



*St. Dominic CYO*  
*January 2023 Newsletter*  
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**Reminders in the New Year**

1. Follow us @stdominiccyo on **Instagram** and **Twitter!** We are on **Facebook** too.
2. **Review the newsletter** (print from the website if needed) regularly during the month so you won't miss out on opportunities.
3. **Be a leader and be first among your friends to commit** to activities – and if you say you're coming then keep that commitment.
4. **Attend at least one activity per month** if you're able
5. **Sign up by published deadlines!**
6. **Don't forget your permission slip** for events away from St. Dominic
7. Commit yourself to attending a **service project** this spring
8. Attend **Spring Retreat** in March!



**2023 Summer Trip**

The 2022 Summer Trip will be from July 17-22, 2023, to Walt Disney World, and possibly include a day at Universal Studios Orlando. Remember that priority trip registration will go to those CYO members who have attended at least three monthly meetings and one service project between October 2022 and April 2023. Attendance at a CYO retreat is given added consideration to improve your eligibility. Members who do not participate in CYO activities during the year are not guaranteed a place if we reach capacity. Registration information will be available in the spring.



2021 Disney Summer Trip photo

**Confirmation Reminders**

Thanks to all who attended the Winter Retreat in December. If you did not, you are required to attend the Spring Retreat on March 24-26.

All candidates should remember to work on their 6 service hours and not wait until April.

Classes are February 5 and 26; March 5 and 19; April 2 and 16. The make-up date for any one absence is April 23.

**TEC Retreat**

Current juniors and seniors are invited to apply for the next TEC (Teens Encounter Christ) retreat being held January 14-16, 2023, at Rosaryville (near Pontchatoula.) TEC is a great opportunity to deepen your relationship with Jesus, meet new people, and experience a faith community. For more information and to register go to [www.tecneworleans.com](http://www.tecneworleans.com). Let Johnny know if you plan to register; partial scholarships from St. Dominic may be available.

**2023 Mission Trip Possibility**

CYO is considering bringing back the Service/Mission Trip to Catholic HEART Workcamp in Summer 2023. The trip includes 2 days of travel, 4 days of service, and a day for local touring. CHWC is a week-long service experience with daytime housing repair and/or social agency work, evening faith-building activities, and one local sightseeing day. It is open to any CYO member finishing 8th grade or older. For Jesuit students who will be juniors in 2023-2024, CHWC may count toward 60 of your 100 service hours; talk to Johnny. Learn more about the CHWC at [www.heartworkcamp.com](http://www.heartworkcamp.com). There will be a brief presentation at the February Monthly Meeting and we ask interested persons to e-mail [info@stdominiccyo.org](mailto:info@stdominiccyo.org) of their interest by February 15. That will determine whether we take further steps.





## Mass and Monthly Meeting

Date: Sunday, January 8, 2023

Time: 5:30 PM Mass with meeting from 6:30 PM – 8:15 PM

Place: Mass in Church; Meeting in St. Dominic Gym

FOR MASS: For the 5:30 PM Mass, we will need 9 ushers, 1 reader, and 3 Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Ministers. Please let Amelia Bernard know if you can help. We will train lectors or ushers if you do not have prior experience.

FOR THE MEETING: There will be complimentary King Cake on arrival (instead of pizza this month) followed by board reports. Then we will welcome **Mike Patin** to share a message and activities about growing our relationship with God. Mike blends stories, humor, and audience participation for an always memorable time. Mike’s recent visits to us include the January 2022 Monthly Meeting, the Spring 2021 Retreat, and the 2020 June Monthly Meeting. Mike is by far our membership’s favorite guest speaker so you don’t want to miss this meeting!



CYO SWEATSHIRTS WILL BE ON SALE AT THE MONTHLY MEETING – all sizes in both crewneck and hoodie are available but quantities are limited. Sweatshirts are \$25 each. If you want to reserve one in advance of the meeting, send us an e-mail but it will only be held till January 8<sup>th</sup>.

*If you plan to attend, help our planning by signing-up by 12 Noon on January 8<sup>th</sup> by texting to 504-445-8345 or e-mailing [info@stdominiccyo.org](mailto:info@stdominiccyo.org). If you have detailed questions, call Johnny at 504-813-3003.*



## Coffee & Christ

Coffee & Christ is a monthly gathering that includes prayer, Bible-study and discussion on faith-related topics. It’s hosted by the Peer Ministry Team and open to ALL teens. All you have to do is show up!



