

STEWARDSHIP OF TIME AND TALENT

HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

2026-2027



OUR PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

Nourished by the Sacraments, Sacred Scripture and Holy Traditions,
we are called to love, forgive, & be merciful.

Cover image was created by Fr. Victor at our First Communion Candidates Retreat plate painting.

**PLEASE PRAYERFULLY REVIEW THIS TIME & TALENT BOOKLET.
RETURN A COMMITMENT FORM FOR EACH MEMBER OF YOUR HOUSEHOLD,
INDICATING WHICH MINISTRIES YOU WOULD LIKE TO SERVE IN.**

MINISTRIES HIGHLIGHTED IN RED ARE ESPECIALLY NEEDED!!

STEWARDSHIP

As we understand from Christ's teaching, stewardship is a central part of discipleship. For Catholics, discipleship means living one's life patterned on the life and teachings of Christ as revealed in Scripture and as taught by the Church. As disciples, then, Catholics are called by the Lord to be good stewards.

Stewardship is how we live our discipleship. As a disciple of Jesus, we can choose to use our time and our talents to help build His Church here on Earth. As stewards of these gifts, we are ultimately accountable to God for the way we choose to use them.

A Prayer for Disciples

**Generous and loving God,
you call us to be disciples of your Son Jesus
and good stewards of all your many gifts.**

**Open our minds and hearts to a greater
awareness and deeper appreciation
of your countless Blessings.**

**Transform us through the power of your Spirit
to nurture a Stewardship way of life
marked by faith-filled prayer,
service to our neighbor
and generous sharing.**

**Teach us to be faithful servants of your gifts.
With Mary's help may we return ten-fold
the gifts entrusted to us.**

**We pray through Christ, our Lord.
Amen**

P RAYER MINISTRY

Devotional prayer is one of the most important aspects of Christian life. Cultivating a relationship with the Lord by means of the rich spiritual inheritance of Mother Church is a crucial means by which the faithful minister to their brothers and sisters in building up the Body of Christ.

Holy Redeemer Parish has many different opportunities for personal and communal devotional prayer. On the parish website, you will find a list of different ways and styles of prayer, and times that others gather to pray using these different means to pray. It is not an exhaustive list of prayer opportunities, and there may come to be more in the future. If you would like to begin a “prayer group,” word of mouth is the best way to begin recruiting others to pray with you.

The Emmaus Chapel is open every day for prayer from 6 am to midnight. The Stations of the Cross garden in the southeast corner of the church parking lot, and the statues of Mary and Christ at the Pillar near the chapel entrance are excellent places for prayer, weather permitting.

1. HOLY HOUR

Join us and be refreshed and nourished by the Eucharistic Presence of Jesus in a time of Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Thursdays from 12:00-1:00pm.

Gift of Time: 15 minutes to an hour.

2. DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

Join in beseeching the Mercy of God in Christ Jesus on ourselves, our families and communities, and the whole world.

Gift of Time: Following morning Mass on Fridays and 3pm daily in the chapel.

3. ROSARY

Individuals/Families may join the Knights of Columbus honoring Mary by praying the Rosary prior to Mass on the third Sunday of each month.

a. Leader—Leads the Rosary from the pulpit.

b. Participant—Arrive 30 minutes prior to Mass.

4. PARISH PRAYER CHAIN

Members provide spiritual and emotional support through prayer for those who are in a time of need.

Gift of Time: Daily prayer time.

5. PRAYER GATHERING

People come together with so much to pray for, so much to be grateful for—an opportunity to unite our voices and hearts in prayer.

Gift of Time: Second Monday of the month at 7:00pm in the Emmaus Chapel; summer months out doors by the Blessed Virgin Mary Garden.

6. LITTLE FLOWERS OF ST. THÉRÈSE OF LISIEUX PRAYER GROUP

Women of our parish who are willing to devote one hour of prayer per week for all clergy and for vocations.

Gift of Time: One hour per week, in addition to your daily prayer. Joining our Thursday Holy Hour could be a good time for this prayer offering.

7. ROSARY FOR THE UNBORN

Gather in the chapel or, if weather permits, on the mound in the circle drive to pray the Rosary for an end to abortion,

Gift of Time: Saturdays at 8:30am (1st Saturday of the month at 8:00am prior to the First Saturday Devotion to Mary Mass.)

8. PARISH PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

People come together to knit or crochet prayer shawls for those in our community who need special encouragement praying for the individuals who will receive their creations.

Gift of Time: Third Wednesday of each month at 10am

COUNCILS & COMMITTEE

9. FINANCE COUNCIL

The Finance Council consults with and advises the Pastor and Finance Manager on financial matters, use of the parish property, and the administration of parish operations. They help prepare and approve the general parish budget (including capital expense budgets) as well as help prepare annual reports.

Gift of Time: Members serve a three-year term, and they may serve two successive terms.

