# STEUBENVILLE STL M I D - A M E R I C A









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.

# To Register a Group, Visit <u>steubystl.com/registration</u> Registration Opens January 30th at 10am CST



# On Campus Housing \$220

- 3 Days of Programming
- 5 Meals
- Housing in Residence Halls at Missouri State University
- Each room has 2 twin beds.
   Youth Participants will be roomed 3 to a room.
- Extra cots or air mattresses to accommodate third youth is recommended but not provided by the conference
- Bedding linens not provided



# Off Campus Housing \$180

- 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.)
- For your convenience, courtesy blocks have been received at a number of local Springfield hotels. To find more information on these hotels and how to book, visit <u>steubystl.com/hotels</u>



# **Group Leader**

The Group Leader is the individual organizing the trip for their group or parish. The Group Leader must be 21 vears 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" and should be included in the chaperone count.

## Teens

Participants may range from incoming freshman (entering 9th grade in August of 2025) through graduated seniors (graduated in May of 2025). It has come to our attention that in the past not all groups followed this policy. We will be closely monitoring and enforcing the age policy this conference season.

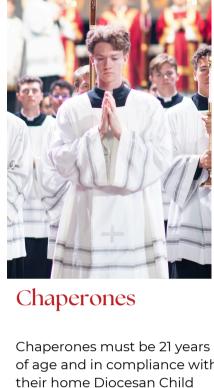


## **Priests**

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, two to a room. 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 (graduated in May 2024 or before). Young adults must also be in compliance with their home Diocesan Child Protection Policies.



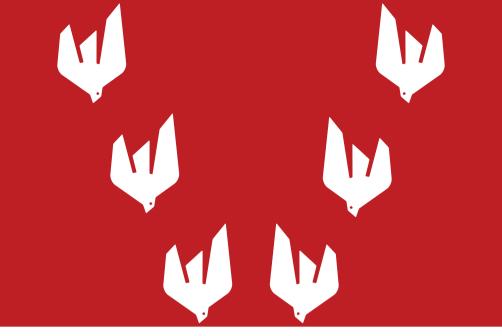
of age and in compliance with their home Diocesan Child Protection Policies. (It is the responsibility of the Group Leader to ensure that all chaperones are in compliance). Chaperones should be prepared and able to walk long distances across campus, handle loud music in the sessions, and keep up with active youth. Permanent Deacons, Seminarians, and Religious Sisters and Brothers are considered chaperones and will be housed with the other chaperones.

The Office of Youth Ministry requires 1 chaperone for every 8 youth, per gender and no more than 1 chaperone for every 4 youth. Each group must have at least 2 chaperones, even if the group is less than 8 youth.

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.

# WEEK 1

# **MINISTRY TEAM**



# WEEK 2

# **MINISTRY TEAM**

























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## **Cancellation Policy**

All payments are nonrefundable and nontransferable unless the conference is canceled by us or a governmental agency. If the Conference is not canceled but your group, or member of your group, chooses not to attend, there will be no refund. You may fill any paid empty spot with a participant up until the time of the conference.

# **Transferring Spots** Policy

Spots are not allowed to be bought for and/or sold to, transferred to, or shared across groups. You can fill your unused spots up until the time of the conference. If housed on campus, we cannot guarantee space will be available for late additions if they were previously not designated as a TBD.

# 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, during the conference weekend attending to the teen participants present is the priority.

## Franciscan LEAD

While we are working to bring LEAD back in the future, it will not be hosted at the STL Mid-America conferences in 2025. To find out more information regarding LEAD, including the sites that are hosting it in 2025, please visit steubenvilleconferences.com /franciscan-lead/

# 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. Optional Sack lunches for Sunday will be available for all groups at an additional cost. The dining halls at Missouri State University are able to accommodate most dietary restrictions. Participants can be directed by staff & volunteers to the correct station to meet those needs.

## Special Accommodations

Please inform the Office of Youth Ministry as soon as possible if an individual in your group may require any special accommodations. The sooner we are made aware, the better we may be able to accommodate the needs.

#### January 30

#### **Group Registration**

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

#### February 20

#### Deposits Due

A non-transferable, non-refundable \$50.00 deposit, per spot, is due. For groups who register after January 30th, all deposits are due 15 business days after initial registration.



#### March 13

#### Scholarship Applications Due

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

## April 24

#### Final Drop Day

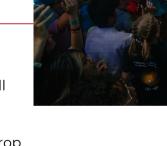
The Office of Youth Ministry must be notified of any dropped spots by Thursday, April 24th. After this date each group will be financially responsible for the entire cost of all remaining spots for which they registered.



#### **May 15**

### Final Payments Due

The remaining payment is due on May 15th. 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 April 24th Drop Date. All late payments will be charged a 10% late fee.



#### **6 Weeks out from Conference**

Housing forms and optional Sunday lunch and conference shirt forms due May 29th for Week 1 and June 5th for Week 2. All late housing forms will be charged a \$50 fee.



#### Online Registration & Chaperone Verification Due

Any participants who have not registered online before June 12th at 9:00 AM and groups who have not completed the chaperone verification form will have an extended wait during on-site registration on the Friday of the conference.









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# **CONFERENCE PARTNERS**











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