



ST. STANISLAUS CATHOLIC CHURCH
July 26, 2026
Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
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BAPTISM: Contact Monsignor Cox regarding preparation sessions and scheduling
PENANCE: Saturday 4:30-5:00 p.m. or by appointment
MARRIAGE: Contact Monsignor at least six months in advance for preparation and scheduling

MASS INTENTIONS: July 27 through August 2

Monday:	8:00 a.m.	† Leonard & Scott Kempker
Tuesday	5:30 p.m.	† Holy Souls in Purgatory
Wednesday:	8:00 a.m.	† David & Margaret Richter
Thursday:	8:00 a.m.	† Corey Bax, Norb & Shirley Kolb Harold & Mary Lou Bax
Friday:	8:00 a.m.	† Harvey Rackers
Saturday:	8:00 a.m.	† Blanche Owens
	5:30 p.m.	† Charles, MaryAnn, and Donnie Braun, Roger & Bill Wilbers
		Remember in Prayer Earl Roling
Sunday:	7:30 a.m.	† Michael Rackers
		Remember in Prayer Living & Deceased Members of the Ladies Sodality
	10:30 a.m.	† Marvin Lueckenotte
		Remember in Prayer Tony Kloeppel

The Mass for The People of the Parish is being offered on
Sunday, August 2, at St. Margaret Parish at 9:00 a.m.

Perpetual Adoration Open Holy Hour

Thursday mornings 2:00 - 3:00am
 Sunday morning 2:00 - 3:00am (1st Sunday only)
 Sunday 2:00 - 3:00pm (1,2,4,5)

Please call Donna at (573) 680-1470 if you are
interested in joining our Perpetual Adoration Chapel program.

Would you like to take an hour, but don't want to commit to an hour every week? You can sign up for once a month, every other week, or whatever fits in your schedule. Call Donna Bernskoetter at 573-680-1470 if you are interested in taking an hour.

R.C.I.A /O.C.I.A.

OCIA will be starting the first part of September for anyone thinking about Joining the Catholic Church at St. Stanislaus or St. Margaret. Even if you are just interested in inquiring about the faith, please contact Deacon Larry @ 573-659-5974.

Women Ministry

Women's Ministry will meet **every** Wednesday from 8:30—10:30am in the Parish Center. Everyone is welcome! Please contact Mary Kay Hoelscher at 573-230-6227 for more information.

Scam Alert

There have been scammers impersonating staff recently. Please be careful when opening an email from St. Stanislaus staff and verify the sender's email address before clicking any links. As a reminder, parish or school staff members will never text or email you and ask for money or gift cards.

COR Men's Gathering

All men are invited to join us **Tuesday, July 28, at 7:00pm** at the **St. Stanislaus/St. Margaret Community Center (KofC Hall)**. We continue our new series, **Mission of the Family**, with **Session 2: "Marriage: The Foundation of the Family."** Come grow in your faith through prayer, fellowship, and discussion with other Catholic men. Whether you're married or single, this session offers encouragement for living God's plan for family life. **Bring a friend and join us!**

Vocations Committee

Vocations Committee will meet on Thursday, July 30, 2026 at 6:00pm in the Parish Center.

First Saturday Devotion

Saturday, August 1 with Confessions at 7:00am, the Rosary will begin at 7:40am and Mass will begin at 8:00am. Meditation will follow Mass. All are welcome to join us.

Ladies Sodality Meeting

The Ladies Sodality will be praying together on August 2, 2026 at the 7:30am Mass. Meeting in the Parish Center following Mass. All are welcome.

Faith • Food • Fellowship

All parishioners are invited to join us for our next Faith-Food-Fellowship gathering on **Tuesday, August 4**, immediately following the **5:30pm Mass**. The Wardsville/Osage Bend Knights of Columbus will be hosting the evening at the **St. Stanislaus/St. Margaret Community Center (KofC Hall)**. Enjoy a delicious meal of pork roast, cheesy potatoes, watermelon, and dessert while sharing faith, food, and fellowship with your parish family. We hope you'll join us for this wonderful evening together!

