

Livin' It Up on Summer Break @ the Big Ballpark

Thank you for your interest in joining the St. Maurice-St. John-Immaculate Conception youth for a day at Great American Ball Park on Sunday, July 24! The Reds' game will begin at 1:10 p. m. versus the Arizona Diamondbacks, and will be immediately followed by the MercyMe concert. We plan to leave the St. Maurice parking lot after the 10:00 Mass (no sooner than 11:00), so please plan to assemble near the main entrance of the parish hall to receive tickets. If you prefer to receive your tickets prior to Sunday, please let me know by calling (812)-216-5091, and I will be glad to get them to you at an earlier time.

DRIVERS: My suggested route for driving to the game will be to take 48 to 129 to 46 to 229 in Batesville to access I-74. Then, we will follow 74 until it merges with 75; we will need to exit on Western Ave. (Exit 2A), and the Central Riverfront Parking Garage will be most easily accessed by taking Western to Gest, and turn left; then, follow Gest to W. Pete Rose Way and turn left. You will pass Paul Brown Stadium (on your right-hand side) to access the garage which is underneath the Banks, just west of the ballpark. You are welcome to take any route you wish, but I thought I would include this if you are less familiar with how to get to this particular parking venue. Please ask for a receipt for parking and submit to Joyce Muckerheide for a refund, courtesy of the youth funds. We are grateful you are willing to drive!!

Baseball games typically last around three hours (not including rain delays or extra innings), so keep in mind that the game will most likely take us to the 4 o'clock hour, and then the concert will occur on the field after the game. I am GUESSING we could be home by 7:45 or 8 p. m. However, the return time is subject to change for any number of reasons, so those of you driving separately will, of course, have the freedom to leave whenever you see fit.

Our seats are in Section 509, so they will be partly shaded and partly in the sun. I will be distributing tickets to various groups for admission to the ballpark, but once we arrive at our seats, it would be fine for people within our group to trade if some would prefer shade or sun, or prefer a higher or lower row within that section. Because it is a day game, I would highly recommend bringing a sealed bottle of water, wearing sunscreen, and/or lighter clothing to be more comfortable during the game. The price of water is expensive at the concession stand, so bringing your own is the smarter option. A hot dog and a large drink can cost you \$9.50, so if you just don't care to pay those prices, bringing your own snacks is permitted.

We are very glad to have you join us for this youth outing, and hope that everyone will enjoy the experience!! Thank you for your cooperation and if you have any questions/concerns, please do not hesitate to call the above number, or e-mail me at jansingj@hotmail.com.

Hoping to see you there,

Jill Jansing, Youth Committee Member

