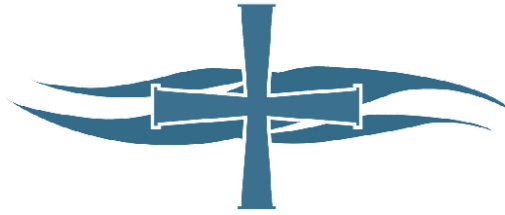


MIDDLE SCHOOL MISSION TRIP 2012!



St. Joseph of the Lakes, partnering with Youth Works, will be going on a Mission Trip for Middle School members (currently in 6th, 7th, 8th grade).

When?

Sunday, July 22, 2012 through Friday, July 27, 2012

Where?

Green Bay, Wisconsin

This year, we will partner with Youth Works in Green Bay, Wisconsin. Green Bay has all the amenities of a big city, but offers the simple pleasures and relaxed pace of a smaller town. The Green Bay of Lake Michigan, for which the city is named, offers a beautiful setting to bask in the sun. While the city has been consistently recognized as a great place to live, this is not the case for all residents. There still are those who struggle with poverty and even homelessness. Through ministry at homeless shelters and through outreach to both children and the elderly, our group will have a unique opportunity to shine the light of Christ into the darker parts of this city.

What's a Mission Trip?

A Mission Trip (or "Service Trip") is a time spent helping people in need - being the real hands of Jesus Christ. "Mission" means "to send," so we are sent to help other communities through our work and who we are.

It's about attitude - challenging yourself and stretching out of the usual routine to give to others. It's about being flexible and living with other people in a committed, Christian group. It's about time with God.

During each day there is worship, witness, work, fun and friends. It is amazing and unforgettable.

What do we do?

Our goal is to partner with local ministries and programs such as nursing homes for the elderly, soup kitchens, and children centers that seek to address the very basic needs of the local residents.

We desire to serve unselfishly, by doing whatever will truly help the community. The adult leaders will separate youth into work ministry groups. Groups will be mixed with youth from other churches as we are one united team in Christ. This will give you an opportunity share your experience and make new friends. There are no promises as to what ministry a given group will work on, so come ready to have a flexible spirit.

Why are you telling us now?

Because a year goes by fast! Registrations are taken on a "first-come-first-registered" basis. The deadline is December 1st. We start a waiting list once the slots fill. It takes all year to get ready for the mission trip – there are fundraising projects and team-building nights throughout the year, which will be scheduled and announced via email and in the weekly bulletin.

What's the cost?

Before fundraising, the real cost is estimated to be \$500-550. That will cover the cost of lodging, food, transportation, materials, adult leaders, and a fun activity.

We expect that amount will be significantly reduced through fundraising. Last year, with fundraising, the cost went down on average of \$100.00, bringing the total cost to \$400-450 per person.

Everyone is expected to participate in general fundraising.

As with all programs at St. Joseph of the Lakes, no one is turned away because of finances.

Safety?

Our transportation is 7-passenger vans. All chaperones and leaders are carefully chosen and screened. Youth Works housing facilities are secure and all ministry opportunities are designed with the safety of the students in mind. In addition, there is a qualified medical staff member present to address any needs that arise.

Deadline?

Complete the registration contract and turn it in with a \$125 deposit to the St. Joe's office before December 1st.

This trip fills on a first-come basis; once filled, we will start a waiting list.

Questions?

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