



Diocesan World Youth Day Information Packet

Feb. 21-23, 2020

Bishop Luers High School
Fort Wayne, IN

WHAT IS DIOCESAN WORLD YOUTH DAY (DWYD)?

DWYD is an annual weekend conference hosted by the Office of Youth Ministry for high school students in the Diocese of Fort Wayne/South Bend. Diocesan WYD seeks to enliven the faith and joy of our youth and their parishes through the sacraments, liturgy and prayer, life-changing messages, and a profound experience of community. It aims to help our high school students encounter Christ and be inspired to more boldly share the gift of their faith with their families and friends, parishes, and communities.

'Young man, I say to you, arise!' (Luke 7:14)

The scripture above is the theme for our conference this year. This theme was announced by the Pope over the summer and will be the theme for the annual World Youth Day celebrated locally in Rome on Palm Sunday in 2020. The Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend reflects on this theme each year in union with the Pope and in preparation for the next International World Youth Day in Portugal in 2022. This year, we will reflect on how Christ calls us to arise out of sin and death, arise into relationship with family and friends, arise into relationship with Christ, and arise into witness guided by the Holy Spirit.

RETREAT BASICS:

Date and Time:

February 21-23, 2020

6:30pm, Friday, February 21st - 11:30am, Sunday, February 23rd

Location:

Bishop Luers High School
333 E. Paulding Rd.
Ft. Wayne, IN 46816

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HOMILISTS, KEYNOTE SPEAKERS & MUSICIANS:

Bishop Kevin Rhoades

Most Reverend Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades is the Bishop for the Diocese of Fort Wayne, South Bend. From Pennsylvania, Bishop Rhoades was ordained a priest and first served in the Diocese of Harrisburg. He went on to teach and become the rector at Mt. St. Mary's University in Emmitsburg, MD where many of our diocesan seminarians attend school today. In 2004, Bishop Rhoades was ordained a Bishop for the Diocese of Harrisburg. In 2009, he was appointed as the 9th Bishop in the Diocese of Fort Wayne- South Bend. This year marks the 10th anniversary of Bishop Rhoades' service to this diocese.

Father Andrew Budzinski

Father Andrew Budzinski is the Vocation Director for the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. He also currently serves as pastor at St. John the Baptist in Fort Wayne.

Sarah Swafford

Sarah Swafford is the founder of Emotional Virtue Ministries. She speaks internationally to people of all ages on a variety of topics such as: Emotional Virtue, Dating and Relationships, Modesty of Intentions, and Interior Confidence. She is a graduate of Benedictine College and has been involved in ministry for over ten years. For three years, Sarah worked as a Residence Hall Director at Benedictine College, taking care of 142 freshmen women. That amazing experience gave her a front row seat into the hearts of women and men transitioning from high

school to college, giving her a deeper look into the struggles facing teens and young adults today.

Sarah shares her message at school assemblies, retreats, rallies, and conferences around the world and is the author of *Emotional Virtue: A Guide to Drama-Free Relationships*. She has appeared on EWTN's *Life on the Rock*, *EWTN Live*, and is co-host of EWTN's *At the Heart of Relationships*. She has also been featured in the National Catholic Register. Sarah is a contributor to *Chosen*, Ascension Press' confirmation program and YDisciple's *True Beauty*; she has also contributed videos for www.womenmadenew.com. Sarah is a proud team member of Chastity Project and speaks at Steubenville Conferences in the United States and Canada.

Sarah also works on Special Projects for Catholic Identity at Benedictine College in Atchison, Kansas, where she resides with her wonderful husband, Dr. Andrew Swafford, and their children: Thomas, Fulton, Cate, Kolbe, and John Paul. You can find more information about Sarah and Emotional Virtue Ministries at www.emotionalvirtue.com

Nathaniel Binversie

Nathaniel Binversie is the Director of Mission for Exodus Inc., the author of the Exodus 90 Spiritual Exercise, Chief Editor for Day 91, Husband, Father, and parishioner at St. John the Baptist parish in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Before he worked for Exodus he worked in collegiate ministry, including three years with FOCUS (Fellowship of Catholic University Students). Nathaniel holds degrees in Philosophy, Catholic Studies, and a Masters in Theology. Though he has seen the Lord call him to use his brain in fantastic ways he is certain that it is his knees that are most valuable to both his family and to mission. On top of that he wants you to know he loves big mountain skiing.

