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February 23, 2022

SECTION I
A MESSAGE FROM THE ARCHBISHOP

ANNOUNCEMENTS

• The Administrative Offices of the archdiocese will be closed on February 28—March 1, 2022, for the Mardi Gras holidays. The offices will re-open on Ash Wednesday, March 2, 2022.

• Ash Wednesday is March 2, 2022. Please remember the importance of fasting and abstinence on this day and a strong spirit of prayer, fasting, and charity throughout Lent. You received information from the Office of Worship with details.

• We will celebrate Mass for the 100th Anniversary of St. Ann Mission in Empire, LA on Saturday, March 5, 2022 at 4:00 PM.

• The Rite of Election and the call to Continuing Conversion will be celebrated at St. Ann Church and Shrine, 3601 Transcontinental Dr., Metairie, on Sunday, March 6, 2022, at 2:00 PM. The Rite of Election will also be celebrated at Most Holy Trinity, 501 Holy Trinity Drive, Covington, on Monday, March 7, 2022, at 7:00 PM.

• Men of the Archdiocese of New Orleans are invited to the 2022 Men’s Conference on Saturday, March 12, 2022 at 7:30 AM at St. Catherine of Siena Church, 105 Bonnabel Blvd., Metairie.

• Notre Dame Seminary Gala and Auction will be Saturday, March 12, 2022, at 7:00 PM with the Patron Party beginning at 6:00 PM. For more information or to purchase tickets, click here.

• Daylight Savings Time begins on Sunday, March 13, 2022.

• Mass, First Eucharist and Confirmation for God’s Special Children on the Northshore will be held on Sunday, March 20, 2022 at 3:00 PM at Our Lady of the Lake Church, Mandeville.

• The Altar Server Award Mass will be held Tuesday, March 22, 2022, at 5:30 PM at St. Rita in New Orleans.

• Confessions will be available in all parishes from 5:00 p.m. — 6:30 p.m. on the following Wednesdays during Lent: March 23, 2022, March 30, 2022 and April 6, 2022.
DEATHS

Sister Mary Alice Reitz, S.S.N.D. died on Saturday, February 5, 2022 at St. Anthony’s Gardens, Covington, LA. Sister taught at St. Gabriel School in New Orleans and served in Parish Ministry and Religious Education at Sacred Heart in New Orleans. A Memorial Mass was held on February 17, 2022. Sister is buried in the School Sisters of Notre Dame Cemetery in Chatawa. Please keep Sr. Mary Alice, the School Sisters of Notre Dame and her family in your prayers.

Father Leo A. Nicoll, S.J., died Feb. 16, 2022, in Grand Coteau, La. He was 90 years old, a Jesuit for 73 years and a priest for 60 years. Fr. Nicoll spent the greater part of his teaching career at Loyola University New Orleans. He was buried in the St. Charles College Cemetery in Grand Coteau. Please keep Fr. Nicoll, the Jesuit Community and his family in your prayers. May he rest in peace.

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

Lent and Easter Guidelines

Please review the guidelines for Lent, the Easter Triduum, and Easter, from the Office of Worship. This document contains important information regarding COVID protocols. The document can be found here: https://d2y1pz2y630308.cloudfront.net/16596/documents/2022/2/LENT%20AND%20EASTER%20GUIDELINES%202022.pdf

Lenten Events

As the Lenten season approaches, parishes of the Archdiocese of New Orleans are asked to consider completing the form at https://nolacatholic.org/submit-your-lenten-event so that parish missions, days of reflection, and other special Lenten happenings may be included as an archdiocesan Lenten resource.

Additionally, if your parish has scheduled Stations of the Cross this Lent, please submit that schedule online here: https://nolacatholic.org/submityour2022stationsofthecrossinfo. For more information or assistance, please email Sarah McDonald at smcdonald@arch-no.org.

