

ONE-ON-ONE: JAN. 29-31, 2009
“GUARD YOUR HEART ABOVE ALL ELSE,
FOR IT DETERMINES THE COURSE OF YOUR LIFE.”
-PROV. 4:23

GET READY!

This weekend has the potential to change your life – if you let it! Talk about a great chance to get away with your friends and classmates, enjoy a weekend free from distractions, and get to know God more!

You're going to get more information the week before the retreat (like a detailed packing list) so don't worry about that stuff.

WHAT TO EXPECT:

A fun time chilling with friends, old and new.
Great food...and tons of snacks between meals.
Staying in the brand new Ponderosa retreat center at Triple R Ranch.
Rock climbing. Wally-ball, Ultimate Frisbee, etc... during free time.
A chance to get away and take a break.
Hearing from other youth during the talks and break-out sessions.
Confession, Adoration, Praise and Worship, and Mass!
An opportunity to meet with God and deepen your faith!

WHAT TO NOT EXPECT:

A boring weekend.
Time to do homework – get as much done as you can before leaving on Friday. There will be free time, but this weekend should be a break from school too!

THE DOWN-LOW:

When: Friday, Jan. 29th at 6:30 p.m. to Sunday, Jan. 31 at 2:00 p.m.
Where: Drop-off/Pick-up at St. Matt's, retreat at Triple R in Chesapeake
How Much: \$95 per participant. Every youth that is registered at St. Matt's and/or active in SMYG may receive a \$25 scholarship from the church. Additional scholarships are available – just ask.
Parents: Make sure you get a parent letter! Parents have special activities on Friday night and Sunday morning.

WHAT YOU NEED TO TURN IN BY JAN. 17:

- ___ The signed retreat application
- ___ \$25 deposit (checks made out to St. Matthew's)

God bless and we can't wait to see you for the One-on-One,

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Dear Parents:

On January 29, 2010, Friday, to January 31, 2010, Sunday, the Youth Ministry Staff of St. Matthew's Church will facilitate a spiritual retreat to all interested youth in our parish. Those who are preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation in May, 2010, are also invited to participate in this activity, although there will be a separate retreat for them at some other time.

While our children will be on weekend retreat (Jan 29 -31, 2010), I would like to invite you, parents, to come together for prayer and reflection on Friday, January 29 from 7:00 to 8:30 PM after dropping off your children at the Church. Snacks will be served so come as you are and make your children know and feel that you are one with them in spirit and prayers.

The retreat will culminate with the Eucharistic Celebration on Sunday, January 31 at 11:45 AM. After the Mass we shall gather for a potluck lunch at the cafeteria. Please bring a dish to share.

Thank you very much for giving this invite your top priority. Let us spend some time with the Lord and with one another.

Thank you all for the moral and spiritual support for our youth as they participate in activities that help them in their faith journey. May God continue to bless us all and our loved ones.

Sincerely yours in Jesus and Mary,

Sr. Saturnina L. Pascual, SNDS
Director of Religious Education

ONE-ON-ONE: RETREAT APPLICATION

Name: _____ Grade: _____ Gender: M F

E-mail: _____ Cell #: _____

Home #: _____ T-shirt size: _____ Is this your first retreat? Yes No

Why are you attending this retreat? _____

One-on-one is our youth group and Confirmation I retreat for St. Matthew's. It is open to all youth in high school. The retreat begins Friday night at 6:30 pm at St. Matthew's Catholic Church, Virginia Beach, and closes Sunday afternoon after the 11:45 Mass at St. Matthew's and a potluck lunch (ending at 2 pm). Youth stay overnight in the all-indoor cabin-style rooms at Triple R Ranch in Chesapeake. Transportation to and from Triple R will be provided by a St. Matthew's School bus with a qualified driver and by adult chaperones.

It is essential to the retreat experience that the youth who participate be present for the entire length of the weekend. Missing out on any aspect of the retreat impairs the overall experience, both for that individual and for the rest of the group as well. So, only on rare, extenuating circumstances would we make an exception to this. Part of the retreat experience is separating yourself from the hectic schedules of everyday life.

During the weekend you are expected to participate in all aspects of the retreat (rock climbing is an optional activity during free time)... but actually you won't want to miss out on any of it!

After you register for the retreat, you'll receive an e-mail and/or a printed sheet with full retreat details and a packing list about a week before the retreat.

Parents have a special session at the church with Sr. Nina (snacks provided as well!) from 7-8:30 on Friday. On Sunday, please plan on bringing a dish to share for lunch, dropping it off in the Assembly Hall at 11 a.m. and attending a short wrap-up session with Sr. Nina. Then we will all participate in the 11:45 a.m. Mass and conclude the retreat with a participant/family lunch. Coming back together with family for Mass and a meal is an important part of the retreat!

Please complete this registration form by January 17th and return it to SMYG/religious education class, the parish office from 8:30-4 p.m. Monday to Thursday, or the youth group mailbox in the hallway next to the Adoration Chapel. You must pay a deposit of \$25 to reserve your spot (feel free to make a complete payment and include release forms with your registration). The remainder of the \$95 (St. Matt's registered and SMYG members may receive a \$25 church-sponsored scholarship, additional scholarships available), SMYG annual release form, and Triple R Rock Climbing release form are due on Friday the 29th before departing for Triple R. Make checks payable to SMYG. Please do not let money be an issue for not coming. We have full and partial scholarships if finances are a concern – please e-mail requests to Ashley at ashley@smygva.org or call her at 619.0061.

Youth: I agree to participate in all aspects of the retreat.

Guardian: I agree to support my son/daughter in this experience.

YOUTH

PARENT/GUARDIAN