

Sample Parish Budget for Youth Ministry

When first hiring a Youth Minister, the parish will have some up-front expenses to decide upon:

- Laptop
- Office space and furniture
- Youth Room (a dedicated space for youth to meet regularly, and feel comfortable and welcomed)

If at all possible, Youth Ministers should be provided with an annual budget to allow them to plan programs and activities for an entire year. Ideally, young people and their families would not be expected to pay to come to regular weekly activities, and would only have to pay or fundraise to go to larger events. If the parish does not provide a budget, then the Coordinator will have to dedicate a large amount of time to fundraising, taking away many hours that could otherwise be dedicated to direct ministry.

Below is an approximated annual budget that should be modified to meet your parish expectations. It can also be reduced if some of the items are covered within the overall parish budget:

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| Weekly meeting expenses (for snacks, icebreakers, materials, etc...) | \$2500 |
| Mileage reimbursement for Coordinator's participation in Diocesan meetings | \$250 |
| Cell phone - \$50/month to offset costs of this modern tool for ministry | \$600 |
| Subscriptions to other online tools (e.g. Canva, Spotify, Flocknote) | \$150 |
| Office Supplies | \$500 |
| Postage and shipping | \$500 |
| Resource subscriptions and books | \$1000 |
| Annual professional development (including NFCYM Membership) | \$1000 |
| Annual retreat for youth (to reduce cost to youth and chaperones) | \$1000 |
| Stipends (speakers, priests) | \$500 |
| | Total \$8000 |