



St. Joseph's Confirmation Retreat

March 23-24, beginning Saturday morning
at 8:00 am at St. Joseph's

Two days packed with talks, activities, games, food, and faith. The closing session should be completed by 3:00 pm on Sunday. We will travel to a parishioner's farm on Sunday morning to keep the retreat environment while religious education classes are happening in the parish hall. We will return to the St. Joseph's before 11:00 am Mass.

Hopefully your Confirmation Sponsor can attend Mass followed by lunch. If your sponsor cannot attend, you will need a proxy present for lunch. There will be some team members who can serve as your proxy, but if you would like to invite someone to discuss your faith, please let them know they are invited for lunch after Mass and some discussion time until 1:30 pm.

There will be many ways to experience God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit on the weekend. And hopefully you will discover ways to experience God more in the months before you receive Confirmation and beyond.



Below is a "what to bring" list. If you have any questions, please let me know.

You will need to bring:

- **Comfortable Clothes** – appropriate for hanging out at church and for going to Mass. Not skimpy, too tight or too revealing. Plan for fluctuating temperatures.
- **Sleeping clothes, sleeping bag/pillow/extra padding/air mattress** – whatever you need to sleep on and in. Some people bring cots, some bring their stuffed animals. Girls will be sleeping in the St. Aloysius Gonzaga room; boys will be sleeping in a classroom or two.
- **Toiletries/towels** – whatever you need to clean and care for yourself. Please don't forget your toothbrush, toothpaste or deodorant, we want to remain a close friendly group. There are only a couple showers for us to use, so limited, quick showers are available at night. **CONTACT CASES** are usually forgotten, so please plan well. **Don't forget your medication. Please make sure clear instructions are provided. Norma will be in charge of medication for the two days.**
- **Your Confirmation Book, Rosary, prayer book** – Whatever else you may wish to use or read when you have quiet/meditation time with God.
- **A Drink (2liter or similar size) and a snack to share.**
*****You will NOT need your cell phones.** *** Parents can contact Norma in case of emergency at (765)481-8375. The parish phone will not be answered, and parish voice mail will not be checked regularly. Cell phones will be collected during retreat activities.

God has called you to this retreat experience, even if it is through your parents. Don't plan on skimping on Him. Be present for God throughout. If there are concerns or conflicts with the retreat schedule, please contact Norma as soon as possible. Please turn in your permission slip by March 13, 2019. If you have any questions, please contact me. Praying for your continued spiritual growth!

Christ's Peace be with you,

Norma

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