



*St. Dominic CYO
February 2023 Newsletter*

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Youth Minister's Message

I hope that everyone has had a good start to 2023. February will be a "short" month for CYO programming due to Mardi Gras events, holidays, and travel that will occupy many of our members and most of our leadership for the latter two weeks of February. This means that the February Monthly Meeting is the prime event this month. The meeting does not have a guest speaker this month. We will have community-builder games, presentation on summer travel opportunities, and the 2022 Slide Show. As we move into March, I hope that you are able to take advantage of at least some of the opportunities that the Youth Board has planned. I encourage you to be at the monthly meetings, to participate in at least one service project, and to be at Spring Retreat. That sense of belonging that each of us seeks is only possible when we are active in the CYO community, and so take advantage of the many great opportunities for faith, friends, service, leadership, and more. God bless!



Spring Retreat-Save the Date!

Our next retreat is on Friday, March 24, 2023 - Sunday, March 26, 2023, at Holy Spirit Hall on Mobile Bay in Fairhope, Alabama. The Peer Ministry Team has selected a Star Wars theme entitled, "May the Lord Be With You." Some 80 teens attended the Winter Retreat, and we want YOU to be part of that number for the Spring Retreat. Mark the date now!



Adoration "Teen Hour" Reminder

The Eucharistic Adoration Chapel in Aquinas Hall is open and the CYO is committed to the 7- 8 PM hour on Wednesdays. While there are members of the Youth Board and Peer Ministry Team there each week, we strongly encourage others to stop in for any amount of time for prayer before our Lord.



Service at Vacation Bible School

St. Dominic will hold Vacation Bible School for children on June 5-9, 2023, from 8:00 AM – 12:30 PM, and will need high school volunteers to assist. Current sophomores needing service hours for 2024 Confirmation should take note! If interested, e-mail Mrs. Elizabeth Talbot at etalbot@stdominicnola.org.



Communication Reminders

If you are not currently receiving text messages or e-mails from St. Dominic CYO, please send your updated contact information including cell phone number and e-mail address to info@stdominiccyo.org. Remember to CHECK your e-mail regularly! And follow us @stdominiccyo on Instagram and Twitter



Confirmation Reminders

Classes – Feb 5, 26; March 5, 19; April 2, 16
Rehearsal – April 24
Confirmation – April 25



Youth Employment Opportunities

If you are looking for part-time work after school or on weekends, businesses owned or managed by current and former CYO parents are looking for workers. For Nola Beans, contact Mrs. Danette Murrett at 504-267-0783. For Majoria's Drug Store on Metairie Road, contact Vic Welker or Clayleen Shirey at 504-835-7211.



Leadership Meetings

- Peer Ministry Team on Thursday, February 9, 2023, at 7:00 PM (after Coffee & Christ)
- Youth Board on Sunday, February 26, 2023, at 7:30 PM

Service at “Mardi Gras Madness” Family BINGO

Date: Friday, February 3, 2023

Time: 5:30 PM – 10:00 PM (service times)

Place: St. Dominic Gym

Dress: Casual with CYO blue T-shirt or CYO sweatshirt preferred



BINGO				
4	26	44	53	65
2	20	35	58	70
15	22	FREE	51	74
7	17	37	56	67
3	30	40	50	62

The parish Grandparents’ Club has requested our help running a family/grandparent Bingo night at St. Dominic. You can earn 5 service hours at this event. Volunteer space is limited.

If you want to attend, sign-up by February 2nd by texting to 504-445-8345 or e-mailing info@stdominiccyo.org. If you have detailed questions, call Johnny at 504-813-3003.

Service at Youth Rebuilding New Orleans

Date: Saturday, February 4, 2023

Time: 9:00 AM – 12 Noon

Place: YRNO house work site at 1100 Merrill Street in Algiers

Bring: \$10 YRNO fee, **special YRNO permission form from CYO website**, bottled water

Dress: Casual but work clothes that can get dirty/paint/etc.; you MUST wear closed-toe shoes – NO FLIP FLOPS; masks required

St. Dominic Young Adult Ministry and CYO will both be working on drywall and painting at this YRNO house construction site. Minimum age 15 for this service project. Transportation is on your own for this service event.

If you want to attend, sign-up by February 2nd by texting to 504-445-8345 or e-mailing info@stdominiccyo.org. If you have detailed questions, call Johnny at 504-813-3003. Volunteer space is limited by the service agency.

Service at St. Dominic School Mother-Son Bowling

Date: Saturday, February 4, 2023

Time: 1:30 PM – 4:30 PM

Place: Rock N Bowl

The school is sponsoring a Mother-Son Bowling event and needs volunteers to assist with admission, hosting, etc. You can earn 3 service hours. Volunteer space is limited.

If you want to attend, sign-up by February 2nd by texting to 504-445-8345 or e-mailing info@stdominiccyo.org. If you have detailed questions, call Johnny at 504-813-3003.

Mass and Monthly Meeting

Date: Sunday, February 5, 2023

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

Place: St. Dominic Gym

Bring: Pizza for sale; complimentary King Cake

We will need ushers for Mass so please see Amelia Bernard to help. The meeting will include:

- Community-building/icebreaker games
- 2023 Summer Trip information
- 2023 Mission Trip/Catholic Heart Workcamp information
- sharing by CYO members who attended the March for Life in Washington, D.C.
- 2022 Year-in-Review Slide Show

If you plan to attend, help our planning by signing-up by 12 Noon on February 5th by texting to 504-445-8345 or e-mailing 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, February 9, 2023, from 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM at Nola Beans (bring \$ for refreshments)

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 February.

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. There will be a brief presentation at the February Monthly Meeting and we ask interested persons to e-mail info@stdominiccyo.org of their interest by February 15. That will determine whether we take further steps.

Grad Trip



We are conducting a survey of eligible graduating seniors regarding interest and options for a Grad Trip on a Carnival Cruise in late May/early June as we did prior to the pandemic from 2003-2019. If there is enough interest and a consensus on dates, a registration flyer will be sent to eligible seniors.



2023 Boys' Basketball Games (remaining schedule)

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

<u>Date</u>	<u>Game Time</u>	<u>Place</u>
Monday, February 6	Double elimination play-offs at St. Catherine/time TBA	
Tuesday, February 7	Double elimination play-off game at St. Pius X/time TBA	
Monday, February 13	Double elimination finals at St. Catherine/time TBA	



2023 Co-ed Volleyball Sign-up

It's time to sign up for the spring co-ed volleyball team. We need at least 15 CYO members - guys and girls- per team. You must sign up by February 26 by e-mailing info@stdominiccyo.org. We must have an accurate team count to determine whether we will register one or two teams, so there will be no late sign-ups. Practice will begin after Mardi Gras and games take place approximately once a week in March and early April.

March-April 2023 Outlook (more to be added)

March 4	8 th Grade "Block" Party at Coconut Beach (evening)
March 5	Mass & Monthly Meeting
March 9	Coffee & Christ @ 6:00 PM at Nola Beans
March 11	Service at MS (Multiple Sclerosis) Walk Nola at Lafreniere Park (morning)
March 11	Car Wash (afternoon)
March 16	Service at St. Michael Special School
March 24-26	Spring Retreat at Holy Spirit Hall on Mobile Bay in Fairhope, Alabama
April 2	Mass & Monthly Meeting
April 14-15	Froshmore Camping Trip
April 13	Coffee & Christ at 6:00 PM at Nola Beans
April 15	Service at St. Dominic Fair