Seminarian Education Fund

On March 19 and 20, the Archdiocese of New Orleans will host a very important second collection to raise funds to offset the costs of educating seminarians at Notre Dame Seminary and St. Joseph Seminary College. All funds collected will go directly to supporting the education and formation of the 30 men currently studying to be priests in the Archdiocese of New Orleans. The annual cost to fund one seminarian is $45,000, and this total is one of the largest budgetary items in the Archdiocese of New Orleans. Please continue to pray for these men and those who work with them on their priestly formation. Please give generously to this very important fund that will provide monetary support to those men who will minister to the people of God in New Orleans for many years to come. (Parishes are asked to insert this graphic (available online here) in their bulletins or use online the weeks of March 13 and March 20.)

Confirmation Scheduling for Fall 2022 and Spring 2023

Several weeks ago, the Office of Worship mailed a form for the scheduling of Confirmation for Fall 2022 and Spring 2022 to each parish. Pastors are asked to choose and indicate on the form THREE dates which are available in your parish for this celebration, in order of preference and return to the form to the Office of Worship no later than February 24, 2022.

Forms received in the Office of Worship after February 24, 2022 will not be considered for scheduling during the 2022-2023 confirmation cycle.

Please keep in mind that, for parishes with fewer than ten candidates for Confirmation, it would be helpful to combine with another parish. Should you initially expect a larger group and that number fall below ten, pastors should contact the Office of Worship so that the date can be moved to your regularly scheduled Saturday anticipated Mass or we can assist you in combining with another parish.

Please be sure to complete this form, even if you are not planning to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation during the Fall 2020 – Spring 2021 cycle. Please contact the Office of Worship with any questions 504-861-6300. The form may be downloaded here.
Altar Server Awards Mass

The Altar Server Awards Mass will be held on March 22, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. at St. Rita Church in New Orleans. If you have not sent in the blue card, which was mailed to all pastors requesting the name of your parish’s altar server of the year, please send it to Serran, Donald McKay, Jr., 1100 Poydras, Suite 1700, New Orleans, LA 70163. If you need more information, please call the Vocation Office at 504-861-6298.

Youth Leadership Celebration

It’s time once again to recognize leaders in youth ministry from around our archdiocese at our annual Leadership Celebration! This, of course, includes both young people as well as adult volunteers. Please spend some time in prayer and reflection, and then nominate those who have been outstanding Catholic leaders in your youth ministry programs.

This year’s Leadership Celebration take place on Saturday, April 9, 2022 at 10:00am and will be held at Transfiguration of the Lord Church (parking located at 2241 Mendez Street, New Orleans, LA 70122). Please be aware that the ceremony will not include Mass, and there will be no reception following.

A few important things to be aware of when considering your nominations:

It is important to note that every teen a parish nominates for Outstanding Parish Youth, or adult that a parish nominates for the Adult Service Award, will automatically receive these awards. These particular awards are a recognition by you/your parish of the person’s contribution to your ministry, and so they are honored by the Archdiocese if you simply put their names forward. Our office does not interview them, and the individuals do not fill out an application of any sort.

The Matt Hill Award and the St. Timothy Award are competitive awards, and not every young person nominated is guaranteed to receive these awards. There is a more involved nomination process for both of these awards, particularly for the St. Timothy Award, and all nominations are reviewed by a selection committee that ultimately determines which young people will receive these awards. Please make sure you carefully review the nomination criteria and process to be sure that young people you are nominating for these awards are genuinely deserving of them based on the nomination criteria. Please also make sure you allow for adequate time to submit fully completed nomination packets.

Recognizing teens & adults at the Leadership Celebration is a wonderful way to promote young servant leadership in your parish, and is a way for your parish to publicly highlight the sacrifices your young people & volunteers alike make in being leaders, good examples, and disciples within your parish. It’s also a great way for you to share with your parish community all the great things your ministry is doing! At a minimum ALL PARISHES should nominate young people for the “Outstanding Parish Youth” award to ensure that your parish is represented at the Celebration.

This year’s nomination packet, which includes further details and nomination information for each award, can be downloaded here.

All nomination forms must be submitted to the CYO Office no later than Monday, March 21, 2022 @ 5:00pm. Please do not hesitate to contact the CYO/Youth & Young Adult Ministry Office at (504) 836-0551.