Legion of Mary Rosary

Saturday, August 8, 2026, at 8:30am in front of church, the Legion of Mary will be praying the rosary. All are welcome.

Cursillo—School of Leaders

Our next School of Leaders is August 8, 2026 in Flanagan Hall at Our Lady of Lourdes parish in Columbia MO. The program will start with a social gathering at 8:45AM immediately following the 8AM Mass. We will begin the actual session at 9:10 with Leaders' Grouping followed by two inspirational talks. Marcia Doll from Columbia will speak on "Post Cursillo and Ultreya" and Mark Register from Sedalia will give a presentation on "Styles of Leadership". We will conclude with section work on pre, 3 day and post cursillo and a visit to the Blessed Sacrament at 11am. Hope you are able to join this wonderful community of Cursillistas for a fun filled and educational Saturday morning as we strive to grow closer to Christ and are eager to do His work.

St. Stanislaus School

The school office will be open on Wednesdays from 9am-2pm during the summer. You are always welcome to leave a message at 573-636-7802 and someone will get back to you as soon as possible. Have a great summer!

**St. Stanislaus is
HIRING!**

OPEN POSITION

- Music Teacher

For More Information:

- Contact Tina Forbis at tinaf@ststan.net or at 573-636-7802.
- Apply online at <https://diojeffcity.org/school-office/>

COME JOIN OUR TEAM!



Children's Choir Masses

The Children's Choir is going to start up again in September! Mass is typically scheduled for the 10:30am mass on the second weekend of the month. We are excited to offer the opportunity for the children of the parish to serve in the Liturgical Roles during these masses. If your child is interested in being a reader, Rosary Leader, Usher, Greeter or bring up offertory, please contact the Parish Center to have them added to the list.



**2026 HELIAS
DRESS SALE**

AUGUST 16 | HELIAS CATHOLIC

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. - Bring items to sell
12:00 - 1:00 p.m. - VIP Entry (\$5)
1:00 - 2:30 p.m. - Open Shopping (no fee to enter)
2:30 - 3:30 p.m. - Pick up unsold items; payments will be mailed
**(Unsold items not picked up will be donated)*

***Cost:** (when dropped off): \$5 per dress, \$2 per pair of shoes
(EARLY DROP OFF SATURDAY, AUGUST 15 FROM 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.)

OPEN TO ALL AREA SCHOOLS!



Public Prayer and Witness to Stand with Migrants

August 15, 2026 at 10am

Missouri State Capitol Rotunda

Bishop Ralph B. O'Donnell warmly invites the faithful and all those who wish to come together in prayerful solidarity and support for migrants, immigrants, and refugees. For more information, visit CCCNMO.org/stand-with-migrants

Sacred Heart Books and Gifts

Sacred Heart Books and Gifts is now open in Jefferson City. You can purchase items/gifts for Baptism, Confirmation, etc. Located at 2525 Missouri Blvd., Jefferson City, MO. Or call 573-469-9852.

PSR, Confirmation and Youth Group Programs

Registration for the **2026-2027 PSR, Confirmation, and Youth Group programs** is officially open and available online. Families may access the **Google Registration Form, Parent Letter** and **Code of Conduct** directly on our parish website at <https://church.ststanislaus.net/psr/>. Please complete your registration by **July 31, 2026**. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Missy Wilbers at ststandre@ststan.net.

PSR Teacher Needed

We are looking for a 3rd-4th grade PSR teacher for the upcoming school year! If you are interested in sharing your faith and making a difference in the lives of our students, please contact Missy Wilbers at ststandre@ststan.net. We would love to have you join our PSR team!



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See City Deanery Ultreya

Calling All Cursillistas!

Come renew your faith, reconnect with old friends, and be encouraged on your Fourth Day journey at the **See City Deanery Ultreya** on **Tuesday, August 11**, at **St. Stanislaus Parish Center**.

