

What is Welcome?

Welcome is an overnight weekend renewal designed to bring parish members together in Christ and emphasis continued growth in Christin Life. It is found throughout the United States. During the weekend you will find fellowship and laughter, great food and friendship, and a renewed sense of belonging to this parish.

When and where do the week- ends take place?

Separate renewal weekends for men and women are held at the St. Mary's Parish Center.

- Men's w e e k e n d :
November 19 & 20, 2022
- Women's weekend:
November 5 & 6, 2022

What happens during the weekend?

The weekend will be an enjoyable experience for you. It will include group activities and interactions, some prayer together and reflections shared by members of the presenting team on subjects such as: The Father's Loving Care, Scripture, Eucharist, Catholic Community and Christian Awareness. You may expect an opportunity, in a relaxed setting, to hear Christ's call to you and to respond with a deeper and closer relationship with Him.

Who may attend? Each weekend is open to 36 participants, who are parishioners or prospective parishioners of St. Mary's and St. Franics's Catholic

Community and over the age of 18.

Who conducts the weekend?

Fellow parishioners from prior Welcome weekends conduct the weekend.

How long will it last? The Welcome weekend begins with breakfast, Saturday at 8 a.m. and ends no later than 3 p.m. on Sunday.

What should I wear? The weekends are casual, so bring your most comfortable clothing, jeans and casual wear.

How do I sign up? You may register by picking up a form in the kiosk in the Narthex of the Church or at the church office. Please note any special dietary or sleeping needs on this form.

When will I attend weekend

Mass? Mass for the participants is scheduled as a part of the weekend.

Where do I sleep? During the weekend, accommodations will be provided for you on site. You should bring your own bedding, such as a sleeping bag and pillow. You may bring your own air mattress if you prefer. Please bring your own towel, soap and other toiletries. Showers will not be available.

What about my meals? Other members of the community will provide delicious hot meals, as well as coffee, cold drinks and snacks throughout the weekend. Special dietary needs can be accommodated.

What is the cost? There is no cost to attend, however if you choose to make a donation to help with expenses, that is appreciated. If you are unable to donate, please do not let that stop you from attending.

If I have a special needs or health issues, may I still attend? Certainly! Please note any special needs on your registration form.

Will I have to get up and talk in front of people? No one is required to get up and speak, although you may share your thoughts with a small group.

How can I be contacted in an emergency? An emergency number will be given to you before the weekend, which will be answered by one of the weekend team members. To avoid interruptions, please plan to give family members this contact number instead of your personal cell phones.

What about the next Welcome weekend? Welcome is unique in its continuation. Participants have the opportunity to begin planning the next men's or women's weekends soon after they complete their own. You may attend the renewal weekend with no further commitment; however, many of the participants continue the renewal process by presenting the next weekend to a new group of



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