

## Holy Cross Parish Confirmation Retreat Information

Please keep this sheet for your information. Turn in attached registration form with payment of \$125 to Theresa Austin by **August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017.**

This retreat is **REQUIRED FOR ALL STUDENTS IN THE CONFIRMATION PROGRAM.**

**WHEN: Saturday, Sunday and Monday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> – September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017.** Be at church by 8:30 a.m. on Saturday. We will leave at 9:00 sharp! You may pick up your son/daughter at the church by 1:30 p.m. on Monday.

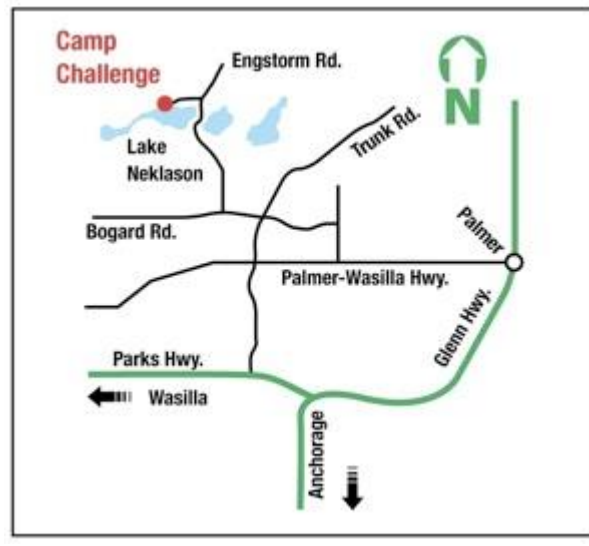
**WHAT TO BRING:** Sleeping bag, pillow, warm clothes (layers recommended), soap, shampoo, towel, toothbrush, flashlight, etc. We will be doing lots of outdoor activities, dress appropriately. (There will be a break on Saturday afternoon if students need to do homework.)

### WHAT NOT TO BRING:

Snacks, books (except homework), IPODs, IPADs, CD players, radios, game-boys, cell phones, etc.

COST: \$125 plus a food donation. Please make checks payable to HOLY CROSS and attach to registration.

## DIRECTIONS TO SAINT THERESE CAMP



Take the Glenn Hwy. (Hwy 1) towards Wasilla, Head North on the Parks Hwy, Take the Trunk Road Exit, right on Trunk Road, Follow Trunk Road past Palmer/Wasilla Hwy. to Bogard Rd., Turn Left onto Bogard, Turn Right onto Engstrom, Approximately 1.3 miles look for our sign. Turn left onto Twin Lakes Drive. We are located at the end of the road.

## **Rules for the Holy Cross Confirmation Retreat**

In order for the purpose of our retreat to be realized, we need full cooperation of these rules:

**No drugs or alcohol; no fire arms, and no entering the cabins of the opposite sex. No leaving the camp area; no electronic equipment allowed,** this includes and is not limited to cell phones, IPOD's, CD players, game boys, lap tops, etc. This will enable us to communicate with each other and not shut others out. The chaperons have been instructed to collect any electronic items brought to the retreat. They in turn will be given to Theresa who will then turn them over to the parents upon pick up at Holy Cross.

Please be prompt when called for meals, talks, or other planned activities; (a bell will ring to signal gathering time), sit next to someone different at each meal time so we can get to know each other better; show courtesy in cabins so those who wish to sleep are not disturbed.

During talks and faith sharing, it is **essential that we respect and not criticize what is shared.** Read over and follow the directions for small group faith sharing. Some of the things mentioned may be deeply felt and personal to the speaker. We must trust and appreciate one another by honestly speaking from the heart.

**Everyone is expected to participate:** One's sharing can help others clarify their own thoughts and may be the way God speaks to someone in the group.

Things that are shared this weekend are not discussed after we leave. This is essential to ensure we will feel free to share fully from our hearts. What happened at camp stays at camp.

Thoughts, feelings, attitudes are to be shared, but try to stick to the subject. We have many topics to discuss and want to allow time for all to share.

We are not here to judge each other, and we are not expected to solve other people's problems in the discussion group. In simple terms: no put downs, by word, expression or actions. None of us are perfect, but this weekend we can all try harder to reflect a more **Christ-like attitude toward one another.**

When someone is speaking, **our role is to listen and try to understand** more about the person through their sharing. It is alright to question, clarify or disagree, but never to criticize or ridicule!

If we separate into discussion groups, spend the full time in discussion. There is always more to learn about those who are making this retreat with us. Above all, be open to what God has in store for you this weekend. To close with a passage from scripture "If today you hear His voice, harden not your hearts."  
God Bless You!

## Holy Cross Parish Retreat Registration Form

This form and payment must be turned in by **August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017.**  
Cost is \$125 plus food donation.

Name of Student \_\_\_\_\_ M F Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parent or Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Phone Number (parent or guardian)

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Any medical problems or medication being taken? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, please describe \_\_\_\_\_

Medication should be brought to the attention of the staff, with explanation of use.

- GUIDELINES:**
1. NO ALCOHOL, NO ILLEGAL DRUGS OR ELECTRONIC EQUIP. OF ANY KIND UNLESS APPROVED BY THERESA
  2. OBSERVE QUIET HOURS
  3. BEHAVIOUR APPROPRIATE FOR A YOUNG ADULT
  4. OBSERVE RULES OF OUR HOST (CAMP)

I have read and understand the guidelines and will follow them for the retreat.

Student's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

I have read and understand the guidelines and give my permission for my son or daughter to attend the Holy Cross Retreat to be held on September 2-4, 2017. I understand that if any problem arises, I will be called to pick up my son or daughter at camp. I give my permission to the retreat staff to authorize any medical treatment for my son/daughter \_\_\_\_\_ should I be unable to be contacted.

Parent or Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_