



St. Dominic CYO

June 2024 Newsletter

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TEC Retreats



Two Archdiocesan Teens Encounter Christ (TEC) Retreats will be held this summer on June 22-24 and July 27-29, at Rosaryville. Minimum age is completed 10th grade. TEC is an outstanding opportunity to grow in your relationship with Jesus in a community of other older teens from around the archdiocese. Visit www.tecneworleans.com for information and applications. St. Dominic CYO can offer financial assistance.

Summer Trip Meeting

Summer trip participants and a parent should plan to attend a trip meeting on Monday, June 24, 2024, at 7:00 PM in the gym.

New Peer Ministry Team



Congratulations to those making up the 2024-2025 CYO Peer Ministry Team, the group that plans and leads the annual CYO retreats. Members are Margaux Amedee, Meredith Attardo, Jonathan Brockhoff, Noah Burgau, Sophia Canatella, Lily Frangiques, Andrew Frey, Grant Goebel, Cecille Guste, Ellie Habetz, Claire Hasney, Baxter Hebert, Sydney Hughes, Darian Joachim, Drew Lalla, Christian Lang, Noah Lang, Mille McDaniel, Wyatt Mire, Ella Pitisci, Nicholas Rosevally, Kennen Santos, and Patrick Talbot.

The 2024-2025 Peer Ministry Team will have its first summer gathering for prayer, team-building, and fellowship on Sunday, June 23 in the afternoon or evening; location to be announced.

The team training will be August 4-5 at the William J. Kelly Retreat Center in Bay St. Louis.

Welcome New Members!

The CYO welcomed some 82 new members who just completed 7th grade. (And more will continue to join in coming weeks!) High School students may always join year-round.

Congratulations to Fr. Austin Barr

Congratulations to newly ordained Fr. Austin Barr, who was ordained to the priesthood on June 1. He did his deacon internship at St. Dominic in 2023. He will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving on June 23 at St. Dominic.

Summer Calendar

The 2024 Summer Calendar is enclosed with this June newsletter and is on the website. Mark your calendar so you don't miss out!



Adoration "Teen Hour" Reminder

The CYO is committed to the 7- 8 PM hour on Wednesdays at the Adoration Chapel in Aquinas Hall. While there are members of the Youth Board and PMT there each week, we encourage others to stop in for any amount of time in the Lord's presence.



Cabbageball League

St. Dominic CYO will have two cabbageball teams playing in the archdiocesan league. The full game schedule is at the back of this newsletter. All team members will receive e-mail and text updates with schedule information. League information will also be kept updated on the Athletics page of www.stdominiccyo.org. Games begin the week of June 3 and will be held on weekday nights.



Celebrating Johnny's 28 Years as Youth Minister



Johnny began serving as Youth Minister at St. Dominic in January 1997; he will conclude his service at the end of June in order to take up a position with the Diocese of Nashville in Tennessee. To celebrate these years of service, please join us on Saturday, June 8, 2024, for the 4:00 PM Mass in the church followed by a reception afterwards in the gym from 5:00 PM till. All parishioners are invited, and St. Dominic CYO alumni are especially invited to attend as we look back on nearly 28 years of CYO.

Mrs. Linda Pippenger needs current CYO members to volunteer to help at the reception. If you would like to earn service hours from 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM at the reception in the gym, please e-mail info@stdominiccyo.org or text 504-445-8345 by June 6th.

Mass and Monthly Meeting

WELCOME

Date: Sunday, June 9, 2024

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

Place: Meeting in St. Dominic Gym

Bring: Pizza will be available for \$1/slice with a soft drink; member who joined before May should bring their renewal dues and forms that are being mailed separately to you

The meeting includes a tribute slide show to our high school graduates with a look back at their five years in CYO, review of our summer calendar, prayer and icebreaker games to welcome our newest members that just completed 7th grade.

If you want to attend, please sign-up by texting CYO at 504-445-8345 or e-mailing info@stdominiccyo.org by 12 Noon on June 9th. If you have questions to discuss, call Johnny Smestad at 504-813-3003.

Summer Social: Evening Prayer, Dinner, & Sky Zone

Date: Wednesday, June 12, 2024

Time: 5:30 PM – 9:00 PM

Place: Meet at St. Dominic (schoolyard pavilion) at 5:30 PM

Return to Aquinas Hall on Memphis Street at 9:30 PM

Bring: St. Dominic permission form, \$30, AND parents must sign the Sky Zone waiver online at www.skyzone.com/metairie

We will begin at St. Dominic with a pizza dinner, summer prayer service in the chapel, and then bus transportation to Sky Zone in Metairie.

If you want to attend, please sign-up by texting CYO at 504-445-8345 or e-mailing info@stdominiccyo.org by June 10th. If you have questions to discuss, call Johnny at 504-813-3003.



