



### DECEMBER UPCOMING EVENTS

#### December Mass & Monthly Meeting - Sunday, December 14 (NEW DATE)

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

*Please Note: The date has changed from the previously advertised date!*

We know exams are coming up, so this month's meeting is all about helping you get ready! Join us for Hot Chocolate & Homework — a quick meeting with just a few short board updates (including the big reveal of our Summer Trip destination!) followed by time to hang out, sip hot chocolate, and get some studying done with friends.

If you are interested in serving in one of the various ministries during Mass, please contact Anna Holloway or speak to her before Mass.

For planning purposes, please text "DECEMBER" to (504) 445-8345 by noon on December 14 if you plan on attending.

#### Service at New Orleans Women & Children's Shelter - Wednesday, December 17

**Time:** 4:00–8:00 PM

**Place:** New Orleans Women & Children's Shelter (2625 Iberville St.)

**Dress:** Blue CYO Shirt or school uniform

**Transportation:** On your own

The residents at New Orleans Women & Children's Shelter are some of the recipients of the Angle Tree at St. Dominic. They are asking for help on Wednesday, December 17 to help kids "shop" for their parents and wrap the gifts from the donations received from St. Dominic and others. **All volunteers must be at least 15 years old. Space is very limited.**

To sign up, please text "GIFTS" to (504) 445-8345 by Monday, December 15.

### Pelicans vs. Mavericks Game with SPX CYO - Monday, December 22

**Time:** 6:15–9:30 PM

**Place:** Smoothie King Center (pick up and drop off at St. Pius)

**Transportation:** School Bus

**Cost:** \$35 (includes transportation & game ticket)

Together with St. Pius X CYO, we will head to the Smoothie King Center to watch the New Orleans Pelicans take on the Dallas Mavericks! Bring money for food & concessions.

To sign up, please text "PELS" to (504) 445-8345 by Friday, December 19

### Winter Retreat: "God Lights Your Torch" - December 27-28

**Time:** Saturday, December 28 at 9:00 AM – Sunday, December 29 at 2:00 PM

**Place:** Camp Abbey Retreat Center (pick up and drop off at St. Dominic School yard)

**Transportation:** School bus

**Bring:** Clothing, sleeping blanket or sheets, towel, soap/shampoo/etc., snacks

**Cost:** \$88 (Confirmation candidates have already paid, scholarships are available)

This year's Winter Retreat theme, "**God Lights Your Torch**," brings the spirit of the Winter Olympics to our weekend together. The Peer Ministry Team has designed an inspiring and energetic retreat focused on how God strengthens, guides, and "lights" us to carry His love into the world.

Throughout the retreat, students will explore how to deepen their relationship with Christ, discover the teammates who help them grow in faith, and learn how to run — or ski, skate, and sled — the race God has set before them with joy and purpose.

It's shaping up to be a powerful and unforgettable weekend. Let God light your torch!

To sign up, you must [complete the registration form linked here by Tuesday, December 23](#).

### Christmas Service & Social: Christmas Carols at Summer House & Laser Tag at Game On - Tuesday, December 30

**Time:** 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

**Place:** Summerhouse Vista Shores Assisted Living (5958 St Bernard Ave.) & GameOn (2421 Veterans Memorial Blvd.) (pick up and drop off at St. Dominic)

**Cost:** \$30 (includes 2 rounds of Laser Tag, pizza, game card and transportation)

Spread the cheer then gear up! Meet at St. Dominic then travel to Summerhouse Vista Shores Assisted Living (where Dcn. John Pippenger is currently living) to sing Christmas Carols with the residents. After that, we will head to GameOn for lunch, games, and Laser Tag. Drop off and pick up is at St. Dominic with transportation provided to each location.

To sign up, please text "CHRISTMAS" to (504) 445-8345 by Friday, December 26.

## AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

### Archdiocese of New Orleans Ministry Night - Monday, December 14

**Where:** CYO Office (2241 Mendez St., New Orleans, LA 70112)

**When:** 6:30-9:00 PM

This month is the second "Summit: High School Ministry Nights" sponsored by the CYO Youth & Young Adult Ministry Office. This is an Archdiocesan-wide high school ministry nights, similar to the campus ministry nights that take place at many of our local Catholic high schools. The night will focus on bringing together young people from across the Archdiocese in order to unplug from the constant noise and distractions of the world around them, and invite them to spend time connecting with our Lord in the sacraments, and with each other in fellowship.

This month includes a dynamic local speaker, praise & worship led by John Finch, Eucharistic Adoration, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and time for fellowship with other young people from across the Archdiocese. Food will also be available for purchase.

No need to RSVP. Just show up!!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### New CYO Merch!

Just in time for Christmas, new merchandise shop for St. Dominic CYO is live! Customize your color and size and have your order shipped right to you. New styles will be added. [Click here to shop!](#)

### Knights of Columbus Coats for Kids

The St. Dominic Knights of Columbus will be conducting a coat drive in support of the Coats for Kids program. Collections boxes will be in the foyer of St. Dominic Church until December 14, 2025.



## ATHLETICS

### Boys' Basketball

Boy's Basketball will begin in late January but sign-ups are happening now! Anyone wanting to play must sign up by the December Monthly Meeting. 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.

Text BASKETBALL to (504) 445-8345 or email [info@stdominiccyo.org](mailto:info@stdominiccyo.org) by Sunday, December 21 to sign up.

### Girls' Basketball

The CYO Office is exploring the option of a Girls' Basketball league this season! If at least 3 parishes form teams, there will be a season. If you are interested, Text BASKETBALL to (504) 445-8345 or email [info@stdominiccyo.org](mailto:info@stdominiccyo.org) by Sunday, December 21 to sign up.

### **PLAN AHEAD**

### Leadership Meetings

- Youth Board - Thursday, December 11 from 6:00-7:00 PM in the Siena Room
- Peer Ministry Team - Thursday, December 18 at 1:30 PM in the Siena Room

### January Save the Date

Saturday, January 3 - Service at Pastor's Epiphany Party Tuesday, January 13-Thursday,

January 15 - Parish Retreat (evenings from 6:00-7:00 PM)

Sunday, January 18 - Mass & Monthly Meeting

Monday, January 19 - MLK Day On, Not Off

Tuesday, January 20-Sunday, January 25 - March for Life in Washington DC