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Address and Contact Information

The Nicholas Center is on the 5th Floor of the Episcopal Diocese of Chicago and is connected to St. James Cathedral- all three share 65 E Huron as an address. There are no signs for the Nicholas Center on the exterior of the building.

We can be found one block west of Michigan Avenue at the intersection of Rush Street and Huron Street.

Nicholas Center Address:

65 E. Huron St.
Chicago, IL 60611
312-751-4200

Nicholas Center Contacts:

Karin Gutierrez 312-751-4219
Courtney Reid 312-751-6725, 312-318-3652

Transportation

We are located in downtown Chicago just steps away from the Magnificent Mile of Michigan Avenue. Public transit and cabs are the easiest ways to get here.

If you are flying into Chicago, public transportation and cabs are easily accessible from each airport to the Nicholas Center.

CTA "L" train

We are conveniently located 2 blocks from the Red Line, exit at the Chicago/ State stop. Walk 1-block east towards Michigan Ave/Lake Michigan. Walk south on Wabash, two blocks, to the corner of Wabash and Huron.

Train fare one way is \$5.00 from O'Hare and \$2.50 from Midway.

From O'Hare: Take the Blue line towards Forest Park to the Chicago Blue line stop. Walk to the intersection of Chicago Ave & Milwaukee and take the 66 bus towards Navy Pier. Exit the bus at Rush Street. Head east on E Chicago Ave toward N Rush St, Turn Right onto North Rush St. , Turn Right on to Huron St. St. James Cathedral and St. James Commons will be directly in front of you.

From Midway: Take an Orange line train towards the Loop. At the Roosevelt stop exit the train transfer to a Red Line train towards Howard. Exit the train at the Chicago stop (six stops). Walk East (towards the lake) on Chicago Ave. Head east on E Chicago Ave toward N Wabash Ave, turn right onto Wabash, and left onto Huron. St. James Cathedral and St. James Commons will be directly in front of you.

Cabs & Shuttles

Cabs fares are based on traffic conditions, but an average fare from Midway to downtown Chicago is \$28-30; an average fare from O'Hare to downtown Chicago is \$30-40.

I recommend using a shuttle if you're not going to use public transit. Airport Express has reasonable rates: <https://www.airportexpress.com/> You will need to make reservations before you land.

Parking

The Diocese of Chicago has parking validation for the following lot located near St. James Commons (65 E. Huron) for overnight parking. Please park at either garage, request discount vouchers from Nicholas Center staff, then exit the parking lot after your stay, there is no need to pick up vouchers before entering the garage.

33 W. Ontario St. (preferred garage)
Chicago, IL 60611
Rate: \$9 for up to 12 hours,
\$20 for 24 hours

Rush-Ohio-Wabash (ROW) Self Park
50 E. Ohio Street
Chicago, IL 60611
Rate: \$14.00 for up to 8 hours
\$27 for 24 hours

Need to extend your stay in Chicago?

Unfortunately, the Nicholas Center cannot accommodate those who may arrive a day early or need to depart a day later than your retreat. The Warwick and the Omni offer discounted rates for guests of the Commons who may want to spend extra time in Chicago. See links to discounted rates for both hotels below.

Please know hotel rates can vary greatly based on what is happening in Chicago. Typically discount rates with both hotels are about \$150 a night. Occasionally, you may be able to find a better rate in downtown Chicago on Hotwire or other travel websites.

Warwick:

[https://www.yourreservation.net/tb3/index.cfm?bf=warwick_hotels&rateaccesscode=*N9XM\\$&iatanumber=12348528&hotelcode=HYWORDAL&plprun=2&_id=1439314160899&exp=2](https://www.yourreservation.net/tb3/index.cfm?bf=warwick_hotels&rateaccesscode=*N9XM$&iatanumber=12348528&hotelcode=HYWORDAL&plprun=2&_id=1439314160899&exp=2)

Omni:

<https://www.omnihotels.com/hotels/chicago/meetings/st-james-commons>

Packing and Planning

Accommodations:

All rooms are single and have a private bath. Each room has a unique 5th floor view of Chicago's bustling skyline.

Rooms Have

- towels
- linens
- tissues
- alarm clocks
- Iron & ironing board are available in the common area.
- Hand soap
- WiFi

Rooms Do Not Have

- TV
- phone
- Shampoo, Conditioner or lotion

Items You May Want to Bring

- Laptop
- hair dryer
- hair products (shampoo, conditioner)
- lotion
- umbrella
- books or crafts
- walking shoes or slippers
- cell phone and charger

Please note, most of the Nicholas Center floors are not carpeted. Please bring layers and pack accordingly.

Dress Code

The dress code is casual. Please bring layers. Jeans are welcome.