Schedule:

- **Mass:** 5:30 PM
- **Pizza & Salad:** 6:00 PM
- **Ultreya:** 6:45 PM

Whether you recently attended a Cursillo Weekend or it's been years since your experience, Ultreya is a wonderful opportunity to pray together, share your faith, and be inspired to continue living your Christian life with purpose and joy.

All Cursillistas are invited. Bring a fellow Cursillista and join us for an evening of faith, fellowship, and encouragement.

De Colores!

Divorced Catholic Support Group

Please join us for a short informational meeting, followed by games and fellowship on Thursday, August 13, 2026 at 6:30pm. The meeting will be held in the St. Joseph Room at the Cathedral of St. Joseph Parish Office, located at 2305 W. Main St., Jefferson City, MO.



Don't forget to go out to our website to access FORMED, choose the link on our website under "About" and follow the instructions listed.

CHURCH CLEANING: Tina Werner, Sharon Naught, Norma Wieberg and Sharon Wilde
(Please clean church before the weekend of August 1 and 2)

Cemetery Grass Cutters for August - David Schell- Chairman, Bob Scheppers, Brian Wilbers, John Wilbers, Brian Schrimpf, Rich Fisher, Jerry Siebeneck, Gene Boessen and Charlie Bax

Liturgical Role Schedule for August 1 and 2— Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Saturday, 5:30 PM	Sunday, 7:30 AM	Sunday, 10:30 AM
Altar Server	Jace Perkins Makenna Perkins	Claire Markway Henry Markway	Liam Faulkner Maddox Faulkner
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion	Brenda Wilbers	Ladies Sodality	Cory Nilges
Reader	Sandy Hentges	Ladies Sodality	Doug Kolb
Rosary Leader	Ron Adam	Ladies Sodality	Donna Bernskoetter
Usher	Kelly Lock Sam Lock Glen Reinkemeyer Paul Rodeman	Ladies Sodality	Tyler Beck Nolan Bennett Parker Bennett Cole Boessen
Greeter	Brianna Perkins Family	Ladies Sodality	Larry & Jean Armstrong
Offertory	Glen & Julie Reinkemeyer	Ladies Sodality	Tyson & Erin Bowyer
Music Ministry	James & Barbara Howard	Donna Halbrook, Tony & Darlene Luebbering & Pete Dudenhoeffer	Ashley Dudenhoeffer, Pam Stonner, Audrey Kaiser

Upcoming Local Events

St. Elizabeth Community Picnic—TODAY— 11am-6:30pm

St. Joseph Catholic Church Parish Picnic—Westphalia- Sunday, August 2, 2026— Serving German Pot Roast and Fried Chicken from 11am—6pm; \$16 Adults, \$8 Children 6-12; 5 and under is Free; Dine-In, Carry Out or Drive Thru

St. Margaret Parish Picnic - Osage Bend—Sunday, August 2, 2026— Serving Fried Chicken and Roast Beef from 11am - 6:30pm; \$15 Adults, \$8 Children 6-12 ; 5 and under is Free; Dine-In and Carry Outs available

Sacred Heart Parish Picnic—Rich Fountain, MO—Sunday, August 9, 2026—Serving Fried Chicken and German Pot Roast from 11am—7pm; \$16 Adults, \$10 Children 5-10, 4 and under is Free.

St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Picnic—St. Thomas, MO—Sunday, August 16, 2026—Serving Fried Chicken and Roast Beef from 11am-6:30pm; \$16 Adults, \$7 Children 6-12, 5 and under is Free

Annual Walk for Life

Sunday, October 4, 2026

Wardsville/Osage Bend Community Center

Save the Date

Sunday, October 25, 2026

Celebration of 40 years of Adoration/St. Stanislaus Feast Day
More information will be coming soon

Daddy/Daughter Fall Ball

October 10, 2026 7-9 pm

Wardsville/Osage Bend Community Center

The event is open to all St Stanislaus and St Margaret Parish families. If you would like to help with planning this event, please contact Kyle Strange at 573-690-8087.

Pickleball on the Courts!

