



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 27th at Sacred Heart Parish in Sauk Rapids and concludes at 6:00 a.m. the morning of Sunday, January 28th at the St. Cloud YMCA. Youth will be transported from Sacred Heart 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 Sacred Heart, buses 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, escape rooms, 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 in the Winter Spectacular event on the diocesan website, found at <https://www.stcdio.org/event/middle-school-lock-in/>. Once you complete the [simple form](#), Laura Gorder will create your parish/ACC liability forms and email them to you. The last day to complete the Parish/ACC enrollment form is December 15.

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 18, 2024**. **All students and adults should have their PermissionClick form completed by Jan. 18 to receive:**

- \$40/participant registration fee
- Complimentary registration for parish leader
- Complimentary registration for Pastor

Groups completing forms after January 18 will have:

- \$50.00/participant registration fee
- Complimentary registration for Pastor

Due to the need to prepare for this event, we are unable to accept registrations after January 25, 2024.

You will receive nametags upon your check-in at the registration table in the Gathering Space at Sacred Heart in Sauk Rapids.

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 Winter Spectacular 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 27 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

Enclosures:

- [Registration procedure and schedule \(2-sided\)](#)
- [Volunteer Driver Form Bilingual](#)
- [Youth Interest Form Bilingual](#)
- [Interpreter Request Form](#)