

TRI-PARISH YOUTH MINISTRY LOVE BEGINS HERE

MIDDLE SCHOOL: JUNE 22-25 ▪ HIGH SCHOOL: JULY 18-23

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Why go on a mission trip? Here's 5 Reasons:

1. **Get Away:** From your phone, from selfies, from stress, from your comfort zone, and from the day-to-day.
2. **View the World Differently:** Spending a week focused completely on the needs of others who are less fortunate than you, will definitely change your perspective.
3. **Meet Jesus:** Mother Teresa often said that she could see Jesus most clearly in the people she served. "Once we take our eyes away from ourselves, from our own interests, from our own rights, privileges, ambitions – then they will become clear to see Jesus around us." St. Teresa of Calcutta
4. **Make Friends:** Working alongside people for a week will definitely bond you with new (and old) friends!
5. **Jesus Asks You To:** Jesus specifically asks us to care for the poor, the hurting, and the forgotten. While you can do this in your neighborhood anytime (and you should!), there is something inspiring about challenging yourself to do this for an entire week.

LOVE BEGINS HERE PROVIDES MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH WITH AN OPPORTUNITY TO ENCOUNTER JESUS CHRIST IN A LIFE CHANGING WAY THROUGH WEEK LONG, LOCAL MISSION TRIPS WHERE THEY LIVE IN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY AND CONTINUE HIS WORK ON EARTH.

Arrival and Departure Times (Approximate)

June 22-25: Arrive at 4pm on June 22 and return at 1pm on June 25

July 18-23: Arrive at 3:30pm on July 18 and return at 1:30pm on July 23

What is a typical day on a mission trip?

6:45am - 8:00am	Breakfast
8:00am - 8:30am	Morning Session/Mass
8:30am	Depart for Worksite
9:00am - 3:30pm	Worksites
3:30pm - 3:45pm	Return to Homebase
3:45pm - 5:30pm	Free Time - Ultimate Frisbee, snack, etc.
5:30pm - 6:30pm	Dinner
7:00pm - 8:30pm	Collatio: Evening Program
8:30pm - 9:30pm	Parish Small Group Time
9:30pm - 10:30pm	Free Time
11:00pm	Lights Out

What kind of work will we do?

Throughout the week we will partner with organizations who serve and work with the community throughout the year. Organizations may include homeless shelters, boys and girls clubs, adult day care centers, women's shelters, and others. Work will vary but will most likely be painting, simple building projects, cleaning up debris, landscaping, working with inner city youth, helping at a soup kitchen, etc. Remem-



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ber to be open-minded, God sometimes has a plan that's different from ours, and all worksites are chosen based on real needs in the community. So no matter what project the group is assigned, know that you will make a difference.

What is Love Begins Here?

Love Begins Here launched in the summer of 2009 in the diocese of Madison. Ten years and 69 mission trips later, LBH missionaries have transformed communities. Beginning in 2017, Love Begins Here has branched out to help other Catholic dioceses and communities engage in local mission trips beginning in Green Bay in 2017 and Milwaukee in 2020.

- **NEIGHBORS FIRST.** We boldly take initiative to bring love to our neighbors, evangelizing with patience and joy. We are aware that when we close our eyes to our neighbor, it also blinds us to God. We encounter Him in those we serve. By putting God first in all we do, we live to serve others. Things of the world come last. We will find ourselves and come alive when we make a sincere gift of ourselves to our neighbors.
- **SMALL THINGS. GREAT LOVE.** We work on a small scale with a larger perspective. No task is too small in the eyes of the Lord when filled with great love. We will aim for perfection in our work because our work belongs to the Lord.
- **MISSIONARY DISCIPLES** We are missionaries who work with passion, knowing we can bring God's love to our brothers and sisters who hunger. Love, in order to survive, must be nourished by sacrifices, especially the sacrifice of self. We refuse to settle for comfort and complacency, because we know each person is infinitely loved. We are the ones who enjoy life most, leaving security on the shore, on a mission to spread the joy of the Gospel.

Where do we stay?

We will be staying at a Catholic parish or school within our Archdiocese. Typical accommodations include an empty classroom for groups to room together by gender, a free-time area where we can keep snacks and games, a common meal area, and an auditorium/church for our evening program area. Participants will sleep on the floor and need to bring their own sleeping bags, pillows, and a twin-size air mattress.

What should I bring?

A packing list will be provided in May.

REGISTRATION

Who can attend?

This trip is open to students who are currently (2020-2021 school year) in 6th-12th grade. 6-8th graders are invited to attend the middle school week and current 9-12th graders may attend the high school week. This is an incredible experience for anyone, whether you are already on fire for your faith or skeptical. It's even open to non-parishioners. All are welcome!

How do I register?

All students who wish to register should fill out the registration form [online here](#) with the full registration payment (\$120 - Middle School; \$150 - High School). **Please register by March 26 so we can plan accordingly.**

What if I register but cannot attend?

We never want finances to be an issue for any family, especially in a time of such uncertainty. We will strive to work with any family who requests a refund for this summer, with a few guidelines:

- Full refunds will be given at any point to a family, through the FIRST day a session begins, for a cancellation due to illness (including COVID-19 diagnosis), health department direction to quarantine because of COVID-19 exposure, injury, or a family emergency.
- Cancellations through May 20 for any reason, will be refunded minus a \$5 processing fee.
- After May 21, students choosing to drop out for any non-medical reason will NOT receive a refund. Non-refundable reasons include discomfort with the rise of covid cases or LBH covid guidelines, your schedule

changes, a friend drops out, etc.

Covid Pandemic Concerns and Timeline

Unfortunately, the COVID-19 pandemic is still a reality that we must navigate for this coming summer. We are confident that, no matter what the situation or particular policies might be in the Archdiocese this summer, Love Begins Here will be able to offer a unique, Christ-centered experience of service for our teens. At the same time, we must acknowledge that things might not go according to plan or our “preferred” plan. Below are several things to consider as you decide whether to join us this summer:

How will we stay safe this summer?

- We will follow all Archdiocesan policies related to social distancing, mask-wearing, etc. that are in place on the week of each trip.
- We have capped our attendance to a manageable number each week, no more than 75 participants weekly.
- All participants will complete a health screen before arriving.
- Participants will sleep at least 6 feet apart; we will windows open and fans to circulate air flow throughout the night.
- Special attention to sanitizing daily of program spaces and tools
- We are prioritizing finding work close to each host site in order to limit driving time. An emphasis will also be placed on outdoor work and work that can be done while social distancing.
- Evening programming will be designed to work well outdoors to enable easier distancing.
- Love Begins Here staff will undergo regular health screenings and follow strict protocol for sanitizing, social distancing, etc.

COST & PAYMENTS

What does the trip cost?

Below prices include registration, housing, meals, t-shirt, and chaperone costs.

Middle School: \$120 (registration)

High School: \$150 (registration)

Will there be fundraising or financial aid?

The organizers of Love Begins Here and the Archdiocese of Milwaukee work hard to offer this local mission trip at an affordable cost. Because of this, we will not be offering fundraising opportunities. However, we never want finances to be the reason that someone doesn't attend a mission trip. Therefore, we are pleased to offer financial aid and find support for anyone in need. Contact Sarah for more information.

When do I pay?

Full payment is required with registration to reserve your space on the trip.

More Questions? Contact:

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