



COMMUNITY OF CHRIST THE REDEEMER

"They shall be called the holy people, the redeemed of the Lord."

-Isaiah 62:12

December 2018

CALENDAR

12/2	OGCG at 10:30am
12/5	Youth Night
12/6	Formation Classes
12/12	Youth Night
12/14	Seasons of Life (SOL) Gathering
12/15	Emmaus
12/25	Christmas Mass
1/3	Formation Classes
1/6	OGCG at 10:30am
1/13	Father/Daughter Dance
1/16	Youth Night
1/20	Covenant Gathering
1/23	HS Youth Night
1/30	Youth Night

SEASONS OF LIFE

All groups will be meeting at the NET Center on Friday, **December 14.**
7:00 – 9:00 pm

Season 1:

Zachary and Lauren Froelich will give a talk on "Unity and Family Life."
Get ready for a time of worship, round-table discussion, food, and fellowship.

Season 2: "Molta Vita" (life in abundance)

Location: Meeting in St. Francis Hall
Time: 7:15pm Doors open; 7:30pm Program starts
Theme: "Who are We and Where are We Heading?"
Join us for an evening of prayer, fun, and thoughtful discussion.

Season 3: Salt and Pepper Crew

Each season of life comes with its own unique opportunities and challenges, as well as adjustments in how we can serve the Lord and one another. This will be the focus of the talk and interactive discussion at the upcoming Salt & Pepper Gathering. Please come ready to partake in a discussion on these topics. Members are also encouraged to begin now to seek the Lord's word for the body and to write it down. A prophetic team of men and women will be available to collect these words, and in an effort to better retain the word of the Lord to us, members are asked to submit them in writing when presenting them to the team during the praise and worship time of at the gathering. Our evening together will conclude with a time of fellowship, including sumptuous hors d'oeuvres, libations, and entertaining games.

OFFICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

At the November Gathering, the following men and women made their **Underway Commitment** for the 1st time:

Eric and Jen Brooker
Ashley DeMarais
Becca DeMarais
John and Janet Derosier
Peter and Chezarae Distelzweig
Nolan and Sheila Gutierrez
Aaron and Loretta Wolfe

Please keep them in your prayers as they discern CCR.

Please keep all pregnant moms in your prayers:
Leah Jordan (April)

Snowy Weather: In the case of inclement weather, please check the front page of the CCR website, your email, and/or text for a cancellation notice. CCR's policy is that if School District 197 closes, then we will as well.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Help Needed: We still need service help at the Christmas Mass. Sign up on *SignUpGenius* or email Aimee Scott.

Summit District: Save the Date for "Guess who's coming to Dinner" on **Saturday, January 12**. More details to come.

March for Life - January 15-20, 2019: CCR high school youth and their families are invited to join the Archdiocesan pilgrimage to Washington DC with Archbishop Hebda for the 2019 March for Life. \$460 includes everything but 8 meals. For more information go to www.archspm.org/archspm_events/march-for-life/. John Kostohris will be coordinating the trip. Questions can be directed to John at 651-260-8168 or Christopher or James Dill at 651-222-7770. Parents are very much encouraged to join us.

Talent Show & PRIZES: Come one, Come all! Come Actors/Actresses, Singers, Dancers, Comedians and Magicians! Help the Youth Group go to *YES Retreat* by providing us with your talent! If you have an act that is under 5 minutes that you want to perform for the whole community at the Annual CCR Talent Show, please contact Melinda Stella (melstella@comcast.net) with a description of what you want to perform! We look forward to hearing from all you talented people out there!

Prizes will be awarded to the top 3 performances:

1st Place Prize: \$50

2nd Place Prize: \$30

3rd Place Prize: \$20

Date: Sunday, **February 24**, from 5-7pm at the NET Center. Everyone is welcome!

Car Sale: Patrick Quillan is looking to sell his 2005 Toyota Prius for a bargain. Reliable, well cared for, and of course fuel efficient. Call or Txt him at 517-425-9063.

Car Sale: Need a dependable car before winter? Dan and Lisa Andersen are selling a 2007 Honda Odyssey. Leather interior, comfort features. In great condition. We have owned it less than a year, but need to expand to a larger vehicle. Please call Dan 651-431-0214 or Lisa 651-224-4625 for more info.

Childcare Assistance: Matthew Davis is seeking help for care of his three children. Contact Matthew at 651-583-4941 or mdavis41010@gmail.com.



