

FAQ

Congratulations! You're a dad, more specifically you're a father. Just like your Father in heaven, there are people in your life who look to you every day in reverence for guidance, strength and support. How you answer that call will determine their future and faith.

Unfortunately, most of us dads don't take the time to reflect on this calling.

You are invited to take time out on a special challenge weekend, **April 24th – 26th, 2020**.

This weekend, put on by other men of the parish (all dads themselves), is your opportunity to reflect, interact with other dads, and be challenged to grow in the most important job in your life.

The weekend begins Friday night after work at Mother Cabrini Shrine in the Stone House Retreat center. Once there, you will become part of what we call **the receiving team**—with about 12-18 other dads like yourself. A series of talks, reflections, and exercises will be given by a group of men from the parish who have volunteered to make the weekend possible—**the giving team**. Together, the talks and exercises will provide positive tools and insights to help all of us grow and better our skills and commitment to fatherhood.

During your time on the weekend there will also be opportunity to interact with dads of all ages, Christian faiths and walks of life. Finally, you will be challenged to reflect on the spiritual side of fatherhood and deepen your relationship with God. Our hope is that you will encounter God like never before on this weekend. The program goes through Saturday and ends Sunday after lunch. Fr. David, Fr. Nick, and Fr. Jonathan may also join us for part of the weekend.

The **cost of the weekend is \$175**. It covers a room for two evenings, six meals and expenses. This price has been subsidized by the Knights of Columbus Council 12336 and donations of other dads to make it affordable to all (and so dads don't use the cost as a reason not to come). A message center and help team has been organized to look after family needs and to keep distractions to a minimum. Scholarships are available.

Will you join us?

God Bless,

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1. **What is the cost & what does it include?** Your cost is \$175. It includes two nights lodging, six meals, and materials. Scholarships are available if cost is a great difficulty.
2. **What is my commitment?** Your commitment is to attend the entire weekend as outlined by the schedule (see inside of brochure)
3. **What goes on during the weekend?** This weekend is designed to challenge you in your role as a Christian father and husband. That is accomplished through sharing by different men who have already agreed to share their own experiences as fathers in the context of their faith, and then through exercises in which all who are there discuss their own perspectives, experiences and hope for becoming better fathers and husbands.
4. **What if I need to be reached or my family needs me?** A message center will be in operation 24 hours a day during the weekend should someone have a need to reach you.
5. **What Should I bring?** Bring comfortable clothing for the weekend, enough for two nights and days. In addition, bring personal hygiene items and personal items you wish. Bring a Bible. What *not* to bring: Alcohol.



Father's Challenge Weekend



stewardship • leadership • fellowship

April 24th – 26th, 2020

"Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it" (Proverbs 22:6).



I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named. ~ Ephesians 3:14-15

Schedule and Program Description

Friday, April 24:

5:30-6:30pm Arrive at Mother Cabrini Shrine.
Enjoy an informal supper

7:30pm Introduction to the weekend

Saturday, April 25:

7:30 Mass then Breakfast

“am” Part 1- **Knowing our Father & Ourselves:** A series of talks and exercises discussing our various roles of fatherhood, our models and reactions to those models.

noon Lunch

“pm” Part 2 - **A Father’s Leadership:** Presentations are designed to identify areas of needed emphasis and action plans to positively guide our families.

6pm Dinner

Evening - Spiritual **Fatherhood:** A reflection on our spiritual role with our families, followed by Sacrament of Reconciliation

Sunday, April 26:

8am Mass then Breakfast

“am” Part 3 - **A Call to Action** (the challenge!): Final presentations and exercises designed to develop a positive action plan for you and your family.

noon Lunch

2:30pm Completion

It is essential that anyone planning to attend be able to stay for the entire weekend according to the times shown above.

No alcohol should be brought to the weekend.

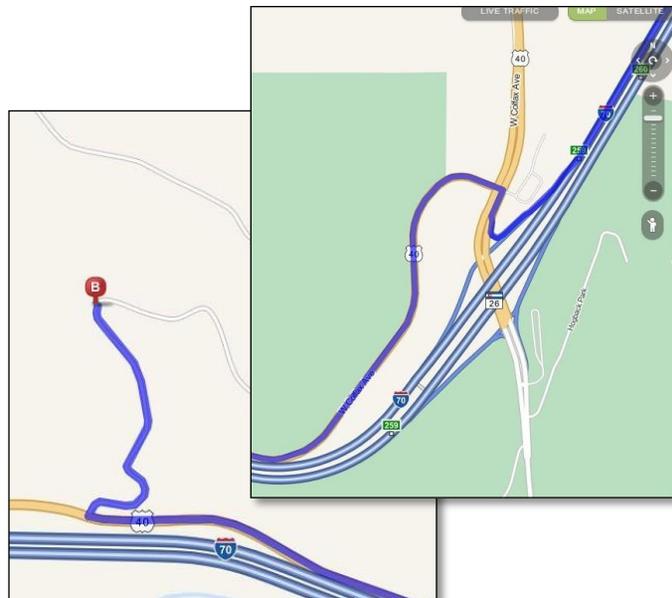


St. Joseph, the most loving of fathers and best example of a father here on earth, pray for us, to the Father, Son and Holy Spirit that we may become a shining example of you to our families. Amen

**Father’s Challenge Weekend will be held at:
Mother Cabrini Shrine—Old Stone House
20189 Cabrini Boulevard, Golden CO 80401**

Directions

- Take I25 to C470 W or 6th Ave W
- Take I-70 W
- Take Exit 259 (Morrison)
- At bottom of off-ramp turn right and then immediate left on US 40/ Mt. Vernon Canyon Rd. **from middle lane**
- Go 1.7 Miles to Shrine entrance



Visitors will be provided with:

- A quiet chapel
- Sleeping accommodations
- 6 meals
- Meeting Rooms
- Beautiful grounds
- Places for quiet reflection



Registration for the “ Fathers’ Challenge Weekend” April 24th – 26th, 2020

Name: _____ Wife: _____ Names & Ages of children _____

Tel: _____ Address: _____ Tel: _____ email: _____

E-Mail: _____

Emergency Contact: who (e.g. name of wife): _____

Special needs (diet, room, rides, etc.): _____

Send this form and write check for \$175 to:

Our Lady of Loreto Parish

Attn: Joe Gomez

18000 E. Arapahoe Road

Foxfield, CO 80016

Registrations due: April 17, 2020

If you can’t make this weekend, the date of the next is September 25th – 27th, 2020