

THE *Red* DOOR

CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH • CHARLEVOIX, MICHIGAN

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The Most Excellent Way

*I*t occurred to me while flying recently (or waiting to fly more accurately), that what we do now is not exactly what we are intended to do. As the plane I was on taxied around the airport, it lumbered along. To be sure, a plane has wheels and can be driven on the ground. But what's the point of a giant, winged bus? Similarly, a bus can be driven fast but you probably wouldn't want to be riding in an out of control transit bus trying to drive like a sports car. It's made for a purpose but that's not exactly it. You can do something, but you—like a plane driving on the ground—are made for something much better.

May it please the supreme and divine Goodness to give us all abundant grace ever to know his most holy will and perfectly to fulfill it.

—*St. Ignatius of Loyola*

St. Ignatius helped found the Jesuits which may or may not be a strong credential but the notion of this prayer fits our lives today.

Where we are, is not where we are going. We are meant for something better. We all know what we are currently capable of but are we convinced that's all we can do?

I can imagine many of you reading this, as established professionals, grandparents, and perhaps retirees look at this and know that you have achieved all you are intended to do. Your plane is flying, it's not taxiing.

Read this prayer again.

You may know God's general will for your life and those of others but is it the most holy will? You aspire to fulfill it but can you perfectly fulfill it?

The 12th chapter of Paul's first letter to the Corinthians discusses our spiritual gifts. At the end of this discussion, Paul offers this exhortation: Now eagerly desire the greater gifts.

And yet I will show you the most excellent way.

What is the most excellent way you may ask? Just take a moment to re-read I Corinthians 13—the love chapter. Love is the most excellent, indispensable way.

Whether you are driving your plane on the ground or flying it effortlessly in the sky, God calls us to love and desire for greater value. You are not finished. You have more opportunities toward the most excellent way.

Whether in a corporate setting like our nation or our parish, let us strive with love for the most excellent way. In our families and individual lives, let us prayerfully pursue God's most *holy* will and *perfectly* fulfill it. While we never will fully achieve perfection, in striving to do so, we will continue to achieve our purpose.

Yours in striving toward indispensable love,
— Mark L. Heydlauff
Senior Warden

Prayer List FOR MARCH

Please Pray for Your Brothers and Sisters

Deb Stutzman	Kathleen Benon and family
Doris Lundteigen	Frank Daly
The Rev. Peggy Nattermann	Bill Meeks
The Rev. Kathleen Kircher	Frank Rathjens
Linda Smith	John Whiteford
Lea Peak	Nancy Grunch
Adele Dilschneider	Deanna Klosinski
Norean Martin	Carol Schwing
Blake Kirinovic	Susan Warner
Rose Shannon	Steven Hoffman
Dick Engelsmann	Donna Carter
Lynn Black	Tyanna Addison
Steve Fowle	Ed Smith
Josh Levay	Lynn Greve



Natalia Moore Penny Loving Linda Boss Jane Boocher

Persons are removed from our Prayer List at the end of each month.

Please contact John Fiedorek at

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to add the names of friends and family to our Prayer List

*Submit an Article for the Next
Red Door!*

by 5p.m. March 19

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If you see an error in this month's issue, please let us know! We will correct it or print a correction in the next issue of the Red Door.

Lent SUPPERS

Wednesday Night Soup Suppers

Wednesday Night Lent Suppers to begin on March 12 starting at 5:30P.M.

These will begin with a short time of reflection and prayer led by Mark Heydlauff, followed by a meal of soup, salad and bread. All are welcome and we hope

you will sign up both to come and contribute to a meal. The dates of the suppers will be: March 12, 19, 26 and April 2, 9 and 16. If you have any questions, please phone Betsy Collier at 231 330-6895. Signup sheets will be on a table in the Fellowship Hall by Ash Wednesday.

Red Door READER

Dear Red Door Reader

We at Christ Church wonder where you are enjoying the *Red Door* this winter. Not everyone is in Charlevoix so, snap a selfie reading an issue. Whatever your location. Send on to:

susankflanders@gmail.com

We'll publish your photo and location in the next *Red Door*.



Sunday Sermons

Did you know that each Sunday the sermons at Christ Church are recorded?

To listen to the Sunday's sermon, visit the church's website at:

ChristEpiscopalChurch.net

Click on sermon and listen to the desired week

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ACTIVITIES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS



David Reimer, Blaise Sytsma Reed, Dr. Libor Ondras, Greg Binger perform Lyric Quartet musical portrait of *Three Friends*

The Cummings Quartet is a northern Michigan based ensemble of professionals who also perform with the Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra and Traverse City Philharmonic. Named after the benefactors of the Dorothy Gerber Strings Program, the quartet serves as

teachers and artistic representative of the Gerber program through the region. Many students of the Gerber Strings program have lessons in the lower level of Christ Church each week. We are grateful to provide classrooms for this wonderful program. Blaise Sytsma Reed and her sister Lena, are an example of these dedicated students.



Blaise Sytsma Reed

Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra Young Artist Competition

Blaise Sytsma Reed was awarded the Young Artist Competition on violin. She performed with the professional Cummings Quartet on February 9, 2025.

Lyric Quartet—Musical Portrait of Three Friends
— *William Grant Still, 1895-1978*
Movement 1 - The Sentimental one
Movement 2 - The Quiet One
Movement 3 - The Jovial One
String Octet in Eb Major—Presto
— *Felix Mendelssohn 1809-1847*

March



OFFERINGS

March 2, 2025 @ 4p.m.

