

Who is Invited?

All those who have just completed 8th-12th grade, as well as safe environment trained adult leaders who would like to help support the high school youth on this pilgrimage. We will be joined by seminarians and priests for the pilgrimage and they will help guide us on the 15+ mile journey down the Wabash River.

Blessed Solanus Casey, pray for us!

Chaperones:

Chaperones will include diocesan staff, diocesan seminarians, clergy, and volunteers. We also have a registration link for other adult leaders who would like to accompany young people on the pilgrimage.

Event Schedule*:

Registration Price: \$60/person

8:00 a.m. Arrive at St. Felix Catholic Center on Thursday, July 30, 2020.

8:30 a.m. Mass @ St. Felix Catholic Center.

9:30-10:00 a.m. Shuttle to Forks of the Wabash and launch canoes

11:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. (Pass by Andrews, IN) (Portable Restroom)

12:00 - 1:00 p.m. Pass by Hanging Rock National Natural Landmark (Portable Restroom)

1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Lagro, IN Pre-paid hotdog / ice cream at Interurban Ice Cream. Public Restroom.

4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. Arrive at Wabash, Indiana. Public Restroom.

4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. (Shuttle back to St. Felix Catholic Center in Huntington, IN)

*Times are approximate. Many factors affect length of canoe trip, such as river current, length of stops, how much participants paddle, etc.

Safety on the pilgrimage:

1. **Life vests** will be provided to all participants. We expect that they be worn at all times while in kayaks and canoes on the pilgrimage.
2. **Squads:** We will divide our pilgrims into groups of 3-5 watercraft per squad. All watercraft and members of the squad must stay together throughout the pilgrimage.
3. **Students** must follow the directives of their squad leader
4. **Canoeing** and kayaking must be done responsibly. No horseplay or actions that would threaten the safety of others.
5. **Do not bring any valuables** on the pilgrimage.
6. **Student cell phones** are discouraged (can be lost / damaged in the river).
7. **Chaperones** or students who bring cell phones should have them in a waterproof bag and secure them to their canoe or a belt loop. Items such as cell phones and cameras are entirely brought at your own risk. We are not responsible for any belongings lost or water damage done to electronics or personal belongings brought on the pilgrimage.

What to Bring:

1. **Food:** Due to COVID-19, we will not be providing breakfast or dinner. We will offer everyone a hotdog and a soft serve ice cream cone from Interurban Ice Cream in Lagro, IN. These items will be pre-paid for by the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. Everything else you need to eat from morning until mid-evening, you should bring on your own.
2. **Water / Electrolytes.** Due to COVID-19, we do not want to provide water bottles for participants (except in the case of necessity), so participants should be prepared to bring plenty of water for the pilgrimage. 128+ ounces (1 gallon+) of water/sports drinks is recommended / person.
3. **An Endurance Event:** An 18 mile canoe trip is an endurance athletic event, and all participants should be prepared accordingly. Bringing sports drinks and electrolytes is a good idea.
4. **Hand Sanitizer:** Please bring a personal – travel size bottle of hand sanitizer

5. Facial Covering: These will be required while inside during this event.

6. Hat and sunscreen are almost requirements for the trip. With COVID-19, person care items like Sunscreen and hand sanitizer should be brought on your own!! Also, consider a lip-balm that has sun protection. The sun reflects off the water and can burn you that way too! Sunglasses are a good idea.

7. Gloves: With 5-7 hours of paddling on the Wabash River, blisters are a real possibility. Some kind of light, breathable gloves would be a great idea: For example: cycling gloves, baseball gloves, or breathable garden gloves. They can help keep your hands free from unnecessary blisters!

8. No littering. Be sure to have a way to keep your wrappers / plastic bottles with you until we find a waste basket.

9. Appropriate Footwear: Water splashes into the canoes frequently. Don't bring your prize pair of shoes. Footware that is well secured to your feet can be very helpful when embarking / disembarking, so flip-flops are probably not the best option either. An older pair of sneakers or similar footware will get the job done. If wearing strapped sandals, be aware of the possibility of sun burn on your feet.

COVID-19 Plan

1. Everyone must have a cloth facial covering with them during the day. We assume that facial coverings will be required when indoors (for Mass / during transportation). There is a possibility they will be recommended / required on the canoe trip itself. We will assess based on the latest CDC / State / Diocesan recommendations and guidelines.

2. We will not be providing food for the participants other than a hotdog / medium softserve icecream cone at Interurban Ice Cream at approximately mile 12 of 18 on the canoe trip (around 1:00 p.m. in Lagro, Indiana).

3. We would like participants to bring their own water and sports drinks, so participants should be prepared to bring plenty of water for the pilgrimage. 128+ ounces (1+ gallon) of water/fluid is recommended / person.

4. Participants should bring plenty of food in a small cooler / small thermal bag. Food that travels well is important. Participants should eat a sizeable breakfast in the morning and have food for an early dinner and plenty of snacks during this trip. You will burn a lot of calories from all the paddling.

