



COMMUNITY OF CHRIST THE REDEEMER

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

-Isaiah 62:12

December 2019

CALENDAR

12/11	Youth Night
12/14	Women's Advent Brunch
12/18	Youth Night
12/20	Seasons of Life 1 Gathering
12/21	Emmaus Gathering
12/25	Christmas Mass 10am
1/5/2020	OGCG 10:30am

CALENDAR UPDATES/SAVE THE DATES

SEASONS OF LIFE

Seasons of Life 2 and Seasons of Life 3 - December gatherings have been CANCELLED. Please mark your calendars!

Seasons of Life 1 will meet on December 20 at 7:30pm at the Froelich home.

DISTRICT EVENTS

Riverside Adult Wine and Cheese – January 10, 2020.

7:30pm at St. Joseph's in West St. Paul.

Cherokee Heights Bingo and Dinner – January 12, 2020. At

the Net Center, Bingo from 3-4:30pm (junior bingo for 3-5 year olds at 3:30), Closing of Lord's Day at 4:45pm with Taco Feast for dinner. Remember to RSVP to your group leader.

Summit Event – January 12, 2020. 3pm at Maternity of Mary.

2019 CCR WOMEN'S ADVENT BRUNCH

joyful surprises

WHEN: Saturday, December 14th
 WHERE: St. Joseph's Catholic Church, West St. Paul
 TIME: 7:50am - 12:00pm (Parish Mass starts at 8:00am)
 PRICE: \$15/person (catered brunch included)
 RSVP: online at ccredeemer.org by Sunday, December 8th
 Visitors welcome!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Men's Retreat **February 7-9, 2020** Camp Wapo, Amery WI

Women's Retreat. **March 20-22, 2020** Wilmar, MN

YES Retreat **March 27-29, 2020** Hillsdale, MI

Please mark your calendars. More details to come in the new year!



CONGRATULATIONS!



Congrats to the Walds

Sincere Sebastian
Savon Ivan
Adopted December 2
By Jeff, Jackie, Alyosha, Ezra,
and Levin Wald

Special note from the Walds:
*Thank you for the many
prayers and support from CCR
during the past year!*



New Babies



Camden Jidenna Onyeji
Born November 4
Son of Emmanuel and Jessica

Julia Josephine Turner
Born November 8
Daughter of Matthew and
Christie

Margaret Thérèse Fink
Born November 10
Daughter of Joe and Maureen



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Matthew Davis is in need of immediate help with child care for 2 of his children. Contact him at mdavis41010@gmail.com for more details.



The Muskes have 2 hard-sided cartop carriers they would like to give away to CCR and/or Emmaus folks. Dimensions are 36" wide x 21" tall x 52" long. Call/text Denise at 651-324-7237.

YOUTH GROUP HAPPENINGS

Members of our Youth Group participated in the Archdiocesan Youth Day on November 16 in Minneapolis.

YG recently ended a very successful pilot program called *The Alpha Course* which focused on diving deeper into our Catholic faith and our understanding and relationship with Jesus. Friends were invited to each night of games, food, fun and conversation. Many youth want to do it again. Ask a YG member about it!



UPDATE FROM THE KOSTOHRIS FAMILY

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We would like to update you on some recent changes in our family's status.

Last year at this time, Mark's company underwent a huge layoff which left him suddenly unemployed. This began a long and difficult year of trying to discern God's will and being open to however He wants to work in us.

As the year progressed, it became quite clear to us that the Lord was calling us to sell our house, and move in with Karen's mother. After a year of job hunting in the Twin Cities, a fabulous software development job opened up in Marshall, MN, just a short walk away from Karen's mother's house! Mark was hired in October and recently began working at the new job. Following a challenging job hunt, this was a confirmation for us that we are on the right path.

We grieve having to leave our house and CCR commitments, but we also feel much peace that we are in God's will. We are not sure how long the Lord will have us here, but it is our desire to some day return to full life in CCR. For now, this is regarded as a temporary leave of absence, and we will participate in district and community events when in town.

Karen's mom intends to sell her house within the next two years, so we are here to help her work towards that goal. Her plan is to eventually move to the Twin Cities and we will hopefully be moving back at that time, as well. But as we all know, God's plans are not always the same as ours, so we will see where God takes us next!

In the meantime, please know of our love and prayers for you. Please continue to pray for us and we will try to make as many visits as possible!

Our new address is:

Mark and Karen Kostohris
603 Dogwood Ave.
Marshall, MN 56258

FINANCIAL 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 MCNULTY FAMILY

Names and children's ages:

Patrick and Megan,
Jocelyn, 8
Ava, 5

Home: Eagan

Parish: St. Peter's in Mendota

Occupations:

Patrick and Megan both work in accounting and finance

How did you become involved with CCR?

Megan met Lauren Froelich while they both worked at Target headquarters. Lauren talked often of the life in CCR and we were curious to find out more. We showed up to a gathering in November of 2011 and haven't stopped showing up since.

Small group: O'Hara, Riverside District

Where you are in CCR formation: Living in Community course

What about CCR helps you grow in your faith?

Living the bundle has brought abundant grace to our family. Being surrounded by brothers and sisters who are also striving for holiness inspires us to continue to work towards this call in our own lives.

Hobbies/favorite family activities: As a family, we enjoy puzzles, movies and finding adventures. Pat and Megan are avid sports fans from football to baseball to college basketball. Jocelyn has discovered her love and talent for dance including tap, jazz and ballet. Ava is sure to follow suit.

What is something CCR members might not know about you?

Pat and Megan met in high school and started dating their first year of college. We have known each other for almost 20 years now.

