



St. Dominic CYO
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Newsletter
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Greetings from the New Youth Minister Courtney Jansen

When Johnny called me in the spring to tell me that he had accepted a job in Nashville, TN as the Director of Clergy and Pastoral Support, I felt a range of emotions. I was excited for him and this new opportunity. I was worried about the future of St. Dominic CYO because I know personally of the impact it has had on thousands of high school students in his 28 years of ministry in the parish and without Johnny in charge, what would St. Dominic CYO be?! I was also curious if I was the right person to continue the legacy. After many conversations with Johnny, Fr. Paysse, my husband and others, I accepted the job knowing I have big shoes to fill.

My time in St. Dominic CYO gave me the foundation to take on leadership roles in college. It gave me a faith foundation necessary to navigate the good and bad times in my life. My involvement in CYO as a student and volunteer also showed me that a career in ministry was something that I could do.

Proverbs 3:6 tells us that "In all your ways be mindful of the Lord, and he will make straight your paths." I am very thankful that my path has led me back to St. Dominic CYO. I am excited to get started and to work with all of you, building upon the strong foundation that Johnny and previous members CYO have built!

Membership Renewal Notice

Membership renewals are being mailed during July. Renewal dues of \$45 and new medical/image release forms will be due to the Church Office by July 31, or brought to any CYO event during July. The packet is available now on the website. We want you to remain involved in CYO so please pay attention to this and be on the lookout for instructions. Renewal does NOT apply to anyone who has joined since May 2024.

Event No-shows

This is a reminder that if you sign-up for an event that has a \$ cost and cancel after the sign-up deadline or don't show up, you will still be responsible for the event fee. Many vendors such as Sky Zone, Laser Tag, Clue Carre, etc. require an advance guaranteed headcount. When you don't show up, CYO is still charged for you.

TEC Retreat

All teens who have completed 10th grade or later are invited to attend a Teens Encounter Christ Retreat on July 27-29 at Rosaryville near Ponchatoula. This is an especially great opportunity for recent graduates before you begin college. Visit www.tecneworleans.com to register.

Youth Board Meeting

Wednesday, July 10, 2024
4:00 PM
Aquinas Hall



Peer Ministry Team Gathering

The 2024-2025 Peer Ministry Team will have its second summer gathering for prayer, team-building, and fellowship on Sunday, July 21, 2024, from 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM; location to be announced. Team members should check their e-mail for further information.



2024 Summer Trip to Chicago

This is a reminder for everyone going on the Summer Trip to Chicago is from July 16-20, 2024, that the trip is THIS MONTH! Don't forget to check the packing list carefully! We will notify you when trip T-shirts have come in. We are looking forward to a great time! Please call Courtney at 504-319-8862 if you have any last minute questions!



28th Annual Lock-Out Preview

Please mark your calendar now for the Annual End of Summer Lock-Out, which will be from 7:00 PM on Saturday, August 17, 2024, till 7:00 AM on Sunday, August 18, 2024. You must renew your CYO membership in order to attend the Lock Out. The Youth Board is working on a great line-up so mark your calendar now. You don't want to miss this!

Summer Social: Dinner, Clue Carre, & Evening Prayer

Date: Wednesday, July 10, 2024

Time: Meet at Aquinas Hall, 6361 Memphis Street at 5:00 PM

Finish at Aquinas Hall at 9:00 PM

Place: Prayer Service in Chapel, followed by dinner stop, and then Clue Carre downtown with bus transportation.

Bring: \$40 (covers dinner, bus transportation, and Clue Carre)

We will have check-in at Aquinas Hall, a group prayer service in the chapel, then bus to dinner in Metairie, then bus to the downtown Clue Carre escape rooms where we have reserved all rooms just for CYO.

If you want to attend, please sign-up by texting CYO at 504-445-8345 or e-mailing info@stdominiccyo.org by June 9th. If you have questions to discuss, call Courtney Jansen at 504-319-8862. Space is limited by capacity at Clue Carre. No shows will be charged.

Mass and Monthly Meeting

Date: Sunday, July 14, 2024

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

Place: Meeting in St. Dominic Gym

Bring: *please bring your membership renewal (forms and \$45 dues) (this does NOT apply to those who joined since May 2024)

* optional \$1 per slice for pizza



Please see Kameron Callahan in the back of church if you can help at Mass with ushering/collection or the offertory. The meeting includes prayer, community-building activities, and more. Some 135 members attended the June meeting, so let's see all of you there again!

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Summer Twilight Retreat: Dive Deep into Faith

Date: Tuesday, July 23, 2024

Time: 5:00 PM – 10:00 PM

Place: Louisiana Children's Museum in City Park

Bring: \$40 (covers retreat program and dinner) and permission form (blank from website)



The CYO Peer Ministry Team is planning an evening mini-retreat where we can take advantage of summer down time to "Dive Deep into Faith." **We will take over a portion of the Louisiana Children's Museum after they close to the public and enjoy this unique space and the beauty of City Park as our venue.**



Retreats are about two things: growing in our relationship with God and growing in Christian friendships with one another. **The time will feature two witness talks by older teens sharing on their faith journey, small group discussion and games, a scavenger hunt, and more!** Dinner will be provided.

If you've been on the CYO Winter or Spring Retreat, you know **this is not to be missed.** If you haven't been on those, this five hour experience is a great way to get a glimpse of a CYO retreat to help you decide about the weekend ones during the school year.

If you want to attend, please sign-up by texting CYO at 504-445-8345 or e-mailing info@stdominiccyo.org by July 21st. This deadline is required by the caterer. If you have questions to discuss, call Courtney Jansen at 504-319-8862.

All CYO Rose Rally for Life Lock-in/Service Project

Date: Friday, July 26, 2024 – Saturday, July 27, 2024

Time: Meet at St. Angela Merici (enter yard on Melody St) at 8:30 PM

Finishes at St. Angela Merici at 6:00 AM

Place: St. Angela Merici Parish in Metairie

Bring: bottled water, snacks, a folding chair, and spending \$\$ for food

Dress: Casual but please wear a CYO T-shirt if possible (blue, athletic, trips ~~any~~ are OK), also you may bring costumes/decorations for the "theme hours" during the night which include American patriotic, super heroes, Hawaiian, country western, and Disney.



The Rose Rally for Life is an all-night lock-in to raise funds for the pro-life Women's New Life Center. Ten CYO groups from around the archdiocese will be attending this all night event. Activities during the night include a continuous walking relay, a DJ, midnight Mass, a dance, theme hours, relay games and contests, and lots of food and fun. This should be a great evening of community building with other parishes for a great cause. You can earn 6 hours of service.

If you want to attend, you must turn in the permission form and \$20 (event registration) to the church office no later than Tuesday, July 23. Because we must register and pay for the group the next day and are NOT allowed walk-in registration, you MUST meet this deadline.

August Reminders

August 4-5 Peer Ministry Team training retreat

August 11 CYO Mass & Monthly Meeting

August 17 28th Annual End of Summer Lock Out



Cabbbageball Schedule – remaining games

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

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Place</u>
Monday, July 15	8:30 PM	St. Benilde
Thursday, July 18	8:00 PM	St. Dominic

TEAM 2 (Rising 9th and 11th Graders)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Place</u>
Thursday, July 11	7:00 PM	St. Dominic

Play-offs will be week of July 22

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