

Timothy 4 2020

Dear Incoming Freshmen and Parents,

After a long wait, we are happy to announce that T4 is on! This opportunity is extended to any and all incoming high school freshmen, and it will take place from Friday, August 28th—Sunday, August 30th.

In this retreat, we focus on growing our relationship with God as well as our relationships with one another. Retreatants will have the opportunity to hear talks from their peers, participate in reflection activities, eat some good food, and have plenty of time for fun!

T4 will be held in the Parish Center as well as outdoors. Friday evening will serve as the sendoff night, and registration is from 7:00—7:30pm in the Parish Center. Parents are welcome to stay for the socially-distanced concert series that will occur in the lower church parking lot from 8-10pm, and retreatants will receive a blessing at the end of the night. Retreatants will stay at their homes on Friday and Saturday nights. **The retreat events begin at 9:00 am at St. Joseph Parish Saturday and Sunday. Dismissal will be at 10:00 pm on Saturday and NOON on Sunday. Retreatants will then come back on Sunday for 5pm Mass and the Big Freshmen Welcome Life Night.** Please make arrangements to transport retreatants to and from St. Joe.

Lunch and dinner will be provided on Saturday. Dinner will be provided on Sunday. Retreatants should eat dinner before arriving on Friday and breakfast before arriving on Saturday and Sunday. You can find a schedule detailing drop off, pick up, and meal times below this letter. The schedule is followed by a short list of what to wear and what to bring on this retreat.

As in all of our youth ministry activities this summer and always, the health and safety of our teens and core members will be top priority during the retreat. Meals will be served by adult core members wearing masks and gloves, and there will be no buffet style service or sharing of food. We are planning to hold many of the activities outdoors while observing social distancing (weather permitting). Talks and other activities where we are seated will be in the parish center. Mask wearing and social distancing will be required for all indoor activities.

You will find the form to register for T4 alongside this letter, please complete and return by August 21, 2020. The cost of this retreat is \$75.00 to cover meals, t-shirts, etc. If for some reason the fee or the form deadline becomes an issue, please call me.

Should you have any further questions, please contact me directly:
mschurz@stjoemanchester.org or 636-227-4533.

Peace,

Maggie Schurz

Timothy 4 Schedule

Friday 8/28

(Eat dinner AT HOME, please!)

7:00—7:30 pm: Arrive and Register in the Parish Center

Concert/Retreat Activities

10:00 pm: Dismissal

Saturday 8/29

(Eat breakfast AT HOME, please!)

9:00 am: Arrive at Parish Center

Retreat Activities

NOON: Lunch at St. Joe

Retreat Activities

6:00 pm: Dinner at St. Joe

Retreat Activities

10:00 pm: Dismissal

Sunday 8/30

(Eat breakfast AT HOME, please!)

9:00 am: Arrive at Parish Center

Retreat Activities

NOON: Dismissal

(Eat lunch at home; get some homework done, rest, etc.)

4:45 pm: Arrive at Church for 5:00 Mass—we will sit on the left side in a reserved section (6 ft. apart)

5:45 pm: Walk to the top lot and commence BIG INCOMING FRESHMEN WELCOME NIGHT

6:00 pm: Dinner provided by St. Joe for welcome night

8:00 pm: Dismissal

What to wear:

- Comfortable clothing
- Casual, nothing fancy
- Athletic clothes work well!
- MASK

What to bring:

- Pack of bottled water, canned soda, or individual prepackaged snacks to share (hand to adult team members at registration)
- Lawn chair or blanket to sit on outside
- Sunscreen
- Bug spray
- Personal hand sanitizer (we will have some too)
- Back-up mask
- Reusable water bottle (filled with water)
- An open mind and heart 😊