St. Joseph Altar Schedules

The Feast of St. Joseph is celebrated annually on March 19, and in many parishes, schools, and ministries preparations for the traditional St. Joseph’s Altars are underway. All are invited to have the information about their parish, school, or ministry altar included in the listing of St. Joseph’s Altars in the Archdiocese of New Orleans. Please complete the form online here: https://nolacatholic.org/2022stjosephaltarsubmissions to submit your information. If you have any questions or need further assistance, please email Sarah McDonald at smcdonald@arch-no.org.

Friday Fish Fry Schedules

It is almost Friday Fish Fry time! Please submit your parish, school, or ministry Lenten fish fry schedule at https://nolacatholic.org/submit-your-fish-fry-info to be included in all archdiocesan communications regarding fish frys. For more information or assistance, please email Sarah McDonald at smcdonald@arch-no.org.
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.

UPCOMING DISCERNMENT RETREAT

Chosen: Diocesan Priesthood and Religious Life, June 3-5, 2022, St. Joseph’s Abbey in Covington, LA
All Men and Women 18 and Over Invited.
Come spend a weekend of prayer, discernment and fellowship with Diocesan priests, Seminarians and other Religious communities to discern your calling. Click here for the registration form.

FEATUREING THE FOLLOWING DIOCESAN AND RELIGIOUS COMMUNITIES:

Order of St. Louis Reminder for Pastors and Administrators
The deadline for nominations for the Order of St. Louis IX medallion is THURSDAY, MARCH 3, 2022.
Please email your nomination(s) to jfoltz@clarionherald.org or fax to (504) 596-3020.
It is suggested that there be one honoree chosen by a parish whose registered population is less than 1,000 families, and a maximum of two if the parish population exceeds 1,000 families. Husband and wife are considered one nominee. (Please remember, religious brothers and sisters, and permanent deacons, are not eligible to receive this award.) Any questions, please call coordinator Jonelle Foltz at (504) 596-3036.

Catholic Community Foundation Offers Lenten Giving Invitation for Your Parish, School, or Ministry
Welcome to the Lenten season! Now is a great time to keep your donors informed about how they can support your ministry. We invite you to insert the verbiage below on your website or in your bulletins, newsletters, and the like. For additional information on how donors can give through the foundation to help your ministry, please contact Catholic Community Foundation Executive Director Cory J. Howat at chowat@ccfnola.org or 504.527.5778.
As you examine your life during the Lenten season, you might find yourself reflecting on plans to care for your family should the unexpected happen. A Will allows you to choose how to distribute the assets that you have accumulated during your lifetime, and a charitable bequest in your Will provides the flexibility to use part of these assets for the charities that mean the most to you. You can have it both ways: Ensure the financial well-being of your family and provide for the nonprofits, just like [insert organization name], that you love.
If you’re interested in helping sustain our Catholic heritage for future generations, the Catholic Community Foundation (CCF) can help. Please contact CCF Executive Director Cory J. Howat at chowat@ccfnola.org or 504.527.5778 for more information about how to remember [insert organization name] in your Will.
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 March 4, March 18, April 1 and May 6, 2022. The Zoom class hours are 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. The cost is $105.00 and includes all classes and materials.

ANNULMENT WRITING WORKSHOP – ONE NIGHT SEMINAR

This one night seminar will answer everything you always wanted to know about Annulments but were afraid to ask. The Annulment Writing Workshop Ministry, a ministry of the Archdiocese of New Orleans Office of Marriage and Family Life, will be hosting the one-night seminar on Annulments on Tuesday, April 5, 2022, from 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. at St. Matthew the Apostle Church (10021 Jefferson Highway, River Ridge.) The Seminar, which will offer an overview of the process, is FREE & open to those seeking more information on having their previous marriages annulled. Deacon Drea Capaci is the speaker for the Presentation. Members of the Annulment Writing Workshop Ministry will be available to answer your personal case questions on a one-on-one basis at the end of the session.
Lenten Southshore Morning of Reflection

A special Lenten Morning of Reflection, sponsored by the Catholic Women in Action Committee of the Catholic Community Foundation, will be held on Tuesday, March 22, 2022 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 A.M. at Notre Dame Seminary. Very Rev. James A. Wehner, S.T.D., will both celebrate Mass and offer his reflection. Reservations are required. For more information and to R.S.V.P., please contact Kathi Zimmerman at 504.527.5794 or kzimmerman@ccfnola.org. Please see attached flyer here for more details.

