



LUKE 18

Retreat - 2021

"Let the little children come to me. Do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child will never enter it."

Dear Future "Luker" & Parents,

We are very excited to announce that we will be hosting our annual **Luke 18 retreat** here at St. Catherine Labouré on **January 9 and 10, 2021!** The Luke 18 retreat has been happening at SCL for 20 years, and feedback from both parents and participants has been VERY positive! So we are revving up to do it again!

Luke 18 was started in 1986 in Elizabeth, New Jersey. The first Luke 18 retreat in St. Louis was held at Holy Infant Parish in 1988. Since that time, it has continued to spread and grow throughout the St. Louis area. This retreat program is an opportunity to invite **7th and 8th graders** into the Church. It helps them see that they are not only "the future" of our Church, but the Church *right now!*

The Luke 18 retreat program welcomes the 7th and 8th grade participants, called "Lukers", into the Church by helping them experience God and His love - a love that is unconditional and accepts them as they are. Through games, songs, skits, personal sharing and a series of talks given by high school and college students, the Lukers are encouraged to have fun, "break down their walls", and see that God and His love are present in their relationships at home with family and at school with their peers. The weekend offers the opportunity to experience God's love on a more personal level than is usually possible in the classroom. The Lukers are challenged to share that love with those around them.

The retreat is organized and coordinated by the youth ministers, in conjunction with a team of adults and young adults. Once the weekend begins, the young adult team (college students) leads the Lukers through various activities. The young adults receive help from high school students (disciples) who not only present talks, but also lead small discussion groups. This emphasis on youth ministering to youth helps the Lukers relate to the experience of living a Christian life at home and school right NOW! It also helps them see how they, as youth in our society, can do the same.

This year, we will be hosting 2, 1-day experiences.
7th graders will be welcomed Saturday January 9th from 8am-10pm.
8th graders will be welcomed Sunday January 10th from 8:am- 9pm.

Meals are being provided by various parish organizations and will be eaten at the parish. The Luke 18 Retreat is designed to be a parish-based retreat. Through all the support we are blessed to receive from the parish, we are enabled to offer this experience to your children. This set-up promotes a strong sense of community within the parish.

IMPORTANT REGISTRATION INFORMATION: Registration will be online only at www.sclym.org and will open on Monday, November 13th at 9:00am.

With the large number of participants logging on at the exact same time, it's likely for the website to slow down a bit. Therefore I ask that you please be patient and try not to click the 'continue' buttons more than once. Cost per participant will be \$50.00 for an in person Experience and \$25 To Receive Access to our Live Stream Experience.

Along with our team, we are very excited about once again hosting the Luke 18 retreat in our parish. We are confident that this will be a positive experience for everyone involved and hope that, through their participation, the youth of our parish will make a commitment to their faith in a *new and refreshing way!*

Thank you for your time and your interest in the youth of the Church! Please don't hesitate to contact us with any questions you may have!

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THAT WILL BREAK DOWN THE
WALLS THAT DIVIDE US

7th Grade

01.9.21

8am-10pm Sat

8th Grade

01.10.21

8am-9pm Sun