it seems appropriate to conclude this pastoral letter with his *Suscipe* prayer. *Suscipe* is the Latin word for "receive". Let us pray:

Take Lord, and receive all my liberty, my memory, my understanding, and my entire will, all that I have and possess. Thou hast given all to me. To Thee, O Lord, I return it. All is Thine, dispose of it wholly according to Thy will. Give me Thy love and thy grace, for this is sufficient for me. Amen.

Assuring you of my prayers, I am sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Earl Boyea

Bishop of Lansing