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SPRINGFIELD, MO

February 2021 Edition

Steubenville STL Mid-America is a high-energy youth conference in which teens are invited to encounter Jesus Christ through dynamic speakers, engaging music, the Sacraments, small group discussions, and fellowship with other teens. Our conferences are an outreach of Franciscan University in partnership with the St. Louis Archdiocesan Office of Youth Ministry. Two conferences are held every year in July and take place on the campus of Missouri State University in Springfield, MO.

MOVING FORWARD

Over the last few months, the Office of Youth Ministry has spent our time praying, researching, surveying, and talking with group leaders. At this time, we are excited to say we will be moving forward with two Steubenville STL Mid-America Conferences, each capped at 1700 participants. For those of you who have joined us in the past, this year's conference will look different, but the Lord is still offering us the same invitation to encounter Him in community. The Lord is faithful and we thank you for your dedication to your teens and ministries.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

To Register: Visit www.steubystl.com/registration

Registration Opens: March 25th at 10am CST

PRICING OPTIONS

ON-CAMPUS: \$200 (Housing Accommodations included)

- 3 Days of Programming
- 5 Meals
- Dorm Housing at Missouri State University

HOTEL: \$160 (No housing accommodations included)

- 3 Days of Programming
- 3 Meals
- Hotel Housing (Please note: Group Leader is responsible for coordinating hotel accommodations. Cost of hotel is not included in this price. Visit steubystl.com/hotels for additional information.)



COVID PROTOCOLS

Your safety is our priority. While we recognize that no one can tell us what July 2021 is going to definitively look like, we do know that our 2021 Conferences will look and operate differently than they have in the past. We are working with Missouri State University to ensure all proper protocols are being followed. Below are some ways we're working to bring our participants the safest measures for attending. This is subject to change based off the most recent guidelines at the time of the conferences. We will be releasing new information as it becomes available.

ARENA

As we are operating at a limited capacity, participants will sit every other seat, every other row to allow for proper spacing.

HOUSING

Participants will be limited to at most 2 to a room and whole groups will be housed more closely together.

DINING

All meals on campus will be offered as contactless.

LEAD PROGRAM

We will not be offering the Franciscan LEAD program in 2021.

GENERAL PREVENTION

We will be following guidelines put in place by the Greene County Health Department and CDC. Currently, this includes masks worn at all times while indoors and outdoors when social distancing is not possible. Increased sanitation will occur and sanitizing stations will be available throughout campus.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

Over the coming months, we will be working closely with Missouri State University and the health department to make sure all guidelines are being followed. While we do not know definitively at this point, we are exploring the following options:

- online bookstore with contactless pickup
- hosting portions of the conference outdoors
- decreasing the amount of continuous time spent in arena
- utilizing multiple entrances/exits to the arena with specified restrooms throughout the weekend
- limiting capacity/access to PSU and other typically crowded areas
- scheduling times for confession or holding them outdoors



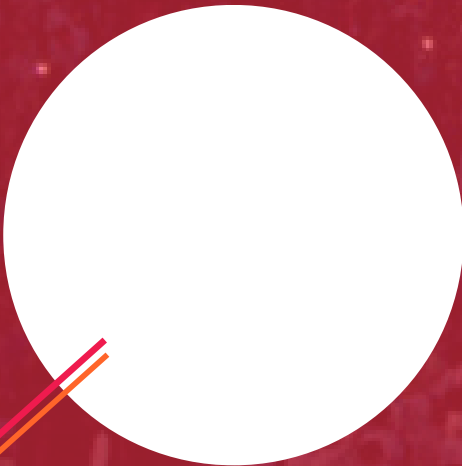
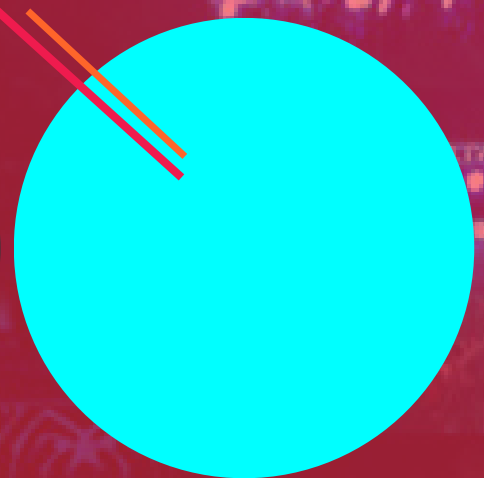
WEEK 1 • SPEAKERS



