“Let the little children come to me. Do not stop them;

for it is such as these that the kingdom of God belongs.”

Luke 18: 16-17

Dear Parents,

Your child is being offered an opportunity to strengthen their faith and make new friends as they prepare for high school! Holy Redeemer will be hosting a Luke 18 Retreat for 7th graders in October 2021!

**What is Luke 18?**

Luke 18 is a weekend long retreat inviting 7th graders into the Church—to help them see that 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 and grow in their faith. 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 (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 everyday lives. The retreat is organized and coordinated by me (Mike Huggins—Youth Minister at Holy Redeemer Church), but the success of the retreat will come from the help of the High School Teens, a music minister, adult volunteers, and the “Lukers” coming with an open mind and heart.

**Nuts and Bolts of the Weekend**

The weekend is **October 8-10, 2021**.

(**WE WILL NOT HAVE SLEEP HOUSES IN 2021 DUE TO THE COVID19 PANDEMIC)**

**Parents will be expected to pick up and drop off their child/ren at Holy Redeemer each day of the retreat weekend. A retreat is meant to be a time to get away from normal routines and reconnect with God and others, your child’s full presence is vital to the weekend.**

All meals will be eaten at Holy Redeemer Church where the retreat will be held. The cost of the retreat is $100.00 to cover the cost of meals, supplies, T-shirts etc. If for some reason the fee is a problem, please contact me-financial reasons should not prevent your child from attending. The retreat will start on Friday evening and conclude on Sunday with the 11AM Mass.

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

Please contact me if you have any questions, concerns, ideas, etc. Please call Mike Huggins at Holy Redeemer, (314) 962-0038 or email [youth@holyr.org](mailto:youth@holyr.org). I hope you encourage your child to take advantage of this opportunity!

**Where do I sign up?**

Space on the retreat is limited, so if your child is interested in going please complete the online registration form at <http://holyr.org/?page_id=2073> by **September 27, 2021**. The number of teens able to attend the retreat will depend on the number of parents willing to help as sleep houses, etc.

Thanks and God Bless,

Mike Huggins

Director of Youth Ministry

Holy Redeemer Church