Scally Brothers

The Scally Brothers are a Christian trio founded in Toledo, Ohio by Jacob, Zachary, and Gavin Scally. From an early age they developed a passion for their faith and love of music. In the summer of 2019, the group launched their first national tour that stopped in nearly twenty states across the United States of America at various Churches, camps, festivals, and fairs. The title of their most recent EP, "Mighty" demonstrates that God is powerful, faithful, and mighty. In a world that seems to be hopeless at times, it is still important to believe that God is strong and continues to work miracles for good. A bible verse that is modeled for the group comes from the book of Philippians. "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" (Philippians [4:13](#)).

Other Special Guests

We are grateful and excited to welcome the following priests, religious, and lay leaders to our DWYD: Father Ben Muhlenkamp, Father Drew Curry, Father Thomas Zehr, Father Patrick Hake, Father Matt Coonan, Father David Huneck, Father Mark Gurtner, Father Nathan Maskal, Father Ryan Pietrocarlo C.S.C., Fr. Patrick Reidy, C.S.C., Sister Lucia Richardson, Sister Mary Grace, Jessica Hayes, O.V., Justin Aquila, and the FWSB Seminarians.

WHO IS INVITED?

The retreat is open to all high school students in the Diocese of Fort Wayne/South Bend currently in grades 9-12. Friends from neighboring dioceses are also welcome. This is a Catholic retreat/conference, but teens who are from another faith tradition are welcome. We are also in need of young adult and adult chaperones/small group leaders for the weekend.

WHAT IS THE COST OF ATTENDANCE?

High School Student: \$70

Adult: \$25

HOW DO I REGISTER?

Register online at: <https://www.fwsbym.com/youthconference>

Students and chaperones are welcome to register on their own or as part of a group.

Individual Registrants: Please complete your registration and submit payment online. If you would like, you can submit the name of another parish that does have a delegation attending the retreat with whom you would like to be grouped.

Group Registrants: We ask that if a parish has more than 4 participants, that it bring chaperones who will serve as mentors for the youth throughout the weekend. A ratio of 1 adult for every 6-10 youth is acceptable.

TENTATIVE WEEKEND SCHEDULE:

Friday, February 21, 2020

6:30pm	Registration Opens
7:30pm	Retreat Begins!

8:00pm	Opening Blessing and Session #1 Talk: Arise out of Sin & Death
8:45pm	Healing Service with Confession
10:15pm	Night Prayer
10:30pm	Small Group Check-In
11:30pm	Lights Out

Saturday, February 22, 2020

7:30am	Morning Prayer
8:15am	Breakfast
8:45am	Retreat Day 2 Begins!
9:00am	Session #2 Talk: Arise into Relationship with Family & Friends
10:20am	Mass
11:15am	Morning Breakout Sessions: "Your Best Lent Yet," "Discerning the Voice of God," "Sports, Training, & the Spiritual Life," "Finding your Identity in Christ"
12:00pm	Lunch
12:45pm	Small Group Time
1:15pm	Large Group Game
2:00pm	Guy/Girl Talks: Living a Life of Virtue as a True Man & True Woman
3:30pm	Structured Free Time
5:00pm	Rosary
5:45pm	Dinner
6:45pm	Evening Session Begins!
7:30pm	Session #3 Talk: Arise into Relationship with Christ
8:30pm	Adoration
9:30pm	Small Group Time
10:00pm	Birthday Party
10:30pm	Night Prayer
11:30pm	Lights Out

Sunday, February 23rd, 2020

8:00am	Breakfast
8:30am	Morning Prayer
8:45am	Retreat Day 3 Begins!
9:00am	Talk #4: Arise into Witness led by the Spirit
10:00am	Mass with Bishop Rhoades - Parents and Families are Invited!
11:00am	Picture with the Bishop
11:30am	Student Pick-Up

HOUSING:

Students will be sleeping in the gym or classrooms at Bishop Luers High School on Friday and Saturday night. During the overnight hours, the high school will be divided into clearly marked male / female sleeping areas. No female is allowed in male sleeping areas or females in male sleeping areas. We have a "zero tolerance policy" on this overnight regulation.

