



**PARISH NOVENA FOR YOUTH ATTENDING THE NATIONAL CATHOLIC  
YOUTH CONFERENCE  
November 8-16**

**Invocation (begin each day with this prayer)**

**O most Holy Trinity,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
We praise your Holy Name  
and the wonders of grace  
You worked in your servant, (say saint's name).  
Through their powerful intercession  
grant us the favors we ask in this novena,  
that our delegation attending the National Catholic Youth Conference might be blessed  
in their pilgrimage as they become *FULLY ALIVE* in your Spirit.  
Amen.**

<b>Wednesday, November 8</b>	<b>Saint Luke</b> (Parish Patron Saint)
<b>Thursday, November 9</b>	<b>Saint John Paul II</b> (Youth Ministry Intercessory Saint)
<b>Friday, November 10</b>	<b>Saint Joan of Arc</b> (Youth Ministry Intercessory Saint)
<b>Saturday, November 11</b>	<b>Blessed Carlo Acutis</b> (Patron of the of the National Eucharistic Revival)
<b>Sunday, November 12</b>	<b>Saint James</b> (Patron Saint of Pilgrim Travelers)
<b>Monday, November 13</b>	<b>Saint Maria Goretti</b> (Patroness of Teens)
<b>Tuesday, November 14</b>	<b>Saint Michael</b> (Archangel and Protector of All)
<b>Wednesday, November 15</b>	<b>Saint Joseph</b> (Our Spiritual Father)
<b>Thursday, November 16</b>	<b>Our Lady, Mother of God</b> (Mother of All)

**What is a Novena & How do I pray it?**

A novena is nine days of prayer in which we ask God for a special intention, often through a Saint's intercession. Saints have shown us what it is to live the Christian life, and often lay down one's own life for God. The Church believes that the saints intercede on our behalf, asking God for grace and blessings. During these 9 days, we will be praying for the intention of the St. Luke Parish youth and

adults attending the National Catholic Youth Conference. You may begin each prayer with the Invocation (p.1), followed by the prayer for that day, one Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory Be.

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**Wednesday, November 8 – Saint Luke** (*Our Parish Patron Saint*)

Saint Luke, you were chosen to reveal in preaching and writing God's love for the poor. Moved by the heavenly Spirit of Love, you detailed the life of Jesus, showing His divinity and His genuine compassion for all human beings. Help our St. Luke students inspire all people that they may hear the Good News of Salvation. Saint Luke, we especially ask for your intercession as your parishioners enter into the National Catholic Youth Conference.

Saint Luke, pray for us.

*Our Father... Hail Mary... Glory Be...*

**Thursday, November 9 – Saint John Paul II** (*St. Luke Youth Ministry Intercessory Saint*)

Saint John Paul II, you taught the world through word and example that Jesus is the face of the Father's merciful love. You called upon the world to "be not afraid" and "open wide the doors for Christ". Now, through your powerful intercession, show our youth that the love of God is living and active, stronger than all the forces of the world, the flesh, and the devil. May we always know the love of God the Father, mediated through Jesus Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Saint Luke, pray for us.

Saint John Paul II, pray for us.

*Our Father... Hail Mary... Glory Be...*

**Friday, November 10 – Saint Joan of Arc** (*St. Luke Youth Ministry Intercessory Saint*)

Saint Joan of Arc, by your divine and powerful intercession, grant the youth of St. Luke Parish the courage and strength they need to endure the spiritual journey of NCYC. Let our children model after your fearless heart to enter into this conference with an open heart, that they may become closer to God. Just as you led your troops to victory in battle, watch over the adult chaperones who will be leading them. Help them to be victorious in the tasks that God presents to them. Through your guidance and prayer help them to be devout and loving Catholics, that they may see the will of God. Guide them closer each day to Jesus.

Saint Luke, pray for us.

Saint John Paul II, pray for us.

Saint Joan of Arc, pray for us.

*Our Father... Hail Mary... Glory Be...*

**Saturday, November 11 – Blessed Carlo Acutis** (*Patron of the of the National Eucharistic Revival*)

Blessed Carlo, you made the Holy Eucharist the focus of your life and devoted yourself to God in our modern times. We pray that NCYC will provide our youth with a safe and supportive environment to explore their relationship with God and those around them. We ask for your intercession as they experience the tangible presence of God's love through the Eucharist.

Saint Luke, pray for us.

Saint John Paul II, pray for us.

Saint Joan of Arc, pray for us.

Blessed Carlo Acutis, pray for us.

*Our Father... Hail Mary... Glory Be...*

**Sunday, November 12 – Saint James the Apostle** (*Patron Saint of Pilgrim Travelers*)

Saint James, patron of pilgrim travelers, guide the St. Luke youth and chaperones as they embark on their pilgrimage to the National Catholic Youth Conference. Let them give up their lives and follow Jesus as you did on the shores of the Sea of Galilee. Create disciples in them and inspire their hearts to bring souls to God by becoming fishers of men.

Saint Luke, pray for us.

Saint John Paul II, pray for us.

Saint Joan of Arc, pray for us.

Blessed Carlo Acutis, pray for us.

Saint James, pray for us.

*Our Father... Hail Mary... Glory Be...*

**Monday, November 13 – Saint Maria Goretti** (*Patroness of Youth*)

Saint Maria Goretti, patroness of youth, watch over our students as they experience God in a profound way at NCYC. We pray that, as a church, we may do what we can to support children in their faith and to encourage them to love our Lord, to put Him first in their lives, and to follow His commandments. We pray that the faith of our youth may be as strong as yours when you were just 11 years old.

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Saint Maria Goretti, pray for us.

*Our Father... Hail Mary... Glory Be...*

**Tuesday, November 14 – Saint Michael** (*Archangel and protector of souls*)

St. Michael the Archangel, we honor you as a powerful protector of the Church and guardian of our souls. Inspire the NCYC participants with your humility, courage and strength so that they may reject sin and perfect their love for our Heavenly Father. O holy angels, who have been steadfast servants of God since before the world was formed, watch over the youth and guide them in their everyday lives that they may grow in holiness.

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Saint Michael, pray for us.

*Our Father... Hail Mary... Glory Be...*

**Wednesday, November 15 – Saint Joseph** (*Our Spiritual Father*)

Saint Joseph, our spiritual father, you were a man of great faith and obedience. We ask for your protection over the NCYC participants and your guidance through the journey. Instill in their hearts a love for Christ and a desire to be like you. Let all youth be open to God's call for their lives just as you were.

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Saint Joseph, pray for us.  
*Our Father... Hail Mary... Glory Be...*

**Thursday, November 16 – Our Lady, Mother of God** (*Mother of All*)

Mary Our Most Holy Mother, full of grace, we are grateful for your humble and trusting heart. Your “yes,” sets an example for how we should approach every day and how we should respond to God’s call in our lives. Let our teens echo your meekness and your motherliness toward all those they encounter. We pray you can bring our youth closer to your Son through your intercession. Mother of all, love them unconditionally, wrap them in your mantle of protection, and bless them all the days of their lives.

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