Lenten Northshore Morning of Reflection

A special Lenten Morning of Reflection, sponsored by the Catholic Women in Action Committee of the Catholic Community Foundation, will be held on Tuesday, March 8, 2022 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 A.M. at Mary Queen of Peace Church in Mandeville. Rev. Beau Charbonnet will celebrate Mass. Denny Charbonnet will offer a reflection. For more information and to R.S.V.P., please contact Kathi Zimmerman at 504.527.5794 or kzimmerman@ccfnola.org. Please see attached flyer here for more details.

REFLECTIONS ON ST. JOSEPH: AN AFTERNOON OF REFLECTION FOR MEN

Saturday, March 19, 2022 | 12 - 3 PM CT

Are you a husband enduring a season of infertility alongside your wife and looking for a path forward? Come join the Springs in the Desert’s A Man’s Take Team as they kick-off the first in a three-part reflection series on how husbands, regardless of our fertility situation, can grow in relationship with our Lord, our wife, and our Church. Their first afternoon of reflection, “Reflections on St. Joseph: Growing with our Lord,” will explore how men can deepen their relationship with our Lord by meditating on the roles of St. Joseph as Leader, Dreamer, and Craftsman. Their virtual gathering takes place on the Feast of Saint Joseph, Saturday, March 19, from 12 noon - 3 PM Central, and it will feature talks as well as opportunities for discussion. Our Lord is calling us to a deeper personal encounter with Him. Draw closer to Him together! View an event flier linked here. Click here to register for Reflections on St. Joseph.

WALKING WITH CHRIST: A Desert Pilgrimage for Those In A Season of Infertility

Every Thursday in Lent (March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 & April 7) at 7:00 PM CT

If you struggle with infertility, you may feel like you’re on a lonely, desert pilgrimage. But you are not alone! During the season of Lent, the Team at Springs in the Desert invites you to join them as they reflect on those Saints and friends of Christ who walked with Him and witnessed His Passion: from the Blessed Virgin Mary to Mary Magdalene; Simon of Cyrene to Veronica; and the Women of Jerusalem to the Centurion. Each Thursday evening during Lent (from March 3–April 7), they will meet virtually at 7pm CT to pray, listen to a brief reflection, and build community through small group sharing. This FREE event for women and couples is a chance to enter more deeply into the Lenten spirit while gathering in prayer with others on this same path. View an event flier linked here. Click here to register for Walking with Christ.

CRS Rice Bowls

By now parishes and schools who participate in the Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl should have received your rice bowls. Rice Bowl is a great Lenten faith formation practice to increase your awareness of our need for global solidarity. CRS is active in 114 countries around the world addressing famine, natural disasters, education, and responding to violence. Your prayer and donations help ensure the livelihood of some of the most vulnerable people around the world. If you have not received rice bowls, or are still interested in participating, please contact Kevin Fitzpatrick at kfitzpatrick@ccano.org or (504) 592-5692.
Make Your Philanthropic Impact

You’re invited to foster generosity as a member of the Catholic Community Foundation’s Women’s Giving Circle. The WGC unites women to collectively raise awareness of and distribute funds to nonprofits whose missions reflect our Catholic faith and have an impact in our Greater New Orleans community. Members enjoy fellowship at events throughout the Lenten and Easter seasons to determine where their philanthropic impact will be invested. The year concludes with the opportunity to learn the impact of these grants in the fall. This year, the seventh since its founding in 2016, the Giving Circle hopes to exceed the $1,000,000 mark in grants awarded to archdiocesan and community organizations.

For information on membership levels or to join, visit www.ccfnola.org/womens-giving-circle or contact Kathi Zimmerman at kzimmerman@ccfnola.org or at (504) 527-5794.

