

A rooming list, billing statement, and roster was emailed to group leaders.

Please check each of these for accuracy. Communicate any discrepancies to Kevin Driscoll via email [yyakev@yahoo.com](mailto:yyakev@yahoo.com)

NCYC will be here before you know it! Behind the scenes in a smoke-filled garage in Cedar Lake I have been doing various NCYC tasks...between lesson planning and quiz grading, of course. Do I miss my work with the diocese? Of course. But knowing that youth ministry is in the hands of Vicky at the diocese and you in the parishes reassures me that it was a good decision to step away. Bishop Noll has been very good to me. And I am thankful for the opportunity to serve you all one last time next month.

This mailing will be a hodgepodge of miscellaneous NCYC info in no particular order. I've been stockpiling!

Blessings in Christ  
*Kevin Driscoll*



**Cancellations:** As per the Dates & Deadlines document, everyone is now financially responsible for all persons registered for NCYC, including hotel expenses. If you have teens considering canceling, please note that now that registration has been submitted, hotel rooms are secured, and t-shirts are ordered, your parish is responsible for all charges. You may choose to relieve the teens of their financial obligation, but I will have to pass along the charge to your parish in your final invoice.

If you have someone cancel, I strongly recommend replacing them with someone of the same sex. You're out just \$40 for the NFCYM administrative change fee.

**It is ESSENTIAL that all cancellations and potential replacements be communicated to Kevin Driscoll in the form of an email.** (No texts or phone calls, please.) Email [yyakev@yahoo.com](mailto:yyakev@yahoo.com)

## “Kev, can I add someone?”

The answer is “**yes and no.**”

I will always do everything I can to get as many teens to NCYC as possible. However we don't have much wiggle room in the hotel rooms, and so it really depends on the very little space available and the number of cancellations, which might not be known well into November.

**All requests for additions are now be placed on a waiting list.** If a teen or parent not currently registered asks to attend, here is your recommended course of action:

- **Ask for a financial payment and the necessary forms immediately.** You will find out quickly how serious they are about NCYC. Participants who express interest in NCYC this late in the game are exponentially more likely to cancel, causing grief for you, me, your parish business manager...pretty much everyone but the teen who was “kinda interested.”



- **Email me.** I will need to carve out space in the hotel, which may or may not be a possibility. Given my feeble brain and its commitment to Sophomore Theology at BNI, I need a paper trail or I might forget about Billy maybe-possibly wanting to go to NCYC! You can text me or call me of course, but emails are my go-to source when it comes time for me to sit down and sort things out.

**NCYC Invoices & Hotel Assignments:** Group leaders, included in this mailing is your updated billing statement and rooming assignment list. Thank you all for your patience. Everyone wants me to help them get 4 to a room to save \$\$, but the numbers don't always add up, then cancellations happen and throw the whole Excel sheet into turmoil. So if your thought has been, "I sure wish we knew what we owed sooner," that is why- just way too many moving parts.



**Payment:** Please contact me ASAP if you see a billing error. Vicky and I will be very flexible with the collection of payment. Yes, you may pay your balance after NCYC if it's better for you. I thank you for your patience.



**Who pays who:** Just to clarify, for new leaders: the Diocese of Gary books all hotel rooms and pays for all registrations. We then bill YOU for what you owe from that amount. You will NOT pay the NCYC registration company, and you will not pay the Courtyard by Marriott. You will receive one bill from OYYA. I will not track individual accounts. Instead you will receive a total amount due for your entire group. I WILL keep track of who is staying in what hotel room for hotel billing.

**3 or 4-to-a-room that you'll see today is subject to change** Most of you have asked that your teens be placed with other teens from other groups to lower the costs, and I have done my best to do just that. But please understand that cancellations are inevitable and that might impact room assignments for your group and possibly other groups. Your final bill is at the mercy of another group and their possible additions and cancellations.

**Is it okay to pay after NCYC? ABSOLUTELY.** In fact, you might argue it's a lot easier, because of the possibility of shifting hotel room capacities, you would avoid having to pay additional fees or fuss with a refund by simply waiting until after NCYC to pay the invoice. Whatever works best for you.

**Safe environment: All adults attending NCYC must be in compliance with our diocesan safe environment guidelines.** A tip-o'-the-cap to Vicky Hathaway and our diocesan safe environment office for working hard to confirm our compliance. If you do not hear from them, that's a good thing! Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.



**Diocesan Mass/Pizza Party:** For those who have led NCYC groups before, you may recall we would hold a Mass with our Bishop for all diocesan delegates on Friday afternoon (morning in 2017), and a post-closing Mass pizza party on Saturday night. **There will NOT be a diocesan Mass this year.** We will hold a post-Thursday Opening session diocesan pizza party at appr. 10:30pm (site is not yet finalized, but likely adjacent JW Marriott). This will be in lieu of our Saturday night pizza party, and will conclude with a prayer service. Stay tuned for details. There are opportunities for daily Mass available in downtown Indianapolis (see schedule).

