

**ST JEROME CHURCH****LUKE 18 RETREAT****2026**

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Dear Parents,

On the weekend of February 13-15, 2026, St Jerome Parish will sponsor its 33<sup>rd</sup> annual Luke 18 Retreat. We would like to invite all 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders to join us.

The Luke 18 weekend is an excellent opportunity for your child to experience God's love in new and exciting ways through games, songs, faith sharing, and a series of talks given by area high school and college students. By encouraging the 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders to have fun and break down their "walls", the weekend helps them see that God is present in relationships at home with their family and at school with their peers, and it encourages them to share God's love with others. The weekend offers our youth an experience of God's love on a more personal level than is usually possible in a catechetical setting.

A team of young catholic adults will lead our youth through various activities with the help of high school and college students who not only present talks, but also lead small discussion groups. With "youth ministering to youth", hopefully the 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders are able to relate more easily to the experience of living a Catholic Christian life at home and at school.

**The Luke 18 retreat will begin at 7:00pm on Friday night , February 13, and conclude after the 4:00 mass and closing ceremony on Sunday, February 15. This retreat requires a commitment from your child for the entire weekend. They are not allowed to leave unless it is an emergency. The retreat and mass will be held at St John Neumann Catholic School in Maryville, IL. Family members are welcome and encouraged to attend the mass and closing ceremony.**

The children will spend Friday and Saturday night at host family sleep houses, separated into male and female sleep houses. All sleephouse parents have taken Safe Environment and have background checks with the diocese. Most all of our families have been sleep houses for years. We appreciate their continued support of the Luke 18 retreat, by opening their homes to our youth.

**The cost of the weekend is \$55.00 per child, which covers all meals, supplies and t-shirt. Please make checks payable to "St Jerome Youth Ministry" and send payment along with the registration and emergency form to Brenda Neumann 308 Avalon Drive Troy, Illinois 62294, by January 19, 2026. If you would like your child to participate on the weekend, but cannot afford the fee, please contact me.**

We hope your child will be able to join us on this powerful weekend of faith sharing and experience the Love of Christ through other youth. For questions, please contact me at 975-5907.

Thank you,

Brenda Neumann  
Youth Minister/Retreat Coordinator  
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**7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> GRADERS LUKE 18 REGISTRATION FORM**  
**February 13-15, 2026**

STUDENT'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_ MALE \_\_\_\_\_ FEMALE \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY, STATE, ZIPCODE \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT'S PHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT'S EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

STUDENT'S EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

PARISH \_\_\_\_\_

SCHOOL \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE \_\_\_\_\_

Have you been on a Luke 18 Retreat before: YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

SHIRT SIZE: Adult- Small \_\_\_\_\_ Medium \_\_\_\_\_ Large \_\_\_\_\_ XL \_\_\_\_\_ XXL \_\_\_\_\_

**THE COST OF THE WEEKEND IS \$55.00. THIS IS NON REFUNDABLE**

**Please make check out to: ST JEROME YOUTH MINISTRY**

**PLEASE MAIL FORMS WITH CHECK TO: Brenda Neumann 308 Avalon Drive, Troy, IL 62294**

**Please fill out forms and return with your check by Monday, January 27, 2025**

**Registrations received after January 19, are not guaranteed a t-shirt.**

**\*\*\*\*\*PARENTS WOULD YOU HELP BY VOLUNTEERING TO\*\*\*\*\***

*Helping with the preparation & Cleanup of One meal either \_\_\_\_\_ Saturday Lunch \_\_\_\_\_ Sunday Lunch*

**I have completed Protecting God's Children/Safe Environment - Yes No (please circle one)**

**I have a background check on file with the Springfield diocese - Yes No (please circle one)**

***Current Background check and Protecting God's Children/Safe Environment must be on file with the diocese to volunteer for this retreat, thank you. This is all available on-line if needed to be completed.***

**\*\*\*\*\*PARENTS WOULD YOU PLEASE DONATE\*\*\*\*\***

*Please bring one box of store/bakery bought desserts: \_\_\_\_\_ brownies \_\_\_\_\_ snack cakes \_\_\_\_\_ cookies  
Little Debbie's, Hostess, etc.*

**\*\*\*\*\*SLEEP HOUSE\*\*\*\*\***

I am interested in being a sleep house. Please contact me \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

**Any questions please call Brenda Neumann 975-5907 or email [bneumann@stjeromeparish.org](mailto:bneumann@stjeromeparish.org)**

## HOLD HARMLESS/CONSENT TO TREAT/PARENTAL PERMISSION

Form must be completely filled out

Participants Name \_\_\_\_\_ Shirt size S M L XL XXL

Participant's cell phone \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Parent home/cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

### EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION:

In the event that I cannot be reached please contact \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to child \_\_\_\_\_

Physician \_\_\_\_\_ Physician's Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Insurance Carrier \_\_\_\_\_ Policy Number \_\_\_\_\_

Any Allergies, Dietary Restrictions (vegetarians, etc.) or any other Conditions that apply: \_\_\_\_\_

I, the undersigned parent / legal guardian of \_\_\_\_\_, in consideration of my child's participation in the Luke 18 retreat, sponsored by St. Jerome's Parish in Troy, and held at St. John Neumann Catholic School in Maryville, do hereby agree to hold harmless the Diocese of Springfield, St. Jerome Parish, St. John Neumann School and any and all of its agents, employees, chaperones, volunteers, and other adults as official agents of the above named parish, school, and diocese from any prosecution resulting from any illness (including Covid 19), injury/ death of my child as a result of participation in this activity. I understand that the activity will involve staying overnight at host sleep houses (you will receive the name and address of the host family at check in) and that I will have informed the above agencies of any impediments to my child taking part in such activities. Further, in the event of injury to my child, and I cannot be reached I hereby give permission for necessary medical treatment to be performed by a physician should the need arise.

**I also indicate by my signature that I have been informed of my child's participation in this activity and that I hereby give my consent for my child to participate in said activity. I also understand if my child is sick in anyway, I will not bring them to the retreat. If my child presents any symptoms of being sick, I understand that I will be called to come and pick my child up immediately.**

Signed

\_\_\_\_\_  
(signature of parent/guardian)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(date)

St Jerome Luke 18 has permission to use my child's pictures and/or videos on the parish website, Catholic Times, parish bulletin and bulletin boards at the church.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(signature of parent/guardian)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(date)