

THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS LIKE VIRTUAL PARABLES RETREAT

3 Zoom Sessions – 8pm – Sunday, Wednesday, Sunday

Sr. Suzanne Thibault has been presenting youth retreats since 1986. She is best known for the ability to engage students and adults on retreat. The Virtual Retreat format includes live presentations on the Zoom Platform. Each session is 30-45 minutes in length and includes breakout rooms with small group sharing. Each session is followed with discussion and reflection work for the student and sponsor to take a deeper look into the presented material. The reflection work is returned to the presenter before the next zoom session. This Virtual Retreat would be presented as a 5 hour in-person retreat with large group, small group and one-on-one sharing between student and sponsor.

Virtual Parables Retreat (3 Zoom Sessions)

Sunday, Wednesday, Sunday 8:00pm – 8:45pm

December 7, 10, 14, 2025

January 18, 21, 25, 2026

This retreat is designed for student and an adult.
Adult may be parent, Godparent, Confirmation Sponsor.

Explore the purpose and meaning of the Parables of Jesus. Learn the ancient form of prayer Lectio Divina and open yourself up to hear the voice of God in your prayer and your life.

Cost: \$10 per person

This retreat is designed as a teen/adult retreat.

Developed by: Sr. Suzanne Thibault, C.A.

Scope:

1. Education Component

Instruction through three (3) Zoom Sessions at 8:00pm

Sunday, Wednesday, Sunday

Zoom #1 - Overview of Retreat 45 minutes

Review Part 1 – Life lessons, attitudes, values

Introduce Part 2 – Parable of Jesus

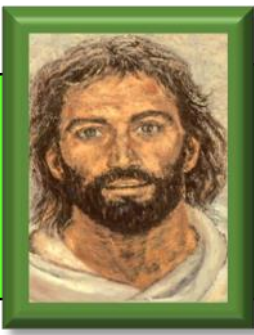
How to Pray with Scripture

Zoom #2 – Process lessons from Parables 45 minutes

Zoom #3 – Collect graces of retreat 30 minutes

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2. Process Component for student and sponsor (partners for this retreat)

Self-process material is sent after each Zoom Session

Activity and Interaction between student and sponsor

3. Reflection and Conversation with partner

4. Assessment Component

Completed Material returned to Sr. Suzanne

Benefits

Strengthen bond between student and sponsor

Self-motivated processes will illustrate student's readiness

Exposure to form of prayer that they may integrate into personal life

Registration Process:

1. DRE registers parish, sends this to Sr. Suzanne,
2. DRE receives Student Registration Form and forwards to families
3. Families return this registration to you
4. DRE mails registration no later than 2 weeks before retreat begins

DRE will receive:

All Materials sent to those registered
Invite to Zoom Sessions
Bill for parish - \$10 per person/\$20 per family
Updates regarding participants in Zoom sessions
Certificate of Completion for each student

Candidate, Parent/Sponsor will receive:

Letter of welcome which details retreat
Invite to Zoom Sessions
Education Components
Process Components
Reflection Components
Assessment Components

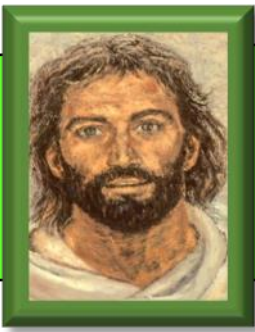
Presenter Responsibilities

Present Educational Components at Zoom Sessions
Receive Assessment Components from Candidate
Give updates to DRE of participants
Invoice Parish at \$20 per family
Create Certificate of Completion and Mail to DRE

DRE Responsibilities

Present Retreat Overview to Parents as well as reminder of "Zoom Protocol Policy"
Parish Registration form completed and emailed to Sr. Suzanne Thibault
Provide Candidate with Student Registration once collected mail to Bethany Youth Center no later than two (2) weeks before retreat.
Attend Zoom Meetings and monitor your students and adults

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Candidate Responsibilities

Attend Zoom Meetings – 3 Meetings: Sunday, Wednesday, Sunday

8:00 pm over the course of one week.

Complete with Sponsor the Process, Integration, and Assessment Materials

Return this material to Sr. Suzanne by email.

