



Steubenville East 2023

Calling all high schoolers!

In our ever-changing world, Jesus is the answer to the longing of our hearts for meaning, fulfillment, security, and love. Join hundreds of Catholic teens at Steubenville East in Springfield, MA from July 21-23, 2023 to experience the peace of Jesus Christ, who is our refuge and never wears of loving us. All current 8th graders through graduating seniors are invited to attend this retreat with St. Philip.

What is Steubenville East?

The Steubenville Youth Conferences, an outreach of Franciscan University of Steubenville, are a series of 20 conferences across the U.S. that help over 50,000 teens encounter the love of Christ every summer. Their mission is to build the Church by evangelizing, equipping, and empowering God's children to become radical and joyful disciples. The Conferences include engaging talks, amazing music, Mass, Confession and Adoration.

Through an energetic and welcoming atmosphere, these conferences aim to lead the young church into a life-changing experience with the love of God. Attending a Steubenville Conference will bring your teens face to face with the relevant proclamation of the Gospel, authentic moments of worship and prayer, and above all, a tangible encounter with Christ in the Sacraments.

2023 Theme: REFUGE

“Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest.” -Matthew 11:28

Can you remember a time when you weren't anxious about something? The chaos of our lives can overwhelm us and make it difficult to see anything other than confusion and brokenness. And somewhere along the way, we've forgotten who we are – and, more importantly, who God is.

We have a good, loving Father in heaven who created us to share in His glory, to see everything and everyone with His eyes. His greatest desire is to raise us up out of our fear and anxiety and restore us to the hope and abundant life that only He can give. Lift your eyes to the glory of God. Let Him be your REFUGE.

Registration Process

There are several steps to complete your registration:

1. Fill out the ONLINE Registration Form (sent in your email).
2. Print and fill out the Permission Slip/Indemnity Form for St. Philip's.
3. Turn in your Liability Form and Non-Refundable Deposit by January 9, 2023.

Payment Info

Due to various factors, the cost has gone up significantly for this retreat. Do NOT let the cost prohibit you from attending. There will be many opportunities for Fundraising and Sponsorships to those in need of assistance.

- Total is \$550.
- \$150 Deposit with Registration Form Due by January 9, 2023.
- Additional payments of \$100 due on the 1st of February, March, April and May.
- Please submit a financial aid form if you need assistance. No one will be turned away!
- Cost includes conference registration, shared hotel room, transportation, 3 T-Shirts, breakfast all 3 days, dinner and late night meal on Friday & Saturday nights, Lunch on Saturday & Sunday.

What to Bring

- Bagged LUNCH for Friday to eat there when we get there
- Carry-On luggage with clothing, etc
- 3 T-Shirts: 2 packed, 1 wearing Friday (provided with your registration)
- Shorts, pants, skirts (No short shorts, No ripped clothing, No leggings)
- Pajamas
- Sweatshirt (tends to be cold in Mass Mutual Center)
- Good walking shoes
- Toiletries
- A backpack or small bag to carry necessities
- Snacks for the weekend (coordinate with your roommates)
- Water bottle
- Sunblock
- Notebook & Pen
- Games, Ball, Frisbee or book for down time.
- Spending money - Additional T-Shirts, Music & Swag are available to purchase.
- Prescription medicines (should be kept in their original containers).
- Kneeling Pad (provided by St. Philip's to borrow for the weekend)
- Camera - separate from cell phone.

What Not to Bring

- Cell Phones or electronic devices of any kind (bags will be searched at check-in).
- Nonprescription drugs or alcohol of any kind
- Valuables of any kind
- Tobacco Products of any kind

Important Safety Info

- Emergency contact information for all chaperones will be provided to parents.
- Chaperones house separately from kids (same floor, different rooms).
- All Chaperones & Volunteers have been Safe Environment Certified (BCI checked, etc.).
- No unregistered guests are allowed into any sessions or masses.
- Housing is divided by girls and boys on separate floors.
- Chaperones will accompany youth to all sessions/meals.
- No early departures from the conference are permitted.
- All participants must travel with the group to and from the conference.

Schedule At a Glance

Friday, July 21st

8 am Check In at Parish Center
9 am Send-Off Mass - parents are welcome!
9:30 am Pack Vehicles, Dunkin Donuts Breakfast, Leave
Arrive at Hotel, Eat packed Lunch, Pool Time
Dinner at Mass Mutual Cafeteria
6 pm Conference Begins at Mass Mutual Center
Late Night Meal at Hotel, Small Groups

Saturday, July 22nd

Breakfast at Hotel, Lunch & Dinner in Cafeteria
Mass Mutual Center Sessions all day.
Group & Free Time throughout the day
Saturday Night: Eucharistic Adoration with a Eucharistic Procession around the arena.
Late Night Meal, Small Groups

Sunday, July 23rd

Breakfast at Hotel
Mass Mutual Center: Morning Session, Closing Mass
Pizza Lunch, Final Small Group
3 pm Arrive back at St. Philip

Steubenville Youth/Chaperone Preparation Event

Monday, July 10th, 7-9 pm (Proposed)

- Meet your roommates
- Meet your chaperone and small group
- Get your T-Shirts

Contact Veronica Plante if you have any questions: youth@saintphilip.com or (401)602-8199