Overnight security will also be provided by FW Police / Allen County Sheriff departments.

Please be sure to pack a sleeping bag and pillow for the overnight accommodations at Bishop Luers High School.

CAN I GO HOME IN THE EVENING AND COME BACK?

We encourage all students to attend the full weekend retreat, spending the night at Bishop Luers. This helps to remove distractions that could take away from fully immersing yourself into what is offered at the retreat.

If there is a conflict with the retreat in the evening or parents would prefer to have their child at home in the evening, please send a signed letter with your child to the retreat. We will collect this at registration on Friday evening. Students will not be able to leave for the night until 10:45pm and should return to Bishop Luers the following morning by 8:00am. Students must sign out and back in at the registration station before leaving and when returning.

TRANSPORTATION:

A free Mishawaka school bus shuttle will be ordered that will depart Marian High School at 4:30pm on Friday, February 21, 2020 and return to South Bend around 1:30pm on Sunday, February 23, 2020. Please email jpratt@diocesefwsb.org if interested in the shuttle bus from Mishawaka to Fort Wayne.

Other participants should arrange to drive themselves or be dropped off by their parents at 6:30pm at Bishop Luers High School on Friday, February 21, 2020. Parents and families are invited to join us for closing Mass with the Bishop on Sunday, February 23, 2020 at 10:00am. Students may then leave after this Mass. If parents cannot come to the closing Mass, they can pick up their student at 11:30am.

FOOD

All meals will be provided. Meals will be served in the cafeteria and will offer participants a variety of options. Daily snacks will be passed out to participants as well. Those participants with special dietary needs should be sure to clearly mark these on their registration or send a detailed email to jmartin@diocesefwsb.org.

PACKING LIST:

- Bedding: Pillow, Sleeping Bag, and Sleeping Pad/Mattress (if desired)
- Toiletries
- Towel & Washcloth
- Clothes: Enough for 2 Days
 - Clothing should be comfortable, modest, and cover all undergarments and midriffs.
 - Inappropriate or profane attire are not to be worn at any time during the weekend.
 - Shoes are to be worn at all times (except during sleeping hours)
 - Please bring an extra sweatshirt/jacket in case the school is cold
- Optional: Bathing suit for showers and/or shower shoes (There are no shower curtains in the men's locker room)
- Water bottle
- Bible & Rosary
- Journal & Pen
- Backpack/drawstring Bag
- Medication

MEDICATION:

Students taking medication are required to turn this medication into our nurses at registration on Friday evening. Parents should send the medication in a ziploc bag with instructions. Nurses will help to make sure that the medication is given throughout the weekend.

Allergies and/or dietary needs should be clearly marked on the online registration form.

CELL PHONE/ELECTRONICS POLICY:

We will be encouraging all students to hand over their phones to their small group leaders for the weekend. If students need to access them throughout the weekend, small group leaders will be able to assist them. If students do keep their phones, we will ask that they stay kept away with their luggage during the day. Our hope is for all students to have limited distractions in order to make the most out of their time listening to messages, being silent in prayer, and interacting with the people on the retreat.

CODE OF CONDUCT:

Diocesan WYD Expectations:

Chaperones, students, and event leaders (participants) all represent the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend and the Catholic Church during the Diocesan WYD (event). Christian and considerate behavior is expected at all times.

No action that inhibits the peace and well-being of others during the event will be tolerated.

Participants are expected to be present for all Diocesan WYD events including, but not limited to, liturgies, talks, small groups, meals, and other events as scheduled

Participants are expected to uphold the standards of modesty in dress and speech at all times.

There will be absolutely no drinking (regardless of age), smoking, vaping, illegal drug use, profanity, physical violence, verbal aggression or threats, or sexual activity permitted during the event.

Participants understand that any serious violation may result in their dismissal from the event at the participant's expense.

Females are not permitted in male sleeping areas, and males are not permitted in female sleeping areas.

Participants are not permitted to leave sleeping quarters after lights out.

Participants are expected to be good stewards by respecting the property of others, including school property, and by taking care of their personal belongings and trash.