



SERVING AT AMORE 2018

Ninth Annual Youth Ministry Fundraiser Meal

Amore is made possible by the donations of Barilla & Burke, coordination of the Faith Formation Office, combined efforts of volunteers - most of all - the hard work & recruitment of guests by the servers! Servers can earn anywhere from \$45 to \$1600. The typical income is about \$200 but it depends on your reservations. Amore servers personally invite friends and family who would want to financially support their attendance at a youth ministry trip or conference. Grandparents, neighbors, aunts/uncles, and close family all deserve a personal invitation! Amore guests attend because they want to support the spiritual growth of the server who extended a personal invitation. This fundraiser is successful because of the generosity parishioners & families have for teenagers and... that's Amore!

Amore Meal Timeline

- 1) **February 23: Reservation Sheet Due**
 - 2) **March 2: Training and Set-Up (Required for All Teen Kitchen Staff & Servers)**
 - 3) **March 3: Amore Meal**
 - 4) **March 3/4: Amore Sponsor Board after all masses, St. Cecilia**
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STEP ONE: Complete a Reservation Sheet by Friday, February 23.

This deadline is very serious as it determines our room set-up, food purchases and staff scheduling.

We will not accept reservation sheets after this deadline.

- ✓ Please note this year we will have only one seating and we will be serving lasagna. We won't be able to make too many extra servings so please turn ALL your reservations in on time.
- ✓ Recruit your own guests to sit at your table. We recommend 2 tables of eight guests each, but if you really want to have 3, we recommend bringing a helper (or we can provide one.)
- ✓ Record your guests on the attached Reservation Sheet.
- ✓ 100% of their donation will go to the trip you are attending (and most of it will go directly to you to benefit your spiritual growth!) If you have 3 tables and we assign you an assistant, we will credit 20% of your profit to your assistant.
- ✓ Guests who are not able to attend Amore but would like to donate to your trip may send a check to Anna Maher, c/o Amore, 2900 Hoover, Ames, IA, 50010.
- ✓ Guests who are able to attend Amore do not need to sign up anywhere but with you. Parishioners will also call our office at 515-232-3514 to make a reservation. We will distribute these "walk-in" guests to those who have room at their table on March 3. Please make sure you write all guests on your reservation sheet just in case they do sign up online so we don't assign them to another server.
- ✓ E-mail your reservation sheet to annajsteele@gmail.com, or drop off at the St. Cecilia FF/YM Office.
- ✓ Contribute on the Sign Up Genius to bring a food donation OR sign up to serve in the kitchen which will make our meal possible (Sign up will be created in February.)

STEP TWO: Attend Training & Set-Up from 6-8pm on Friday, March 2 in the Social Hall.

- ✓ Teens only are needed to help with set-up but parents are appreciated.
- ✓ Please bring your food contribution on Friday night.
- ✓ Please pick up your red shirt to wear on Saturday at training.
- ✓ If you're unable to attend training on Friday night, please bring your donation and pick up your red shirt on Friday morning or Thursday in the FF/YM Office.

STEP THREE: Serve from 4:30-9:00pm on Saturday, March 3.

- ✓ You will not be able to attend mass on Saturday night.



- ✓ Parents are needed in the kitchen to help serve from 3-5pm, 5-7pm and 7-9pm. If you are unable to provide a parent to serve, please provide a food donation.
- ✓ *What if my parents want to sit at my table?* That's great! Parents do not have to make a monetary contribution to Amore as your guest. It is in your best interest to find non-parents to provide financial support in order to raise funds.
- ✓ Due to the financial set-up of Amore, teens and parents who work in the kitchen will only raise funds from the Amore Sponsor Board.
- ✓ Please Note: Amore is a pasta dinner. Everyone gets lasagna, salad, bread and complimentary non-alcoholic drinks. On our menu, however, guests can order "Filet Mignon" or "Pheasant Under Glass" or even "Octopus." The entrée they choose merely communicates how much they want to donate to you. For example, the Octopus is \$125! They can also order dessert or coffee drinks at extra charge.
- ✓ Write thank you notes after serving!

STEP FOUR: This year, we are offering an Amore Sponsor Board.

I will make an announcement at all masses March 3/4 requesting sponsors for our trips. We will have a board with 200 envelopes, numbered 1-200, in the Narthex. Parishioners are asked to "become a sponsor" by picking up an envelope determining their monetary donation: the \$50 envelope is a \$50 donation, \$19 is a \$19 donation, etc. Half of the money raised will be used to cover chaperone fees; the other half will directly benefit the teens who "staff" the board. **We will provide training on Friday night, March 2.**

What if I want to serve but don't know anyone in the area?

1. We are happy to provide a list of parishioners who have attended in the past for students who don't know anyone in the area. Odds are, you know lots of parishioners but just don't know their names!
2. Host a table after mass at St. Cecilia for people to sign up as your guest
3. Visit committee meetings or personally invite heads of committees to tell them about the trip you are interested in and invite them to be your guest. Ask them to consider attending for just \$15.
4. Ask friends/family who don't live nearby to donate to your cause by sending in a check.
5. Write a testimony to list in the bulletin of why you want to attend this trip; we'll sponsor you for a week and people can mark their donation online for YOU specifically!
6. Work the Sponsor Board after all 3 masses to receive a huge portion of our funds raised.

What if I've never served tables before?

We will cover how to serve at Amore at 6pm on Friday, March 2. No one expects you to be perfect; they are there because they love you, not to criticize you! There will also be lots of people around to help you! You can bring an assistant if you're very nervous. You can also request detailed Amore instructions so you can have an idea of what you're doing beforehand.

What if I have served Amore before?

At our Amore Training for New Servers we will review an updated menu & basic serving at Amore. Even experienced servers need to attend the orientation at 6pm on March 2nd so they can help with set-up and review anything that is new this year. This is also an excellent time to review your guests attending and be more prepared for the next day. You may even be able to recruit a few last minute guests!

What do I tell people about my trip?

The goal of our 2018 trips are ...

Catholic Heart Work Camp: To serve the community in Billings, Montana, build relationships and learn from our brothers in sisters whose lives are much different than ours.

LTLIC: To develop as a Catholic leader, dedicated to bring compassion, peace, justice, mercy and Truth to the world.

Always be prepared to answer, Why are you attending this trip? People are investing in you as the future of the Church. Perhaps this NCYC 2015 participant can help give you the words... "All my life I have heard about God, learned about God and even tried to speak to God. I hope this trip will help me meet God face to face."



2018 AMORE RESERVATION SHEET

This sheet is due to the Faith Formation Office by **Friday, February 23.**

Please note: Maximum 8 guests per table. Each server may have 2 tables of guests.

6pm: Table One			
Guest Name	E-mail Address	First Name & # of People in Party	Vegetarian (V) or Gluten Free (GF)?
EXAMPLE: Kaminski	annajsteele@gmail.com	Anna & Dan, 2	Anna: V
1			
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6pm: Table TWO			
Guest Name	E-mail Address	First Name & # of People in Party	Special Dietary Needs
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6pm: Table THREE* Provide or request assistant.			
Guest Name	E-mail Address	First Name & # of People in Party	Special Dietary Needs
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