Please join us Thursday evenings at 5:30pm on the courts behind St. Stanislaus Church when weather permits. All levels welcome! For further information call 573-230-3581 or 573-508-2034.

St. Stanislaus Facebook Page

Check out our St. Stanislaus Church Facebook page at
<https://www.facebook.com/StStanislausWardsville/>

Prayer Hotline: Contact Kay Stockman at 573-536-8777 or Karen Schenewerk at 573-635-3943 for prayer line requests or to be added to the prayer line.

Offertory Budget Year-to-Date	\$ 63,461.54
Offertory Collection Year-to-Date	\$ 72,068.75
Offertory Difference Year to Date	\$ 8,607.21
<u>Collection in Church</u>	
Offertory Budget for July 2026	\$ 84,615.38
July 5, 2026	\$ 11,469.75
July 12, 2026	\$ 9,896.00
July 19, 2026	\$ 11,760.00
July 26, 2026	\$
Electronic Contributions	\$ 38,943.00
Monthly Collection Total	\$ 72,068.75
Monthly Difference	\$ (12,546.63)
Stewardship to Diocese—June 2026	\$ 14,648.00

Please remember to write a separate check for anything outside of Sunday giving i.e. Samaritan Center, Memorial Masses, candles, etc. Thank you as this makes the processing of your financial gifts easier.

Thank You from Monsignor

What a wonderful picnic we had last weekend. In spite of the heat, we had a great turn out. Everyone seemed to be enjoying themselves. We had a special guest, Bishop O'Donnell graced us with a visit. He enjoyed the meal, visited with everyone around and was complimentary about our parish, the church and the beauty of our parish grounds. I was so proud to walk him around to meet people and see everything. Thanks so much for all of your hard work to make our parish picnic a success. Special thanks to Michele Braun and Julie Mertens who chaired the event and kept everything together. It was a great event!
Msgr. Cox

A Heartfelt Thank You from the St. Stanislaus Parish Picnic Committee

Our sincere thanks go out to everyone who helped make the **2026 St. Stanislaus Parish Picnic** a tremendous success. Despite the extreme heat on **Sunday, July 19**, so many of you generously gave your time, energy, and talents to support our parish.

We especially want to recognize those who stepped up when we found ourselves short-handed on several shifts. Many volunteers worked double shifts, and some faithfully served from morning until evening. Your willingness to help wherever needed did not go unnoticed, and we are truly grateful for your dedication and sacrifice.

As we look ahead to future parish events, including our Fall Supper, we encourage every able-bodied parishioner to consider volunteering. Many hands make the work lighter, and your help is greatly ***needed and appreciated!*** *If you are not currently on our volunteer work list and would like to become involved, please contact one of the Event Chairs. We would be happy to welcome you to our volunteer team.*

Because of your generosity, commitment, and parish spirit, we enjoyed another very successful picnic. Thank you for making St. Stanislaus such a wonderful parish family.

May God bless each of you for your time, service, and dedication.
Michele Braun - Event Chair (573) 690-8379
Julie Mertens - Event Co-Chair (573) 690-9014

Vintage Market News

Thank you to everyone who donated items and helped out at the Vintage Market. It was a huge success! The final numbers will be posted with the rest of the picnic information once it is completed. Marion will continue to accept any unwanted items so that she can sell them at her booth in Linn, on Marketplace, or add to the Vintage Market for the Fall Supper. All proceeds from sale of these items go to St. Stanislaus. Please continue to drop off any of your unwanted items to the Parish Center or contact Marian. Marian Forck

Country Store News:

Thank you! Thank you!

We had the best day ever at our picnic and appreciate all the many parishioners who donated cash to cover all of our expenses. We are so blessed with our parish for all who donated produce, jellies, crafts, baked goods and plants.

We have a great TEAM who worked together to make the country store the BEST. Thank you and see you at the Fall Supper.

Cheryl Boessen and Karla Holzer, Chairpersons.