**Bringing a priest?** First, AWESOME! What a great way for your teens to see your leaders in a very joy-filled, "human" environment. Priests who have attended NCYC before have told me how much they enjoy being a part of NCYC. NFCYM loves it when they attend, too, because they need priests to make NCYC an awesome encounter with Christ through the Sacraments. Soon, I will be emailing all of our attending priests a letter explaining how to concelebrate, hear confessions, etc. (there are some procedures the Archdiocese of Indy requires). Please remind them to bring an alb and stole if they wish to concelebrate any liturgies or offer the sacrament of reconciliation.



**College-age participants:** We have a number of college-aged participants joining us. I like that! However, I maintain—like NCYC organizers maintain—that NCYC is for HS TEENS. Organizers have asked diocesan leaders to pass this along, and please help us by passing this along if you have college-aged participants in your group:

**College-aged participants should not attend youth sessions.** There will be breakout sessions for college-aged participants, or they may attend adult sessions. Popular sessions fill up, and it would not be fair for high schoolers to miss out on seeing a session because a college student was taking his or her place.

If you are using college-aged young adults as chaperone assistants, remember per diocesan policy, anyone under the age of 21 cannot be counted as a full chaperone, and therefore does not count toward your adult:youth ratio. Chaperone assistants are just that- assistants! They should never be alone with youth or allowed to drive youth. Chaperone assistants are subject to supervision by parish/cluster/school group leaders and the Diocese of Gary OYYA, and subject to diocesan VIRTUS/Safe Environment requirements.

**Missing school/Thursday arrival Information:** Attached is a copy of the school absence letter. It is assumed that most groups attending will miss both Thursday and Friday.



A few of you have inquired about the possibility of traveling after school on Thursday. Yes, this is theoretically possible, although you should note that the **Opening session starts at 7:00 Central**. (See NCYC schedule, and note that all times are Eastern.) Only you, the group leader, can determine what is best for your group, and provided you follow the laws of the state of Indiana and the diocesan Safe Environment and Driving Policies, I trust you to make sound decisions regarding your group's travel.

**Thursday arrival procedure:** Vicky and I will be in Indianapolis Wednesday to pick up all of your credentials and materials, as well as to ensure your group's hotel check-in is as smooth as possible.

Group leaders, you should plan to pick up your group's materials at the hotel (Courtyard by Marriott-Downtown Indianapolis). You should communicate your approximate arrival time to Kevin via email so we can have your credentials ready. Participants must get these materials before attending any NCYC activities, as credentials will be checked at the door.



OYYA will be set up in one of the hotel rooms to avoid lobby congestion. You will need a room key card to use the elevator, so text me upon your arrival and someone will come and get you. You can leave your groups in the lobby and proceed to the room. **Courtyard staff has kindly asked that you direct questions to me first, to ensure efficiency and avoid confusion. Please do NOT approach the check-in desks until AFTER you have visited the Diocesan Group leader Check-In Room!**

**NEW IN 2019: NO HOTEL ROOMS GIVEN UNTIL 3PM THURSDAY.**

Check-in time is 3pm. Many groups arrive before 3pm to get a jump on a great NCYC experience. The Courtyard by Marriott has been extremely generous about giving out rooms as they become available. Some group leaders want to move in as quickly as possible, but the hotel is also trying to assign rooms according to room type and also trying to keep groups somewhat close together. In recent years, some groups have chosen to wait in the lobby for hotel rooms instead of enjoy the NCYC activities in the thematic park, enjoy the indoor mall, a group meal, etc.



**Any groups arriving before 3pm will be allowed to store their belongings, pick up their NCYC credentials, and encouraged to experience NCYC.** This will avoid confusion and hopefully disappointment when rooms aren't ready. Experienced group leaders will tell you that Thursday is a GREAT day to enjoy the NCYC thematic park before the crowds take over.

Kevin and/or Vicky will work with Courtyard staff to get you your rooms as quickly as possible, and hopefully all at once, but PLEASE do not plan on getting rooms until 3pm.



**Room charges:** There are no pay-for-view items, so we don't have to worry about that. I have requested that telephone charges be turned off, but that may or may not be possible. TGI Fridays and parking can be charged to your room. In order to prevent the hassle of me having to determine charges after NCYC and bill, please make sure you settle all charges with your personal credit cards before you leave Sunday morning. THANK YOU!!

**Wifi Internet:** There is complimentary wifi throughout the Marriott complex, including the Courtyard.

**Single Day registration:** A few of you have inquired about the possibility of one-day NCYC registration. NFCYM has confirmed that single-day registration will be offered, and it will be similar to the 2017 process. Details, based on 2017 info:

- Single-day passes will be made available only for adults, not for teens. Teens must pay the full rate regardless of any prorated attendance.
- You will register directly with NFCYM/Progress in Planning, pay online, and pick up credentials separately at the Convention Center (not through our diocesan check-in procedure at the hotel).
- The single-day rate in 2019 will be \$90.
- Adults wishing to attend for one day will need to register online and be compliant with all safe-environment policies.

