



CATHOLIC EDUCATION MINISTRIES

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On behalf of the Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministries for the St. Cloud Diocese, I invite you, your parish/ACC 9th-12th grade youth, and those adults who are serving youth in your parish/ACC to attend our St. Cloud Diocesan High School Youth Day on Sunday, October 27 at Lake Geneva Christian Center near Alexandria, MN.

This year's theme is **"Are you ready?"** We find in scripture, Bartimaeus, the man born blind, seeking to be healed by Jesus. Bartimaeus is *ready* to see in new ways. As with Bartimaeus, Jesus seeks us out to be healed and to see in new ways. Today, Jesus is asking us if we are ready to do this and to be about God's goodness and love. Please join us as we gather as the young diocesan church to celebrate being Catholic through Eucharist, learning about our faith, and having fun through activity and prayer. It is hoped that as we seek Jesus, we embrace God's invitation to be ready to share that love with all those we encounter.

We begin with registration in the Lake Geneva Camp Worship Center, across from the Dining Hall on the LGCC Campus (see included map). We will continue with a welcome and music with PJ Anderson followed by Mass with Bishop Neary. After Mass PJ will share messages of hope and share stories of encountering Christ through his many gifts of storytelling, music, prayer, and his ability to relate to the young church of today. You may learn more about PJ Anderson by visiting his website: <https://pjandersonmusic.com/about>.

Other features of the day will include: workshops, recreational activities, game show, silent disco dance with Tony Ducklow, awesome food and great fun!

The website <https://stcdio.org/event/2024-high-school-youth-day/> contains the youth interest forms (for youth to fill out and return to you so you can send them the digital permission slip and order their shirt), this cover letter, a map of Lake Geneva Christian Center, posters, shirt order form, etc. **Individual registration forms must be completed online.** Laura will send out customized links to each parish that expresses interest in attending this year's Youth Day. The link to express your interest in attending is <https://forms.gle/BgCqAMVmhaHCu9CX9>. Please enroll by: Monday, September 16th. Laura will use the list from this form to create customized permission forms for each parish/group. Parishes will be responsible for emailing the customized permission forms to their adult and youth participants as well as printing the pdf copies of the completed forms and bringing them with the group to the event. The diocese will **not** provide copies for parish leaders. There is also no need for parish leaders to copy the forms for our office.

Before registering please consider:

- *How many adult leaders do you need for transportation and during the day at LGCC. A 1:6 ratio, 1 adult (21+) for every 6 youth.*

The early deadline for registration at \$40.00 is Thursday, October 17. The shirt orders are on the bottom of the Youth Interest Form. Shirt orders must be entered in the shirt order excel file and emailed to Laura. Forms completed after October 17 will not have the option to order a shirt. **Registrations received after October 17 will be registered at \$50.00 per person and will close on Wednesday, October 23.** Please wait to send payment once you have all your registrants. **You will receive nametags, programs, meal tickets and shirt orders upon your check-in at the registration table LGCC.**

Many enjoy ordering shirts to wear at the rally and after. Our shirts this year will be black with white letters. A copy of the shirt design is included on the Registration Procedure page for your reference. Short sleeve shirts (\$17), long sleeve t-shirts (\$22) and hoodies (\$32) are available at an additional cost and come in adult sizes S-4XL. The deadline for ordering shirts is October 17. **You will know your registration is complete when you receive a confirmation email.**

Weather & Refund Policy: We will cancel the youth day if the weather is unsafe. While unlikely, Minnesota can have wintery weather at the end of October. We will contact the listed parish leader via email and phone either Saturday night or Sunday morning by 7:00 a.m. if we are going to cancel. This information will be pulled from the parish leaders' PermissionClick form. If we cancel the youth day because of weather; we will refund your registration money. We cannot refund the shirt money, but we will deliver the shirts to you.

Illness: In the event a participant feels ill and is unable to participate in the day due to illness, please let us know ASAP and the participant's parish will be reimbursed for the registration fee already paid.

We believe this youth day is an excellent way for us to celebrate our Catholic identity and our rich Catholic faith. Let's come together to become "**Ready**" to serve the Lord and have some fun with our young people! On behalf of the diocese, we thank you for all your service to young people.

Blessings,



Director of Ministry with Youth and Young Adults

Enclosures:

- [2-sided Registration procedure and shirt design and schedule](#)
- [Youth Interest Form](#)
- [Posters](#)
- [Map with driving directions](#)