



CATHOLIC EDUCATION MINISTRIES

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On behalf of the Diocese of Saint Cloud, I invite you, your parish youth, and those adults who are serving youth in your parish to attend our Middle School Diocesan Lock-In for grades 6, 7, and 8. The event begins at 7:00 p.m. the evening of Saturday, January 28th at St. Francis Xavier (SFX) in Sartell and concludes at 6:00 a.m. the morning of Sunday, January 29th at the St. Cloud YMCA. Youth will be transported from SFX to the YMCA using the same mode of transportation used to get to the Lock-In. For local youth, who meet their group leader at SFX, a bus will be provided by the diocese to help transport participants to the YMCA.

The Middle School Lock-In theme is, “**Winter Spectacular.**” The event is about gathering as the young diocesan church to celebrate being Catholic through Eucharist, learning about our faith, and having fun through activity and prayer.

The lock-in will include swimming, rock climbing, prayer opportunities, ga-ga ball, dodgeball, wallyball, racquetball, movie room, laser tag, game shows, great food and snacks, silent disco and more.

To indicate your interest in participating in this year’s Lock-In, please click on the link under/in the Lock-In Event Post on the diocesan website, found at <https://www.stclaudio.org/event/middle-school-lock-in/>. Once you complete that simple form, Laura Gorder will email you the digital liability forms for your parish/ACC group.

We have enclosed a Youth Interest Form for your use in your parish/ACC. This form gives parents the necessary information about the event at the top and allows youth to return the bottom portion to the parish leader. You can use the bottom portion to know where to email the liability form link. You will get two liability form links: one for youth and one for adults.

Before attending please consider:

- Each group needs at least 2 adults present for the first 1-10 youth, and an additional 1 adult for every 6 youth registered after the first 10.
- See schedule to determine if your parish group wants to participate in events by parish/ACC group or if you want to allow youth to choose from available options. Perhaps the group wants to all go swimming or visit the prayer room at the same time (not required, but an option).

The early deadline for registration is noon on Thursday, January 19, 2023. Groups registered by the early deadline will have:

- **\$30/participant registration fee**
- **Complimentary registration for parish leader**
- **Complimentary registration for Pastor**

Groups registering after January 19 will have:

- **\$40.00/participant registration fee**
- **Complimentary registration for Pastor**

Due to the need to prepare for this event, we are unable to accept registrations after January 26, 2023.

You will receive nametags upon your check-in at the registration table in the Gathering Space at St. Francis Xavier in Sartell.

Weather & Refund Policy: We will cancel the Lock-In if the weather is unsafe. We will contact the listed parish leader via email and phone by Saturday at 1:00 p.m. if we chose to cancel. The telephone number listed on the Lock-In enrollment digital form is the number we will call if we cancel, please ensure that someone will be available at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 28 to receive that call, if necessary. If a cancellation due to weather occurs, we will refund your registration fees.

The Middle School Lock-in is an excellent means for us to celebrate our Catholic identity, our rich faith, and our young people! On behalf of the Diocese of Saint Cloud, thank you for all your service to young people.

Blessings,



Kent Schmitz
Associate Director of Youth Ministry and Adolescent Catechesis

Other enclosures:

- Registration procedure and schedule (2-sided)
- Volunteer Driver Form
- Youth Interest Form