The council meets bi-monthly and on as-needed basis given the necessity of certain projects.

Qualifications: Actively involved in the life of the community with some financial or legal background.

10. PASTORAL COUNCIL

The Pastoral Council is a visionary body. Through prayer and consensus, the Council shares its wisdom and insight with the Pastor envisioning and planning for the parish. It is not a decision-making body. The Council strives to identify the needs of the parish, studies and reflects upon those needs, makes recommendations as to how those needs can be met, and evaluates the resulting efforts made by staff and volunteers to address the identified needs.

Gift of Time: Members serve a three-year term, and they may serve two successive terms.

The council meets monthly on the 2nd Wednesday of each month. (September—May)

Qualifications: Actively involved in the life of the community.

11. STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

Stewardship is the practice of returning of one's Time, Talent, and Treasure back to God in gratitude for the gifts He has given us. The Stewardship Committee's function is to increase parishioner awareness of the meaning of Stewardship and the opportunities available in our parish to live out a Stewardship Way of Life.

Gift of Time: Meetings are the 2nd Wednesday of each month. (September—May)

12. REDEEMERS OUTREACH COMMISSION

Acknowledging the presence and the power of God, and grounded in a desire to serve in the Spirit of the Gospel, we work in ways which motivate people of different backgrounds to work together, become a voice for the voiceless, promote greater justice in community affairs, and help people share what they have with others.

Gift of Time: Meetings are on the 2nd Wednesday of each month. (September—May)

Each individual can decide the extent of participation.

*Give and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together,
shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap.
For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you.*

Luke 6:38

COMMUNITY LIFE

13. GOLDEN REDEEMERS

Men and women over the age of 60 are invited to join for fellowship and fun at any or all monthly activities: first Thursday of the month is morning Mass followed by breakfast at a local restaurant; second Thursday at 1:00PM is a potluck meal and meeting in Shepherds Hall (bring a dish to pass); third Thursday is Game Day from 1:00-4:00PM to play cards or you can bring a favorite game to share.

14. MOMS SUPPORTING MOMS

Mothers who want to meet other moms to develop relationships with each other to help in the rewarding, yet challenging job of raising children.

Gift of Time: Monthly meetings on the third Wednesday of each month at 7:30pm

15. BLOOD DRIVES

Interested individuals assist with set-up, clean-up, canteen help, or baking hospitality. Sunday mornings 8:00am—1:00pm every eight weeks. See the parish bulletin for dates.

a. **Volunteer** (day of event)

b. **Blood Donor** (day of event)

16. BETWEEN THE LEAVES BOOK CLUB

All adult parishioners who enjoy reading a variety of books may join. Each month, a new book is chosen and participants are asked to read it and come ready to discuss the book. They meet once a month, year round, at a specified time and location.

a. **Group Leader**—The group leader will help keep group discussions on track and help with book selections.

b. **Participant**—Individuals who want to meet with others to discuss selected monthly books.

17. KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

This is a membership organization of Catholic men age 18 and older, that fosters lasting friendships with each other while reaching out to the Church, community and helping the less fortunate.

Gift of Time: General membership meets the first Wednesday of each month at 7:30PM in classrooms 10-12. Some activities that the Knights sponsor are: Wild Game Dinner, Lenten Fish Fry, Tootsie Roll Drive (benefits local intellectually and developmentally challenged children and organizations), Cans for Knights Can Drives. The men and their families can choose participation in any of the activities that interest them, using their time and talents.

Qualifications: Fully initiated practicing Catholic men who are 18 years of age or older. Elections are held for the board of officers positions.

Training: Those involved in youth events are required to participate in a “Protecting God’s Children” Awareness Session or an on-line Awareness Session and complete standard paperwork.

18. PARISH FESTIVAL

Annual Parish Festival is held the first weekend after Labor Day. This fosters hospitality among our parishioners with food, fellowship and fun!

a. **Planning Committee**—Member would help with planning.

Gift of Time: Five or six planning and recap meetings from May to September; two hours or more the weekend of the festival.

b. **Volunteers** - Adults and Jr./Sr. High youth to help with set-up, take down and afternoon events.

Gift of Time: 1-2+ hours prior to and/or at the festival.

CAR SHOW

a. Planning Team

b. Volunteer (day of event)

ADULTS ONLY EVENT (Saturday)

a. Planning Team

b. Volunteer (day of event)

FAMILY EVENT (Sunday)

a. Planning Team

b. Volunteer (day of event)

*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

19. VETERANS DINNER

The Annual Veterans Dinner is held on the Saturday closest to November 11th after the 4:30pm Mass. Volunteers are needed to plan, set up, prepare/serve food, and clean up. This is a great way for families to honor Holy Redeemer's Veterans!