BOOK SIGNING BY ARCHBISHOP ALFRED HUGHES

Archbishop Alfred Hughes will personally autograph his latest book Priests in Love with God and Eager to Witness to the Gospel at the Catholic Book Store on Saturday, March 5, from 11 AM to 1 PM. The book store is located at 3003 S. Carrollton Ave., at the corner of Fig and S. Carrollton, directly across from Notre Dame Seminary. Catholic Book Store: (504) 861-7504.

The Cenacle in Scripture

"The Cenacle in Scripture" is a series of four gatherings in March that will explore the events in Scripture that took place in the Upper Room, also known as The Cenacle. In the spirit of the three themes of Lent: prayer, fasting, and sharing, there will be prayer, Scripture, a simple meal, and an opportunity to help others. Each Monday, the same presentation will be offered before and after the meal, so that you may attend at the time that is most convenient for you. Cost is $20.00.

4:00 Presentation, 5:30 Simple Supper, 6:30 Repeat of Presentation

March 7 - The Last Supper
March 14 - The Post-Resurrection Appearances
March 21 - Pentecost
March 28 - Meeting God in the Cenacle

Please register online at neworleansretreats.com or contact Susan Halligan at (504)267-9604.

Registration link:https://neworleansretreats.com/march-7-the-cenacle-in-scripture

Lenten Reflections for Those Who Are Grieving

Join others who are grieving during Lent for five gatherings at the Archdiocese of New Orleans Retreat Center. Tuesdays March 8,15,22,20, April 5, 2022. 12:45-2:00 PM for Anyone who has lost a loved one, and from 6:30-8:00 PM for parents who have lost a child of any age. Cost is $20.00 for all sessions and materials. Please see the attached flyer for registration information.

Mystery of the Eucharist

Deacon Michael Whitehouse and Kevin Fitzpatrick will be offering three opportunities to discuss the U.S. Bishops’ document, The Mystery of the Eucharist. There will be a brief overview of the document by the presenters with time for table conversation about the implications of the document in our daily lives. The three presentations will be held:

- March 8, 2022 at St. Margaret Mary, Slidell at 7:30 pm
- March 29, 2022 at St. Clement of Rome, Metairie at 6:30 pm
- April 6, 2022 at St. Joseph the Worker, Marrero at 6:30 pm

For more information, please see the attached flyer.
SECTION IV
NEWS AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE
Following is news and information of general interest to the local Church

Archdiocesan Spirituality Center Lenten Retreat in Daily Life (Virtual)

Would you like to begin your Lenten journey with an at home retreat? Perhaps you would like to deepen your relationship with God and experience praying with scripture. This retreat is for experienced prayers and those just beginning in prayer. If God is nudging you about beginning spiritual direction, the Lenten Retreat is a wonderful opportunity to experience what spiritual direction is. Attend a virtual opening group session; spend time in personal prayer with Scripture for approximately 30 minutes each day; meet with a trained spiritual director weekly during the retreat (private session). Opening Sunday, March 6, 2:00pm-Closing Thursday, April 7, 7:00pm. Cost: $40.00 (Adjustments can be made.) To register on the web: [https://nolacatholic.org/registration](https://nolacatholic.org/registration), email: archspirctr@arch-no.org, or telephone (504) 861-3254. See attached flyer for more information.

Cannonball Conversations

"Cannonball Conversations," a lunchtime speaker series hosted by Immaculate Conception (Jesuit) Church in honor of the current international Ignatian Year, will welcome Director of the New Orleans Public Health Department, Jennifer Avegno, M.D., on Tuesday, March 8, at 12:30 pm. A physician and medical educator, Dr. Avegno is also a native New Orleansian who has labored for the last two years on the front lines in the city's response to the Covid pandemic. She will speak on the topic of Finding God in the ER and Beyond, following the noon Mass in the church, located at 130 Baronne Street. The 45-minute presentation will include time for Q&A at the end. "Cannonball Conversations" features prominent local voices talking about faith, finding your path, and changing the world. The event will also be live-streamed on the parish YouTube channel. Called for 2021-2022, the Ignatian Year commemorates the 500th Anniversary of St. Ignatius of Loyola's conversion and the 400th of his canonization. See the attached flyer for more details.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

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