



December Mass & Monthly Meeting - Sunday, December 8

Time: 5:30 PM CYO Mass in church followed by a meeting from 6:30-8:15 PM in the gym

We will need ushers and gift bearers for Mass. Please see Sydney Hughes in the back of the church if you can help. Seniors who are Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are invited to serve as well.

Mass and Meeting Highlights include:

- Advent prayer reflection
- Cookies & Hot Chocolate provided by CYO
- Boys Basketball Signups
- Winter Retreat Preview
- Spring calendar survey

For planning purposes, please text "DECEMBER" to (504) 445-8345 or email info@stdominiccyo.org by noon on December 8 if you plan on attending.

Service at Take Paws/Stray Cafe - Saturday, December 21

Time: 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Place: Meet Take Paws Rescue (2730 Banks St.)

Bring: [CYO Permission Form](#)

Stray Café is run by the non-profit Take Paws Rescue as a calm and cozy space for rescue pups to interact, play, and snuggle with guests and potential adopters. You can learn more about the project at [here](#). We will be helping with animal care, organizing supplies, and other cafe upkeep tasks.

To RSVP, text PAWS to (504) 445-8345 or email info@stdominiccyo.org by Wednesday, December 18 to sign up.

Mass & NOLA Christmas Fest – Saturday, December 21

Time: 4:00 PM – 9:30 PM

Place: St. Pius X Church & Morial Convention Center (transportation provided)

Bring: \$25, [CYO Permission Form](#), money for concessions

In conjunction with St. Pius X CYO, we will begin the evening with a special Youth Mass of Thanksgiving for the end of the first half of the school year with Fr. Jonathan at St. Pius X. Afterwards we will head to NOLA Christmas Fest for indoor ice skating, rides, Ice-Slide, Gingerbread Village, and more! Please note that the Convention Center is a cashless venue so please bring a credit/debit card for concession purchases.

To RSVP, text FEST to (504) 445-8345 or email info@stdominiccyo.org by Saturday, December 14 to sign up.

NOLA Christmas Fest requires us to do advanced, online group ticket purchases so you must RSVP by the deadline. *No-shows will be charged.*

Paintball – Monday, December 23

Time: 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Place: Paintball Command in Mandeville

Bring: \$40, [CYO Permission Form](#), Paintball Command online waiver

Your fee will include all paintball gear, unlimited CO2 air, full use of the fields, and 500 paintballs per person. You must bring the CYO permission form AND complete the Paintball Command online waiver that will be sent to all who register.

To RSVP, text PAINTBALL to (504) 445-8345 or email info@stdominiccyo.org by Friday, December 20 to sign up.

Winter Retreat: "Buddies with Christ" – Saturday, December 28 – Sunday, December 29

Time: Meet at Aquinas Hall on Saturday, December 28 at 9:00 AM, Return to Aquinas Hall on Sunday, December 29 at 2:00 PM

Place: Camp Abbey Retreat Center

Bring: [CYO Permission form](#), \$85 retreat fee (scholarships are available, Confirmation candidates have already paid), clothing, sleeping blanket or sheets, towel, soap/shampoo/etc., snacks

The best way to spread Christmas cheer is singing loud for all to hear... on Winter Retreat! The Peer Ministry Team has planned a fantastic retreat with the them "Buddies with Christ." Using references from the movie *Elf*, we will explore how to be more joyful, grow in friendship with Christ, and how the people you surround yourself with can help you with that!

Since we have to arrange transportation and guarantee attendance to Camp Abbey, you **MUST** submit a permission form & payment to the Church Office by *Monday, December 23*.

Saint Dominic Parish Mission

The St. Dominic Parish Mission is this week, December 2-5, 2024 with Fr. Ken Geraci. He will speak on the theme "Why Be Catholic." The mission is for people of all ages and levels of faith. On Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, the presentation will be from 7-8 PM. On Thursday, Fr. Ken will celebrate Mass at 7 PM followed by a reception in the Siena Room. All parishioners are invited to attend one or all nights!

January Save the Dates

- Saturday, January 4 - Service at St. Dominic Epiphany Party
- Friday, January 17 - Pelican's Game
- Sunday, January 19 - Mass & Monthly Meeting
- Tuesday, January 21-Sunday, January 26 - March for Life in Washington DC

More events and details to be added!

Summer Trip Save the Date!

Save the date!! The annual CYO Summer Trip will be from **Thursday, July 10-Tuesday, July 15, 2025**. This year's trip will be to Orlando and will include 3 park days in Walt Disney World and 1 park day in Universal Orlando. More information will be published soon!

Remember that the first priority for summer trip goes to members who have attended at least 3 monthly meetings and one service project between October 2024 and April 2025. Attendance at a CYO retreat gives you automatic eligibility for summer trip.

ATHLETIC UPDATES

Boys' Basketball

Boy's Basketball will begin in late January but sign-ups are happening now! Anyone wanting to play must sign up by December 22. You may not play CYO basketball if you are on the roster of a JV or Varsity high school team.

Games are in January and February and take place about once a week on a weekday night. Please do not sign up if you are not consistently available on week nights in January and February.

Text BASKETBALL to (504) 445-8345 or email info@stdominiccyo.org by Sunday, December 22 to sign up.