Gift of Time: A few hours of planning and/or helping the day of the event.

a. Planning Team

b. Volunteer (day of event)

20. SATURDAY HOSPITALITY

Hospitality is offered on the first Saturday of the month (October—May, excluding holiday weekends) following the 4:30pm Masses in Shepherds Hall, fostering fellowship and community among parishioners.

Server—Teams of adults and/or families able to work with others in preparing and serving coffee, snacks, and water to fellow parishioners.

Gift of Time: 1-2 hours inclusive—before and after Mass, on a rotating schedule. (October- May)

21. SUNDAY HOSPITALITY

Coffee and Donuts Hospitality is offered following the 8:30am and 11:00am Masses (September - May, excluding holiday weekends) in Shepherds Hall, fostering fellowship and community among parishioners.

a. Server—Teams of adults and/or families able to work with others in preparing and serving coffee, donuts, and water to fellow parishioners.

Gift of Time: 1-2 hours inclusive—before and after Mass, on a rotating schedule.

b. Donut Pick-up—Pick-up donuts and deliver to Holy Redeemer on Sunday mornings by 8am.

Gift of Time: 45 minutes - 1 hour on rotating schedule - pick-up donuts at Marge's Donut Den and deliver to Holy Redeemer on Sunday mornings.

c. Fruit Pick-up—Pick-up fruit and deliver to Holy Redeemer on Fridays between 8:00am—12:00pm

Gift of Time: Pick up fruit at Family Fare and deliver to Holy Redeemer.

22. WELCOME MINISTRY

Adults and/or families willing to meet with newly registered parishioners. New parishioners are contacted by committee volunteer and welcomed by sending a postcard, making a few phone calls, offering a tour of our facility and making themselves available to answer any questions the new family may have.

Gift of Time: Varies depending on the number of new parishioners we have throughout the year.

23. TRUNK-OR-TREAT

Annual Trunk-or-Treat is held at the end of October. Families would be needed to decorate their cars in a festive way and pass out candy to the children. Volunteers may be needed to help set up, run games, and clean up.

24. EASTER EGG HUNT

Annual Easter Egg Hunt is held on the Saturday before Easter (Holy Saturday). Volunteers may be needed to help set up, clean up, and other miscellaneous jobs to help prepare and run the event.

F AITH FORMATION FOR CHILDREN

25. CATECHIST

Teams of 2-3 catechists provide religious instruction and formation for children 4 years (Sunday School) through 5th grade. The aim of the catechetical program is to help children foster their relationship with Jesus while providing instruction of Catholic teaching in an environment that will foster community and spiritual growth.

Gift of Time: Catechists serve the children from September through April. Sessions will be held weekly Sundays between the masses and are 60 minutes in length. One can expect to spend at least one hour per week in preparation for class along with occasional curriculum meetings.

Qualifications: Catechists must be at least 18 years of age, fully initiated members of Holy Redeemer Parish, and celebrating Eucharist weekly.

Training: Times for classroom training will vary, depending on when someone signs up to be a catechist. Ongoing formation and certification is essential; therefore, additional training and formation sessions may be scheduled throughout the year. Diocesan and national training opportunities are also available. Anyone 18 years or older are required to participate in a “Protecting God’s Children” Awareness Session or an on-line Awareness Session (Virtus) and complete standard paperwork.

26. CATECHIST AIDE

Catechist aides assist the adult catechists in the religious instruction and formation for children 4 years (Sunday School) through 5th grade. The aim of the catechetical program is to help children foster their relationship with Jesus while providing instruction of Catholic teaching in an environment that will foster community and spiritual growth.

Gift of Time: Catechist Aides serve the children from September through April. Sessions will be held weekly Sundays between the Masses and are 60 minutes in length.

Qualifications: Catechists must be at least 18 years of age, fully initiated members of Holy Redeemer Parish, and celebrating Eucharist weekly.

Training: Times for classroom training will vary, depending on when someone signs up to be a catechist. Ongoing formation and certification is essential; therefore, additional training and formation sessions may be scheduled throughout the year. Diocesan and national training opportunities are also available. Anyone 18 years or older are required to participate in a “Protecting God’s Children” Awareness Session or an on-line Awareness Session (Virtus) and complete standard paperwork.

27. SMALL GROUP LEADERS

Small group leaders work with children in 6th grade through 8th grade. They work with the Faith Formation Team to lead a small group of youth in growing their Catholic faith through prayer, Scripture, discussion, and fellowship, creating a supportive environment where youth can encounter Christ and grown in discipleship.

Gift of Time: Catechists serve the children from September through April. Sessions will be held weekly Sundays between the masses and are 60 minutes in length. One can expect to spend at least one hour per week in preparation for class along with occasional curriculum meetings.

Qualifications: Catechists must be at least 18 years of age, fully initiated members of Holy Redeemer Parish, and celebrating Eucharist weekly.