Thursday, January 12, 2023, from 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM at Nola Beans (bring \$ for refreshments)

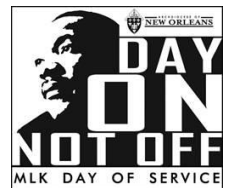
## Archdiocesan Youth “Day On Not Off” Service Day

Date: Monday, January 16, 2023 (Martin Luther King Jr. Day)

Time: 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Place: service location will be assigned by archdiocese and communicated to those who sign up with CYO; we hope to be at City Park or a Catholic Charities site; lunch provided

Bring: special permission form (available on website and will be e-mailed to those signing up)  
event is FREE



The Archdiocese of New Orleans is sponsoring a youth “Day On Not Off” in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day so that in the spirit of Dr. King we are working to improve our community through service. This is an outstanding opportunity to join with other youth groups in service. You can also fulfill any service requirement for trips, Confirmation, or school.

*If you plan to attend, you must sign-up by January 6<sup>th</sup> by texting to 504-445-8345 or e-mailing [info@stdominiccyo.org](mailto:info@stdominiccyo.org). If you have detailed questions, call Johnny at 504-813-3003. Please note this early deadline is due to a deadline set by the archdiocese.*



## March for Life Trip to Washington, DC

CYO members will travel at part of the archdiocesan youth trip from January 17-22, 2023, to Washington, D.C. to participate in the annual March for Life. The trip includes the Louisiana Right to Life “Geaux Forth” youth rally, time at the Basilica of the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Mass at the St. John Paul II Shrine, the March for Life, and area Washington sites such as the Smithsonian Museums.

## Pelicans’ Basketball Game

Date: Saturday, January 28, 2023

Time: Meet at St. Dominic Aquinas Hall at 6:00 PM

Return to St. Dominic Aquinas Hall at 10:30 PM

Place: Smoothie King Center

Bring: \$25 for game ticket, permission form (general/blank one,) and \$ for concessions/snacks (cash is not accepted in the Smoothie King Center, only debit/credit cards)



St. Dominic and St. Pius X CYO’s have a block of tickets for this game versus the Washington Wizards. Join us for a great night of cheering on the Pelicans.

*If you want to attend please sign-up by texting CYO at 504-445-8345 or e-mailing [info@stdominiccyo.org](mailto:info@stdominiccyo.org) by January 22. If you have questions to discuss, call Johnny Smestad at 504-813-3003. We have a limited number of tickets and an order deadline with the Pelicans. No shows will be charged!*

## Leadership Meetings

Youth Board – Wednesday, January 4, 2023, at 6:30 PM

Peer Ministry Team- Wednesday, January 11, 2023, at 6:30 PM

CORE – Monday, January 16, 2023, at 6:30pm

Froshmore Leadership Team – Monday, January 16, 2023, at 7:30 PM



## Spring Outlook – more dates to be added

February 3 Service at Mardi Gras Madness Family Bingo

February 5 Mass & Monthly Meeting

February 9 Coffee & Christ @ 6:00 PM at Nola Beans

March 5 Mass & Monthly Meeting

March 9 Coffee & Christ @ 6:00 PM at Nola Beans

March 11 Service at MS (Multiple-Sclerosis) Walk for the Cure (morning)

March 24-26 Spring Retreat at Holy Spirit Hall, Fairhope, Alabama

April 2 Mass & Monthly Meeting

April 13 Coffee & Christ at 6:00 PM at Nola Beans

April 15 Service at St. Dominic Parish Fair

## 2023 Boys' Basketball Games



Team Roster: Daniel Burke, Matthew Cashio, Caden Catanzaro, Blake Couvillon, Grant Goings, Owen Karl, Kevin LaGraize, Christian Lang, Noah Lang, Matthew LeBlanc, Mateo Mencos, Brendon Nuss, Quinn Rosenstein, Nicholas Rosevally, Reed Ruggles, Michael Welsh, Aeric Wender

Coach: Dr. Jeff Schott

Games: Archdiocese will release schedule on January 9 and forwarded to our team members; games will begin January 17.

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