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be the **light.** - matthew 5:14

## **Hello & welcome to our first SPX CYO Newsletter!!**

We have had a wonderful, BRIGHT start to our year and we hope to continue seeing the sparks fly with our teens at St. Pius X! There is a LOT of information in this email. Please read it thoroughly & respond where needed. (*The BIGGIES are registration & our Laser Tag Night! ...don't miss out!*) As always, contact us with any questions, ideas, or comments at all! You all continue to be in our prayers!!

*Joyfully yours -*

*Theresa Truxillo, SPX Director of Youth Ministry*

*& the Youth Ministry Committee*

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## REGISTER NOW FOR CYO!

Our kick off was a big success with over 80 people in attendance and over 200 BRIGHT ideas! Thanks for sharing your LIGHT with us!! Please click the gold button below and fill out a registration form so we are able to invite you to future events! Pass the word to your FRIENDS! The registration form can also be found on the SPX parish website. There is no joining fee this year. CYO is for students in grades 8 - 12. If you are a parent interested in serving on the Youth Ministry Committee - BLESS YOU!! Email [ttroxillo@spxno.org](mailto:ttroxillo@spxno.org) to be in that number or indicate your interest on your teen's registration form!

**REGISTER FOR SPX CYO NOW!**



**OCT. 15 - NEXT MEETING...**

## JOIN THE SPX CYO for Fellowship and Fun as we enjoy a night of LASER TAG!

Teens in grades 8 - 12 are invited to join us Sunday, Oct. 15 from 7 - 9 p.m. at Laser Tag of Metairie, 8855 Veterans Memorial Blvd, Metairie, LA 70003. We'll have a night of LASER LIGHT fun with team building games, pizza, soda, cupcakes, and more! This fun night for our CYO is being sponsored by a generous SPX family - so there is *NO CHARGE* for this event! Wow! Why wouldn't you join us?! Register by clicking the gold button below. *We sure hope to see you there!!*

### LASER TAG SIGN UP!



## MARCH FOR LIFE

The Archdiocese of New Orleans is once again offering a trip to the March for Life in Washington, D.C., Tuesday, January 16, 2018 (evening departure) - Sunday, January 21, 2018 (evening return)! Teens are encouraged to sign up for this life-changing pilgrimage with their high school, if possible. If you are interested in attending this trip and are unable to go with your high school, please contact Mrs. Theresa Truxillo no later than Oct. 6 for further information.

The trip includes the 45th Rally & March for Life, Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, the Capitol, Holocaust Museum, Smithsonian Museums, Lincoln Memorial, Supreme Court, opportunity to meet Louisiana Congressional Members, Geaux Forth Youth Rally, nightly prayer and youth ministry, and more! The total cost of the trip is \$625.

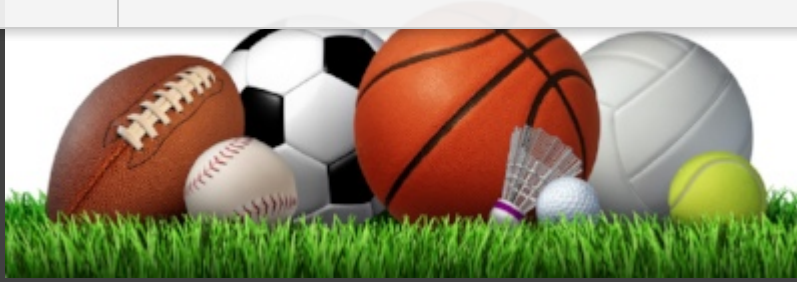


## WORLD YOUTH DAY!

This year's World Youth Day New Orleans, sponsored by the CYO/Youth & Young Adult Ministry Office, will be held on Sunday, October 22, 2017, at the Morial Convention Center. Thousands of teens from parishes and schools across the Archdiocese of New Orleans will gather to celebrate being the young Church, deepen their faith, pray together, and share time with Archbishop Aymond. Will you be in that number?

Visit [www.wydno.com](http://www.wydno.com) for more specifics on this special event.

Email [ttruxillo@spxno.org](mailto:ttruxillo@spxno.org) by Mon., Oct. 9 to register. Cost for the day is \$35, which includes a t-shirt. Lunch is available for an additional fee.