Training: Times for classroom training will vary, depending on when someone signs up to be a catechist. Ongoing formation and certification is essential; therefore, additional training and formation sessions may be scheduled throughout the year. Diocesan and national training opportunities are also available. Anyone 18 years or older are required to participate in a “Protecting God’s Children” Awareness Session or an on-line Awareness Session (Virtus) and complete standard paperwork.

28. OFFICE HELP

Office helpers assist with various projects, including inventory and assuring all classrooms are fully supplied.

Gift of time: Office helpers have a flexible schedule.

Qualification: Flexibility and a willingness to help. Anyone 18 years or older are required to participate in a “Protecting God’s Children” Awareness Session (Virtus) or an on-line Awareness Session and complete standard paperwork.

29. VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Vacation Bible School (VBS) is a week-long adventure each summer, which brings the Bible alive for youth age 4 years through those entering 5th grade. Lively interaction, games, snacks, crafts, songs, decorating, and drama make this a memorable experience for all. VBS is usually scheduled in mid July or August. Many volunteers, age 6th grade and up are needed prior to the event for set-up, during the week to facilitate, and afterwards to clean-up in order to make VBS a success.

Gift of time: The VBS leadership team begins preparation for this week-long event many months in advance. Additional volunteers are needed in the weeks before, during, and after.

Training: All volunteers will be assigned where their time and talent can best serve the event with no additional training required. Anyone 18 years or older are required to participate in a “Protecting God’s Children” Awareness Session (Virtus) or an on-line Awareness Session and complete standard paperwork.

*Consider this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly,
and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.*

*Each must do as already determined,
without sadness or compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.*

2 Corinthians 9:6-7

O

NGOING FAITH FORMATION (HIGH SCHOOL—ADULT)

30. YOUTH VOLUNTEERS

Youth volunteers are needed for various Faith Formation events such as Trunk-or-Treat, retreats, Easter Egg Hunt, and VBS.

Gift of time: Depends on the event.

Training: Will be provided

31. ANCHORED TEAM MEMBERS

Team members work with High School youth (9th –12th grades). They work with the Faith Formation Team to lead a small group of youth in growing their Catholic faith through prayer, Scripture, discussion, and fellowship creating supportive environment where youth can encounter Christ and grow in discipleship.

Gift of Time: Catechists serve the children from September through April. Sessions will be held weekly Sundays between the masses and are 60 minutes in length. One can expect to spend at least one hour per week in preparation for class along with occasional curriculum meetings.

Qualifications: Catechists must be at least 18 years of age, fully initiated members of Holy Redeemer Parish, and celebrating Eucharist weekly.

Training: Times for classroom training will vary, depending on when someone signs up to be a catechist. Ongoing formation and certification is essential; therefore, additional training and formation sessions may be scheduled throughout the year. Diocesan and national training opportunities are also available. Anyone 18 years or older are required to participate in a “Protecting God’s Children” Awareness Session or an on-line Awareness Session (Virtus) and complete standard paperwork.

32. OCIA

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults, which is the process through which adults become full members of the Roman Catholic Church. It's a journey of faith formation and preparation for the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist.

a. OCIA Team Members

Fully initiated individuals who are comfortable sharing their faith experience with others who are seeking information about the Catholic Faith. Different positions and levels of commitment are available.

Gift of Time: Minimal one year commitment. Based on their schedule and your schedule and occasional retreat and liturgical celebrations.

b. OCIA Parish Sponsors

Fully initiated individuals who are comfortable sharing their faith experience with others journeying one on one with an individual seeking to learn more about the Catholic Faith.

Gift of Time: Minimal one year commitment. The commitment will consist of meeting with the individual based on their schedule and your schedule and occasional retreat and liturgical celebrations.

33. ADULT CLASS SPEAKERS

This ministry is looking for adults who are passionate about any subject and who are willing to share their knowledge with a small group of adults. Topics may include addiction, prayer, the rosary, a short bible study, coping with loss, becoming an empty nester, just to name a few.

Gift of Time: One hour between the masses on a Sunday; length of time is flexible depending on the desired topic to teach.

Qualification: Being able to speak in front of a group and willingness to plan a lesson, present, or talk.

34. ADULT BIBLE STUDY

This is an opportunity to join with others to study and reflect on Sacred Scripture while offering support to one another as Christians living in our world.

Gift of Time: Tuesday mornings or evenings during the school year.

35. HEALING HEARTS

WIDOWED/DIVORCED GROUP—This support group for men and women offers social opportunities, activities, and fellowship with those who are on a similar journey.

Gift of time: Meetings are the third Wednesday of the month at 3pm and participation in activities of your choice.

36. MEN'S MINISTRY

The Men's Ministry provides men of our community a non-judgmental and confidential environment to gather with other men to foster friendships -- both socially and spiritually. Current offerings include *That Man Is You*, *Breakfast/Speaker Series*.

Gift of Time: Various days and times.