Thank you from Salvation Army

Thank you so much for the wonderful donation of food from your picnic. We appreciate you thinking of us. We are using some to feed our Center of Hope residents this week, we were able to freeze some to use later, and we also will be giving some of it out at our food pantry this week. Thank you for helping us feed many!

Salvation Army

Picnic Quilt Auction 2026

The Quilt Auction was a tremendous success. While the quilts were on display in church, many patrons and visitors provided positive feedback on the beautiful quilts and delicious food served. A special thank you to the Quilting Club Ladies, the Auction Team Workers, Gratz Auctioneering, and those who donated quilts, tops, and other auction items. Another special thank you to quilt buyers who purchased amazing, beautiful quilts and auction items. Your generosity and contribution is very much appreciated.

Quilt Auction Buyers:

Mid American Bank	JT Farms
Rudy and Jeri Veit	Mike & Jeanette Bernskoetter
Tim & Georgia Hagenhoff	Jeff & Jenny Ahlers
Sharon Naught	Jake Vogel
Ken and Bernie Otke	Derek Spicer
Doug & Karen Kliethermes	Vic Rackers
Glen & Julie Reinkemeyer	Carrie Tergin
Wayne Kempker	Paul Dupuis

Raffle Winners

\$1000 — Donor: Schrimpf Management—Bernie Otke
\$1000 — Donor: Rudy & Jeri Veit—Ashton Wilbers
\$1000 — Donor: Sharon Naught—Bertha Bias
\$1000 — Donor: Robert & Debby Hoelscher—Jane Meldrem
\$1000 — Donor: Leroy & Annie Bisges—Alison Kolb
\$500 — Donor: Darlene Meister—Dorothy Thessen
\$250 — Donor: Braun Family Farms—Doug Fennwald
\$250 — Donor: St. Stanislaus Ladies Sodality—Bernie Otke
\$250 — Donor: Bonnie Smith—Dale Pringer
\$200 — Donor: Wayne & Donna Bernskoetter—
Everly Tellman
\$100 — Donor: Jeff & Meredith Boessen—Donnie Luebbert
\$100 — Donor: Richard & Ruth Fisher—Matt Luebbert
\$100 — Donor: Dale & Debbie Stockman—
Jacqueline Buschjost
Courtyard Jefferson City—Donor: Michele Braun
\$300 Value— Overnight Stay with Breakfast—Nancy Wilbers
\$250 Value— Overnight Stay—Jeff Strophe

Parish Building and Grounds Update:

We have several more parishioners that have taken on tasks to help keep our building and grounds running smoothly. Gary Wilbers and his team, Dana Wilbers, Danny Wortmann, Chris Hentges, Patty Rackers, and Mark Brandt took on the mulching project around the church, school, and rectory. It was a hot evening and the team did an awesome job making the grounds look manicured. Diane Niekamp assisted Gary Sommers with parking lot shrubbery and looking great. Gene Boessen lended a big hand to the Buschjost men with tree trimming and removal. Luke and Henry Markway along with Aaron Schrimpf took care of leaf and debris removal on the grounds. Kenny Hoelscher has been volunteering his services for many years taking care of all the HVAC services, the heating and cooling of the church and school. Thank you for your years of service and making sure our buildings were heated and cooled, along with kitchen stoves and ovens working properly. Kenny is retiring from this responsibility in August and we wanted to say thank you for taking good care of St. Stanislaus.

St. Stanislaus/St. Margaret's Community Center

If you are interested in renting the K of C hall for any event, please call 573-230-4055.

Steubenville Catholic Youth Conference

Here is what they had to say about their experience!

We were very blessed to send **11 teens and 5 adults** to the Steubenville Catholic Youth Conference, held July 10–12 at Missouri State University in Springfield, Missouri. The weekend was filled with a level of spiritual energy I have never personally experienced. It was truly transformative for all **4,200** attendees.