Service at City Park



Date: Thursday, June 20, 2024

Time: 8:45 AM – 11:15 AM

Place: Meet at the City Park Volunteer Office on Harrison Avenue (Scout Island) in City Park; this location in the park may be updated when we are assigned our specific work location.

Bring: City Park waiver (from www.stdominiccyo.org) plus bottled water and sunscreen

Attire: clothes that can get dirty/paint; closed-toe shoes required

City Park relies on volunteers to supplement their staff in keeping the park beautiful for all to enjoy. Our tentative assignment this day will involve painting over graffiti in the park. You can earn 3 service hours for school, Confirmation, etc. at this.

If you want to attend, please sign-up by texting CYO at 504-445-8345 or e-mailing info@stdominiccyo.org by June 18th. If you have questions to discuss, call Johnny at 504-813-3003.

Car Wash Fundraiser

Date: Saturday, June 22, 2024

Time: 8:30 AM – 12:30 PM (car wash is open 9am – 12 Noon)

Place: St. Dominic Schoolyard



The CYO is sponsoring a car wash fundraiser to support our service events and retreats. We need members to volunteer. Tasks include waving signs on Harrison Avenue, washing cars, etc.

If you want to attend, please sign-up by texting CYO at 504-445-8345 or e-mailing info@stdominiccyo.org by June 20th. If you have questions to discuss, call Johnny at 504-813-3003.

Water Park Trip

Date: Monday, June 24, 2024

Time: Meet at Aquinas Hall at 8:00 AM

Return to Aquinas Hall at 5:00 PM

Place: Gulf Islands Water Park in Gulfport

Cost: \$45 for admission and transportation; you must bring additional money for lunch

Bring: regular CYO permission form (blank from the permission form folder of the website downloads page,) swimsuit, towel, sunscreen, \$ for food



Join us for a fun day at the water park!

If you want to attend please sign-up by texting CYO at 504-445-8345 or e-mailing info@stdominiccyo.org by June 21st. The deadline is required for our group rate. If you have questions to discuss, call Johnny Smestad at 504-813-3003.

CYO Cabbageball Games



TEAM 1 (High School Graduates and Rising 10th and 12th Graders)

Date	Time	Place
Wednesday, June 5	8:00 PM	St. Edward
Monday, June 10	8:00 PM	St. Dominic
Thursday, June 13	8:00 PM	St. Dominic
Thursday, June 20	8:00 PM	St. Dominic
Monday, July 15	8:30 PM	St. Benilde
Thursday, July 18	8:00 PM	St. Dominic

TEAM 2 (Rising 9th and 11th Graders)

Date	Time	Place
Wednesday, June 5	7:00 PM	St. Edward
Monday, June 10	7:00 PM	St. Dominic
Thursday, June 13	7:00 PM	St. Dominic
Thursday, June 20	7:00 PM	St. Dominic
Thursday, June 27	8:00 PM	St. Dominic
Thursday, July 11	7:00 PM	St. Dominic

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Summer 2024 Activities

*Draft 6/1/24 Events subject to change
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June 9	5:30 PM Mass & 6:30 PM Monthly Meeting	evening
June 12	Summer Social: Evening Prayer, Dinner, & Sky Zone	evening
June 20	Service at City Park	morning
June 22	Car Wash	9:00 AM
June 23	2024-2025 Peer Ministry Team Gathering	afternoon
June 24	Gulf Islands Water Park	8:00 AM
June 24	Summer Trip Meeting	7:00 PM
June various	Archdiocesan CYO Cabbageball League Games	evening
July 10	Summer Social: Dinner, Clue Carre, and Evening Prayer	evening
July 14	5:30 PM Mass & 6:30 PM Monthly Meeting	evening
July 16-20	Summer Trip to Chicago	
July 21	2024-2025 Peer Ministry Team Summer Gathering	evening
July 23	Summer Twilight Retreat	evening
July 26	Service: Multi-CYO Rose Rally for Life Lock-In	9pm/overnight
July various	Archdiocesan CYO Cabbageball League Games	evening
August 4-5	Peer Ministry Team Training Retreat in Bay St. Louis	
August 11	5:30 PM Mass & 6:30 PM Monthly Meeting/Youth Board Election	
August 15	Coffee & Christ at Chateau Coffee Cafe	6:00 PM
August 17	28 th Annual End of Summer Lock-out	7:00 PM
August 25	Youth Board Orientation	afternoon
Sept 8	5:30 PM Mass/Board Installation & 6:30 PM Monthly Meeting	

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minimum age completed sophomore year; visit www.tecneworleans.com

CYO Cabbageball Games throughout June and July; check schedule on website

Activities may be added or changed; always check the online calendar and current
monthly newsletter at www.stdominiccyo.org for most up to date information.