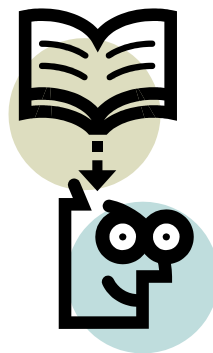


# Love Out Loud 2012!

St. Raphael Catholic Church Mission Trip

## Initial Information Packet Youths & Adults

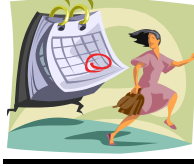


**Racine, Wisconsin**

**Sunday, June 17—Saturday, June 23, 2012**

*Questions: Barry O'Donnell, 630-355-4545, ext.124*

# Love Out Loud 2012



## Dates to Remember

**Saturday, 11/5/11** – Leaf Raking Fund Raiser, 12-5pm

**Saturday, 11/26/11**- Leaf Raking Fund Raiser, John Gregg's home, 9am

**Tuesday, 12/13/11**– Informational Meeting, Parish Teen Room, 7:30pm

**Tuesday, 1/17/12** – MANDATORY Meeting for All Participants. Down payment and initial information form due. 7:30pm, DeLaSalle room

- \$50, non-refundable.
- Please make check payable to “St. Raphael Church.”
- Initial information form due too. (More forms will come later.)

**Saturday/Sunday, 2/4,5/12** – Mission Bowl Sunday Fundraiser, After all masses

- We'll need everyone to help raise funds to reduce the costs of our trip. *Wear a T-shirt from any previous mission trip, if you have one! If you don't have one from a mission trip, how about from a retreat or other Christian event? Regardless of what you have, be sure it has a respectful message!*

**Tuesday, 2/21/12** - MANDATORY Meeting for All Participants. Second payment due (\$200). 7:30pm Room 162

- We'll discuss more details, pass out required forms, and get ourselves better prepared for what we're going to do.
- Parents of teen participants should attend too.
- \$200 due. Please make check payable to “St. Raphael Church.”

**Tuesday, 4/24/12** – MANDATORY Meeting for All Participants. 7:30pm, Room 162

- **Final Payment of \$140** due. The amount of this final payment will be dependent on the success of our fundraising. More details and preparation.
- *Getting our hearts and minds ready!*

**Saturday, 6/1,2/12** – Landscaping Yard Sale Fundraiser

- We'll need everyone to help with this fundraiser.
- Friday 6-9pm. and Saturday from 8am -3pm – times approximate.

**Garage Sale Fund Raiser**-Time to be determined

**Monday, 6/12/12 – MANDATORY meeting for Attendees and Parents of Teens.**

- Our last chance to go over important details and any changes.

**To Be Determined– MANDATORY Adult Attendee Meeting**

- We'll go over last minute details for adult attendees (21 and over.)

**Saturday, 6/16/12 – Blessing of Love Out Louders at Mass.**

- We'll gather at this mass to receive the blessing of our community as we go out to serve others in their name! Bring all of your gear for storage to leave on Sunday morning.
- 5pm mass.

**Sunday, 6/17/12 Bus arrives at church by 8am. Load bus with luggage, supplies and equipment. Depart for, Wisconsin.**

**Saturday, 6/23/12**

**Return from Racine, Wisconsin!**

**Celebration Slide Show of Our Trip**

- Gather with your fellow Love Out Louders to celebrate our trip.
- Bring your family to join in the celebration!

**ALL MEETINGS BEGIN AT 7:30PM**

*“Pray. Go. Give.” - Thomas Garlitz*

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## **Who?**

- Any youth or adult willing to have fun while serving others. (Youths must be at least a graduate of 8<sup>th</sup> grade )
- You do not have to be a member of St. Raphael Church.

## **What?**

- We'll be working with church groups from around the country to do home repair for those in need.
- We'll tackle projects like:
  1. Interior and exterior painting.
  2. Building or repairing porches and wheelchair ramps
  3. Building or repairing steps
  4. Weatherizing and other home repairs.
- **You don't have to be an expert – just willing to hold paint brush or pick up a hammer!**
- Our week's experience is conducted by The Group Workcamps Foundation, a nonprofit 501(c) (3) organization that provides dynamic short-term mission trips, domestically and internationally. Group Workcamps trips are ecumenical, focusing on the core Christian beliefs that bring the Christian church together. <http://www.groupworkcamps.com>
- *We'll have plenty of fun and games too!*

## **Where?**

- Racine, Wisconsin
- We will lodge at a local school, community center, church or similar facility.

## **When?**

- Sunday, June 17, 2012 to Saturday, June 23, 2012.

## **Why?**

- The Gospel compels us and our hearts invite us to reach out to those in need.
- *Besides - it's a blast!*

## **How?**

- We'll travel together in a caravan of mini-vans or by bus, leaving St. Raphael on Sunday, June 17, 2012.
- We'll return to St. Raphael on Saturday, June 23, 2012.
- The cost of the trip is \$390, which depends on the success of our fund-raising efforts. All participants are requested to attend our fund raising events. The cost includes your Workcamp meals, lodging and transportation for the week. You will need some additional spending money for food on the trip up and down and for the fun activities. We'll provide more details later. Limited scholarships are available.

*“The fruit of love is service; the fruit of service is peace.” Mother Teresa*

# Love Out Loud 2012

St. Raphael Catholic Church Mission Trip

## “*More of Da Details*”\*

### Who Can Go?

- Any youth or adult willing to have fun while serving others. (Youths must be at least a graduate of 8<sup>th</sup> grade).
- Must be willing to have fun, learn from others, and work together to serve others.
- You do not have to be a member of St. Raphael Church.
- In Racine, we’ll work with people from churches around the country at the job sites.