Sponsor Responsibilities

Attend Zoom Meetings - 3 Meetings on Sunday, Wednesday, (8:00pm) Sunday (7:00pm)

Personally, complete the Process, Integration, and Assessment Materials

Meet with Candidate to share and discuss this material before the student needs to email the material to Sr. Suzanne before the next Zoom Meeting

Candidate and Sponsor must attend the same Zoom Meeting. If Candidate or Sponsor cannot attend a Zoom Meeting, there will be a scheduled make-up session on the Monday (for the Sunday Zoom) and Thursday (for the Wednesday Zoom) of the same week. Candidate may not progress to the next Zoom Session without returning Assessment Material to Sr. Suzanne. Arrangements for Make Up Sessions are arranged by the candidate directly with Sr. Suzanne Thibault.

Registration Process:

DRE registers parish, (Parent) sends Registration to Bethany Youth Retreat Center

The DRE (Parent) will then receive the Student Registration Packet

DRE sends Registration Form and Zoom Protocol to families

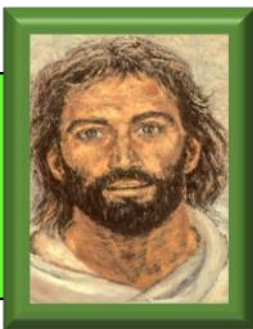
Families return this registration to DRE

DRE mails registration packet to Bethany Youth Retreat Center no later than 2 weeks before retreat begins

Those registered will receive Pre-Retreat Materials one week before retreat begins

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Student Name _____ **Email** _____

ParentName _____ Email _____

Phone _____ Parish _____

Address _____

Sponsor _____

Name _____ Parish of Registration _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Retreat Date- Circle retreat student and sponsor will attend

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Bethany Youth Retreat Center: Minor Contact Form

I do, ☐ I do not, ☐
grant permission for my child _____ to directly receive emails,
(Child's Full Name)

from Bethany Youth Retreat Center employees & volunteers associated with the Bethany Youth Retreat Program. Personal contact includes messages, reminders, announcements, etc., done through phone calls, cell phone texting, and messaging within social media apps. Phone numbers & social networking links of students are not kept on file anywhere & are only used when they have been personally shared with an employee/volunteer by the student or their parents/guardians.

(Parent/Guardian Signature)

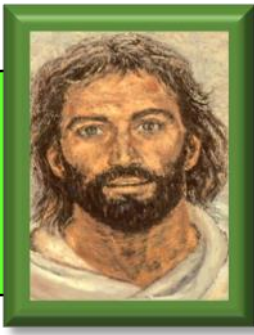
(Date)

Permissions on this *Minor Contact Form* expires 1 year from date signed.

**Please contact Sr. Suzanne Thibault, Youth Retreat Director,
for more information or clarifications.**

New Erie Diocesan Policy for Child Protection requires parent/guardian permission for Adult employees/volunteers to contact students under the age of 18 through social media outlets and cell phones. A copy of the Diocese of Erie's policies pertaining to protection of youth and young adults can be found at www.eriecd.org.

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Virtual Retreat Zoom Protocol

- 1 - You will need to log onto the Zoom Session between 7:45-8:00 pm due to the large number of participants. Do not share your invite. Those who are registered will be sent one.
- 2 - Each computer attendee will enter a waiting room and will wait until you are invited to enter the Zoom Session by the DRE of your parish
- 3 - At 8:05 the session will be locked, and no one will not be able to enter.
- 4 - Please have your name as the screen name, this helps me tremendously!
- 5 - Sign in through the “Chat” with your name, parish, town
If you are a Sponsor – also tell us the student’s name you are sponsoring
- 5 - You need to mute your speaker and turn your video on during the session.
If you are not able to turn your video on you need to be in contact with your Parish DRE before the session, so that they will allow you to stay in the session.
If this has not be arranged ahead of time you will be deleted from the session
- 6 - During the Sessions it will be important to see you on the screen
- 7 - When breakout rooms are used it will be necessary for all participants to unmute.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to journey with you and your child on this adventure of faith. If you have any questions, concerns or other needs please contact me, and we will see what we can do together!

Blessings on you and your family,

Sr. Suzanne Thibault, C.A.

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