Steve Stargardt Trio to perform in sanctuary
with reception to follow in parish hall

March 16, 2025 @ 4p.m.

Eric Hemenway of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians
Presentation: Odawa in the 20th Century in the sanctuary
with reception to follow in parish hall

OPEN to the public at NO COST, sponsored by the Taylor Series at Christ Church.

A Prayer Found in Chester Cathedral

*Give me a good digestion, Lord,
And also something to digest.
Give me a healthy body, Lord,
With sense to keep it at its best.*

*Give me a healthy mind, good Lord,
To keep the good and pure in sight
Which, seeing sin, is not appalled,
But find a way to set it right.*

*Give me a mind that is not bored,
That does not whimper, whine or sigh.
Don't let me worry over much
About the fussy thing called I.*

*Give me a sense of humor, Lord,
Give me the grace to see a joke;
To get some happiness from life,
And pass it on to other folk.*

Ministry Schedule **MARCH**

2025

Ministry	<i>Sunday March 2</i>	<i>Sunday March 9</i>	<i>Sunday March 16</i>	<i>Sunday March 23</i>	<i>Sunday March 30</i>
OT Lesson & Psalms The Epistle	Steve Hall	Stephanie Peters	Mark Andresky	Lea Peak	Tom Kirinovic
Prayers	Tricia Drenth	Barb Wilson	John Fiedorek	Linda Wertz	Gary Stutzman
Ushers	Betsy Collier Don Collier	Susan Flanders Brownie Flanders	Marge Kirinovic Tom Kirinovic	Ellie Nicol Sharon Witucki	Mark Andresky John Fiedorek
Intinction	Morning Prayer	Betsy Collier	Morning Prayer	John Fiedorek	Morning Prayer
(LEM) Chalice	Morning Prayer	Rick Wertz	Morning Prayer	Betsy Collier	Morning Prayer
Acolyte	Brownie Flanders	Rick Wertz	Roger Peak	Roger Peak	Dorothy Miller
Altar Guild	Linda Wertz Dorothy Miller	Susan Flanders Deb Stutzman	Ann Bahr Linda Wertz	Rachel Sytsma Reed Betsy Collier	Marge Kirinovic Peggy Nattermann
Coffee Hour & Fellowship	Deb Stutzman Gary Stutzman Shirley Gibson	Marge Kirinovic Amy Russell Sharon Witucki	Betsy Collier Ellie Nicol Stephanie Peters	Available	Kathy & Jack Weber Ann Bahr
Vestry Duty	Barb Wilson	Linda Wertz	Bev White	Dorothy Miller	Kathy Boyer

Gratitude is the memory of the heart.

- Jean Massieu

Ash Wednesday 2025

Date: March 5, 2025, Time 5:30pm



March 5, 2025
at 5:30 pm

Celebrant: Rev. Peggy Nattermann

Preacher: Mark Heydlauff

OT Lesson & Psalms..... Mark Andresky
The Epistle

Prayers of the People Susan Flanders

Ushers..... Don Collier & Ellie Nicol

Intinction Brownie Flanders

Chalice..... Rick Wertz

Acolyte Rick Wertz

Altar Guild..... Betsy Collier & Dorothy Miller

Vestry Duty..... Betsy Collier

Holy Week Services 2025



Mauandy Thursday *April 17, 2022 @ 5:30pm*

OT Lesson & Psalms Steve Hall
& The Epistle

Prayers Susan Flanders

Ushers Marsha Hall & Ellie Nicol

Intinction John Fiedorek

LEM (Chalice) Brownie Flanders

Acolyte Brownie Flanders

Altar Guild Betsy Collier & Dorothy Miller

Vestry Duty Linda Wertz

Holy Week Services 2025



*Friday April 18, 2025
@ 12 Noon*

OT Lesson & Psalms Rick Wertz
& The Epistle

Prayers..... Linda Wertz

Ushers Brownie & Susan Flanders

Crucifer Roger Peak

Altar Guild Ann Bahr & Deb Stutzman

Vestry Duty Kathy Boyer

Ministry Schedule **APRIL**

2025

Ministry	<i>Sunday April 6</i>	<i>Sunday April 13</i>	<i>Sunday April 20</i>	<i>Sunday April 27</i>
OT Lesson & Psalms The Epistle	Dan Sytsma Reed	Steve Hall	Mark Andresky	John Fiedorek
Prayers	Tricia Drenth	Susan Flanders	Steve Hall	Stephanie Peters
Ushers	Marge Kirinovic Tom Kirinovic	Don Collier Rick Wertz	Marsha Hall Sharon Witucki	Don Collier Betsy Collier
Intinction	Brownie Flanders	Rick Wertz	Betsy Collier	John Fiedorek
(LEM) Chalice	Betsy Collier	Brownie Flanders	Rick Wertz	Dorothy Miller
Acolyte	Roger Peak	Brownie Flanders	Rick Wertz	Brownie Flanders
Altar Guild	Ann Bahr Deb Stutzmas	Betsy Collier Dorothy Miller	Susan Flanders Linda Wertz	Marge Kirinovic Peggy Nattermann
Coffee Hour & Fellowship	Ann Bahr Stephanie Peters David Loving	Marsha Hall Barb Wilson Sharon Witucki	Betsy Collier, Susan Flanders, Marsha Hall Margie Kirinovic	Deb Stutman Gary Stutzman Shirley Gibson
Vestry Duty	Marge Kirinovic	Barb Wilson	Linda Wertz	Bev White

*What lies behind you and What lies in front of you,
Pales in comparison to what Lies inside of you.*

– Ralph Waldo Emerson