37. BLESSED IS SHE—WOMEN'S MINISTRY.

Women of all ages with a desire to foster meaningful friendships with other women, through prayer, scripture, and sharing of our Catholic Faith. Small group opportunities as well as occasional large group opportunities.

Gift of Time: Various days and times.

MUSIC MINISTRY

This ministry serves by encouraging the faithful to engage in worship in the liturgy so the whole community may be able to actively participate in songs which are rightly theirs. The human voice - not the organ or piano - is the principle instrument of the church. Vocalists and instrumentalists drawn from the community who possess musical skills and a commitment to scheduled rehearsals and liturgies are encouraged to utilize and share their talent.

38. CHOIR

The choir enriches celebrations by adding musical elements beyond the capabilities of the congregation alone. It is a commitment from September to Pentecost of one weekend Mass three to four times a month, plus other scheduled Feast Day liturgies. We utilize a variety of genres, traditional hymns and chant.

Gift of Time: Rehearsals are on Wednesday evenings from 7:15-8:30pm (with additional rehearsals for Christmas and Easter) usually from Sept. - May

Qualifications: High School age and older. Singers should have the ability to blend with other voices. Having the ability to read music is helpful, but not required. Anyone interested in singing may discern if this ministry is a good match by meeting with the choir director.

Training: This is accomplished in weekly rehearsals and some outside workshops.

39. HAND BELL ENSEMBLE

This ensemble is open to anyone High School age and older. Obtaining an understanding of hand bell ringing is easier than it appears and can be accomplished in a few rehearsals. To fully utilize our 4 ½ octave set, eleven to fourteen ringers are desired.

Gift of Time: Rehearsals are Wednesdays from 6:00-7:00pm usually from Sept. - May. The ensemble plays at liturgies through-out the year. Extra rehearsals may be scheduled to prepare for Christmas and Easter.

Qualifications: Although having the ability to read music is useful, it is not required. However, you must be able to hold three to five pounds and stand for ten to fifteen minute periods.

Training: This is accomplished in weekly rehearsals and some outside workshops.

40. RESURRECTION CHOIR

This choir is made up of individuals who are available during the day to provide emotional and spiritual support by singing at funerals. Members are notified of funerals via email and preview the music at home, as well as meet 45 minutes before the funeral Mass to rehearse. This is a beautiful and spiritual work of mercy we burying the dead and comforting those who mourn.

Gift of Time: Individuals give approximately two hours during the day as needed for a funeral.

Qualifications: Ability to review music prior to the funeral and rehearse 45 minutes prior to Mass.

Training: No formal training required.

41. CANTOR

This minister is a leader of liturgical song and a proclaimer of the Word. Cantors are needed at all Masses and are on a rotating schedule based on the availability of the participants. (Weddings and funerals are other liturgies that need cantors as well.)

Gift of Time: Rehearsals are 30 minutes prior to the Mass. Additional time may be scheduled based on availability of the cantor and director.

Qualifications: You must be a fully initiated Catholic and an experienced singer with a strong voice who is able to read or follow music. They must be dependable and willing to rehearse and prepare music on their own. Individuals interested must also realize the primary focus of the cantor is to proclaim the Word and encourage the community to actively participate to enhance the Liturgy. Those interested are eligible to join after meeting with the Director of Music.

Training: This is accomplished in rehearsals as needed. No previous experience is required for week end liturgies. Those interested in leading worship for weddings and funerals must meet with the Director of Music to determine eligibility.

42. CHILDREN'S CHOIR

This choir is open to all children in grades 2 through 8 to sing at Masses scheduled periodically throughout the year and Children's Christmas 4:30pm Mass. Rehearsals include music education, learning about the liturgical year and faith, as well as learning songs for Mass. **YOU MAY SIGN-UP WHEN REGISTERING FOR FAITH FORMATION CLASSES OR BY CONTACTING THE MUSIC DIRECTOR DIRECTLY.**

Gift of Time: Rehearsals are from 12:15-1pm in coordination with Faith Formation. Those who can not participate all year still have the option of participating at Fall/Christmas or Spring/Easter **if they are able to attend rehearsals prior.**

Qualifications: Children who love to sing, have fun and want to actively participate and impact liturgy. The ability to read words is helpful but not required.

Training: No previous experience is required.

43. INSTRUMENTALISTS (ENSEMBLE OR SOLOISTS)

GRADE 7 OR OLDER (OR TWO YEARS EXPERIENCE ON AN INSTRUMENT)

This is a opportunity to play individually or as an ensemble at Mass. Instrumentalists are encouraged to utilize their talent to enhance worship.

Gift of Time: Ensemble Rehearsals are scheduled seasonally around Christmas and Easter. Soloists are scheduled as agreed upon individually at weekend Masses

Qualifications: Instrumentalists must be semi-proficient, and reliable.

Training: This is accomplished at rehearsals.

Well done, my good and faithful servant.

Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities.

Matthew 25:21

LITURGY & WORSHIP

44. ART AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

This group plans, coordinates, designs, and oversees ideas and projects for the liturgical year. The use of the following gifts enhance worship: artist, seamstress, flower arranger, carpenter, designer, quilter, decorator, photographer, graphic artist, and those willing to do physical work.

Gift of Time: The Art and Environment Committee will meet on an “as needed” basis in coordination with the liturgical seasons.

45. FACILITATOR

Facilitators are fully initiated adults with liturgical knowledge as well as some knowledge of facilities. This person ensures that the worship experience runs smoothly through the coordination and continuity of the various ministries involved with weekend liturgies. An initial training will occur

Gift of Time: As a facilitator, you are placed on a rotating schedule at the liturgy that you request.

46. USHER

Ushers welcome people as they gather, assist with seating, pass the collection baskets, follow collection procedure, and facilitate the movement of the Communion procession. An initial training will occur

Gift of Time: As an usher, one would be placed on a rotating schedule at the liturgy requested.

47. ALTAR SERVER

Youth who are in the 2nd grade and older. Servers assist at the weekend liturgies and special Holy Day liturgies. An initial training will occur.

Gift of Time: Servers are placed on a rotating schedule at the liturgy requested.

48. LECTOR

Open to all who are fully initiated and are in the 8th grade and older. This person proclaims God’s Word at weekend liturgies and on special Holy Day liturgies. An initial training will occur. Lectors take time on their own preparing to proclaim the Word each time they are scheduled

Gift of Time: Lectors are placed on a rotating schedule at the liturgy requested.

49. EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Open to all who are fully initiated and are 16 years of age or older. These ministers assist in distribution of Holy Communion with reverence and dignity at parish liturgies. An initial training will occur through the Diocese as well as the parish.

Gift of Time: As a Eucharistic Minister, one would be placed on a rotating schedule at the liturgy time requested.

50. NURSING HOME EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

These individuals bring the Word, Eucharist, and the love of the Lord to the residents of nursing homes in Jenison and Hudsonville. An initial training will occur through the Diocese training plus specific training for the nursing home ministry.

Gift of Time: Sundays on a rotating schedule.

Thus should one regard us: as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God.

1 Corinthians 4:1

51. SACRISTAN

A sacristan ensures that each week the worship space and all the resources that are used for liturgies are prepared for the weekend. An initial training will occur.

Gift of Time: Fridays on a rotating schedule.

52. FUNERAL ALTAR SERVER

Adults as needed to serve at funeral liturgies. An initial training will occur.

Gift of Time: Two hours on the day of a funeral.

53. ALTAR LAUNDRY

Individuals to wash and iron altar linens used at weekly liturgies.

Gift of Time: Weekly on a rotating schedule

Qualifications: Reliable and a desire to serve our community.

Training: Your previous experience.

54. NAME TAG SUNDAY GREETER

Greet and invite parishioners to create a name tag as they gather for weekend Masses.

Gift of Time: 30 minutes prior to the Mass you worship at the first weekend of the month (September—May).

PASTORAL CARE

55. BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

Ministers offer comfort and support to the bereaved or terminally ill persons/families in our parish by journeying with them through the grief process. They also help plan and implement support sessions a couple of times a year, including our Mass of Remembrance celebration.

Gift of Time: One year follow-up per assignment with flexible time commitment.

Qualifications: Compassionate adults comfortable with death and dying that can be open to all people and who possess good listening skills are needed.

Training: Initial training will occur at an appointed time with on-going enrichment sessions a couple times a year.

56. FRIENDS WHO CARE MINISTRY TO THE HOMEBOUND

Adults who visit parishioners and bring Communion to those who are homebound.

Gift of Time: Weekly or every other week to spend time visiting with the assigned person.

Qualifications: Caring adults or families with good listening skills and compassionate hearts with Eucharistic Minister Training.

Training: Initial training will occur at an appointed time with on-going enrichment sessions a couple of times a year.

57. FUNERAL LUNCHEON SERVING TEAM

This group sets-up, serves, and/or cleans up for funeral luncheons.

Gift of Time: Three to four hours: set-up, serving the luncheon, and clean-up.

58. FUNERAL LUNCHEON FOOD PREPARATION

Individuals provide prepared dishes upon request to be served at funeral luncheon.

Gift of Time: Prepared in your home as needed.

59. MEALS FROM THE HEART FOOD PREPARATION

Committed individuals/families provide meals for families recovering from an illness/surgery, suffering a loss of a loved one, other family hardship, or celebrating the birth of a child.

Gift of Time: Called on a rotation basis.

60. HEALTH MINISTRY TEAM

Parishioners who provide the parish with information and opportunities on how to maintain over-all health and management when health issues do arise. This group plans and implements opportunities that promote learning about the psychological, physical and emotional well-beings of individuals. The goal is to provide parishioners with educational programs that promote wellness and the management of illness and disease.