I am still awaiting the registration link from the registration company. If you have someone wishing to take advantage of this option, please contact me via email and I will communicate with you directly.

**Diocesan NCYC T-shirt:** Each one of the nearly 300 Diocese of Gary participants will receive two NCYC t-shirts, for keeping, trading, both, or neither. One victim of the leadership change was the NCYC t-shirt design contest. My apologies if you had teens wishing to do this. It just got away from me. Longtime OYYA designer Jason Yurechko is working on a great design, however, so rest assured we will have a great t-shirt. **So that we can easily be recognized during communion guiding, please plan to wear these shirts Saturday night.**



**Flair/Trade Items:** New to NCYC? Then you'll want to learn about trade items! Trading fun items- often "localized" with your parish, town, diocese, state, region etc.- is a fun way to get teens to interact with others from across the country. Your teens will not want to miss out! The better the trade item, the more you'll get for that item! Most parishes prepare (hand-craft or purchase) unique items in advance of NCYC. Ideas: buttons, pins, bookmarks, bead necklaces, pencils, message cards, clothespins. (if you're willing to spend some money, visit [orientaltrading.com](http://orientaltrading.com)). Also consider purchasing/making unmarked items, then slapping a printed label on them to save money.

As part of the package price, everyone will receive 2 diocesan t-shirts- one to keep, and one to trade (or they could trade both).

**Box Lunch Opportunity:** St. John Catholic Church in downtown Indianapolis across from the Convention Center and just a few blocks away from Lucas Oil Stadium is offering box lunches for groups attending NCYC and invites you to consider this opportunity. The order form and info is attached. Recommended by Tori Perez, YMC from La Porte Catholic Church!

**Text messaging:** Vicky and I will work together to keep you informed so you can lead your groups. The most timely way to disseminate information will be through text messaging. During NCYC I attend diocesan leader briefings. I will pass along necessary information to you via text. If you have NOT been getting my texts, please text me at 219-552-4060 so I can add you to the list.

[NCYC GpLdrs] Tip: avoid long lines to enter Lucas Oil Stad. by using entrances on south side of stadium

Please note that when you receive a text labeled [NCYC GpLdrs] it is a bulk text sent to all group leaders. I will assume everyone receives it, so generally no "OK" or "Got it" is needed. All replies go directly to me. If you have info that would be good for all group leaders to have, I may re-send it to everyone.

**“Chain of command” in Indianapolis:** Group leaders, **YOU are the boss!** Vicky and I will handle hotel issues, get you your credentials, and communicate to you any information coming down from NFCYM. We will attend a daily briefing and pass along any information to you via text messaging. Diocesan commitments: Thursday night pizza party and prayer (after opening session), Saturday Communion Guide training, Saturday Closing Mass Communion Guiding. Other than that, **YOU** coordinate your group and how they gather and participate in NCYC activities. **Your job is to serve teens, OUR job is to serve YOU!**

It is impractical to keep large groups together, and it is also impractical to stick to the NCYC schedule! Workshops overlap meal times, and different people place varying degrees of priorities on meals and workshops! It IS practical to have a clearly defined chain of command, and to have expectations placed on your teens. Some groups assign a small group of teens to an adult leader, some allow teens to explore on their own with check-in times. It is your call.

Try to plan your breakout sessions in advance. You want to allow teens to see what they want to see, but teens should never be alone.

**Bag checks:** Everyone is subject to bag checks at NCYC, and security is usually very good. However, teens are teens, and sometimes problems happen away from Lucas Oil Stadium. To insure “smuggled” items do not question the integrity of our Catholic Christian event, **adult leaders are encouraged to perform random bag checks upon arrival at the hotel and throughout NCYC.** Teens and parents should be made aware in advance of the possibility of random searches (pre-emptive strike). Remind teens that this is not meant to invade privacy. It is to ensure that future events continue.



“MY teens would never bring alcohol or drugs to a youth ministry event,” said the youth ministry leader of every teen who ever brought alcohol or drugs to a youth ministry event.

**Food at NCYC:** Lucas Oil Stadium and the Indiana Convention Center (ICC) will most often allow individuals to bring in a bag of food, especially if it is in a backpack. **HOWEVER,** they will **NOT** allow you to have food delivered or have group meals brought in with box boxes.

#### **Outside Food Policy at ICCLOS**

This is a reminder that as a general policy, outside food and beverage is prohibited at the Indiana Convention Center and Lucas Oil Stadium (ICCLOS). Security may allow individuals to bring in food from food trucks and other local eateries, but will stop individuals from carrying in catered boxed lunches or other food which has obviously been delivered for groups from caterers, restaurants, or other food sellers. **PLEASE** do not order boxed meals/pizza/etc. for street corner/sidewalk distribution to your group unless you have made arrangements for your group to eat these meals somewhere other than the convention center.

