



*St. Dominic CYO*  
*March 2023 Newsletter*

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**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 March 5 by e-mailing [info@stdominiccyo.org](mailto: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. Games are approximately once a week in March and April.



**Spring Retreat this Month!**

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. Register now!



**Confirmation Reminders**

For juniors preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation, please remember these dates:

- Classes – March 5 & 19; April 2 & 16
- Last retreat option – March 24-26
- Rehearsal – April 24
- Confirmation – April 25

**2023 Mission Trip**

The CYO 2023 Mission Trip to Catholic Heart Workcamp is tentative for June 18-24, 2023. The trip flyer is being e-mailed to those who previously expressed interest. Contact Johnny if you are newly interested.



**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](mailto:etalbot@stdominicnola.org).



**2023 Summer Trip**

The Summer Trip to Walt Disney World & Universal Studios is July 17-22, 2023. Don't miss out on a great trip with your friends! The registration flyer is enclosed with this newsletter and available online. Deposits are due by April 2.



**Leadership Meetings**

Peer Ministry Team – March 9 drop in from 4-6pm at Aquinas Hall

CORE – March 6 at 7pm

**Adoration "Teen Hour" Reminder**

The Eucharistic Adoration Chapel in Aquinas Hall is open 24/7 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 encourage others to stop. This would be a great way to do the "prayer" part of Lenten prayer, fasting, and almsgiving!



**April 2023 – Save the Dates**

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| April 1  | Service Project TBA         |
| April 2  | Mass & Monthly Meeting      |
| April 13 | Coffee & Christ             |
| April 15 | Service at St. Dominic Fair |
| April 22 | Paintball                   |

## Kayaking

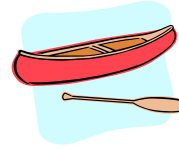
Date: Saturday, March 4, 2023

Time: Meet at Aquinas Hall at 8:30 AM

Return to Aquinas Hall by 2:00 PM

Place: Bogue Falaya in Covington (launch is behind The Chimes Restaurant in Covington)

Bring: permission form, \$30, and a bagged lunch meal; sunscreen and water



Canoe & Trail Adventures will coordinate our paddle down the Bogue Falaya on the northshore. Canoeing/kayaking experience is NOT necessary – they will provide guides as well as gear and instruction.

*If you want to attend, please sign-up by March 2<sup>nd</sup> by replying to the reminder text from/sending a text to 504-445-8345 or e-mailing [info@stdominiccyo.org](mailto:info@stdominiccyo.org). Call Johnny at 504-813-3003 with detailed questions.*

## Mass and Monthly Meeting

Date: Sunday, March 5, 2023

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

Place: St. Dominic Gym

Bring: Pizza available for \$1/slice with a drink



We will need ushers for the Mass so please see Amelia Bernard in the back of church to help. The meeting will include a PMT video promo for the Spring Retreat plus a talk and activity on making the most of Lent with guest speaker Kristen Hode from Mt. Carmel Academy.

*If you plan to attend, help our planning by signing-up by 12 Noon on March 5<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 reflection, 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! Attend as part of your Lenten observance!



Thursday, March 9, 2023, from 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM at Nola Beans (bring \$ for refreshments)

## 8<sup>th</sup> Grade “Block Party” at Coconut Beach

Date: Friday, March 10, 2023

Time: 7:00 PM – 9:30 PM

Place: Coconut Beach Sand Volleyball Complex in Kenner

Bring: \$10 event registration plus \$\$ for food/concessions

Dress: Hawaiian/tropical theme attire



CORE, your 8<sup>th</sup> grade leadership committee has planned a round-robin, rapid-fire co-ed volleyball tournament with 12-minute games and prizes for wins, spirit, theme attire, and more. You don't have to play volleyball to attend but event fee is the same. Mark your calendar and let's see who can *BLOCK* the best on the volleyball court!

*If you want to attend, sign-up by March 15<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.*

## Service at National Multiple Sclerosis Society WALK MS New Orleans

Date: Saturday, March 11, 2023

Time: 7:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Place: Lafreniere Park in Metairie; enter at Downs Blvd at Veterans -MEET THERE

Bring: CYO permission form AND National MS Society waiver (available in permission form folder on CYO website)

This is a NEW service project where we will provide important volunteer staffing for Walk MS: New Orleans, a fundraiser for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, a non-profit that provides research and support services for those battling MS. Johnny's own mother has lived with multiple sclerosis for many years, and perhaps some of our CYO members have family members or friends with it as well. Yes, this will be EARLY in the morning, but please consider signing up and help this worthy cause! You can earn 5 service hours (that's a one hour bonus due to the early time) for this event.

*If you want to attend, sign-up by March 9<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.*

## Car Wash

Date: Saturday, March 11, 2023

Time: CYO workers 12:30 PM– 4:00 PM; car wash is open 1:00 PM – 3:45 PM

Place: St. Dominic Schoolyard

Bring: sunscreen and bottled water for yourself



Come volunteer for a fun day with friends that raises funds for our charitable service projects!

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## Service at St. Michael Special School

Date: Thursday, March 16, 2023

Time: as soon as you finish school; 3:30 PM – 5:00 PM

Place: St. Michael Special School, 1522 Chippewa St, New Orleans, LA 70130

Bring: Permission form (use blank form from our website)



This is a very special service opportunity to work with the special needs students of St. Michael Special School as we assist with after-school recreation games. You must provide your own transportation to/from St. Michael's in Uptown New Orleans. Due to St. Michael's schedule there is not time for us to meet at St. Dominic. Please go directly to St. Michael's when you get out of school. School uniform attire is acceptable. Johnny will be waiting at the front entrance of St. Michael's.

*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 March 15<sup>th</sup>. If you have questions to discuss, call Johnny Smestad at 504-813-3003.*

## Service at Knights of Columbus Irish-Italian Dinner

Date: Thursday, March 16, 2023

Time: 6:30 PM – 9:30 PM

Place: Knights of Columbus Hall, 6254 Vicksburg Street

Dress: Wear CYO blue T-shirt if possible (call Johnny if you need one)



The Knights have been generous in accommodating our meetings in the hall and have asked the CYO to staff the serving line and bus tables at their Irish-Italian Dinner.

*If you can help, sign-up by March 15<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.*



## Spring Retreat: *May the Lord Be With You*

Late arrivals/early departures are permitted but you will be on your own for transportation.



Date & Time: Meet at Aquinas Hall on Friday, March 24 at 6:00 PM  
Return to Aquinas Hall on Sunday, March 26 at 3:00 PM

Place: Holy Spirit Hall located directly on Mobile Bay in Fairhope, Alabama; the center features conference room/dining hall, a chapel, and dorm style lodging with bunk beds and bathrooms with private showers.

Bring: permission form, \$120 (cash or check; Confirmation candidates have already paid), and the following personal supplies: clothing, sleeping bag or sheets/blanket, pillow, towels, soap/shampoo/etc., snacks; contact Johnny if cost is an issue.

The Peer Ministry Team is working on another great retreat get-away under a Star Wars-inspired theme, "May the Lord Be with You." The retreat will invite us to reflect on strengthening our relationship with God. There will be small group time, recreation and games, free time, confession and Eucharistic Adoration, Mass, and a campfire.

***Because we must finalize transportation, lodging, and meals, you MUST submit the permission form and non-refundable payment to the Church Office by Sunday, March 19<sup>th</sup>.***

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