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March 16, 2022 | Weekly Newsletter

Dear Christ the Redeemer Parishioners,

St. Joseph Altar | An altar in honor of St. Joseph the Husband of Mary will be erected for public veneration on Saturday, March, 19th. Viewing will begin around 8:00 AM. The altar will be blessed following our 8:30 AM Mass for the Solemnity of St. Joseph. The altar will be available for viewing until 5:00 PM. This year's St. Joseph Altar is dedicated to Archbishop Shelton Fabre, the transition in our diocese, and for our next bishop.

Hike for Christ | I am proud to announce to you that Christ the Redeemer will be hosting the Hike for Christ this year. Please save the date for April 15 beginning at 9:00am until 4:00pm including the 3:00pm Good Friday Solemn Service. This is a day-long street way the cross and is an excellent way to satisfy your Good Friday.

Farewell Masses | The Diocese will be hosting several farewell Masses for Bishop Fabre next month.

1. St. Joseph, Chauvin - Thurs, March 17, 6:00PM
2. Cathedral of St. Francis de Sales - Sun, March 20, 2:00PM

Married Couples Retreat | Want to take your marriage to the next level? Want to learn a way to integrate your marriage with the Faith? Your marriage and your faith are not extraneous to you. They form the key pillars of our shared life in the primordial sacrament. The Domestic Church retreat seeks to address the place where faith and marriage meet to strengthen each other. The Domestic Church movement in cooperation with Christ the Redeemer is hosting a married couples retreat on April 7-10 at the Lumen Christi Retreat Center. For more information call 225.439.0734 or email stephtoups@gmail.com or register at ctr-htdiocese.org/domestic-church-retreat.

ACTS Retreats | A waiting list has been started for the upcoming ACTS Men's and Women's Retreats as they are both full. This is a good problem for us to have. Both retreats are asking for their fellow parishioners to offer prayers on behalf of the participants of the retreat during the retreat. There will be a link in the bulletin to signup to commit to an hour of prayer on their behalf.

Rice Bowl | Join our faith community and more than 12,000 other catholic communities across these United States in a transformative Lenten journey with the Catholic Relief Services Rive Bowl. Pick up your family's Rice Bowl from our information desk. During the Forty Days of Lent, we will reflect on global hunger and take action to help our sisters and brothers impacted by this injustice. Visit crricebowl.org to learn more.

Mercy Night | Each Wednesday during Lent, we will be having adoration together from 6pm until 7:30pm. I will be speaking about the Eucharist and ways to pray with it. Please come join us.

Way of the Cross | For each of the Fridays of Lent, the Way of the Cross devotion will be prayed in our church beginning at 5:30 PM. The Way of the Cross will be followed by Mass at 6:00 PM.

Confession | The following are special times for the sacrament of Reconciliation.

- March 16 @ 6:30 PM with Mercy Night
- March 23 @ 6:30 PM with Mercy Night
- March 29 from 8:00 AM until 12:00 PM
- March 31 from 4:00 PM until 8:00 PM
- April 1 from 8:00 AM until 12:00 PM
- March 31 from 4:00 PM until 8:00 PM with Mercy Night
- April 8 from 12:00 PM until 5:30 PM followed by Stations and Mass
- April 12 from 4:00 PM until 8:00 PM
- April 14 From 7:00 PM until 12:00 AM with the Altar of Repose.

Youth Formation | Our next gathering with our High School disciples is Sunday, March 27th at 6:00 PM at CTR. The next gathering for our 1st - 3rd-grade disciples is on Monday, March 28th, and begins at 5:30 PM. Second Graders will practice for First Communion in this class. The next gathering for our 4th & 5th-grade disciples is on Monday, April 4th, and begins at 5:30 PM. Our next gathering for our Jr. High disciples is Sunday, April 10th at 3:30 pm at ED White. Youth Rally 2022 will be hosted at ED White on April 9, 2022. This is a one-day youth conference for youth in 8th-12th Grade. More information coming to your e-mail.

Adoration | The Holy Hour is an ancient practice of spending an hour with the Lord in the Eucharist. This goes back to when the Lord invited Peter, Andrew, James, and John with him into the garden just before his final arrest. They could not even stay one hour with him. This privileged experience of the Lord in his sacramental presence offers us the opportunity to engage the living God face to face. For the time being, I am looking for three people to commit to one of the following times. An adorer is only committed to spending one hour in our adoration chapel. During that time you are invited to pray, read scripture, or participate in your devotions. For your convenience, there are rosaries, bibles, and spiritual books available to you. If you would like to commit to a time, please call 985.446.8662, 985.859.4874, 985.447.9363, or 985.209.818.

- Wednesday @ 7:00 AM & 8:00 AM

Hurricane Ida | More work is happening behind the scenes as we solidify the contract with our architect. We will be building plans for rebuilding soon. Please continue to be patient with me and this process.

Thank you,
Fr. Alex Gaudet