**TIP:** With about 20,000 teens, rest assured the longest lines will be at the least-expensive restaurants, especially chain restaurants with brand-recognition. A few suggestions to counter the lines:

- Go out for pizza. Since you're in groups anyway, split a pizza or two and save time and money.
- Consider the many downtown bar-and-grills. Teens tend to avoid these because they're bars, but many are more "grill" than "bar" during lunch and dinner hours, and they aren't much more expensive than what you might pay at Subway anyway.

**Hotel stuff:** All adults have their own bed, mostly two to a room unless you requested otherwise. If you are placed in a King with Pullout, please note that one of you gets a great bed, and the pullout is “okay.” You may wish to bring some comfy bedding to help make it more comfortable.

Teens are mostly 3 or 4 to a room. Prepare your teens that:

- There will be 3 or 4 teens assigned to a room with 2 beds. Guys tend to be more leery to share a bed than girls.
- They may be placed with teens from another group if your final number of youth males or females is not divisible by 4.

**Teens should be instructed NOT to ask for rollaway beds!** They are aware we assigned 4 to a room and they believe that the 2 queen beds (or 1 King & 1 pullout) are sufficient sleeping space!



If your teens wish, they are allowed to bring in extra blankets, sleeping bags, **air mattresses**, etc. for sleeping on the floor. (In fact, rooms have hair dryers, which helps with air mattresses.)

The rooms have refrigerators, and they are not stocked with any items. They are for guest use of their own food/beverages if needed.

Groups will be placed together. This means males and female rooms are nearby. Hotel rooms are not monitored- it is the responsibility of group leaders to monitor their teens.

The fairly close proximity of the hotel presents discipline challenges. Some YM's tell teens and parents before they depart for Indy that they will be collecting hotel key cards in the morning and that they are NOT to be in rooms without adult supervision. The key card collection is an imperfect science, but that policy is an example of defining CLEAR expectations for both teens and parents.

**Meeting space:** I recommend that group leaders gather their groups together for parish time at night, spending some time processing the day, praying, etc. That time can be whatever you need it to be. Please note, however, that formal, assigned meeting space is non-existent! If you wish to gather together, it will be up to you to carve out informal gathering space.

**General Sessions at Lucas Oil Stadium:** From NFCYM: **Do NOT save seats and move toward the center of rows.** Create a plan for your group, and if your group is large, break it up, so this is not an issue. Again, Do NOT save seats! Bags & Coats should not occupy empty seats. **Also, utilize ALL 4 GATES!** North gate is closest to Convention Center, so gets heaviest traffic, but you can also use the east, west, and south gates.



**NO HUMAN CHAINS:** In can get congested in the convention center hallways. To keep groups together, participants will often grasp arms and walk down hallways, etc. forming a "human chain." NFCYM is asking group leaders to tell teens NOT to do this. It is a safety concern and quite annoying for anyone trying to cross paths. Instead, **NFCYM encourages group leaders to get creative and use something identifiable to hold up and follow, eg. an umbrella, sign, flag, etc.**

**Mass collection is for all, including teens:** There is a collection during the Closing Mass of NCYC. This provides a good opportunity to teach your teens about Stewardship, and let them know that ALL are called to give, including teens. Money collected goes to support the NCYC Scholarship Fund.

Please ask teens and parents to set aside \$5, \$10, or whatever they feel is appropriate to contribute to the bucket Saturday night.

**Great pre-NCYC YouTube video:** Our friends in the Archdiocese of Chicago put together a video to help NCYC pilgrims prepare for NCYC. It's great, especially for new NCYC attendees! Link: <http://bit.ly/ncycprep>

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*The LORD does righteous deeds, brings justice to all the oppressed.*  
(Psalm 103:6)

From NFCYM...

### **Donation Items - What to Bring**

Time to start gathering items to donate, here is a list of organizations and items:

- WaterStep - used shoes
- Friends of Haiti - school supplies
- Terre Haute Catholic Charities - personal toiletries (shampoo, soap, deodorant, tooth paste, tooth brush, lotion)
- St. Elizabeth's - household supplies (toilet paper, paper towels, size 4 and 5 diapers, disinfectant wipes, all-purpose cleaner)



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**NCYC General and Breakout Sessions:** Information about speakers, topics, etc. is now posted to [ncyc.info](http://ncyc.info). I recommend that groups have a plan in advance for which speakers they might like to see. Always have a plan B too, in case your workshop fills up. There was a smartphone app in 2017, but as of late October, no info has been posted about an app for 2019.

**NCYC Livestream:** Pass along to parents and friends back home that there will be a very professionally-done webstream throughout NCYC. For more info, visit [ncyc.info/livestream](http://ncyc.info/livestream).

**NOVEMBER COMMUNICATIONS:** If it's anything like years' past, there will be lots of information to pass along in the weeks ahead. I will likely do that via email and text.