Throughout the weekend, our group joined thousands of young Catholics in praising God, confronting the obstacles that keep us from growing closer to Jesus, celebrating Mass, receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and participating in one of the most beautiful experiences of Eucharistic Adoration I have ever witnessed. The Holy Spirit moved powerfully through the JQH Arena, and we saw **hundreds of young men and women** step forward to acknowledge a possible calling to religious life. Please continue to pray fervently for these young people as they discern their vocations.

We extend our deepest gratitude to **St. Stanislaus & St. Margaret's Parishes**, the **Knights of Columbus**, and the **Ladies Sodality** for their generous support and prayers. Their contributions allowed our group to attend with minimal out-of-pocket cost, making this life-changing experience possible.

Below are testimonies from our participants. May God continue to bless each of them. After witnessing the faith, joy, and conviction of this next generation, I am convinced that the future of our Church is strong and in good hands as these young disciples desire to walk hand-in-hand with Jesus. What a blessing it was to spend the weekend with them. We encourage others to attend next year - your spiritual life will truly be uplifted. Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions at ststandre@ststan.net.

In Christ,
Missy Wilbers - Director of Religious Education, St. Stanislaus

Testimonies

My experience at Steubenville was absolutely wonderful. This event changed my life and deepened my faith even further. The masses on Saturday and Sunday were beautiful. The men's session inspired me to be a better Man of Christ. The guest speakers were phenomenal - they were so real and relatable - they helped me develop a deeper understanding and acceptance of the fact that Jesus is always with me especially in this broken world that we live in. Both Adorations were emotional being in the presence of Jesus, but the Saturday evening Adoration when Father Fernando carried the monstrance through the entire arena was absolutely breathtaking! I was able to reach out and touch his cloak and truly felt HIS presence. I definitely felt a deeper connection with Jesus as the weekend ended and am grateful for the opportunity to assist with this group. I encourage all teens to consider attending next year and thank everyone who encouraged, prayed and assisted our group this year. ~ **Ben Wilbers**

I would like to share some of my experience from the Steubenville Youth Conference. This life-changing event included heart-felt experiences such as mass, adoration, confession, guest speakers, and opportunities to talk about faith with my hometown community members and others at the conference. On paper, this description of my trip doesn't even scratch the surface of how truly amazing and holy this experience was to me and many others. This retreat was truly inspiring and motivational due to the level of relatability to many followers of Christ. Even adoration alone made a very large group of people emotional due to how close they felt to Christ, God, and the Holy Spirit. I sincerely recommend this life-changing experience to anyone that wants to feel closer with their faith. ~ **Gavin Schaben**

Attending the Steubenville Youth Conference helped me grow closer to my faith and understand God's love in a new way. The conference included worship music, inspiring speakers, prayer, and time with other people who share the same beliefs. One of the biggest lessons I learned was that I am worthy of Christ's love no matter my mistakes or struggles. Being surrounded by so many faithful people made me feel encouraged and less alone. I am so grateful for the opportunity to attend the conference and be able to build my faith. Overall, Steubenville strengthened my relationship with Christ and inspired me to live my faith with more confidence. ~ **Bo Boessen**

My experience at Steubenville was truly wonderful, and I am so grateful that I was given the opportunity to go. The first thing that struck me when I arrived was how cool it was to be in a place where I was surrounded by more than 4,000 Catholics. It was inspiring to know so many people my age were so excited to grow in their relationship with God. While at Steubenville I got to listen to many talks by notable Catholic speakers, my favorite being Sarah Swafford, an author who spoke on the importance of faith, family, and friendship. My overall favorite part of Steubenville though, was adoration, where the monstrance was processed throughout the whole stadium where we were seated. It was one of the most amazing things I've ever seen. Afterwards, we had the opportunity to attend confession and talk to the many priests, seminarians, and nuns who were at the conference. Thank you to everyone who made this trip possible for me. ~ **Riley Berendzen**

