

March is Reading Month! Come and help us celebrate! The Scholastic Book Fair is back and arrives at St. Gerard **March 5th and 6th in the Majella Room**.

On Tuesday, March 5th, the students will have the opportunity to preview the books with their class. They will make a "wish list" to bring home that will include book titles and prices. You can send in a check or cash with your child to purchase books during the school day on Wednesday, March 6th. You can also sign up for the **eWallet**, which is a cash/check free way for students to pay for books during school sale hours. Information about the **eWallet** is attached to this letter.

### Here are a few reminders:

- Checks should be made payable to St. Gerard School.
- Please remember to add 6% sales tax when sending cash or check.
- If you do not want the hassle of figuring out sales tax, it is perfectly acceptable to write a check for a set amount and send it with your student to use like cash. For example, you can write a check for \$20.00, your student can pick out books totaling \$18.75, and we will give your student cash back in the amount of \$1.25.
- Credit cards are always accepted.
- **eWallet** is highly recommended. It is a convenient way for students to pay for books, and you can share the **eWallet** link with family and friends to add money to your student's account. Leftover funds can be saved for a future book fair.
- If you want your child to purchase only specific books (or if there are specific books you do NOT want your child to purchase), please discuss it with your child.

Is your student unable to purchase during the school day? No worries! **The book fair will be open 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 5<sup>th</sup> and 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup>. Come watch the St. Gerard faculty floor hockey game on Wednesday, March 6th at 6:00 p.m. and purchase some books for your families! All proceeds from the book fair go directly to our school library.** 

You can also purchase books from our school page on the Scholastic Book Fair website. The online sale will open on Tuesday, March 7th and close on Monday, March 20th. Our school will receive credit for every website purchase and the books will be shipped to your home. Here is the link to our online sale: <a href="https://www.scholastic.com/bf/stgerardschool1">https://www.scholastic.com/bf/stgerardschool1</a>

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Katie Barron at <a href="mailto:barronk049@gmail.com">barronk049@gmail.com</a> or Courtney Hooper at <a href="mailto:courtney-courtney-barronkout-new-bar

Thank you for supporting the St. Gerard Scholastic Book Fair!



# More Bookjoy, less hassle—with eWallet!

This year, say *goodbye* to giving your kids crumpled bills and loose change...and *hello* to **ewallet**, a super-convenient, secure digital payment account, for the Scholastic Book Fair. Setting up an eWallet for your child empowers them to choose their own books and effortlessly check out during the Best. Week. Ever. at their school. And any leftover funds can be saved for future Fairs. Now, that's a win-win!





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Dear Preschool Parents,

The Scholastic Book Fair arrives at St. Gerard School March 5<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and March 6<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. for March is Reading Month. Come and help us celebrate!

On Tuesday, March 5th, the preschoolers will have the opportunity to preview the books during class time. *Preschool students do not purchase books during class time*. Instead, you and your child are welcome to come to the book fair to purchase books during open fair hours listed above. You may also come watch the St. Gerard faculty floor hockey game on Wednesday, March 6th from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and purchase some books! All proceeds from the book fair go directly to our school library.

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Cash, checks, and credit cards will be accepted.

You can also purchase books from our school page on the Scholastic Book Fair website. The online sale will open on Tuesday, March 5th and close on Monday, March 18th. Our school will receive credit for every website purchase and the books will be shipped to your home. Here is the link to our online sale:

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If you have any questions, feel free to contact Katie Barron at barronk049@gmail.com or Courtney Hooper at courtjem@gmail.com

Thank you for supporting the St. Gerard Scholastic Book Fair!

# Win A Cookie Party!

FUNDRAISER FOR HANNAH'S HOUSE OF LANSING



# How do I participate?

Bring in Money!

When? February 26-29

Whichever class brings in the most money gets a Girl Scout cookie party! 100% Of donations go to diapers and baby wipes for Hannah's House.



Hannah's House is a Christian organization that helps pregnant young women who are in need of housing. Hannah's house helps them learn how to take care of the baby, and helps them get back onto their feet!







## **Registration starts March 1st**

# BASEBALL

Please join us for another great season of Jr. Cougars Baseball!

Practices start in late April/Early May and games begin in June and run through mid-July.

First evaluation date is March 16th, 2024. Registration fee is \$150.

## SOFTBALL

Be a part of the action with an exciting season of Jr. Cougars Softball!

Practices start in late April/Early May and games begin in June and run through mid-July.

We will kick off the season with a clinic, led by our LCHS Softball Team. The clinic is scheduled for April 18 from 6:00pm – 7:30pm at the LCHS Softball Field. Please register by March 31, 2024. Registration fee is \$150.

# TRACK + FIELD

Continue the great tradition of Jr. Cougars Track & Field!

The Season will start March 20 with practices Mon.-Thurs. at the LCHS track from 4:00pm to 5:30pm.

A parents meeting is scheduled for 7:00pm,
March 14, 2024, over Zoom. Registration fee is \$100 plus uniform cost.
To join the Zoom meeting, please visit: lansingcatholic.org/jrcougars, under the Springs Sports - Track and Field 7 & 8 tab.

