OFFICIAL APPOINTMENT

In order to provide pastoral care for the people of God of the Archdiocese of New Orleans, Archbishop Aymond has appointed Fr. Matthew Johnston as Defender of the Bond for Matrimonial Causes in the Metropolitan Tribunal, effective September 21, 2021.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Ministerial Council will meet at 10:00 AM on Thursday, October 7, 2021 at Notre Dame Seminary.

- The Catholic Community Foundation will honor Lloyd and Jan Tate with the 2021 St. John Paul II Award during a VIRTUAL event at 7:00 PM on Thursday, October 7, 2021. See p. 5 for more information.

- This year’s Women’s New Life Clinic Gala for Life will take place VIRTUALLY at 7:00 PM on Friday, October 8, 2021. Click here for more information.

- Mass for God’s Special Children will be celebrated at 2:00 PM on Sunday October 10, 2021 at St. Francis Xavier Church, Metairie.

- There will be a morning of reflection for parents of seminarians followed by a luncheon on Saturday, October 16 2021, at Notre Dame Seminary. Please keep these parents in your prayers as they support their sons’ formation and discernment.

- The Presbyteral Council will meet on Tuesday, October 19, 2021, at Notre Dame Seminary at 10:00 AM.

- True Presence Night with The Vigil Project will be held on Wednesday, October 27, 2021 at 7:00 PM at Our Lady of the Rosary Church, New Orleans.

- World Mission Sunday will be celebrated on Sunday, October 24, 2021 throughout the world. Please see the attached letter to share with your parishioners the weekend of October 16-17, 2021. You may download the letter here.

- Please include in the Prayers of the Faithful for the duration of the hurricane season: “That through the intercession of Our Lady of Prompt Succor we will be spared further damage to life and property during the hurricane season.”
Mark Your Calendars

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SECTION II
ACTION REQUESTED
Pastors and parish secretaries are asked to please ensure response and follow-up on the items below

Parish Mass Attendance Count for Annual Pastoral Report
In preparation for completing the Annual Pastoral Report in January, all parishes are asked to conduct the annual Mass attendance count on two weekends in October or November. You should choose weekends that are likely to have attendance that closely reflects your typical numbers of attendees at Mass. The data collected should be saved for inclusion in the Annual Pastoral Report when that document is made available. Please see the attached worksheet here.

Catholic Community Foundation Hosts Virtual ParishSOFT Ministry Scheduler Training
Another training opportunity! At 9 a.m. on Tuesday, October 12, Ryan Adams (CCF ParishSOFT & Data Coordinator) is offering Archdiocese of New Orleans parish staff members a virtual ParishSOFT training on how-to use your parishioners' time and talent wisely with Ministry Scheduler. Click here to register. You may also reach Ryan with training inquiries at radams@ccfnola.org or 504.527.5796.
SECTION III
PARISH PUBLICITY

Announcements below are made available for publicizing to parishioners via placement in parish bulletins, on parish websites and social media, or other appropriate means.

True Presence Nights

All are welcome to join Archbishop Aymond for an evening of Eucharistic Adoration at the regional True Presence Nights. Beginning this October, Archbishop Aymond along with The Vigil Project will lead five evenings of encounter with the True Presence of Christ in the Eucharist. The evenings will include adoration, benediction, and reflection as well as the opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Find the complete listing of dates online here or download the flyer to help share these incredible opportunities.

Archdiocesan Natural Family Planning Classes

With professional instruction, Natural Family Planning has proven itself to be safe, effective, and a moral way for couples to plan their families. It is a method which respects the meaning of human sexuality as God created it and thus marital love is enhanced and strengthened. This class series the Office of Marriage and Family Life is offering in the SymptoPro™ Method of Natural Family Planning will be conducted by Kelly Donahue of the Archdiocese of New Orleans. This series will be virtual by using Zoom. The dates of the class series are November 12, November 26, December 10, 2021, and January 7, 2022. The Zoom class hours are 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. You do need to attend all sessions. The cost is $105.00 and includes all classes and materials. Preregistration is required. Register online https://nolacatholicfla.regfox.com/sympto-thermal-nfp-course.

Christ in the City

The upcoming dates for Christ in the City are: November 2, and December 14. These evenings of Eucharistic Adoration for young adults in their late teens, 20s, and 30s, take place at the Chapel at Notre Dame Seminary [2900 N. Carrollton Ave.] on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm, unless otherwise noted. For more information, please contact James Behan, Associate Director for Young Adult Ministry and Marriage and Family Life, at yam@arch-no.org. Christ in the City is sponsored by the CYO/Youth & Young Adult Ministry Office of the Archdiocese of New Orleans.
SECTION IV

NEWS AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

Following is news and information of general interest to the local Church

St. Francis Xavier Church Presents Sarah Jane McMahon in Concert - Rescheduled Date Sunday, October 17

St. Francis Xavier Church (444 Metairie Rd, Metairie LA) announces the rescheduling of a Live Performance by acclaimed soprano soloist Sarah Jane McMahon on Sunday, October 17, 2021, at 3 p.m. Sarah Jane will perform a selection of favorites from Broadway, Opera and the Sacred Music tradition.

Sarah Jane McMahon performs leading roles with opera companies and symphony orchestras worldwide, and stars in theatre productions locally. Admission to the Concert is free. A Good Will Offering will be taken. For further info, see the attached flyer or contact St. Francis Xavier Church at 504-834-0340.

Saint Joseph Abbey Hosts Free Organ Performance

On Sunday, October 10th at 3 p.m., organist Matthew Buller will perform at Saint Joseph Abbey Church, located at 75376 River Road in Covington. The organ concert is free and open to the public. Buller, a two-time graduate of the Oberlin Conservatory of Music in Oberlin, Ohio, is Organist for Saint Joseph Seminary College and Assistant Organist for the Saint Joseph Abbey monastic community. For more information, contact Buller at bullerm@sjasc.edu or visit https://www.saintjosephabbey.com/organ-buller.

Women’s Retreat For Those Experiencing Infertility

The Archdiocese of New Orleans Office of Marriage and Family Life and Springs in the Desert are hosting a retreat for women experiencing infertility on December 3 – 4 at the ANO Retreat Center. Donations are encouraged to help defray costs, but no fee will be required to attend. Space is limited to allow for appropriate social distancing during the retreat. For more information and to register, Click Here. A flier designed for digital display is available HERE as well as a flier suitable for print HERE. Please consider posting these fliers where appropriate. Email mfl@arch-no.org with questions. Please also consider including the following in your parish bulletin:

Springs in the Desert Retreat for Women

Are you feeling alone, stuck and empty in your struggle with infertility? We understand because we’ve been there - and we want to be there with you, too. The Archdiocese of New Orleans and Springs in the Desert invite all women, wherever you are on the path of infertility, for an overnight retreat December 3-4, 2021. We’ll pray together and share our hearts as women who understand this unique and painful suffering, and are seeking the healing, freedom and fruitfulness that God wants to give us! Husbands are invited to join us for dinner and a short presentation on Saturday evening. No fee is required; donations will be accepted to help defray costs. More information at https://nolacatholicfla.regfox.com/springs2021
EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Job opportunities are currently listed on our HR page: https://nolacatholic.org/employment

Please refer to our Job-Link often and share with qualified referrals!

For any submissions or inquiries on the NolaCatholic e-Bulletin, please contact communications@arch-no.org.