

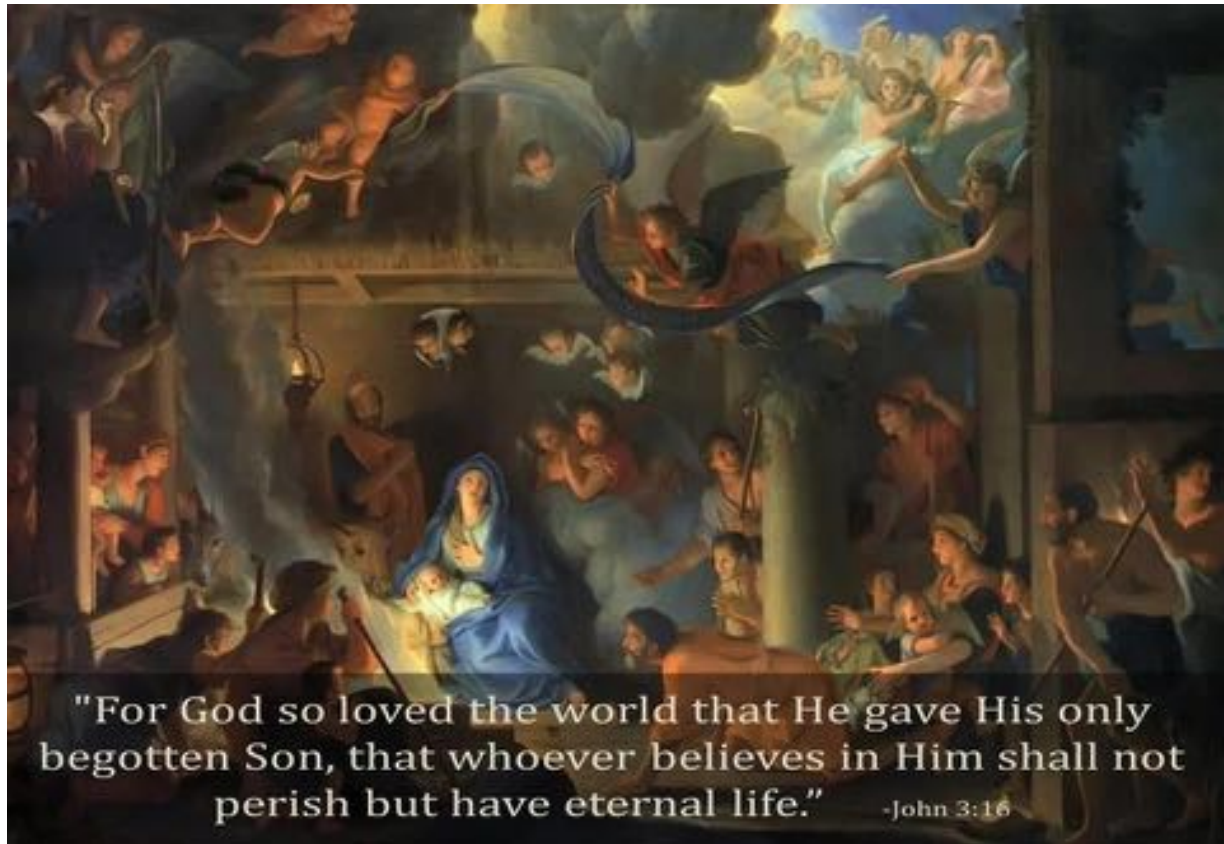


COMMUNITY OF CHRIST THE REDEEMER

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

-Isaiah 62:12

January 2019



"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life." -John 3:16

Merry Christmas and a blessed 2019!

CALENDAR

1/6	OGCG at 10:30am with NET Missionaries
1/13	Father/Daughter Dance
1/16	Youth Night
1/20	Covenant Gathering
1/23	HS Youth Night
1/30	Youth Night
2/3	OGCG at 10:30am
2/6	Youth Night
2/8-10	Men's Retreat

OFFICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Service: The next round of Event Service through the summer will be sent out next week. All members are asked to sign up to serve for two slots! The new Service Schedule will be sent out then too.

Christmas Cards: If you did not receive your CCR Christmas card, please contact rebecca@ccredeemer.org. Thanks to all who sent the office a Christmas Card – we love them!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Seasons of Life: We had a great first Seasons of Life (SOL) gathering on **December 14**. Please send any feedback you have to your group's leaders, as we prepare for future SOL gatherings. Thank you!

Coffee Coffee Coffee: Please plan to buy your coffee at the **February 3** OGCG to support our youth group. We will serve Caribou Coffee before and after the gathering. Gatherings are short. Stay awake for it!