### How We Will Serve Others

#### Nature of Projects:

We will provide home repairs at no cost for elderly, disabled, and disadvantaged people that need our help. Project crews typically serve the same resident for the entire week, creating an environment where meaningful relationships develop. And, most projects are designed to be completed during the week, allowing groups to experience the satisfaction of a job well done. We’ll serve the needs of others through projects like:

- Interior and exterior painting
- Building or repairing porches and wheelchair ramps
- Building or repairing steps
- Weatherization and other home repairs

**You don’t have to be an expert – just willing to hold a paint brush or pick up a hammer! *We’ll have plenty of fun and games too!***

#### Project Crew Structure:

Typically, we’ll work at a home in small teams (five-six teenagers with one or two adults) helping someone who needs your help. Each crew member is valuable part of the team fulfilling an important and defined role within the crew. You’ll make new friends while serving on project teams with people from other churches.

### Typical Day on Love Out Loud

A "typical" day involves serving others, "God Sightings", daily devotions, and inspirational/interactive worship programs, and fun! Your daily schedule will look similar to this:

6:45 a.m.	Rise and shine!
7:00 a.m.	Breakfast and gather supplies for the day
8:00 a.m.	Morning program
8:30 a.m.	Leave for project sites and serve at project locations
3:30 p.m.	Return to lodging site for clean-up and free time
5:00 p.m.	Dinner
7:30 p.m.	Evening fun, youth group devotions, free time, prep for bed
11:00 p.m.	Lights out

\*Some information adapted from the Group Workcamps materials.

## Organizers

- **Love Out Loud** is the annual mission trip sponsored by St. Raphael Catholic High School Youth Ministry. Barry O'Donnell is the director, 630-355-4545, x124.
- Our week's experience is conducted by Group Cares, a nonprofit 501(c) (3) organization that provides dynamic short-term mission trips, domestically and internationally. Group Cares trips are ecumenical, focusing on the core Christian beliefs that bring the Christian church together.

## What to Bring

- We'll supply you with a list of tools, clothing, bedding and other items to bring.
- Most people will just need a few simple tools.
- We'll all be wearing modest clothing appropriate for a Christian mission trip. (A dress code will be forthcoming.)
- We'll also provide a list of what not to bring. *The focus is on safety and creating an environment for a community of service to grow.*

## Costs

- Estimated at \$390 per attendee, which depends on the success of our fund-raising efforts. This includes your Workcamp meals, lodging and transportation the week.
- Of this \$390, the Grand Rapids Workcamp tuition, lodging and meals are \$382 per person. The additional expense is to cover the costs of the mini-vans rentals, tolls, fuel, insurance, or bus etc. Typically it would cost \$600 per person.
- Each attendee needs to participate in fundraising activities to cover costs.
- You will need some additional spending money for food on the trip up and down and for the fun activities. We'll provide more details later.
- Limited scholarships are available.
- Checks will be made payable to: "St. Raphael Church."
- The schedule of payments can be found on pages 2-3.

## Fundraising Efforts

- We'll have lots of expenses for mini-van rentals, tolls, fuel, insurance, or bus etc., so we need to raise lots of funds.
- We have five fundraisers planned – Leaf Raking (11/5/11) and (11/26/11, Mission Bowl Sunday (2/4/-2/5/12), the Landscaping Yard Sale (6/1-2/11) and Garage Sale.- that we'll need everyone to attend. We are working on another effort to have people sponsor parts of the trip.
- Each participant should think of ways to raise funds to contribute to our trip. Ideas: Shoveling snow, babysitting, doing yard work, conducting a garage sale, or asking friends and relatives for donations.
- The goal is to gather all these funds and apply them to the good of our trip. If you need to do personal fund-raising to help with your own personal costs (\$390) that's okay. But, let's all have a goal of chipping in our donations for the common good – to make this a good trip and allow us to focus on serving others.

## Miscellaneous

- Criminal Background Check: To provide the safest environment for young people, adult staff and participants (age 21 and older) must pass a national background check through a qualified service provider. This is a requirement of the sponsor, Group Cares.
- Protecting God's Children Workshop and St. Raphael Background Check: All college age 18 years and older adults need to attend a workshop and pass a diocesan background check.
- Love Out Loud details will be posted on the St. Raphael Youth Ministry web site:

<http://www.st-raphael.com/site/FaithFormation/CrossroadsHighSchool/MissionTrips/tabid/232/Default.aspx>

***“If you want peace, work for justice.” Pope Paul VI***

**INITIAL INTEREST FORM**  
**FOR THE "LOVE OUT LOUD" SUMMER WORK CAMP TRIP**  
**June 17 – 23, 2012**

**Yes I am interested in being a part of this mission trip:**

**NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS** \_\_\_\_\_

**CITY** \_\_\_\_\_ **ZIP CODE** \_\_\_\_\_

**HOME PHONE** \_\_\_\_\_

**CELL PHONE** \_\_\_\_\_

**EMAIL ADDRESS** \_\_\_\_\_

**AGE** \_\_\_\_\_ **CHURCH** \_\_\_\_\_

**TEEN (14-20 yrs. old)** \_\_\_\_\_ **ADULT (21 yrs. and older)** \_\_\_\_\_

- This initial interest form plus a \$50.00 non-refundable deposit are due in the St. Raphael Youth Ministry office by January 17, 2012. The cost of the trip will be \$390 if we reach our fundraising goals.
  
- T-Shirt Size (circle one): Small    Medium    Large    X-Large