CHRIS PADGETT
Host



JOSH BLAKESLEY
Worship Leader



CHIKA ANYANWU
Speaker



FR. MIKE SCHMITZ
Team Priest



KATIE HARTFIEL
Speaker



JOEL STEPANEK
Speaker



FOR MORE INFO ON ALL SPEAKERS CHECK OUT WWW.STEUBYSTL.COM

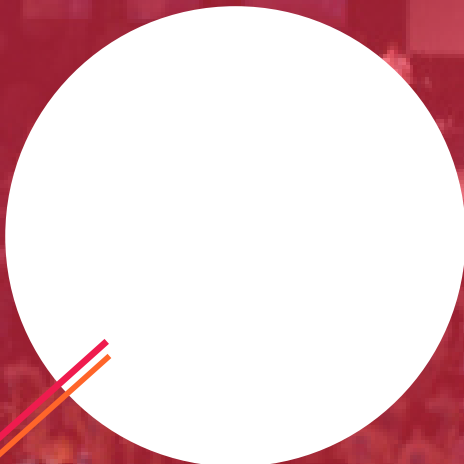
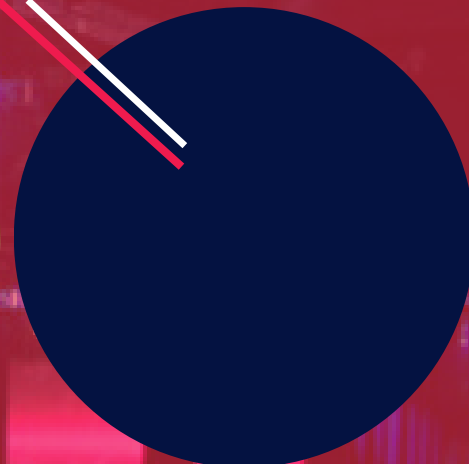
WEEK 2 • SPEAKERS



BOB RICE
Host



KYLE HUELISING
Worship Leader



KELLY COLANGELO
Speaker



FR. CHRIS MARTIN
Team Priest



MICHAEL GORMLEY
Speaker



KYLE HEIMANN
Speaker



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CONFERENCE INFORMATION

GROUPS:

All participants must register and attend the conference with a group. Groups are defined as one adult leader with one or more youth participants. No single registrations will be accepted.

GROUP LEADER:

The Group Leader is the individual organizing the trip for their group or parish. The Group Leader must be 21 years old and attending the conference weekend. All correspondence and planning, prior to the conference, will take place between this individual and the Office of Youth Ministry. When registering, the Group Leader will register as a "chaperone".

PARTICIPANT CATEGORIES:

Chaperones:

Chaperones must be 21 years of age and in compliance with their home Diocesan Child Protection Policies. (It is the responsibility of the Group Leader to ensure that all chaperones are in compliance). Chaperones should be prepared and able to walk long distances across campus, handle loud music in the sessions and keep up with active youth. The Office of Youth Ministry requires 1 chaperone for every 8 youth, per gender.

Priests:

We encourage all groups to invite your parish priest to attend. Any priest who attends and is willing to hear confessions will be admitted to the conference for FREE. We coordinate priest housing and house all priests off campus in a nearby hotel. Priests must register online with your group and submit a Certificate of Aptitude to the Springfield-Cape Girardeau diocese.

Young Adults:

Young adults are individuals who are between the ages of 18 and 21 and past the summer after their senior year of high school. There can be no more than 1 young adult for every 10 teen participants.

Teen Participants:

Participants may range from incoming freshman (entering 9th grade in August of 2021) through graduated seniors (graduated in May of 2021).

Young Children:

With the best care of the teen participants in mind, children and infants are not allowed. All Group Leaders and Chaperones must be made aware of this policy. Although we strongly support Catholic family life, our staffing, facility constraints, and insurance regulations do not allow us to provide for children and infants on the campus.

MEALS:

On-Campus groups will be provided with Friday dinner through Sunday breakfast. Off-Campus groups will be provided with Friday dinner and Saturday lunch and dinner. Sack lunches for Sunday will be available for all groups at an additional cost.

SPECIAL NEEDS:

Please inform our Office as soon as possible if an individual in your group may have any special needs. The sooner we are aware, the better we may be able to accommodate your needs.



IMPORTANT DATES

MARCH 25: GROUP REGISTRATION

Group Registration opens online at 10:00 AM CST. Instructions can be found at steubystl.com.

APRIL 8: DEPOSITS DUE

A non-transferable, non-refundable \$50.00 deposit, per spot, is due.

For groups who register after March 25th, all deposits are due 10 business days after initial registration.

APRIL 22: SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS DUE

The application and further info can be found at steubystl.com.

MAY 6: FINAL DROP DAY

The Office of Youth Ministry must be notified of any dropped spots by Thursday, May 6th. After this date each group will be financially responsible for the entire cost of all remaining spots for which they registered.

MAY 20: FINAL PAYMENT DUE

The remaining payment is due on May 20th. The final bill will be sent to Group Leaders immediately following the Drop Date. The group will be financially responsible for the spots originally registered for unless adjusted by the May 6th Drop Date.

*All late payments will be charged a 10% late fee.

JUNE 3: FORMS DUE

All room lists, optional t-shirt and lunch order forms are due.

JUNE 17: ONLINE REGISTRATION DUE

Any participants who have not registered online before June 17th at 9:00 AM will have an extended wait during on-site registration on the Friday of the conference.



CANCELLATION POLICY

If the Conference is canceled by us or a governmental agency, all groups will be refunded 100% of their money.

If the Conference is not canceled but your group chooses not to attend, there will be no refund.

All payments are non-refundable and non-transferrable unless the conference is canceled by us or a governmental agency.

DOs AND DON'Ts OF REGISTRATION

DO have a commitment from your participants before purchasing spots

DO be ready for when registration goes live at 10am on March 25th

DO consider having a waitlist this year. If a participant has an exposure or positive test prior to the conference, you can then fill that spot

DO check the FAQs on steubystl.com if you have a question.

DO email melissaboesch@archstl.org if your question is not answered on the website

DON'T register for more spots than you have financial commitment for

DON'T register for both weekends to hold spots only to then back out later.

DON'T panic if your registration status is "waitlist". The OYM will reach out to you as soon as possible with available options.

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FOR ADDITIONAL
CONFERENCE INFORMATION:

STEUBYSTL.COM

FOR YEAR-ROUND
BLOGS, TALKS & VIDEOS:

STEUBYSTL365.COM

CONFERENCE PARTNERS



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