District Announcements:

Summit- Save the Date for "Guess who's coming to Dinner" on Saturday, **January 12**.

Cherokee- Family Bingo Night on Friday, **January 18**.

Riverside- Lord's Day and Bingo Night on Saturday, **January 26**.

(For all these events, watch your email for more details.)

Father/Daughter Dance: We are in need of volunteers for the Father/Daughter Dance on **January 13**. Please contact Jessica Onyeji (jimmarschinke@uwalumni.com) if you can help out. Let's make this a special night!

Current needs:

-(2+ adults and many youth) Set Up and Decorate: 9:00 am – around 2:00 pm

-(1 youth) Spotlight Operator: 6:00 - 8:00 pm

-(3 or more dads attending) Clean Up: 8:00 - 9:00 pm

Register online [HERE](#) by 1/11/19. Sign up [HERE](#) to bring a food item to the event.

Save the Date: Mother-Son "Minute-to-Win-It" Event on Saturday morning, **February 23**.

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 Seat Need: The Walds are in need of car seats (all sizes- infant, toddler and booster) for their foster-care children. If you have any to donate, please contact Jeff at 651-276-4583 or jawald34@gmail.com

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.

CONGRATULATIONS



PLEASE KEEP THESE MOMS AND BABIES IN OUR PRAYERS:

Rosie Gjengdahl (March)
Leah Jordan (April)

Mothers: Please email Rebecca@ccredeemer.org if you would like to be added to the pregnant prayer list, or if you have a newborn to announce!

RETREAT REGISTRATION

Both Men's and Women's Retreat Registration will open the week of **January 7**. Please watch your email for more details and the registration link.

New this year: payment plans! If you would prefer to spread the cost out of several months, we are glad to make this option available to you.

Please note the hard deadlines, especially for Women's Retreat. No late registration is allowed this year, due to working with our new location.

Women's Retreat

Date: **March 22-24**

Location: Willmar Lakes Conference Center, Willmar, MN.

Men's Retreat

Date: **February 8-10**

Location: Camp Wapo, Amery, WI.

Please contact bill@ccredeemer.org to discuss any financial difficulties with paying for these retreats.

We look forward to being on retreat with you!

CONFIRMATION RETREAT

NET Confirmation retreats are for Catholic youth grades 8-12 preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation. They offer the opportunity for Adoration, Reconciliation, and Sunday Mass, as well as large group talks/presentations, small group discussions, games, skits, and more. The **January 25-27** retreat will have teens in attendance from throughout the Archdiocese and from neighboring dioceses.

The retreat begins at 7:00pm Friday evening, January 25 and ends at 2pm on Sunday, January 27. Attendance is required for the entire retreat. The cost for the retreat has been discounted to \$50 for this weekend only. Fees include five meals and dormitory-style lodging.

Online register is available at <https://mission.netusa.org/january25discount>.

Contact Lauren Ballew for more information or with any questions at lauren@netusa.org or 651.450.6833 x112.

MEET THE KOSTOHRIS FAMILY

Names: Mark and Karen Kostohris; Ruth (27), Daniel (27), Monica (4), Lily (2) and Peter Gladitsch (12 mo.), Teresa (25) and Zach (24) Richards; Katie (22), John (20) and Andrew (19).

Home: West Saint Paul

Parish: Church of St. Joseph, West St. Paul

Occupations:

Computer Programmer (Mark), Postpartum Doula and Lactation Counselor (Karen)

How did you become involved with CCR?

Karen came to St Paul in 1983 when she served her first year with Net Ministries. She joined

CCR after serving two years with Net! She lived in one of the first SPO summer households.

Mark joined CCR in 1986 when he moved to St. Paul for a new job. He heard about the Catholic Youth Center from a friend of a friend. He also lived in one of the earliest men's households. The rest is history!

Small group: Lofquist group in the Riverside District.

Where you are in CCR formation: Covenant members.

What about CCR helps you grow in your faith: The accountability of other brothers and sisters who are striving to live a holy, authentically Catholic life! We are also so very blessed by the depth of relationships that we have with others here in CCR and the commitments that we share.

Hobbies/favorite family activities: Our family loves to just "hang out" together, talking and goofing off. We also love to sing and "jam" together since there are several musicians in the family. Camping, campfires and computer-gaming are popular pastimes, too. We also love watching movies or playing board games together when we can!

What us something CCR members might not know about you? Mark grew up on a farm in North Dakota. Karen is from a military family. Before moving to Minnesota as a teenager, her family lived in 10 different states plus France. Her father also served in Korea and Vietnam.

