



St. Pius X CYO

June-July 2022 Newsletter

<https://parish.stpiusxnola.org/youth-ministry>

From the Youth Minister

Welcome to summer! I hope that these months out of school are an opportunity for rest and renewal. It's also a great opportunity to increase your involvement in CYO and enjoy occasions for faith, fun, and friendship. We welcomed over 30 new members who joined after finishing 7th grade. We continue to receive membership inquiries and our roster stands at over 75 members. Please consider inviting a friend to join CYO. As our membership continues to increase, we will be able to program an even bigger variety of activities.

This newsletter covers both June and July as well as contains the August activity dates so that you can plan ahead and participate in as many of our activities as you can. Another newsletter will be published repeating the July information and adding August details.

I want to especially call your attention to our Summer Retreat (plus Gulf Islands Water Park) happening on July 11-13, 2022. This will be a great chance to grow in faith, grow friendships, and make great memories! – *Johnny Smestad, Youth Minister*



CYO Monthly Meeting, Dinner & Sky Zone

Date: Monday, June 6, 2022

Time: Meet at St. Pius X Multi-Purpose Room at 6:00 PM; bus transportation will be provided to Raisin Cane's for dinner and then to Sky Zone. The bus will return to St. Pius around 11:00 PM.

Place: St. Pius X MPR, Raisin Cane's, and Sky Zone

Bring: CYO permission form and \$20 (covers dinner and Sky Zone); also a parent/guardian must complete online the Sky Zone waiver at www.skyzone.com/metairie

Due to Sunday scheduling conflicts, Father's Day in June, etc., members decided back in May that our June Monthly Meeting would be on Monday, June 6, 2022. After prayer and short business meeting to review the summer calendar and discuss future officer elections, we will travel by bus to Cane's for dinner, and then to Sky Zone where we will have the entire place to ourselves after it closes to the public.

If you want to attend, please sign-up by June 5th by e-mailing cyo@spxno.org or texting 504-608-1555. If you have questions, call Johnny at 504-813-3003.



Service at City Park

Date: Thursday, June 16, 2022

Time: 8:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Place: City Park – meet at the Volunteer Center on Harrison Ave/Scout Island in the park

Bring: Bottled water, gloves, CYO permission form (blank from website) AND special City Park waiver (also on website)

We will be mulching trails in the Couturie Forest and need lots of help. You can earn 3 service hours for school and/or Confirmation!

If you want to attend, sign-up by June 14th by texting to 504-608-1555 or e-mailing cyo@spxno.org. If you have detailed questions, call Johnny at 504-813-3003.



2022 Co-ed Cabbageball

St. Pius X CYO will have two cabbageball teams playing in the archdiocesan league. Mrs. Lea Miller will be the head coach. All team members will receive e-mail and text updates with schedule information. League information will also be kept updated on <https://parish.stpiusxnola.org/youth-ministry>

Both teams will practice from 5:30 PM – 6:30 PM on Wednesday, June 8 and Friday, June 10 at St. Pius X. Games begin the week of June 13 and will be held on weekday nights. The archdiocese will publish the game schedule around June 6th.

Paintball (with St. Dominic CYO)

Date: Tuesday, June 28, 2022

Time: Meet at St. Dominic Aquinas Hall, 6361 Memphis Street at 8:30 AM
Return to St. Dominic Aquinas Hall around 3:30 PM

Place: Paintball Command in Mandeville (will be closed to the public)

Bring: \$35 (includes all paintball equipment and lunch); CYO permission form



Parent must also complete the Paintball Command online waiver at this link:
<http://paintballcommand.easybooking123.com/waiver/117621>

READ CAREFULLY: Your paintball fee will include all paintball gear, unlimited CO2 air, full use of the fields, and 500 paintballs per person. You **MUST** bring the combined CYO permission form/Paintball Command waiver and complete the online Paintball Command waiver. Paintball Command will NOT let you play without their waiver.

If you want to attend please sign-up by texting CYO at 504-608-1555 or e-mailing cyo@spxno.org by June 26th If you have questions to discuss, call Johnny Smestad at 504-813-3003.



Summer Retreat & Gulf Islands Water Park

Date: Monday, July 11 – Wednesday, July 13, 2022

Time: Meet at St. Pius X Church at 2:00 PM on Monday, July 11
Return to St. Pius X Church at 5:00 PM on Wednesday, July 13

Place: William J. Kelly Retreat Center in Bay St. Louis, Mississippi
Gulf Islands Water Park in Gulfport, Mississippi

Cost: \$150 covers transportation, lodging, 5 meals, and water park admission

Bring: clothes for three days, swimsuit and beach towel, sunscreen, other toiletries, etc. You do not need to bring towels or bedding; these are supplied by this retreat center.