In the spirit of thanksgiving,
we would like to extend our gratitude to
all who give so generously in service of
the community. Our life together would
not be the same without you.
You are a witness and a gift, and it's our
joy to serve alongside you!

-The CCR Office Staff

WOMEN'S RETREAT

To all CCR ladies:

The Women's Leadership Team is praying for our time together at our Advent Brunch. We are excited to continue with our Community Conference theme of gratitude. We will continue to celebrating what the Lord has done and what He is doing, now and during Women's Retreat. Other topics for retreat will be included as well. Stay tuned for the retreat theme!

1. **Registration:** The Retreat Invitation and Registration will come out in early January. Please watch for this as we need to give the Wilmar Lakes Conference Center our number in the early part of February.
2. **Early Check-in:** All rooms will be ready by Friday at 3:00pm, so you can come early and enjoy the pool, visit with one another, take a nap or just hang out! The retreat will begin at 7:50pm with music.
3. **Room Costs:**
 - a. 2 in a room, with 2 queens, or one King and pullout couch, is \$220 each for the whole retreat.
 - b. 4 in a room, sharing 2 queens, is \$145 each for the weekend.
 - c. Private room is \$325 for the weekend.

Note: More details will be included in the registration. We will be charging for the full weekend to cover retreat expenses. The costs above are for your room, meals, and the retreat. If you only come for part of the retreat, you will still pay full price.

4. **Room Assignments:** We will be making room assignments according to groups as best we can once everyone is registered. Check with your District Women's Leader for more details.
5. **Attendees:** Like last year we are limiting our retreat to CCR women and their daughters, who are Seniors in High School or older, Sword of the Spirit guests, and SPO seniors.
6. **Finances:** As always, if you find the cost to be a financial hardship, please communicate with your pastoral worker.

We hope you will enjoy our new venue and can rest and relax while you are on retreat, having time away with the Lord and your sisters. God bless you! On behalf of the Women's Leadership Team,

Cathy Thooft

FINANCE UPDATE

The Season of Giving: This holiday season, we thank everyone who has supported CCR this past year with their time, talent and financial contributions and look forward to support from all of our members in the year ahead.

Year End Giving: Just before the end of the year, many Community members pay their tithe in advance, make a special gift, or catch up on tithing in order to gain the tax advantage. If you wish to make a year-end contribution, please get your donation to the CCR office by the end of December, when we will make our final deposit of the year. Funds need to be deposited in this calendar year to include them on your year-end statement.

Electronic Giving: If you need a convenient way to make regular offerings or if you plan to make an additional gift before the end of the year, we encourage you to check out our electronic giving options. As the pace of life speeds up, especially around the holidays, you may find electronic giving a most welcome way to make contributions. Visit www.ccredeemer.org or contact Ginny@ccredeemer.org for more information.

Year End Tax Letter: Please log into your member account, and make sure that your contact info is up to date. This will ensure you receive your year-end tax statement we plan to mail. Under the giving tab, you also have the ability to print this statement yourself. Just click the "printer friendly view."

Contact Bill@ccredeemer.org with any questions.

MEET THE KOLAR FAMILY

Names: Daniel and Clare Kolar; Veronica (7); Gideon (5); Amos (5); Shiloh (15 mos.)

Home: Saint Paul

Parish: St. Mark's in St. Paul

Occupations:

Dan: Owner, CRDN MN;

Clare: Global Sourcing Manager, Target Corp.

How did you become involved with CCR?

We are so blessed to have been raised in CCR. We made the decision together to become covenant members (7?) years ago. CCR is where we continue to receive the most support and formation as a couple and in raising our children. We are grateful to be able to be part of, and serve, a body of people so full of the Holy Spirit and rooted in the Catholic faith.

Small group: We lead a group in the Summit District.

Where you are in CCR formation: Covenant members

What about CCR helps you grow in your faith:

Living the bundle with couples and families in all seasons of life. Praise and worship in small groups and at gatherings has been instrumental in helping us live out our commitments and grow in our relationship with the Lord personally and as a family. We know we are not alone and we are constantly challenged to give, serve, and love more. The more we say "yes" to community life and service, the more the Lord blesses us and the relationships we have in CCR.

Hobbies/favorite family activities: Hiking, biking, climbing, jujitsu, chasing + catching animals, and being together and with extended family.

What us something CCR members might not know about you? We love CCR and our family here.... but if we didn't we'd sell everything and buy a VW van and take the kids on an epic road trip adventure exploring the world.