First of all, I would like to thank Missy Wilbers, Ben Wilbers, Devin Koelling, Justin Bruemmer, and Emily Groner for chaperoning. I would also like to thank the Knights of Columbus and the Ladies Sodality for sponsoring our trip. Secondly, I would encourage all high school aged students to attend next year; it was an incredible experience. My favorite part was the men's session. Brian Greenfield gave a talk before we did Adoration. It was such an unforgettable experience. If anyone is feeling away from God, this is a perfect time to grow closer. And if you feel like you are close to God, this will be an amazing way to strengthen your faith even more. ~

Colt Berendzen

Continued Testimonies:

*Going to the Steubenville Catholic Youth Conference was one of the most unreal experiences in my whole life. Going into it, I wasn't totally sure what to expect, but the energy in that stadium with thousands of other teens worshipping together was crazy. The music was really good, the speakers actually talked about real life experiences that connected to a lot of teens lives, and for the first time in a while, I felt super connected to my faith without feeling judged. If you're deciding whether or not to go next year, you should definitely consider signing up. It will be unlike anything you've ever experienced before. Not only does it help you grow in your faith, but you make new friends, and you leave feeling completely recharged and happier in life. Trust me, it's 100% worth going, and you'll regret missing out on this amazing experience. ~ **Cooper Bruemmer***

*The Steubenville youth conference is a fun and meaningful event that happens all around the world. At the conference teens come together to grow in their faith. There are speakers, worship songs, mass, adoration, and time to meet new people. My favorite part was the Adoration procession throughout the stadium. If you get the chance you should definitely go next year because it is an experience you will never forget. I hope to see many more people go next year. ~ **Mason Bruemmer***

When I signed up for Steubenville, I was excited to go there with my friends. I quickly learned that I would have a great time hanging out with friends and learning about God. When I arrived and went to the first meeting in the stadium, I immediately realized that I was in for a great weekend. They had live music, a bunch of people who spoke about the faith, and we would have Mass almost every day. Going to these is an amazing experience and educates you in so many different ways, like Christ's presence in the Eucharist and how important a relationship with God is. I would highly recommend this camp to anyone who is interested in improving their relationship with God. ~ **Kelly Lock**

Being able to go to the Steubenville Conference was one of the most meaningful experiences of my journey in my faith. Throughout the weekend, the music filled the stadium with so much energy and hope that it felt like you could actually feel everyone's love for Christ. Seeing thousands of people my age singing and praying together filled me with so much hope for the future. It created such a strong sense of community and spirituality that I left feeling closer to God than I had before. The conference helped strengthen my understanding of Christianity as well, reminding me that faith is not just something we believe in, but something we live out every day through prayer, trust, and love. The moment that impacted me the most was adoration. The entire stadium became quiet as we focused on Jesus in the Eucharist, and the atmosphere was filled with peace, reverence, and love. It was incredibly emotional to experience so many people gathered together in prayer, and I felt a deep sense of Christ's presence and unconditional love. That experience made my faith feel more personal and real, and it gave me a stronger foundation in my relationship with God. I left the conference feeling encouraged to continue growing in my faith and to carry what I experienced there into my everyday life. ~ **Aubrie Wolken**

At Steubenville during the talks about worthiness, I had felt that I am unconditionally loved by God no matter how I have messed up. Being that close to God provided me a sense of healing and peace inside. In the small groups it felt good to talk about my faith. Being there helped me grow in holiness and feel closer to God. During adoration, I felt a deep connection to the Lord because of all the focus that went towards the sacrament. All of the speakers talking about their struggles made me feel that I'm not alone with mine. ~ **Levi Wolken**

Attending the Steubenville STL conference was an unforgettable experience that helped me grow in my faith and strengthen my relationship with God. Throughout the weekend, the inspiring talks, powerful worship, and time spent with friends made the experience truly meaningful. The most impactful moments for me were adoration and confession. Spending time with Jesus during adoration brought me a deep sense of peace and reminded me of His constant love and presence. Going to confession allowed me to receive God's mercy and leave feeling renewed and closer to Him. The conference encouraged me to trust God more, live out my faith with confidence, and continue growing spiritually. Overall, Steubenville STL was a life-changing experience that I will always be grateful for. ~ **Olivia Luebbering**