Gift of Time: Occasional planning meetings and occasional time on projects as needed.

a. Blood Pressure Screeners

People who are trained in taking blood pressure can offer parishioners the opportunity to have their blood pressure screened.

Gift of Time: Once a month after weekend Masses. Offered on the third weekend of the month. You choose which Mass you wish to be scheduled.

b. First Responders

Those who are qualified to offer assistance in emergency situations, at minimum first aide certification. Assist if a medical emergency should arise at Mass.

Gift of Time: At weekend Masses. You choose when you wish to be scheduled. Simply sit in an assigned pew and be available should the need arise.

R

EDEEMERS OUTREACH

61. LIFE ISSUES COMMITTEE

This committee finds ways to embrace and share the Catholic Church's teaching on the Sanctity of Life from the moment of conception until natural death. Events include the bi-annual (January & July) crib drive to support Help Pregnancy, the 40 Days for Life campaign and other events as the committee develops.

Gift of Time: Attendance at occasional meetings. Whatever you are able to give for events.

62. FOOD PANTRY

This ministry provides groceries to families of our parish and the local community who are struggling to meet the daily need of feeding their families.

Gift of Time: One to two hours per month.

a. Coordinators—Individuals who oversee the pantry operations and prepare the schedules for packers and drivers.

b. Packers—Individuals who follow a prepared list, packing the groceries from the pantry shelves (usually on Tuesdays or Wednesdays).

c. Drivers—Drivers pick up already packed groceries and deliver them to local churches where Love Your Neighbor clients meet for their weekly budget meeting (usually on Thursdays).

63. LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR MEALS (Monthly on the 2nd Thursday of each month) We prepare and serve a nutritious meal to participants in the Life Skills Program with Love Your Neighbor.

Gift of Time: A couple hours on a Thursday afternoon/evening.

a. Organizer/Team Leader - Individual who helps plan the menu, shops and directs the preparation of the food, delivers the food, serving, and clean-up.

b. Participant - Prepares the food, assists in packing and delivering the food, serves and helps to clean up.

64. HABITAT FOR HUMANITY (Monthly on the 3rd Saturday of each month)

Habitat for Humanity has transformed the lives of millions of people around the world by helping families achieve their dream of affordable home ownership. Habitat's vision is a world where everyone has a safe and decent place to live, working in partnership with families to build strength, stability and self-reliance. Members of the Holy Redeemer team work with Habitat for Humanity of Ottawa County on various building projects. Our current schedule is the third Saturday of each month; mornings, afternoons, or all day. Volunteers can meet at church and carpool or meet at the job site. No building experience is required, and is open to MEN and WOMEN 18 years and older.

65. HIKING IN THE CITY (Monthly on the 3rd Sunday of each month)

Spreading the "*Good News*" through action, individuals walk the streets of the Grand Rapids Heartside area carrying backpacks filled with drinks, snacks, and sundry items needed by the homeless. Our current schedule is the third Sunday of the month for two hours in the afternoon. Volunteers meet at church and carpool downtown. As Church, the volunteers will interact as they listen to many cares, concerns, and life stories.

66. MIGRANT OUTREACH (July & August)

This heartwarming and fun ministry works with children and young adults at Ottawa County migrant camps. It combines religious formation/sacrament preparation (under the guidance of the Diocesan Office of Hispanic Ministry) with games and crafts. Volunteers work in teams. Anyone 18 years or older are required to participate in a "Protecting God's Children" Awareness Session or an on-line Awareness Session and complete standard paper-work. We would love to have teens under 18 years old join in the fun, but you must bring your parent or guardian with you. Materials, lesson plans, snacks and carpool rides are provided.

Gift of Time: Two to three hours per week for six weeks.

67. OPERATION BOUNTY (November)

While reaching out to families who are economically challenged, this ministry provides a food basket that contains the Thanksgiving Meal for these families. As a volunteer family (adults and children), you will gather with other volunteers on the Saturday before Thanksgiving. You will be assigned one of the families for which you will assemble a food basket from an assortment of items provided by the parish at large. Once assembled, you and your family will then deliver the items to the family residence. Prior to the assembly and distribution date, volunteers (adults and children) are needed to help organize the donations.

a. Planning Team

b. Volunteer (day of event)

68. GIVING TREE (December)

By reaching out to families who are economically challenged, this ministry provides a food basket that contains the Christmas Meal for these families. As a volunteer family (adults and children), you will gather with other volunteers on the Saturday before Christmas. You will be assigned one of the families for which you will assemble a food basket from an assortment of items provided by the parish at large. There will also be Christmas gifts tagged for each member of the family. Once assembled, you and your family will deliver the items to the family residence. Prior to the assembly and distribution date, volunteers (adults and children) are needed to help organize the donations.

