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LUKE 18

Dear Parents,

Your child has been offered an opportunity to strengthen their faith and make new friends as they prepare for high school! We are having our 5th annual Luke 18 retreat for just 7th graders.

What is Luke 18?

It is a weekend long retreat inviting 7th graders into the Church – to help them see they are not only the future of our Church, but they are also the Church right now. The program welcomes 7th Graders (also referred to as “Lukers”) into the church by helping them experience God and His Love. Through high-energy games, skits, songs, personal sharing, and a series of talks given by High School students, the “Lukers” are encouraged to have fun. The weekend offers the opportunity to experience God’s Love on a more personal level, and the “Lukers” are challenged to share that love with those around them.

What Makes Luke 18 Unique?

Luke 18 is special because it is youth ministering to youth. High School students (also referred to as “Disciples”) give talks about things that are important to your child right now and help them find ways to welcome God into their every day lives. The retreat is organized and coordinated by me (Greg Barker-Youth Minister at St. Joseph Church), but the success of the retreat comes from all the help of the High School Teens, Carrie Bajzath-(Music Minister for our Life Teen Program), the adult volunteers, and 7th Graders coming with an open mind and heart.

Nuts and Bolts of the Weekend

The weekend is **October 2-4, 2009**. The 7th Graders and Teens stay at the retreat all weekend and spend the night in all-male and all-female “sleep houses” at parishioner’s homes (anyone interested in helping in this area, please give me a call for more information). They will eat all meals at St. Joseph Church where the retreat is being held. The cost of the retreat is \$40.00 to cover the cost of meals, supplies, T-Shirts, etc. If for some reason the fee is a problem, please call me. The retreat starts on Friday evening and concludes at 5:00 PM Mass on Sunday.

“This sounds O.K., but I Need To Know More”

Please contact me if you have any questions, concerns, ideas, etc. Please call Greg Barker at St. Joseph Church in the Parish Office. The number is 636-227-5247 ext. 1016. We hope you encourage your child to take advantage of this exciting opportunity.

Where Do I Sign Up?

Space on the retreat is limited, so if your child is interested in going, please fill out and return the attached registration form as soon as possible. You can also go to <http://www.stjoemanchester.org/organizations/cyc.html> and print off an application form.

Thanks and God Bless,

Greg Barker & Carrie Bajzath
Youth Ministry
St. Joseph Church

Luke 18

Retreat
October 2-4, 2009

registration form

Name: _____ Parent Email: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

MO Zip: _____

Home#: _____-_____-_____ Cell#: _____-_____-_____

Teen E-mail: _____

Adult T-Shirt size (please circle one): Small Medium Large XL

School: _____

parent/guardian contact info

Parents' Names: _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Relationship: _____

Phone: _____-_____-_____

Do you have any special diet requirements, medical history, medication or major allergies? If so, please specify:

I hereby authorize my son/daughter to attend the Luke 18 retreat October 2-4, 2009 at St. Joseph Church. I also agree and understand that my child will be staying overnight in a volunteer's host home.

Print Parent Name: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

PLEASE READ & REVIEW REGISTRATION PAGE 2

Luke 18 registration form

This is a parish-based retreat experience which needs the help & the cooperation of all to make it a success for our middle school students. Please review & check the following below.

_____ I will be able to help with a meal (make, serve, provide, etc.)

_____ I will be able to offer my home as a sleep house for the weekend.
(MUST BE IN COMPLIANCE WITH SAFE ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM)***

_____ I will be able to drive the retreatants to their sleep houses one evening and/or morning.

_____ I will be able to help set-up before (Friday 10/2) and/ or clean up (Sunday 10/4)

_____ I will be willing to make a holy hour during 10/2-4/09 to pray for the retreat.

cost & other

The cost for the retreat weekend is \$40.00 per child. No one will be denied the opportunity for the retreat due to financial reasons. Contact your youth minister for details.

SPACE IS LIMITED - APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED ON A FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED BASIS.

Make checks payable to St. Joseph Church. Turn in registration to Parish Office or to Greg or Carrie, by September 15, 2009.

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