

2009 Catholic Youth Spectacular

Beyond Sunday: Reading the Signs-Getting Home

(September 20, 2009 – Rock Cat Stadium, New Britain)

August 14, 2009 update

We are at 1068 paid participants as of today.

\$25.00 tickets are available until August 21st.

\$30.00 tickets available until 4:30pm Sept 11th

After Sept 11th and at the door tickets are \$35.00

ORIENTATION

Sept 3rd at the Stadium. 6:30 start time. There is a game that day so I would suggest that you get there early (5:30) to avoid the traffic. I am still in conversation with them to see what room we can have (in my head I thought the team was on the road when we booked this date.) Someone from your group must attend to get the resources and the tickets and hear the instruction for the event and do a test run so you know how to get here!! Parking is \$3.00. Stay for the game. Last week before playoffs.

TALENT SHOW/ CATHOLIC IDOL

I need you to tell me what acts you might have (singing, skits, poetry reading etc) and how much time each will take. We are working on the scheduling to intersperse acts on stage with messages on the big screen. eXaudio will begin the Main Stage activities and the Destiny Africa youth choir will end the main stage activities. We have four skits so far. Sept 3rd is the deadline to submit talent.

MISCELLANEOUS

- The Office of Urban Affairs is creating some exciting “**fitness and practice**” stations that focus on some of the Catholic Social teaching principals and creating a reflection guide for after the CYS!! We will have other agencies passing out information.
- We will not be having adoration/ benediction. We will end with a “Make a Difference” activity with lights – we are working on getting **flashlights** but if not, we will ask you to bring as many as you can.
- We will be sitting in the outfield so bring **blankets or chairs**. Hopefully it will be such a beautiful day that you might need sunscreen!
- I do not need **youth permission slips** but you need to have them on you in case of emergency. We will have the New Britain EMT’s on site.
- I do not need a list of youth names but I do need you to bring a list – or better yet e-mail it by Sept 3rd - of your **adult names** with their e-mails.
- Steve Angrisano, eXaudio, Destiny Africa will be selling **CD’s**. Alert your youth and chaperones in case they might want to buy any music products.

- I have some extra **Champion of Faith DVD's** (you get one copy per group if you made a deposit). They are normally 19.95 but if you tell me you want them before Sept 3rd you can have them for \$13.00 each.
- We hope to bless Steve Angrisano before he begins by using his **blessing song**. If you can get your kids to learn it (last one on the CD you received) it would be very special for him.
- We will honor our **priests in attendance** for the “year of the priest”. Please find out if your priest is planning to attend, and is available for reconciliation or con-celebration.
- We will collect prayers for a glove full of blessings for Archbishop Mansell. Kids can sign their name and intentions in a giant glove that will be at the eXaudio table. It will be presented during the Mass.

FOOD

Your ticket will get you a meal at one of 3-4 picnic areas (you will be called by ticket number or name) at @3:00 (after Steve Angrisano has done his “opening pitch”). Hamburgers, hotdogs, veggie burger on request, baked beans, pasta salad, beverage, chips. The concession stands will be open from 12:30-5:00 to buy all the typical ball park food you desire.

DESTINY AFRICA

I have 60 posters which I have started to drop off or mail to groups until I run out. To get a poster to promote the Destiny Africa portion of the day (they should be performing @4:00) you can also go to: <http://www.kampalachildren.com/destinyafricaustour/media.html> and click on “Destiny Africa Promotional Flyer PDF” which is located under “Media”. It’s a huge file (15 MB)

REMINDER - PARISH/SCHOOL DELEGATES (need around 6 per group)

The first three ambassadors (banner, dirt, toiletries) will assemble in the AT&T Patio to await the procession. All three items will come out as a group behind the banner. The collection ambassador will just come up during the collection time at Mass.

1. Banner/pennant ambassadors (2) - create a pennant (triangular shape) that would display your parish or school name. It should be in the vicinity of 3 feet long and 1 foot high with something to tie it or attach it to the chain link backstop behind home plate.
2. Holy Ground ambassador (1)– bring a cup of “holy” dirt from your parish or school to be mixed with the dirt from other groups. It represents our solidarity with each other and the holy ground we walk on daily.
3. Justice and Service/Mission ambassador (1-2 depending on what you collect) – Toiletries items for the Immaculate Shelter to be lined up on the first and third base lines.
4. “Collection” ambassador – designate a person to gather all the collections from your group (and parish/school) to bring up during Mass to a giant catcher’s mitt. All donations will go to Catholic Relief Services if folks want to write checks.

Check out www.orehartford.org for updates you may have missed.
Five weeks to go and counting.....Keep praying for a good day!!

Peace,

Shawnee

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