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Welcome *home.*

July 13, 2022 | Weekly Newsletter

Dear Christ the Redeemer Parishioners,

Parish Listening Session | Last week, I talked about a parish survey leading up to the Synod on Synodality. In addition, I am hosting an open-parish listening session following 4:00 PM Mass this Saturday. I am sorry for the short notice. I was supposed to talk about this, this past weekend; however, it got lost in the shuffle surrounding my quarantine. We will begin around 5:15 PM and continue going until everyone has had the opportunity to voice their thoughts. A parish survey is still coming.

Confession Times | Christ the Redeemer will be celebrating the funeral for Mr. Jackie Naquin at noon on Saturday. Confessions will follow as soon as possible after the funeral.

Youth Formation Registration is Live | Registration is live from July 11 until August 11.
<https://www.ctr-htdiocese.org/youth>

One-Day VBS | Thank you! There were over 40 youth disciples who attended our bible camp. A special thanks to those who made this day possible: our adult and teen volunteers, donors, and ED White Catholic High School.

Wedding Anniversary Celebration | Registration for the diocesan wedding anniversary celebration is open. If you are a registered member of Christ the Redeemer and are celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or beyond wedding anniversary in the 2022 calendar year, we want to celebrate with you by inviting you to participate in the diocesan wedding anniversary celebration this fall. Please contact our office to register.

Sacraments of Initiation | Registration for both the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults and Adult Confirmation are open. RCIA is for those who are interested in becoming Catholic or would like to learn more about becoming catholic. Adult Confirmation is for those adults who were not confirmed as part of a youth formation program but are interested in continuing their sacramental journey. RCIA is arranged around your schedule. Adult confirmation begins on September 6th at 6:00 PM. Registration ends on August 15th. You can register for either program at 985.447.2013

Adoration Opening | I am looking for a committed adorer for Sunday at 7:00 AM as well as people who are interested in serving as alternates. The Holy Hour is an ancient practice of spending an hour with the Lord in the Eucharist. This privileged experience of the Lord in his sacramental presence offers us the opportunity to engage the living God face to face. Adorers commit to spending an hour in our adoration chapel. They are invited to pray, read scripture, or participate in their devotions during that time. Rosaries, bibles, and spiritual books are available. If you would like to commit to a time, please call 985.446.8662, 985.859.4874, 985.447.9363, or 985.209.8181.

Homebound Ministry | I am looking to populate my list for parishioners needing to have communion brought to their homes. Please contact our office if you or someone you know needs communion brought to their home. We are also looking to build back our ministry team. You can become part of this team by contacting our office.

House Blessings | Some of our parishioners have been able to get their damaged homes back together; while, many others are still in the repair process. I want to invite you to have your house blessed when you feel like it is ready. I generally set aside times for these kinds of things on a regular basis. So, if you would like your home blessed please contact our office for times and availability. Know that evening times will be in short supply.

Safe Environment | Thank you to all who completed their training for the 21-24 period. It is critical that we comply with the national commitment to certify all volunteers for Safe Environment. All previous certifications expired in 2021; therefore, all volunteers including ushers, liturgical ministers, and hospitality ministers must renew their certification to continue volunteering in our church. Current certificates will last until June 2024. Please check with our office if you are unsure about your certification. If you have not completed your certification, please do so as soon as possible. Here: hdiocese.safeenvironment.org/login/index.php. For anyone who is in need of assistance completing the certification process, please contact our office, and we will gladly help you get certified.

Thank you,
Fr. Alex Gaudet

Later this year in September, Christ the Redeemer will be hosting a *Wills Awareness* Seminar. In preparation for this event, I will be including some related articles each week.

Make Beneficiary Forms Work for You

The beneficiary forms associated with life insurance, retirement accounts, certificates of deposit, and other financial arrangements are often plain-vanilla, one-size-fits-all documents – especially forms made available online. But what if the forms don't fit your planning needs?

You should contact your account manager or customer service representative if you wish to name a trust as a beneficiary, or make a designation that goes beyond just the name of a person or organization. For example, it's possible to name Christ the Redeemer to receive part or all of your IRA in exchange for a charitable gift annuity payable to a surviving spouse or others. But special instructions would need to be included on a separate page attached to the beneficiary form.

Friends sometimes wish to leave Christ the Redeemer a particular dollar amount from their IRAs but find that the beneficiary forms permit IRAs to be divided up only by percentages or fractions. One solution is to state that we are to receive a certain percentage (25%, for example) "not to exceed \$50,000" (or some other dollar amount likely to be less than the stated percentage).

It's important to ensure that the company understands and consents to any special beneficiary language and to have your attorney look over these documents as well. Christ the Redeemer has partnered with the Catholic Foundation for our parish's legacy and Amy Ponson with the Catholic Foundation will be glad to provide you with appropriate language for naming us as one of your beneficiaries, simply give her a call at 985.850.3116 or call our parish office at 985.447.2013.

The Satisfaction of Memorial Giving

The passing of someone close to you is rightfully a time for remembrance, reflection, and recognition. Many people search for ways to commemorate the life of a husband, wife, dear friend, or family member – to make a lasting statement about what that person meant to them.

Donors often make gifts that stand as a memorial to a loved one and at the same time advance our mission in a meaningful way. How you decide to honor this special person is up to you. We encourage memorial gifts of all kinds, including bequests and distributions from living trusts in memory of loved ones. If you or your attorney would like suggested phrases for a memorial gift or bequest, please call or write our office.