****If cost is an issue for retreat, please contact Johnny at 504-813-3003. The parish can assist if cost would prevent you from attending retreat.**

CYO members will be invited to develop a retreat theme that we will use for three short faith-based talks, small group discussion activities, and prayer opportunities. Retreat will also include free time, recreation such as beach volleyball on the bay, and an evening campfire.

The William J. Kelly Retreat Center is located two blocks from Bay St. Louis, and has a meeting room, chapel, cafeteria, and 30 bedrooms each with two twin beds with a private bathroom.

If you want to attend the retreat, please e-mail cyo@spxno.org or text 504-608-1555 AND drop the permission form and \$150 payment to the church office by July 1

CYO Monthly Meeting

Date: Sunday, July 17, 2022

Time: 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM

Place: St. Pius X Multi-Purpose Room

Our July meeting will feature a prayer opportunity, a guest speaker on using the summer for spiritual renewal, and games/activities. We may also be working on the new Youth Room! Pizza served as always!

So that we can order the right amount of food, if you plan to attend, please sign-up by 12 Noon on July 17th by texting CYO at 504-608-1555 or e-mailing cyo@spxno.org. If you have detailed questions, call Johnny Smestad at 504-813-3003.

Service: The Arc of Greater New Orleans

Date: Monday, July 25, 2022

Time: Meet at St. Pius X Church at 8:30 AM

Return to St. Pius X Church at 1:30 PM

Place: The Arc of Greater New Orleans, 925 Labarre Road, Jefferson

Bring: regular CYO permission form (from website) and \$ for lunch



The Arc of Greater New Orleans provides support services to people with developmental disabilities. Part of their funding comes through their Mardi Gras bead recycling program; volunteers (like us) sort and package Mardi Gras beads donated to The Arc, which are then resold. We will be sorting and packaging Mardi Gras beads this day.

If you want to attend, please sign-up by July 23rd by texting CYO at 504-608-1555 or e-mailing cyo@spxno.org. If you have detailed questions, call Johnny Smestad at 504-813-3003. Space is limited so don't wait to sign-up, especially if you need service hours for Confirmation or school!

All CYO Rose Rally for Life Lock-in/Service Project

Date: Friday, July 29, 2022 – Saturday, July 30, 2022

Time: Meet at St. Angela Merici (enter yard on Melody St) at 8:30 PM

Finishes at St. Angela Merici at 6:00 AM

Place: St. Angela Merici Parish in Metairie

Bring: bottled water, snacks, a folding chair, and spending \$\$ for food

Dress: Casual but please wear a CYO T-shirt if possible (blue, athletic, trips –any are ok); also you may bring costumes/decorations for the “theme hours” during the night which include American patriotic, super heroes, Hawaiian, country western, and Disney.



The Rose Rally for Life is an all-night lock-in to raise funds for the pro-life Women's New Life Center. Ten CYO groups from around the archdiocese will be attending this all night event. Activities during the night include a continuous walking relay, a DJ, midnight Mass, a dance, theme hours, relay games and contests, and lots of food and fun. This should be a great evening of community building with other parishes for a great cause. You can earn 6 hours of service.

If you want to attend, you must e-mail cyo@spxno.org or text 504-608-155 AND turn in the permission form (available from website) and \$20 (event registration) to the church office no later than Tuesday, July 26. Because we must register and pay for the group to St. Angela the next day and are NOT allowed walk-in registration, you MUST meet this deadline.

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SUMMER 2022 ACTIVITIES

Events subject to change

Please check your monthly newsletter at <https://parish.stpiusxnola.org/youth-ministry>

June 6	CYO Monthly Meeting plus Sky Zone	6:30 PM
June 16	Service at City Park	8:00 AM
June 28	Paintball Command	8:30 AM
June various	Archdiocesan CYO Co-ed Cabbageball League	
July 11-13	Summer Retreat in Bay St. Louis plus Gulf Islands Water Park	
July 17	CYO Monthly Meeting	6:00 PM
July 25	Service with The Arc of Greater New Orleans	8:30 AM
July 29	Service: Multi-CYO Rose Rally for Life Lock-In	9pm/overnight
July various	Archdiocesan CYO Co-ed Cabbageball League continues	
August 2	Eucharistic Adoration/Prayer Service plus Clue Carre	6:0 PM
August 13	Service Project to be announced	morning
August 21	CYO Monthly Meeting & Youth Board Election	6:00 PM

Archdiocesan TEC Retreats on June 25-27 and July 30 – August 1; minimum age completed sophomore year; visit www.tecneworleans.com

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