If you have any questions, give me an email, call or text. Because of my new gig, I'm not always available during weekdays but I promise I'll get back to you as soon as I can.

*See you all in Indy!*



Kevin Driscoll

NCYC '97-Kansas City, '99-St. Louis, '01-Indianapolis, '03-Houston, '05-Atlanta, '07-Columbus, '09-Kansas City, '11-Indianapolis, '13-Indianapolis, '15-Indianapolis, '17-Indianapolis

PS: FYI, the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry has approved a plan that starting in 2021, NCYC will become an ANNUAL event, with conferences on even years being held in southern California. Recently-approved dates:

Nov. 18-20, 2021 - Indianapolis, IN

Nov. 10-12, 2022 - Long Beach, CA

Nov. 16-18, 2023 - Indianapolis, IN

Nov. 15-17, 2024 - Long Beach, CA

Nov. 20-22, 2025 - Indianapolis, IN



*Diocese of Gary delegates in front row for closing Mass, NCYC 2015 (NFCYM photo)*

**MAY GOD BLESS YOUR NCYC EFFORTS!**

*Kevin Driscoll*

# DIOCESE OF GARY NCYC 2019 PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Schedule current as of 10/24/19. **\*\*All times Eastern!\*\*** ICC=Indiana Convention Center; LOS=Lucas Oil Stadium

Thursday , November 21		
anytime appr. 10am – 5pm Eastern	Group leaders check-in with Kevin or Vicky to receive NCYC credentials	Courtyard by Marriott room TBD (text Kev prior to arrival)
12:00 pm–4:00 pm	Thematic Village Open	ICC—Halls C-G
12:00 pm–4:00 pm	Inspiration Nook Open	ICC—Room 116-117
12:10 pm–12:45 pm	Daily Mass	St. John’s Church
3:00 pm Eastern	Hotel rooms available for check-in	Kev or Vicky will communicate with group leaders
4:00 pm–5:00 pm	Daily Mass	ICC—Hall H
5:00 pm–5:30 pm	Eucharistic Procession from St. John the Evangelist to ICC	St. John’s Church to ICC
5:30 pm–6:00 pm	Eucharistic Adoration	ICC—Sagamore 3-7
6:30 pm–10:30 pm	Stadium Doors Open	LOS—All Gates
6:30 pm–8:00 pm	Gathering and Entertainment, Featuring for KING & COUNTRY	LOS
8:00 pm–10:00 pm	Opening Sess.: Emcees: Katie Prejean McGrady and Fr. Agustino Torres, CFR	LOS
10:30 pm – 11:30 pm	Pizza Party and Prayer for all Diocese of Gary delegates	JW Marriott Convention Ctr. location TBA
Friday , November 22		
7:30 am–8:15 am	Daily Mass	St. John’s Church
7:30 am–11:00 am	Stadium Doors Open	LOS—All Gates
7:30 am–9:00 am	Gathering and Entertainment	LOS
8:00 am–8:00 pm	Registration Open	ICC—1 <sup>st</sup> Fl Serpentine Lobby
9:00 am–10:45 am	Prayer and General Session, featuring Immaculee Ilibagiza	LOS
11:00 am–5:30 pm	Thematic Village Open; Inspiration Nook Open; Chapel Open	ICC
11:15 am–11:35 am	Rosary: Joyful Mysteries for the Intention of Parents	ICC—Sagamore 3-7
11:15 am–11:45 am	Mega Workshop Musical Warm Ups	ICC—Halls AB, H, I, J
11:30 am–12:30 pm	Daily Mass in the Extraordinary Form	ICC—Sagamore 3-7
11:30 am–5:00 pm	Music and Message Stage	ICC—Room 120-121
11:45 am–1:00 pm	Round A Mega Workshops and Workshops	ICC—various
12:10 pm–1:00 pm	Daily Mass	St. John’s Church
12:30 pm–5:30 pm	Reconciliation Available	ICC—Sagamore 3-7
1:15 pm–1:45 pm	Mega Workshop Musical Warm Ups	ICC—Halls AB, H, I, J
1:15 pm–1:35 pm	Rosary: Sorrowful Mysteries for the Intention of Young People	ICC—Sagamore 3-7
1:45 pm–3:00 pm	Round B Mega Workshops and Workshops	ICC—various
2:00 pm–2:45 pm	Daily Mass	St. John’s Church
3:15 pm–3:35 pm	Divine Mercy Chaplet	ICC—Sagamore 3-7
3:15 pm–3:45 pm	Mega Workshop Musical Warm Ups	ICC—Halls AB, H, I, J
3:45 pm–5:00 pm	Round C Mega Workshops and Workshops	ICC—various
4:00 pm–4:45 pm	Daily Mass	St. John’s Church
5:30 pm–6:30 pm	Daily Mass	ICC—Hall H
6:30 pm–10:30 pm	Stadium Doors Open	LOS—All Gates
6:30 pm–8:00 pm	Gathering and Entertainment	LOS
8:00 pm–10:00 pm	Prayer and General Session, feat. Katie Prejean McGrady, Mark Hart, and Fr. Agustino Torres	LOS
Saturday, November 23		
7:30 am–8:15 am	Daily Mass	St. John’s Church
7:30 am–11:00 am	Stadium Doors Open	LOS—All Gates
7:30 am–9:00 am	Gathering and Entertainment	LOS
8:00 am–8:00 pm	Registration Open	ICC—1 <sup>st</sup> Fl Serpentine Lobby
9:00 am–10:45 am	Prayer and General Session, featuring Sr. Bethany Madonna	LOS
After Gen. Session	All Diocese of Gary delegates meet for training on how to serve as Communion Minister Guides for Closing Mass	meet near stage on the floor of Lucas Oil Stadium
11:00 am–5:30 pm	Thematic Village Open; Inspiration Nook Open; Chapel Open; Reconciliation Available	ICC
11:15 am–11:35 am	Rosary: Glorious Mysteries for the Intention of Youth Ministers	ICC—Sagamore 3-7
11:15 am–11:45 am	Mega Workshop Musical Warm Ups	ICC—Halls AB, H, I, J
11:30 am–5:00 pm	Music and Message Stage	ICC—Room 120-121
11:45 am–1:00 pm	Round D Mega Workshops and Workshops	ICC—various
1:30 pm–2:30 pm	Adoration	ICC—Hall H
1:15 pm–1:35 pm	Rosary: Luminous Mysteries for the Intention of Vocations	ICC—Sagamore 3-7
1:30 pm–3:00 pm	Round E Discernment Sessions	ICC—various
3:15 pm–3:30 pm	Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help	ICC—Sagamore 3-7
3:30 pm–5:00 pm	Recreation Options: Dance (Hall AB); NCYC’s Top Talent Finale; Comedy Club	ICC
6:30 pm–11:00 pm	Stadium Doors Open	LOS—All Gates
	All Diocese of Gary delegates should sit in reserved seating on the stadium floor.	
6:30 pm–8:00 pm	Gathering and Preparation for Liturgy	LOS
8:00 pm–10:30 pm	Closing Mass	LOS