a. Planning Team

b. Volunteer (day of event)

69. OPERATION EASTER JOY (March-April)

Reaching out to families who are economically challenged, this ministry provides a food basket that contains the Easter Meal for these families. As a volunteer family (adults and children), you will gather with other volunteers on the Saturday before Palm Sunday. You will be assigned one of the families for which you will assemble a food basket from an assortment of items provided by the parish at large. Individual Easter baskets/hygiene bags for the children/teens of these families are also prepared. Once assembled, you and your family will then deliver the items to the family residence. Prior to the assembly and distribution date, volunteers (adults and children) are needed to help organize the donations.

a. Planning Team

b. Volunteer (day of event)

70. PICNIC IN THE PARK (June-August)

This Ministry gives us an excellent opportunity, working as a team, to put the messages in our Gospels into action by serving men, women, and children in need a delicious meal, prepared in our parish kitchen, and served at Heartside Park in Grand Rapids each week. Many volunteers are needed to make this ‘Special Treat’ successful. Opportunities exist for shopping, preparing the food on Wednesdays, transporting the food & supplies and those carpooling, serving, and clean up on Thursdays upon return to the Parish.

There are 10 picnics scheduled throughout the summer. You can get involved in one or as many as you can support (pick and choose the dates). Notices will be placed in the Parish Bulletin and web site and Sign Up Genius will be used to fill the positions.

Please get involved! This Ministry is enriching for the servers and popular with those we serve. We bring conversations, answer questions, smiles, and “warm hearts” all while we safely serve a “Meal Treat” that includes a delicious main entrée, side dishes, watermelon, lemonade, and Hudsonville Ice Cream.

Time is the most precious gift that we have on this journey in life. Donating some of it to those who have less or need help, is truly a blessing!

71. HAND2HAND MINISTRY (September-June)

This ministry is a resource for children facing hunger over the weekend by providing healthy food so they have a greater opportunity to succeed. In collaboration with Hand2Hand Ministries, Holy Redeemer has partnered with Jenison Jr. High and San Juan Diego Academy. Packing is done once a month by four to six volunteers who sign up on Sign Up Genius. Additionally, volunteers sign up to deliver to either Jenison Jr. High or San Juan Diego Academy on Friday mornings. Bags are delivered while students are in class. Anyone 18 years or older are required to participate in a “Protecting God’s Children” Awareness Session or an on-line Awareness Session and complete standard paperwork.

Gift of Time: A couple of hours when scheduled

*Whatever you do, do from the heart, as for the Lord and not for others,
knowing that you will receive from the Lord the due payment
of the inheritance; be slaves of the Lord Christ.*

Colossians 3:23-24

MISCELLANEOUS OPPORTUNITIES

72. COLLECTION COUNTERS

This group accurately accounts for funds received at each weekend liturgy and safely deposits funds. Open to all 18 yrs of age and older.

Gift of Time: Tuesday mornings at 9:30am for approximately 1½ -2 hours on a rotating basis.

73. HOSPITALITY

Individuals provide sweet and/or savory treats for hospitality at special parish events and workshops.

74. OFFICE ASSISTANCE

Individuals assist on special projects involving parish mailings, bulletin stuffing, data entry, and general office assistance.

75. GROUNDS BEAUTIFICATION

Individuals pull weeds, top flowers, and facilitate various projects from time to time to help maintain our beautiful landscaping.

Gift of Time: Primarily spring and fall when your schedule allows.

76. BUILDING FACILITIES TEAM

Members of this team are on-call to help with light maintenance duties throughout the campus including minor carpentry, mechanical, painting, and other maintenance duties as well as assist with staging for special events. Monitors long term maintenance projects. Familiarity with hand tools and power tools is helpful but not required.

Gift of Time: Meetings are scheduled through-out the year.

77. PARISH EVENTS PHOTOGRAPHER (AMATEUR OR PROFESSIONAL)

Do you love taking pictures? This could be the ministry for you! We are always looking for parishioners to take photos at our parish events. Maybe this is something that you already do... if so we would love for you to share your photos with us!

Qualifications: Ability to use a cell phone or camera

78. ARCHIVIST

This would be an individual or group of individuals who are willing to collect, organize, preserve, and maintain control over items that show the history of our parish.

Gift of Time: On-going as you are aware of events that are taking place in our parish.

Qualifications: Organized and a love for this type of task.

79. EVENT SET-UP & TAKE-DOWN CREW

Sometimes we need a few extra hands to help set-up before and take-down after an event! If you can, spare an hour or so to help us arrange tables and chairs etc. Many hands make light work!

Gift of time: 1-2 hours before and/or after an event, as called upon for help.

*But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness,
and all these things will be given you besides.*

Matthew 6:33





Holy Redeemer Parish

2700 Baldwin Street • Jenison, MI 49528 • 616-669-9220 • www.holyredeemerparish.org