Luke 18 Retreat for 8th Graders

Dear Parents:

On the weekend of April 22nd – April 24th, Queen of All Saints will hold its annual Luke 18 retreat weekend. We invite all 8th graders of QAS Parish to join us.

The Luke 18 retreat offers an exceptional opportunity for your child to experience God’s love through interacting with peers during a weekend full of sharing, listening, team building and prayer. Another goal is to demonstrate Christ’s love and presence in relationships at home with family, at school with peers, and in the larger Church community. We encourage 8th graders to share His love in all relationships throughout their day.

Luke 18 is organized and coordinated by Queen of All Saints Youth Ministry and its volunteers. Once the weekend begins, teams of high school students present the talks and lead small group discussions. The weekend will begin at 7:00 PM on Friday, April 22nd in the cafeteria. The students will spend Friday and Saturday night at parishioners’ homes, separated into all male and all female “sleep groups” and accompanied by two of the older high school teenagers. The weekend will conclude with the 12:00 PM Mass on Sunday, April 24th.

All family and friends are strongly encouraged to attend this exciting closing Mass! Please be advised that, because this is a once-in-a-lifetime retreat weekend, students will not be allowed to leave and return during the weekend. Prioritizing their faith and relationship with Christ is a strong lesson that you can instill in your youth, especially at this age. If your child is unable to commit to the entire weekend because of an appropriate conflict (i.e. wedding/funeral, *huge* tournament/recital...***not*** a mere weekly practice), please contact me.

The cost of the Luke 18 weekend is $80.00 per student, which covers all meals, T-shirt, supplies and activities throughout the weekend. If you would like to send your child on the weekend but cannot afford to do so, please contact me, there are fundraised scholarships available. In order for us to properly plan the materials, supplies and food for the weekend, it is imperative that all registrations are received by Friday, April 8th. *The fee for registrations received between April 9th and April 15th will be $100.00.* No registration forms will be accepted after April 15th.

Those who are unable to attend the Luke 18 Retreat are asked to attend the one-day MORE Retreat on April 9th at QAS from 11:30am-4:30pm.

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