

CONFIRMATION RETREAT INFORMATION

**St. John the Evangelist
October 7-9, 2016**

We'll leave the St. John School Parking Lot at 4:30pm on Friday to head out to Prairie Star Ranch, the Archdiocesan Youth Camp in Williamsburg, Kansas. The retreat will focus on the gifts of the Holy Spirit and the Sacrament of Confirmation, and students will have an opportunity to bond with each other in a safe environment that is removed from their everyday experience. Students will also have the opportunity to experience the sacrament of Confession as well as spend time in prayer reflecting on God's will for their lives. We will return for Mass with parents/families at 11:00am at St. John Church on October 9. **Students will not be dismissed until noon following Sunday morning Mass.**

Various parent coordinating duties are necessary for this retreat. Duties include: bag drivers to Prairie Star Ranch on October 7 (load up bags at 4:30pm and drop them off at Prairie Star!) and food coordinators (behind the scenes to coordinate food-age for the retreat and then to help with food prep to feed the students/leaders all weekend).

To pack:

T-shirts (3)
 Pairs of capris/jeans* (2)
 Sweater/Jacket (bonfires will be happening!!)
 Pajamas
 Socks
 Underwear
 Comfy athletic shoes
 Toiletries/shampoo/conditioner (girls can share if you have a friend coming!!)
 Deodorant (please don't forget!!) ☺
 Toothbrush/toothpaste
 Contact wear/glasses (cases, saline solution, etc.)
 Water bottle

Towel

SLEEPING BAG/twin sheet set
 Pillow
 Small blanket
 BIBLE
 Rosary (if you have one!!)
 Games (if you have some you'd like to share!!)

*Young women of God, if you choose to wear shorts, then please attempt to keep the shorts at a reasonable length (i.e. no butt shorts; think much longer than the school dress code). If you think that the length may be questionable, go longer. Young men, keep those short-shorts at home. ☺ The chaperones reserve the right to ask you to change your clothing if it is inappropriate for activities. Jen also has an infamous pair of sweatpants that she brings along to youth group trips. Trust me; you don't want to wear them!!

To NOT PACK:

Cell phones (Jen can always be reached at 785.766.6189)
 I-Pods/techno gadgets/etc.
 Drugs
 Alcohol
 Weapons of any kind