NCYC Closing Mass

## Attention all Diocese of Gary delegates! (Teens AND adult leaders)

Because we have done such a great job in recent years, we were asked back! ALL Diocese of Gary delegates will serve as **communion guides** at Saturday night's Closing Mass. The Diocese of Gary has done this for NCYC since 2013 and it has been a great experience. We've done such a great job, they keep asking us back!

### "What is a communion guide?"

During communion time, you will assist the priests to their various communion stations throughout Lucas Oil Stadium.

**Congratulations to ALL of us!** We will play a key role in bringing Eucharist to thousands! PLUS- I think this is the best part- **we will**

**ALL have reserved seating on the floor of Lucas Oil Stadium for Closing Mass!**



The commitment is fairly small—we all must attend a **short training session on the floor of Lucas Oil Stadium after the Saturday general session ends at appr. 10:45 am.** After everyone leaves, head to the area on the floor near the stage.

To clarify, we will not be Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, we will be GUIDES. Everyone is assigned a section of the stadium and the guide will simply accompany a priest to that section and stand alongside the priest. Easy, huh?!





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CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Superintendents, Principals, Athletic Directors, and Activity Directors

**FROM:** Christina Lamas, Executive Director

**RE:** Student Attendance at the **National Catholic Youth Conference, November 21-23, 2019**

The National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC) is the premiere national gathering of Catholic high school age youth in the United States. More than 20,000 young people and their chaperones from around the country will meet for three days of educational sessions, catechesis, prayer, and service. NCYC is a unique opportunity for young people to strengthen their Catholic faith and identity, to meet other young people striving to live out positive values, to learn ways to cope with influences that conflict with what they know to be right, and to discover that they are strong enough to be countercultural. For many, their participation is not only life-affirming, it is life-changing.

The 2019 NCYC will be held in Indianapolis November 21-23. We at the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry, Inc. (NFCYM) realize that attending this event will entail absence from school and extracurricular activities. I respectfully request that your students' participation in the conference be counted as an excused absence due to the nature of the program.

Without support from administrators like you, many students will be unable to attend. They and their families are committed to school and its related activities. If NCYC was an experience that would regularly take students from their classrooms, playing fields, and practices, I would not ask you consider excusing their absence. However, NCYC happens only once every two years. I hope you agree there are benefits to students taking a few days to deepen their understanding of another facet of their being. I believe the experience will add to their development as well-rounded members of the broader community.

For more information about the conference, feel free to visit our website, [www.ncyc.info](http://www.ncyc.info). In addition, please feel free to contact your local Catholic diocesan youth ministry director or our office in Washington, D.C. for more details.

Your cooperation in enabling your students to attend is greatly appreciated.