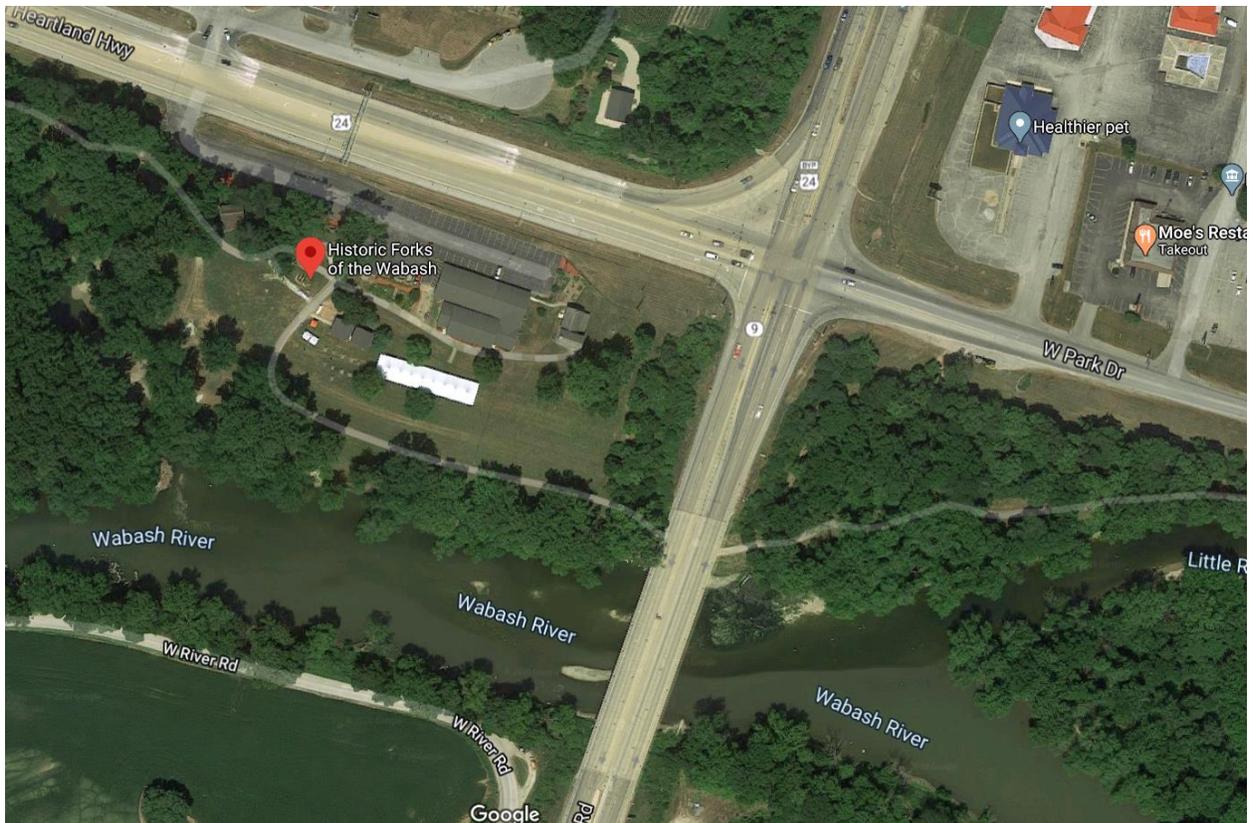
Helpful Addresses:

1. St. Felix Friary

1280 Hitzfield Street
Huntington, IN 46750

2. Forks of the Wabash

3011 W. Park Drive
Huntington, IN 46750



<https://www.google.com/maps>

3. Andrews, IN:

Located just to the east of Main Street (IN 105) on the north side of the Wabash River.



4. Hanging Rock and Wabash Reef National Natural Landmark: (Port-a-John Available)

“Hanging Rock and Wabash Reef consists of two, one-acre sites along the south bank of the Wabash River. Both contain natural exposures of limestone reef deposits characteristic of Silurian rocks of the midwestern United States, most of which are exposed only in quarries. Hanging Rock is an impressive natural exposure of an exhumed reef that rises 75 feet above the Wabash River. Wabash Reef, one of the best known fossil reefs in the world, has been the subject of numerous studies responsible for the development of modern reef theory.” - National Parks Service

<https://www.nps.gov/subjects/nlandmarks/site.htm?Site=HARO-IN>



<https://www.google.com/maps>

5. Interurban Ice Cream, Lagro, IN (Public Restroom Available)

850 Basin Street

Lagro, Indiana

Canoe landing is just to the east of Davis Street in Lagro, IN.



<https://www.google.com/maps>



6. Landing in Wabash, IN (Public Restroom Available)

Located at the corner of Smith and Carroll Street in Wabash, IN.



<https://www.google.com/maps>



For more info go to
www.WabashRiver.us