

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

January 24, 2010

Confirmation I Retreat is scheduled for February 7 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Registration information was sent home with Confirmation I youth this evening. Parents...If you have a youth in Confirmation I please plan to help with the retreat in some way. Your help is vital in order to have a successful retreat!!!

Confirmation Youth are reminded that attending Mass on a regular basis is vital to their Confirmation Preparation. Mass sign in sheets are in the back of Church on the ledge. Please sign each weekend before or after Mass. If you attend Mass at a different Church please bring a bulletin to your next class with you.

Confirmation II youth were sent home with their make-up assignments on December 13. If you have not turned them in please do so this week to avoid a parent/Confirmandi meeting with yours truly.

*The Archdiocese has sent out a request to see if there are youth that are interested in attending a pilgrimage to Madrid Spain for World Youth Day. In the past this trip has been focused on Young Adults 18-35 but they are currently assessing if it would be possible for youth 16-18 to attend. The pilgrimage is traditionally in August and it is likely you would miss school.*

**Youth that will have completed the 9<sup>th</sup> Grade by this summer are invited to consider going on the Youth Ministry Summer Mission Trip. There was an Informational Meeting on January 20<sup>th</sup>. Registration forms were available at tonight's meeting. They will also be available on our Parish Website. Registration for the mission trip is due on February 8<sup>th</sup>. Please turn in your form and money by this date to reserve your spot. There will be a mandatory parent/youth meeting in February to discuss fundraising.**

**IMPORTANT REMINDER FOR PARENTS:** Margaret Hendricks will present on child/parent communication on the Church's teaching on Morality and Sexuality. Margaret is coming from the Archdiocese of Indianapolis and is a great resource for parents. The presentation will be this **WEDNESDAY JANUARY 27<sup>th</sup>** at 6:30 p.m. Childcare will be provided.

Parents: Each week in Youth Ministry our youth hear the next week's gospel and have a focused discussion question for the week to explore the Bible in their own life. I get the question of the week here: <http://your.harcourtreligion.com/home/index.html> under the Whole Community Catechesis Icon. To implement talking about the Bible in your house try talking about the question of the week and reading ahead for the comings Sunday readings.

Our Jr. and Sr. are reading and discussing *The Shack*. I think they are starting with the first few chapters this week. If you have read the book you may want to discuss it as a family too!

**In case you haven't heard this is the year of the Priest.....what have you done to support Fr. Dan this week?**

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