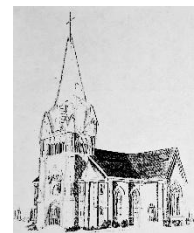




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**Event:** National Catholic Youth Conference

**Location:** Indianapolis, IN

**Dates:** November 20-22, 2025

## **Q1: What is NCYC?**

**A:** The National Catholic Youth Conference is a three-day event gathering thousands of Catholic teens from across the U.S. for prayer, worship, service, and fellowship. It includes inspiring keynote speakers, Mass, confession, workshops, music, and time for spiritual growth. There are five general sessions featuring nationally-known speakers, one each morning and night, as well as a Saturday evening Mass. Between the general sessions are breakout sessions and the opportunity to visit the thematic village, where you can interact with Catholic ministries, religious orders, and vendors, and simply have fun. Eucharistic adoration, praise and worship music, and reconciliation are also essential parts of the NCYC experience.

## **Q2: Where and when is it held?**

**A:** NCYC will take place in Indianapolis, IN, at the Indiana Convention Center & Lucas Oil Stadium, from November 20-22, 2025. NCYC begins Thursday, November 20, and ends the night of Saturday, November 22. Teens should plan on missing school on Friday for NCYC. We can supply a letter to the school for an approved religious absence.

## **Q3: Who is attending from our church?**

**A:** NCYC will fulfill the Confirmation retreat requirement, so our Confirmandi are expected to come. In addition, any high school student (grades 9–12) active in our parishes is welcome. We also require adult chaperones in accordance with Archdiocesan Safe Parish.

## **Q4: Will my son or daughter get lost in the crowd?**

**A:** Part of the JOY of NCYC is the sheer number of youth who come from every state! Youth begin to see that the Church is so much bigger than our parishes. During conference times, we will all be together. There will also be times when youth will be in assigned groups with chaperones. During free time, they must remain in groups of at least three. We will oversee the formation of these groups. They will not be permitted to walk around on their own anywhere, at any time.

## **Q5: Who are the chaperones?**

**A:** Cathy Lampton, Fr. Mike Keucher, Lupita Flores, Christina Luna, Jennifer Green, and Michael Green. All chaperones are Safe Parish certified, background-checked, and experienced in youth ministry. Per archdiocesan guidelines, we maintain a minimum 1:8 adult-to-youth ratio.

## **Q6: How much does it cost to attend, and what is included? Do we need to pay this whole amount?**

**A:** The cost is \$540.00 per participant. We ask families to pay as much as they can towards this amount. Cost includes: registration, hotel, transportation, and dinner on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. Breakfast and lunch are on your own. You may pack breakfast bars and other healthier snacks, and your water bottle as an option for some meals.

**Q7: I cannot afford that amount. Are there fundraising opportunities?**

**A:** We understand the financial burden. We are planning fundraisers as a parish to help raise some money. If you know of any funding sources or have any ideas, please let us know. We will need participation from our Confirmandi to make these fundraisers successful.

- Sunday, Sept. 28 & Oct. 26, we will be hosting the YM Donut fundraiser after the 8 am and 10 am Masses.
- Sunday, Sept. 28 & Oct. 26, we will be selling SOCK RELIGIOUS socks after each Mass. Purchase socks for Christmas presents while supporting NCYC!
- Each teen is encouraged to write a spiritual support letter to your sponsor, friends, and family members, asking them to help them through prayer and also offer financial support. We will have an example letter for you.

**Q8: Can I pay some today and some later? Who do I make the check out to?**

**A:** Yes, of course! Write the check to St. Joseph Parish, and drop it off in the collection basket or bring it to the parish office.

**Q9: How will students get to Indianapolis?**

**A:** We will travel together as a group via the Blue Holy Roller Bus, with adult chaperones. Specific travel details will be confirmed closer to the event.

**Q10: Where will students stay?**

**A:** We will be staying at the JW Marriott hotel near the convention center. The entire hotel is reserved for NCYC. Halls will be carefully monitored. Four kids will be in each room.

**Q11: What should students pack?**

**A:** Casual clothes, toiletries, and warm outerwear for November weather should be brought. Kids should wear comfortable shoes and bring a Bible and a journal. They can also bring snacks. These items can be left in the hotel. Note: only CLEAR BAGS are allowed inside Lucas Oil.

**Q12: Is NCYC a religious pilgrimage or more of a social trip?**

**A:** NCYC is meant to be a pilgrimage and retreat, which can be easy to forget, as we are blessed to live so close to Indianapolis. Many of the participating teens are coming from a long distance away. Teens come from every state. But we, like them, are pilgrims! And as pilgrims, we prepare for God to transform our hearts and to unite us more deeply in communion with Himself and with each other. Teens will grow in faith through Mass, Adoration, prayer, and workshops—but they'll also meet Catholic teens from across the country, and have fun.

**Q13: What if the participant needs medication?**

**A:** All medication (prescription and non-prescription) of youth participants should be brought in the original container, clearly labeled with directions provided using the Archdiocesan Participant Medication Information form, and given to the Adult Chaperone to be kept in a locked box for security reasons in accordance with the Archdiocese of Indianapolis's Medication Policy. Youth may keep inhalers, EpiPens, or insulin on their person. Stocking and/or dispensing over-the-counter medications to youth is not allowed without parental permission. Please notify the Archdiocese if refrigeration is needed for medications, as we will need to communicate this need with the hotel in advance. It is the responsibility of each Group Leader or designated Adult Chaperone to plan accordingly in order to comply with these regulations.

**Q14: Where can I access additional information about conference programming?**

**A:** Please visit NCYC's website at <https://nfcym.org/featured-events/ncyc/>

**Q16: Can the participant bring cell phones, tablets, or other electronics?**

**A:** All participants are welcome to bring cell phones or other electronics (such as tablets and cameras). By bringing these items, each individual is responsible for his/her own possessions. Remember to bring chargers, cords, etc. The Archdiocese of Indianapolis is not responsible for any lost or stolen items. There is a "Lost and Found" area where participants are welcome to check to see if any lost items have been turned in.

**Q17: What are the following steps to register? When is the deadline?**

**A:** <https://permission.click/AQe2B/int/eapA> to register for NCYC. This link is personalized for our parishes. The deadline is October 1, 2025.

**Q18: Is there a parent meeting?**

**A:** Yes! Join us on Sunday, **November 9**, after the confirmation class in the St. Joe cafeteria for a complete overview of the trip.

**Q19: Have Cathy and Fr. Mike attended this before?**

**A:** Yes!! We have both attended NCYC at least 7 times each. It is an INCREDIBLE experience, and we have both seen lives changed. The grace is real! It provides the kids with a wonderful experience of the beauty and amazing things that the Catholic Church has to offer.

**Q20: What if my son or daughter can't attend?**

**A:** Please take this to prayer. Sports games come and go; a Confirmation retreat and an experience like NCYC is a once-in-a-lifetime thing. Sports should not always take priority over God. As a matter of fact, they never should. God must come first. If there are serious reasons you feel your son or daughter cannot attend, please reach out to Cathy. We will need to have your son or daughter attend a Confirmation retreat in a different parish.