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Welcome *home.*

August 10, 2022 | Weekly Newsletter

Dear Christ the Redeemer Parishioners,

Youth Formation Registration is Live | Registration for the 2022/23 formation year is open until tomorrow Thursday, August 11. Formation is for disciples grades 1 thru 11 including those Catholic School Students who want to participate in our sacramental preparation programs for 2nd, 10th, and 11th. <https://www.ctr-htdiocese.org/youth>

Children's Liturgy | I am proud to announce that Children's Liturgy will resume on Sunday, September 4 at 9:00 AM Mass. In anticipation of this kick-off, I am still looking for facilitators. You will hear more about this at 9:00 AM and 10:00 AM Mass this weekend.

Legacy Giving Seminar | Christ the Redeemer is partnering with St. Genevive to host a Legacy Giving Seminar on September 22 from 5:30 to 6:30 PM at the St. Genenvive Parish Family Center. Please save the date.

Youth Mentor Orientation | On Sunday, August 14 from 6 - 7:30 PM, we will host an orientation for all youth mentors. This orientation is also open to all who are interested in finding out more information about being a mentor for those who are on the fence.

St. Vincent de Paul Pharmacy | Did you know that our area has a charitable pharmacy? They take donations of unexpired, extra medicine to provide for the needs of those who are struggling to pay for their medications. For assistance call 985.872.2253. Medicine donations should be mailed to 201 Canal Street, Houma, LA 70360. On August 12, from 6:00 PM until 8:00 PM there will be a community cookout fundraiser at the Settlement in the Live Oak Neighborhood on Hwy 308. A \$10 bracelet includes a burger plate, face painting, and a petting zoo.

Domestic Church | August 18-21. This is a retreat for Sacramentally married couples that provides them with an opportunity to begin or deepen their spiritual journey together as well as an introduction to Domestic Church for those interested in formation with the Domestic Church movement. ctr-htdiocese.org/domestic-church-retreat

Grief to Grace | GtoG is a seven-week book study and small group experience for those experiencing all forms of grief. We are now accepting registrations for the next class. Please call our office to get signed up. Sessions are held on Tuesday evenings at 6:00 PM beginning on September 13.

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

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. 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.

Thank you,
Fr. Alex Gaudet

4 Benefits of Giving Life Insurance

Many people overlook life insurance as a giving option, but it's an easy way to make a difference at Christ the Redeemer. Plus, a gift of life insurance has the following four perks.

1. **Cost-Efficient** | Life insurance allows you to make a significant gift even if your means are limited today. By making small premium payments each year for a limited number of years, you can leave a gift of sizable proportions.
2. **Tax-Beneficial** | For an existing policy, you may receive a federal income tax charitable deduction. For a new policy, with the Catholic Foundation or Christ the Redeemer named as the owner and beneficiary, your premium payments may be deductible as charitable gifts.
3. **Secure and Confidential** | Your life insurance policy is a contract and therefore cannot be changed by unhappy heirs. If you make the Catholic Foundation or Christ the Redeemer the owner and beneficiary of the policy now, it will not be included in your probate estate and therefore will remain confidential.
4. **Helpful to Our Mission** | Life insurance gives you the option to make a gift with an asset other than cash, helping you to make a bigger impact than you may have ever thought possible.
 - Life Insurance Policies You Can Give
 - A recently issued policy
 - An existing policy in premium-paying mode
 - A paid-up life insurance policy

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