

**Higher Ground:
Extreme Faith (HGXF)
Middle School Retreat**

July 5- 9, 2026

Registration opens February 1, 2026

- Higher Ground Extreme Faith (HGXF) Middle School Retreat is a Catholic youth program for those who have completed sixth, seventh, or eighth grade in the spring of 2026. At HGXF, middle schoolers come together at Camp Maranatha where they get to experience the joy of Christ in an amazing week of faith, fun, and friends. The week consists of camp activities, games, small groups, sacraments, and new friendships. They are inspired to reflect on their initiation into the Church at their baptism and our continued call to actively participate in the church we belong to.
- This program is sponsored by the Diocese of Grand Island Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry. This is a high-energy program with busy days and a lot of engagement. The week begins Sunday afternoon and ends early afternoon on the following Thursday. ***Participants are required to stay the entire week with the exception of an emergency.***

The 2026 registration cost for HGXF is \$450 with an early bird rate of \$399 through February 8, 2026. A late fee of \$490 will apply to registrations received after April 15, 2026.

HGXF is held at Camp Maranatha near Maxwell, NE. Transportation is the responsibility of participants, but if you need help getting to camp, our office is available to help coordinate rides.

When a family plans to attend 3 or more diocesan youth events in the same summer, please contact our office to find out about our family discount (yya@gidiocese.org)