

OTHER QUESTIONS ABOUT LUKE 18...

Who attends Luke 18?

8th Grade students from the five parishes that support SSYM are given first priority. If spaces still remain after the initial registration period, students from other parishes are welcome to participate.

How long does it last?

Luke 18 is a weekend retreat beginning on Friday evening and culminating with 6pm Mass on Sunday.

How can I be a sleep house?

8th Grade students spend both Friday and Saturday night at chaperoned, same gender, sleep houses. Parents of the 8th graders are needed to help provide this very important part of the weekend. At the sleep houses, the older teens interact with the 8th graders to continue what has already been happening on the retreat, by encouraging them to talk during the evening in a comfortable atmosphere, about their feelings and experiences on this retreat.

How else can I help?

Parents are needed to help transport the teens to and from the sleep houses and coordinate and serve meals.

What is included in the registration fee?

All program materials, meals, lodging, and an event T-shirt are included in the registration fee.

NEW this year!

Michael James Mette, local Catholic musician, will be leading the music for the weekend. His album, "Always What I Need" (which contains most of the music used on the weekend), as well as other merchandise, will be available for purchase. These items are extra and not necessary for participation in the weekend, but can help to extend and reinforce the experience for your child.

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LUKE 18

**Friday, April 30 through
Sunday, May 2, 2010**

WHAT IS A LUKE 18 RETREAT?

The Luke 18 retreat is an excellent opportunity for you to experience God's love in new and exciting ways - through games, prayers, songs, sharing and a series of talks presented by area and parish high school students. The 8th Graders, "Lukers", are encouraged to have fun and "break down their walls", helping them to see that God and His unconditional love are present in relationships at home with family and at school with peers and to share that love with others. This weekend offers the opportunity to experience God's love on a more personal level than is usual in a religion classroom.

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WHAT HAPPENS ON A LUKE 18 RETREAT?

The weekend is organized and coordinated by SSYM's youth ministers, Greg Robeson and Michael Mette, the SSYM core team, and some supporting volunteers. Once the weekend begins, a team of young adults leads the group through the various activities with the help of high school students. These high school students form two groups, Disciples and Corinthians. They will give personal testimonials about God in their life through topics such as prayer, family, and hurting and making up. They take this chance to step up as leaders in their Church and are a wonderful example of how God works in their life. They also serve as 'behind the scenes' workers.

Through their time, energy, and most importantly, their love and prayers, they help God do his work on the weekend and minister to everyone involved on the retreat. With "Youth Ministering to Youth," the 8th graders are able to relate more easily to the experience of a Catholic Christian life at home and school.

PARENT IMPRESSIONS OF LUKE 18...

- It was a wonderful experience. It's a great setting for teens to share with other teens – they're all nervous about high school, who they are, etc... The retreat focuses on Jesus being there for them.
- It is a great event and motivating for youth, as well as inspiring.
- Music was a heavy favorite
- I think it is a wonderful opportunity for 8th graders to really strengthen their faith before high school. I am very happy that he attended.



WHAT DO TEENS SAY?

- It was truly amazing. I felt myself grow closer to God and closer to my peers. I used to hate going to Mass, but now I look forward to it every week. The music rocked and small groups held a great opportunity to speak your mind and feelings. I had an amazing, life changing experience that weekend, and I am so happy I went.
- I had a ton of fun with my friends. I also strengthened my relationship with God. I really opened up to God and all the love He has for me. My favorite part about Luke 18 was adoration. I really felt close to God.
- It was so easy to get along with people, and you didn't have to worry about what others thought of you.
- Luke 18 was awesome - the people, disciples, adoration, small group, and especially the talks.
- It was a great experience and I loved each minute of it. It taught me a lot and I'm so happy I went.
- I learned so much stuff that I will keep with me for the rest of my life.

- The disciples were great and very responsible and polite. It was a pleasure to have the boys stay at our house.
- Everyone seemed professional, respectful, spiritual and FUN!
- You make it pertinent to their time.
- When I picked up the boys for the night, they shared their experiences, excitement, and love for Christ. These boys did not know me, but were open to share with a stranger. It was great to see.