

CONFIRMATION RETREAT INFORMATION:

Thank you for making this retreat a priority! We're excited to spend the day at Camp Bethel, a beautiful outdoor setting in Botetourt County. More than just a fun getaway, this retreat offers students a chance to step back, grow in faith, and open their hearts to the Holy Spirit.

Retreat Theme: Come, Holy Spirit, These words are both a prayer and a call — inviting the Spirit to move in our lives. Through talks, small groups, activities, reflection, prayer, and Mass, students will deepen their relationship with God and prepare their hearts for Confirmation.

Cost: \$45.00

Retreat Schedule:

Time: November 2, 2025 8:30 AM – 7:00 PM (please arrive by **6:45pm**)

Drop-off Location: Our Lady of Nazareth (OLN) — please arrive by 8:30 AM sharp

Pick-up Location: Camp Bethel (details below)

We'll begin the day at OLN by gathering for name tags and a brief welcome before heading together to the 9:00 AM Mass (students will sit together as a group — families are welcome to attend). After Mass, we'll enjoy a snack, icebreakers, and our first talk before departing by bus for Camp Bethel. At the end of the day, parents will **pick up students directly from Camp Bethel** at 6:30 PM. You are welcome to arrange a carpool pick up.

Location & Contact Info;

Camp Bethel: 328 Bethel Road, Fincastle, VA 24090, Phone: (540) 992-2940

In case of emergency, please contact:

[Meg Griffith] — Cell: (540) 283-3266 and follow the prompts

What to Bring & Wear

- ☐ Small backpack
- ☐ Comfortable clothing and **closed-toe shoes**
- ☐ Sweatshirt or fleece, hat/gloves (weather dependent)
- ☐ Filled **water bottle**
- ☐ Bible, journal, pen (optional but welcome)
- ☐ Any medications your child needs (please inform adult leaders)

Meals

Please eat breakfast at home. We will provide: Morning snacks, Lunch and dinner at Camp Bethel, S'mores snack in the afternoon. Students are welcome to pack an additional snack if needed.

Important Guidelines

- If your student is feeling sick or has been exposed to illness, please stay home — we will offer a makeup retreat option.
- No alcohol, tobacco, vapes, illegal substances, weapons, or gaming devices.
- Phones must be **turned off (or better yet, leave at home!)** and kept in backpacks during retreat activities. (We'll take plenty of pictures and encourage students to be fully present.)

Thank you again for your support and partnership. Please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions or concerns — we're looking forward to a grace-filled and memorable retreat!