

# Steubenville Youth Conference

## Frequently Asked Questions

### **What is the Steubenville Youth Conference?**

The Steubenville Youth Conference is an outreach of Franciscan University of Steubenville. Every summer, a series of 25 conferences across North America help teens encounter the love of Christ through top Catholic speakers, engaging music, the Sacraments, small group discussions and fellowship.

### **Where is the conference held?**

Our parish will be attending Steubenville Mid-America Week Two in Springfield, Missouri, which takes place on the campus of Missouri State University.

### **When is the conference?**

Two Mid-America conferences are held each summer. Our parish is attending the conference on July 14-16, 2023. We will depart Somonauk the morning of July 14th and return the night of July 16th.

### **What do teens do at the conference?**

If a picture is worth a thousand words, then a video is worth even more. Watch [this video](#) to see what it's all about!

### **Who's going to be there?**

Thousands of teens from surrounding states attend the Mid-America conference every year. In previous years, our parish has had anywhere from 4-10 teens attend the conference. This year, 13 teens between the ages of 14 and 17 have already registered! Adult chaperones from our parish will supervise the teens throughout the weekend.

### **Can I bring a friend?**

Yes! Friends are welcome and they don't need to be Catholic. All teens currently in 8th-12th grades are invited!

### **How much does the trip cost?**

The cost of the trip is \$300 per teen and includes the conference fee, transportation, lodging at a hotel, and meals. Participants may bring spending money to purchase items at the bookstore (apparel, books, sacramentals, etc.) but bookstore purchases are optional.

### **Is financial assistance available?**

The St. Louis Archdiocesan Office of Youth Ministry offers scholarships based on financial need and the availability of funds. Their scholarship application deadline is March 23rd, 2023. In addition, our parish has a limited number of scholarships available. *Don't miss this conference due to the cost!* Contact me if you are in need of financial assistance.

### **How do I register?**

First, please contact me to verify availability as initial registration is already completed. Review the [Informational Letter](#) for payment deadlines and policies. If spots remain, then complete and return the [Registration Forms](#) along with a \$100 deposit. If you already completed the Emergency and Behavior Expectation Forms this year, only the Permission Form is needed.

### **Who should I contact if I have more questions?**

Contact Lisa Short at [lisashort@stjbsom.org](mailto:lisashort@stjbsom.org) or 815-826-0282.