



## South Side Youth Ministry

Dear Parents,

Your child is signed up to attend the annual Steubenville Conference with SSYM. Although this conference is in cities all over the world, the one we attend is hosted by the Office of Youth Ministry at Missouri State University. All the information about the conference is located on line at <http://www.stlyouth.org/steubenville> including FAQ's and what to expect from the conference itself. I also wanted to let you know about supplementary programming that I host in addition to the conference to help the teens get the most out of their conference experience.

First the **practical stuff**- we meet at SMM at 5pm on Thursday, July 15 to depart in carpools driven by adult chaperones and core team members who are in compliance with Archdiocesan guidelines for the Safe Environment Program. We will return on Monday, July 19 at 2:30pm. The cost of the trip is **\$215** which includes the conference fee, tee shirt, most meals, and lodging for Thursday and Sunday night. This fee is due in full along with the permission form by **Wednesday, April 21**. This form can be attained at [www.stlyouth.org](http://www.stlyouth.org). This year 38 from SSYM will be joining 6000 other young people from the Midwest to celebrate the theme *The Word Became Flesh*.

On Thursday night, we will stay at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in St. James, MO hosted by Fr. David J. Veit. This stay over helps us to break up the long road trip, but also helps us prayerfully bond as a community and prepare the teens for the charismatic nature of the conference. Here is the Church information- 316 East Scioto Street, Saint James, MO 65559, (573) 265-7247. On Sunday night, we stay at St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Camdenton, MO. This stay over breaks up the return trip and helps everyone to process what they have learned and all the ways they have seen God's love in a new way. This site provides all the information on this parish- <http://stanthonychurch.org/> - it is beautiful and only twenty minutes down Rt. 5 from HW 44. We have stayed at this church for the past four years and their hospitality amazes us each year. Although all the lodging information is contained in this letter, the **emergency contact** number for the entire trip will be the youth minister's cell phone which is **314-420-0150**. Please use this if the need arises.

The **chaperones** who are joining me this year are Michael Mette, Nikki Reinkemeyer, Julie Green, Brenda Harter, Lauren Goldberg, Matt Sinak, and Shawn Wright. They are all trained members of the adult core team.

Your child should **pack** a sleeping bag or air mattress, pillow, toiletries, towel, bible, rosary, a snack to share, and about \$50 for meals and souvenirs. The conference presenters will have their CD's and books available for purchase and there are always plenty of other Christian goodies to purchase. The only meals not covered by the fee are dinner on Thursday night and breakfast on Monday morning. There are opportunities to purchase these meals, but the teens will need about \$15 for these two meals.

Please join me in prayer for this event- it functions as the spiritual summit of all our programming in SSYM. I look forward to all the ways God will bless your family through your teen's participation in this blessed event. Please call me with any questions.

In Christ,

Greg Robeson  
SSYM Youth Minister