

Good Afternoon All!

I hope your day is going well!

A few NCYC updates:

1. ***St. Thomas Aquinas Finance Council has APPROVED that we can do our Wall of Giving Fundraiser for the next two weekends at STA!!!*** Thank you to Josh & Claudia for speaking! So with this, I REALLY NEED the spots filled at STA especially this weekend! I am not in town because of my brother's wedding & reception back home! I need one adult per Mass, especially at STA for all 4 Masses (4:45 PM, 8:30 AM, 10:30 AM, 7:00 PM). Please sign up to help!
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0a4dacad2aabf49-ncyc2>
To reiterate, all NCYC participants (especially the teens) need to help with fundraising to help lower the costs of what you have to pay at the end. If you do not want to pay more money for NCYC, then we need to fundraise. Currently, we have raised \$11,029 of our \$26,900 (26,900 was after everyone paid the initial \$200 deposit), so divide this by the number of teens going which is currently 33, you would have to pay an additional \$315.11 to go to NCYC. By fundraising and asking businesses for sponsorship, I am hoping with all your help, we can get this number under \$200 but under \$100 is much better.
Sign up for a time to help at the Wall of Giving at STA or STC this weekend and next:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0a4dacad2aabf49-ncyc2>
2. We currently have **2 open spots**. If you are thinking of dropping, I need to know by **TOMORROW!** If you have a friend (Catholic or non-Catholic) who wants to go and agree to the COVID policy (masks all the time, proof of vaccination or proof of negative test within 72 hours of departure), please tell them to get a hold of me **ASAP!** It's first come, first serve.
3. ***Our next NCYC meeting is SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10 from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM at St. Cecilia in the South Social Hall!***
4. The diocese is working on a process to submit proof of a negative test or vaccination. I will have more details about this process at our next meeting.
5. If you need to get a test, I am working on where & how to get a test and get the results back before Thursday, Nov. 18.
6. Attached is an Excused Absence Note for NCYC.
7. There will be 5 breakout sessions: Community, Trust in God, Evangelization, "Heaven, Hell, and other Hot Topics", & Wonder
8. Things to remember/note about NCYC 2021:
 - Opening & Closing Sessions will all take place in Lucas Oil Stadium
 - 10,000 people from across the US will be attending. The youth will see the impact of the Universal Church alive on their faith!
 - Large group Eucharistic Adoration & Reconciliation at the Lucas Oil Stadium.
 - Dynamic, nationally speakers such as Sister Miriam Heidland, Brian Greenfield, Chika Anyanwu, Noelle Garcia, Fr. Leo Patalinghug, Archbishop Gustavo Garcia-Siller, Archbishop Charles Thompson, and Archbishop Nelson Perez.
 - Reconciliation available at Convention Center
 - Great Praise & Worship Music
 - Fun bus ride (I have purchased [The Chosen Season 1 & 2](#) to watch on the bus.)
 - Still will be able to meet other teens from across the US (just might have to be more creative)
 - Get away from Ames for a bit and have an adventure with fellow peers!!
 - ***The Holy Spirit will do what it wants and to reach everyone who is going and will change hearts!***
 - NCYC 2021 will NOT be the same as before but it will still be awesome.

- The main job of our chaperones is to help you, youth, have the best & most fun experience to encounter Jesus Christ like never before!
- Continue to prayers for our participants, those who are in charge of planning NCYC, and for all the participants going that we have a safe, fun and healthy experience. ***Our God is bigger & stronger than the evil one. Our God knows what is going to happen at NCYC, and it's going to be bigger & better than we can ever imagine!***

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns! Have a great evening! If you want to talk through some of this, please give me a call or come visit me at St. Thomas Aquinas tonight downstairs from 7:15-8:45 PM.

I AM VERY MUCH LOOKING FORWARD TO NCYC TO GETTING TO KNOW EACH ONE OF THE TEENS AT A DEEPER LEVEL AND HELPING THEM DEEPEN THEIR RELATIONSHIP & FAITH WITH JESUS CHRIST! It's going to be awesome!

To Jesus through Mary,
Kayla Greiner