

## **Mission Trip 2020~St. Thomas and Immaculate Conception**

**Who:** High School youth, college youth and adults of our parishes are invited.

**Where:** Flint, Michigan

**When:** July 26-August 1, 2020

**Cost:** \$279\* plus transportation and recreation costs to be determined

(\*cost of the weeklong mission in Flint includes meals, worksite materials and t-shirt)

Forge Flint is a registered 501(c)(3), a non-profit agency in Flint, Michigan. Forge is founded on Christian principles and serving their community. Founded in 2012, Forge believes everyone is invited to participate in forging a more beautiful and just world, through creativity and service. Forge has Catholic priests on their board and is setting up a weeklong service opportunity for our high school youth, college youth and adults that is grounded in our Catholic faith. Our group will be the only group at Forge during our mission week.

One of the opportunities Forge has available is an auto mechanical garage. The Forge Garage serves under-resourced families by providing reduced-cost auto repairs. The Forge Garage works closely with dozens of community organizational partners to receive referrals of families who are in need of auto repairs.

Our mission with Forge in joining forces with other community partners as we aide neighborhood development, beautification and renewal through a variety of meaningful projects, including blight removal, painting, landscaping, and basic home repairs. Volunteers work together to cultivate beauty, pride and hope in the community.

Forge is, also, looking into working alongside some children's hospitals or charities for our mission. The Flint area has suffered great population shrinking due to industries pulling out of their city. Flint has further suffered from lead poisoning in their water sources. We hope to be a light in service.

Our mission group will have our Catholic faith threaded throughout the day by offering morning reflections, daily mass, adoration and the rosary. We will work in groups of high school youth, college adults and adults to grow our faith, build our community and serve others.

Recreation will be mid-week at a site an hour from Flint, Tree Runner Adventure Park in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

### **Fundraisers:**

1. **Hog Wild Raffle Tickets-available to sell before Thanksgiving** (Hog donated by Steve McGinnis)
2. **Mission Trip Dinner-Saturday, April 4, 2020** (basket donation, fill a table and work the dinner)

