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Welcome *home.*

January 4, 2023 | Weekly Newsletter

Dear Christ the Redeemer Parishioners,

Benedict XVI | The funeral for his Holiness Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI will be viewable on EWTN at 1:30 AM on January 5. It will replay at 1:30 PM and 8:00 PM on the same day.

Blessed Epiphany Chalk | At Mass this weekend, we will have blessed chalk with instructions for an epiphany celebration in your home. Please take only one per household.

CYLA Scholarship | The Catholic Youth Leadership Award is a \$300 scholarship made available through the Knights of Columbus council 8906. Visit louisianakc.org/programs/cyla/ for applications. The application deadline is Wednesday, January 25.

Contributions Statements | 2022 Annual Contribution Statements are being prepared and will be mailed to households no later than January 31, 2023. Once you receive your statement please verify it for accuracy. If you do not receive a statement or discover an error, please contact our office.

Rise Up: Men's Gathering | Our annual one-day conference for men will be on March 11, please save the date and start inviting others to attend. This is a great way to renew yourself as we head into the 2023 lenten season.

Married Couples Retreat | On March 16 - 19, 2023, Christ the Redeemer is hosting a Domestic Church Evangelization Retreat. This retreat is for married couples to help them grow in their catholicism and marriage. The retreat is held at the Lumen Christi Retreat Center. With church registration, the retreat cost is \$350. Registration is available at ctr-htdiocese.org/domestic-church-retreat

Men's ACTS Retreat | Christ the Redeemer Church is sponsoring our 4th annual Men's ACTS Retreat on March 30 - April 2 at the Lumen Christi Retreat Center. Registration will open soon.

Women's ACTS Retreat | Christ the Redeemer Church is sponsoring our 3rd annual Women's ACTS Retreat on April 20 - 23 at the Lumen Christi Retreat Center. Registration will open soon.

Formed | Are you looking for Catholic resources for the entire family? Sign up for FORMED. Christ the Redeemer has renewed our subscription so parishioners can enjoy this platform. To sign up go to formed.org/signup. Search for our parish by zip code.

Cold and Flu Season | Please, please, please, if you are sick, stay home. A rather nasty flu season is here that is making people seriously ill. Please be attentive to how you feel. If you are coughing, please stay home or wear a facemask.

Safe Environment | The Safe Environment Certification program is an effort by the Catholic Church to ensure the ongoing safety of children in our communities. The certification prepares our parishioners to identify and properly respond to signs that a child is a victim of abusive behavior. This prepares our parishioners to cooperate with local mandatory reporter laws. As part of this certification, the Church provides a background check for each volunteer.

Job Openings | Campus Custodian and General Maintenance Associate positions are open, and resumes may be submitted to ctrchurch@htdiocese.org or dropped off in our office at 720 Talbot Ave.

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 invite you to have your house blessed when you feel it is ready. 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.

Homebound Ministry | I am looking to populate my list of parishioners needing 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.

What do you want me to do for you? | These are the words of Jesus to the blind man on the way to Jericho. Sometimes we know the things we need to do but just lack the resource or connections to make them happen; sometimes, we don't even know where to start. Is there a sacrament that you want to receive? Do you want to get married? Do you need to get your marriage blessed? Do you need an annulment? Do you need counseling or just want some prayer or life advice? We do that. The relationship with Jesus also includes his church. We want to walk alongside you to help you get what you need from Jesus. Do you know someone who is struggling? Send them our way.

Thank you,
Fr. Alex Gaudet