## LACROSSE

The Jr. Cougars Program is excited to now offer boys and girls lacrosse for grades 3-8. The season begins the week of March 11 at Cougar Stadium.

Physicals will be required for grades 7&8. Everything kicks off with preseason clinics on February 17th and 24th at Cougar Stadium. Boys grades 3 & 4 @ 10:00am - 11:00am / Boys grades 5 & 6 @ 11:00am - 12:00pm

Boys grades 7 & 8 @ 12:00pm - 1:00pm / Girls grades 3 - 6 @ 1:00pm - 2:00pm / Girls grades 7 & 8 @ 2:00pm-3:00pm

The registration fees are as follows: Grades 7 & 8 - \$145, Grades 5 & 6 - \$125, Grades 3 & 4 - \$100.



All sports, register at studentcentral.bigteams.com or scan the Q.R. code. For more information, please visit lansingcatholic.org/jrcougars



# TRIVIA NIGHT



SATURDAY, MARCH 2, 2024

ST. GERARD PARISH HALL

**DOORS OPEN AT 5:30PM** TRIVIA STARTS AT 6:30PM

\$10 PER PERSON (MAX OF 8 PER TABLE)

**BRING YOUR OWN BEVERAGES!** 

### FOOD AND SOFT DRINKS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

Come with a team or join one that night Must be 18 years or older to participate Reserve your spot or an entire table by calling the Parish Office at 323-2379 Reservations must be paid for within 24 hours

Tickets are available online, you can follow the 🖳 🎎 QR code. You can also buy them in the Parish Office or at the door on March 2



ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT ST. GERARD YOUTH MINIST

MIDDLE SCHOOL MINISTRY

# AQVIE NICHT —



For 6th, 7th & 8th Graders
Friday, | 6:00PM-8:00PM
3.01.2024 | YOUTH ROOM

PLEASE SIGN UP BY GOING TO OUR WEBSITE OR FOLLOWING THE QR CODE

HTTPS://WWW.STGERARD.ORG/YOUTH-MINISTRY

### CONFIRMATION SERVICE OPPORTUNITY!

Hey 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Graders!

I want to take a moment and personally ask you to participate in this year's presentation of Shadow Stations! Shadow Stations will be taking place on March 19th at 6:00 p.m. If you are interested in helping out and get some service hours, check out the information below and sign up by February 27th, 2024!

### What are Shadow Stations?-

- Shadow Stations is an opportunity to give members of our St. Gerard community the chance to experience the Stations of the Cross in a powerful and unique way! As a student reads aloud the Stations of the Cross, other students will pose in front a spotlight behind a large sheet! As the reader reads each station, the "shadow" students will pose according to whichever station is being read. This brings the Stations to life.

### Commitment Needed?-

- As part of the team performing the Shadow Stations, you will be asked to attend two practices and the actual event itself. Dates and times are listed below:
  - o Practice #1: Tuesday March 5th @ 3:30-5:00 p.m.
  - o Practice #2: Tuesday March 12th @ 3:30-5:00 p.m.
  - o Shadow Stations Performance: Tuesday March 19th @ 4:45-6:30p.m.

### Why You Should Help Out?-

- You get to share your gifts and talents with the parish community
- You get 4 service hours for Confirmation
- You get a deeper understanding of the Stations of the Cross
- If you are shy....no one actually sees you because your pose is struck behind a large sheet (unless you volunteer to be a reader)!

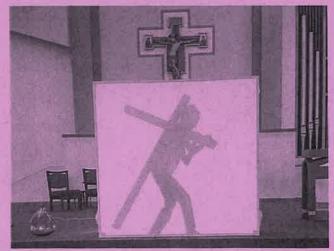
I really hope that you prayerfully consider helping out with this amazing Lenten activity that is done here in our parish community! It is a great way to give back and a wonderful way to earn service hours for Confirmation!

Again if you are interested please sign up by following the QR code by February 27, 2024!



Let me know if you have any questions, comments, or concerns! Thanks!

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# WELGOME

# TO HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP!

March 3rd | 7-9PM | Parish Hall

Starting March 3rd, 8th graders are welcome to attend High School Youth Group!

No Registration Required, just show up!

What is Youth Group? Youth Group is a group of teens that gather every Sunday night from 7 - 9 p.m. to build on their relationship with God. At Youth Group we play games, play music, EAT FOOD, get to know each other, as well as pray together. All through which we grow closer to each other and God. Since 8th graders are getting geared up for High School, they are now welcome to come to Youth Group starting March 3rd.

# Other Events Youth Group Participates in:

Mission Trips
Retreats
National Conferences
Camping Trip
Michigan's Adventure
Lock-Ins



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Saturday, March 9, 2024 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Joseph E. Drolett Community Center, 7550 W. Willow Hwy

> Early Bird Admission (9a-10a): \$2/adult General Admission (10a-1p): Free Admission paid at door. CASH ONLY



Come shopping for great deals on maternity wear, baby gear, toys & all age children clothing. Some vendors will have strollers and other big ticket items.