## CYO ATHLETICS

CYO Co-ed Fall Volleyball is going on now!

If you intend to play, please send your name, birthdate, & graduation year to [ttruxillo@spxno.org](mailto:ttruxillo@spxno.org) to be added to our insurance plan.

CYO Athletes also need to complete a **Medical Form**, which can be found on the parish website or [HERE](#).

SPX CYO currently participates in co-ed volleyball in the fall & spring and boys basketball in the winter. There are more opportunities, if we have the interest, and we will let you know as those come available! ALL CYO ATHLETES must complete the above information & forms to be eligible to play. Thanks & GO TEAM!!

### ***WANTED: COACHES!!***

MANY THANKS to Mr. Todd Bourgeois for coaching co-ed volleyball and being our CYO Athletic Director! We are seeking out some new faces for coaching as well!

Please contact us at [ttruxillo@spxno.org](mailto:ttruxillo@spxno.org) and [toddb@atlashose.com](mailto:toddb@atlashose.com) to get more information. It's a very rewarding way to get to know the teens in our parish & the commitment is not overwhelming.

### **CO-ED VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE:**

Tuesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> Location: St. Pius (SPX vs. St. Dominic Blue) – 7:00 PM

Thursday, October 5<sup>th</sup> Location: St. Angela (SPX vs. St. Ann) – 7:45 PM

Thursday, October 12<sup>th</sup> Location: St. Phillip Neri (SPX vs. St. Catherine Blue) – 7:45 PM

Tuesday, October 17<sup>th</sup> Location: St. Ann (SPX vs. St. Ann) – 7:45 PM

Thursday, October 19<sup>th</sup> Location: St. Dominic (SPX vs. St. Dominic Blue) – 7:45 PM



## CYO MUSIC MINISTRY

Ms. Kelly Cuppett has been working hard to get our Youth Music Ministry underway!

If you are interested in joining the group, please email her at [kcuppett@gmail.com](mailto:kcuppett@gmail.com).

This group will play at Sunday's 5pm masses once a month, & rehearse before mass. She wants to reiterate that you do not need formal music reading skills to join! All you need is an instrument, your voice, and a willingness to make a joyful noise. Please let her know if you intend to join and your instrument/voice so she can make sure she has enough music!

October 8- Rehearsal 3:30-4:30

October 29- Rehearsal 3:45-4:45  
5pm Mass

November 5- Rehearsal 3:30-4:30

November 12- Rehearsal 3:45-4:45  
5pm Mass

November 19- Rehearsal 3:30-4:30

November 20- Rehearsal 3:30-4:30

December 3- Rehearsal 3:45-4:45  
5pm Mass

## SERVICE HOUR OPPORTUNITIES

The **St. Pius X Fall Festival** is coming up Oct. 20 & 21 and there are many opportunities for teens to volunteer and get service hours! Please contact our



**Women's New Life Center** is seeking volunteers to help serve and man tables at their annual *GALA FOR LIFE*, Friday, Oct. 6, 2017 in the evening at club XLIV in Champions Square. Contact Mrs. Theresa Truxillo by Oct. 4 if interested.



## RETREAT OPPORTUNITY

At our brainstorming session, many students expressed an interest in attending a RETREAT with other Youth Groups around our archdiocese. FourTwelve, the CYO at Mary Queen of Peace Parish in Mandeville, LA, is planning just such a retreat!

The retreat is **November 10th-12th, at Camp Living Waters in Loranger, LA**. The theme of the retreat is *ALIVE: Embracing Your Cross!* Teens will come experience Christ in a new and profound way, while building new and authentic relationships with other teens on fire for God!

We are projecting 150-200 teens attending. We are working with other local youth ministers to plan this retreat. The cost of the retreat will be \$200. We have famous Steubenville Speaker and Hip Hop Artist, Oscar "Two Ten" Rivera, headlining our retreat! Local artist, John Finch & Band will be leading the worship for the retreat! In addition, Matt Bourgeois & I will be MC's and other speakers will be Jason Angelette, Lindsay Binder, Sr. Tracey Dugas & Colin MacIver!

**REGISTRATION IS OPEN!!!** There are a limited number of spots, so make sure to register as soon as possible, so you don't miss out on this life changing retreat! [Click Here to Learn More and Begin the Registration Process!](#)

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