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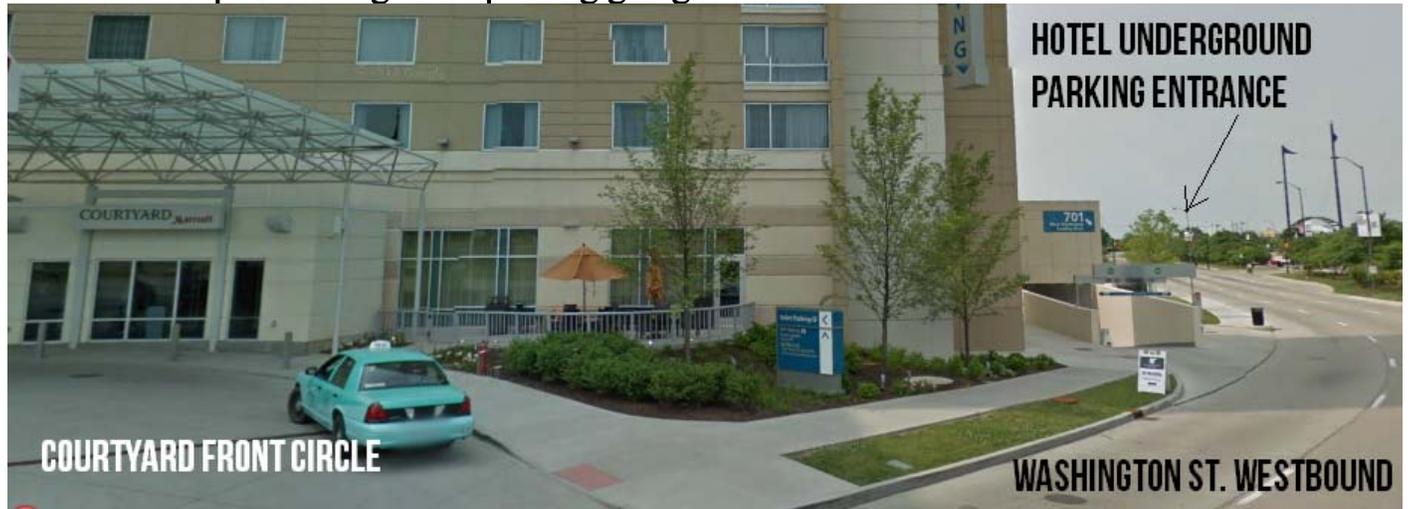
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### NCYC takes a village!

We're all in this together. While you are first and foremost responsible to your own group, if you see something, say something. Let's pledge to help each other if we see a teen that is somewhere (s)he shouldn't be, etc.

While there are lots of parking options in downtown Indianapolis, the three closest to our hotel are addressed below. If you are willing to walk, you might be able to find cheaper prices, but I limited this info to just the three closest to our hotel.

## Marriott Complex underground parking garage



• **Marriott Complex underground parking garage (closest): \$34 per night** self-park (\$37 per night valet) with full in-out privileges. Please note that this is a cheaper rate for hotel guests, so be sure the system knows you are a Courtyard guest. **If you do not indicate that you are a hotel guest you will be charged a higher rate.** Therefore, the best way to ensure that you are getting the lowest rate here is to notify the front desk that you are a hotel guest parking there- they might give you a separate parking card- have parking billed to your room, then settle your parking and other charges to your own personal credit card. Since the rooms are booked through the Diocese of Gary, not doing so will result in the hassle of me billing you afterward, so please settle those charges on Sunday morning! If you'd rather not bill the room, you can pay with credit card upon exit or at a kiosk on the P1 level near the red and white TGI Fridays entrance.

## WHITE RIVER STATE PARK SURFACE LOT & UNDERGROUND GARAGE

Located across the street and a short walk from the Courtyard. Also note: they do NOT have in-out privileges. You will have to pay each time you exit the lot. Also, these lots are often not staffed, so be prepared to pay with a credit card. Rates:

\$8.00 for up to 3 hours • \$15.00 for up to 6 hours • \$40.00 for up to 24 hours • \$48.00 Lost Ticket Fee

**Buses and Motor Coach Parking:** Parking in bus lanes is not allowed without prior approval and/or payment in advance. Bus lane rates vary by day and event. For buses, large vehicles, box trucks, motor homes, vehicles with trailers, etc., parking is available by permit only and only in advance and based on availability.

If you have any questions about the White River lots, contact them directly at 317-234-0231 or visit [whiteriverstatepark.org/visit/parking](http://whiteriverstatepark.org/visit/parking).

