

WHAT IS CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH?

Christ Renews His Parish is a process designed to bring members of a parish together in Christ. Our daily commitments, especially our commitment to Christ, need continued renewal if we are to be faithful. *Christ Renews His Parish* is an effective spiritual process, which calls together the members of the parish—priests, religious and laity—in order to experience personal conversion and Christian community in the environment of our own parish.

Let us be concerned for one another, to help one another to show love and to do good. Let us not give up the habit of meeting together, as some are doing. Instead, let us encourage one another all the more, since you see that the Day of the Lord is coming nearer. ~Hebrews 10:25

WHO MAY ATTEND?

Christ Renews His Parish is for anyone who seeks spiritual renewal, desires to build up the Body of Christ, or gain a deeper sense of purpose within the parish community. Praying for guidance is important. If you feel that Christ, through the Holy Spirit, is calling you, answer Him! The weekend is open to all parishioners in St. Malachy Parish who are at least eighteen years of age and have not attended a previous weekend at St. Malachy Parish.

Do not conform yourself to the standards of this world, but let God transform you inwardly by a complete change of your mind. Then you will be able to know the will of God—His good, pleasing and perfect will. ~Romans 12:2

WHO FACILITATES THE WEEKEND?

The renewal weekend is given for PARISHIONERS and by PARISHIONERS. A team that has previously attended a renewal weekend, with a Spiritual Director, work together in prayer and love to provide you with a weekend, one overnight, live-in experience in our parish facilities. Accept an invitation and see firsthand those fellow parishioners who are there with you and for you.

WHAT HAPPENS ON A WEEKEND?

Come prepared to have fun and renew your heart. Team members center the process around reflections with emphasis on small group discussions and activities. Topics covered include the Father's loving care for us, Scripture, Eucharist, and what Christian life is all about. You will be free to share as much or as little as you are comfortable. You and your needs always will be respected. The sharing dialogue is stimulated in a very liturgical, scriptural and prayerful atmosphere. Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist are celebrated.

We ask God to fill you with the knowledge of His will, with the wisdom and understanding that His Spirit gives. Then you will be able to live as the Lord wants and will always do what pleases Him. ~Colossians 1:9-10

WHEN AND WHERE ARE THE WEEKENDS HELD?

The weekends will be held in our parish facilities from Saturday morning until Sunday afternoon. There will be one men's weekend and one women's weekend held each winter and fall. Sleeping accommodations will be provided, and parish volunteers will prepare meals. The entire weekend is informal. Casual and comfortable clothing is the appropriate attire. Every effort will be made to accommodate special needs.

WHAT ABOUT THE COST?

There is no cost to the participants. Volunteer help is welcome. Donations are accepted and are private and anonymous.

WHERE CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION?

Men's Weekend: Contact Michael Wock via email at michaelwock@att.net or call 317-858-1929

Women's Weekend: Contact Sarah Stephen via email at sarahstephens58@gmail.com or call 317-272-4515

or

Call the Faith Formation Office at 317-852-3195 extension 7102

WEEKEND

REGISTRATION FORM

- MEN'S Retreat is February 25-26, 2012
- WOMEN'S Retreat is March 10-11, 2012

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Phone: Home _____ Cell _____

Email _____

Are you a registered parishioner? Yes ___ No ___

Emergency Contact Information:

Name _____

Relationship _____
(Spouse, friend, etc.)

Phone: Home _____ Cell _____

Email _____

Name you prefer
to be called _____

Please describe any special physical or dietary needs or requirements. We shall make every effort to accommodate these requests.

Return to : St. Malachy Parish
Attn: *Christ Renews His Parish*
9833 E County Road 750 N
Brownsburg, IN 46112-9633

or
Put registration form in an envelope and drop it in the collection basket at Mass.

**Prayer for the Renewal of
St. Malachy Parish**

Gracious and caring Father,

We thank you for the gift of

St. Malachy Parish.

READY us for renewal

of our personal faith

and community through

Christ Renews His Parish.

OPEN our hearts and minds

to Your Holy Spirit;

SPEAK to us Your life-giving word;

SET AFLAME the love in our hearts;

FREE us to respond to Your call;

EMPOWER us to respond to Your call,

to trust and to act.

You continue to reveal Yourself to us

in new and wonderful ways.

Keep us alert to your presence

in our lives by the gift of Your Spirit.

God of our journey,

we offer joy-filled praise

for the faithfulness of Your love,

through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Good reasons to attend

Christ Renews His Parish:

- Make new friends
- Improve your relationship with spouse or family members
- Provide spiritual guidance to children
- Make your work environment more pleasant
- Rekindle the religious spirit you once had
- Help confront struggle or strife
- Become part of a spiritual team

Participation includes:

- Listening
- Laughing
- Thinking
- Dialogue
- Team participation
- Prayer
- Fun

Participation does not include:

- An immediate answer to your problems
- Baring your soul
- Constant state of prayer
- Pressure to actively participate
- Mandatory future participation



A Renewal Weekend

For

St. Malachy Community



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