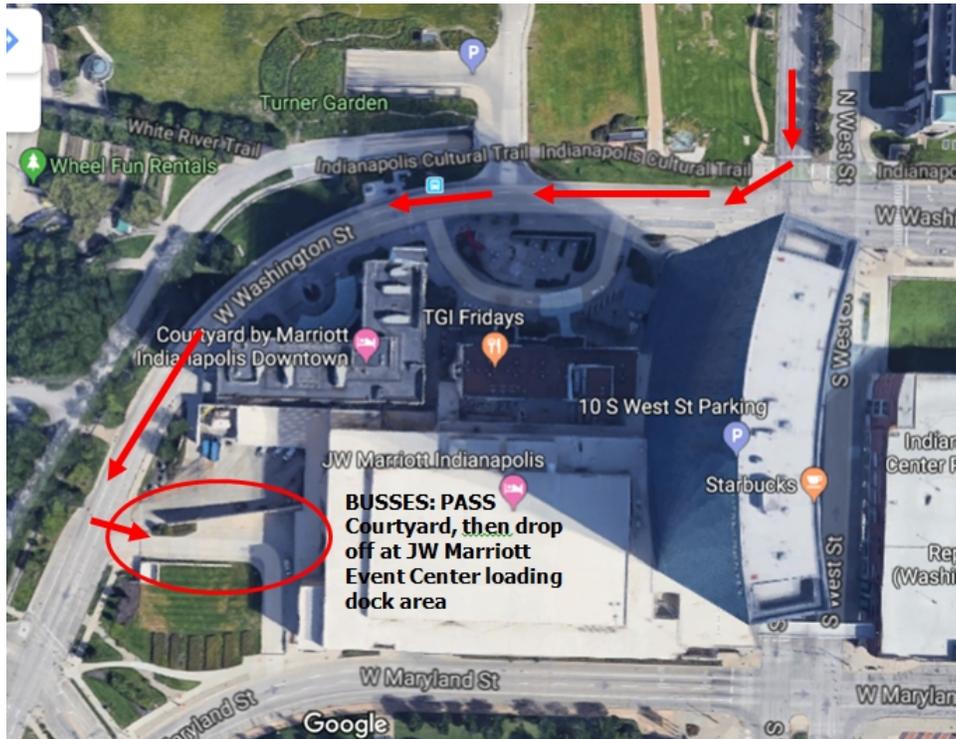


**Bus arrival info:** It is assumed that if you are using a bus, it is for dropoff and pickup only. Long-term bus parking is only allowed in the White River lot with a permit (call 317-234-0231). Temporary unloading/loading should be done in:

- JW Marriott Event Center loading area just to the west of the Courtyard off Washington St.



**Instruct your driver NOT to pull into the Courtyard front circle!!** It is simply too tight a fit for most buses.



Unload busses here please.

# St. John's BOX LUNCH ORDER FORM



Please use the following form to place your groups order for box lunches from St. John's (located directly across the street from the Convention Center). Box lunches are available for lunch and dinner on Thursday-Saturday, November 21-23 during NCYC in Indianapolis.

## BOX LUNCH ORDER FORM:

All box lunches include choice of ham or turkey, assorted chips, apple, assorted dessert and bottled water or assorted pop. Please note that each lunch has a choice of sandwich meat. Please let me know if there are any dietary restrictions. All other items are placed into the box at random. **Total cost is \$8 per person. Please arrange with St. John's what time to pick up your groups box lunch by contacting: office@stjohnsindy.org or 317.635.2021.**

Thursday 11/21	Qty Lunch	Qty Dinner
Turkey		
Ham		
Gluten Free		
<b>Total # of boxes</b>		
<b>Total \$</b> \$8 per box		

Friday 11/22	Qty Lunch	Qty Dinner
Turkey		
Ham		
Gluten Free		
<b>Total # of boxes</b>		
<b>Total \$</b> \$8 per box		

Saturday 11/23	Qty Lunch	Qty Dinner
Turkey		
Ham		
Gluten Free		
<b>Total # of boxes</b>		
<b>Total \$</b> \$8 per box		

## CONTACT INFO:

Group Name \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
*\*that will be used during NCYC*

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

**PAYMENT:** Please pre-pay ahead of time by sending this order form in with check or pay online at: <https://osvonlinegiving.com/4408/DirectDonate/58060>. Please make checks payable to St. John Catholic Church, memo: NCYC. Questions on the order form? Reach out to office@stjohnsindy.org or 317.635.2021. Thank you for your support. **Proceeds benefit IUPUI college students trip to FOCUS Catholic Leadership Conference this January, March For Life in D.C. and Spring Break Mission Trip.**

## St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church

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# INEXPENSIVE RESTAURANTS DOWNTOWN

This map was created for NCYC 2017 - if a place has closed, sorry!



The restaurants above are only a sampling of downtown restaurants with meals \$10 or less.

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I also recommend the [Visit Indy](#) smart phone



With about 20,000 teens, rest assured the longest lines will be at the least-expensive restaurants, especially chain restaurants with brand-recognition. A few suggestions to counter the lines:

- Go out for pizza. Since you're in groups anyway, split a pizza or two and save time and money .
- Consider the many downtown bar-and-grills. Teens tend to avoid these because they're bars, but many are more "grill" than "bar" during lunch and dinner hours, and they aren't much more expensive than what you might pay at Subway anyway.