



FAMILY FUN NIGHT
Halloween Party
Kids Costume Party, Games

FRIDAY October 23rd

6 PM – 8PM

Columbus Hall

5300 N. Grand River

Come join us for burgers, hot dogs, fries, onion rings and a sundae bar!!!!

All St. Gerard parishioners and their families are cordially invited!

Free will donations appreciated.

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Auction Updates and Ticket Information

- ❖ **Family Donations**-We are counting on each family to donate an item to the auction. So far we have about ½ of what we need to make our auction successful – WE NEED YOUR DONATION!! Your students will receive a jeans day coupon for your donation. Don't agonize over an idea – There are LOTS of donation ideas on our website or a simple gift card is gladly welcomed. Family donation forms can also be downloaded from our website www.stgerardlansingauction.org
- ❖ **Group Donations**- We are still filling our last few group donation packages. Contact Dawn Gehle at dsgehle@comcast.net
- ❖ **Gift Cards**- We still need more gift cards for the balloon raffle and silent auction. Order a gift card with your TRIP order and donate it in the office or pick one up the next time you are at Kroger or Meijer near the check out (or other retailers that sells gift cards).
- ❖ **The Penny Challenge**- Calling all Piggy Banks, pennies to the rescue! Please see the flyer in today's envelope for the **PENNY CHALLENGE** – a fun way for students to get involved with the auction. Prizes will be awarded to the top 3 grades!
- ❖ **Raffle Ticket and Admission Ticket forms** -are available in the school office and may be downloaded and printed from our auction website. Turn yours in today!
- ❖ **Volunteer Opportunities**-We still need a few volunteers to make Auction night run smoothly! We are looking for several volunteers to assist with Check Out after the Live Auction. We could also use a few extra volunteers to help with the Kangaroo Raffle.

YES I'LL HELP!!! (PLEASE RETURN THIS PORTION TO THE OFFICE)

NAME _____ EMAIL _____
CHECK OUT _____ OR KANGAROO RAFFLE _____

Questions? Misty Opperman or Sarah Cook @ stgerardauction@gmail.com



CALLING ALL PIGGY BANKS.....

COINS TO THE RESCUE!

The Coin Challenge is here! To help our students build team spirit and contribute to the Auction, we have come up with a fun way for them to be part of our winning team.

From Monday, October 26th through Friday, October 30th, St. Gerard School students are being called onto the playing field for **The Coin Challenge!**

Grades Kindergarten through 8th grade can earn points for their classroom team by putting pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters or paper bills **into their own grade level container** located outside the school office.

As students add money to their grade's container, they will move their "ball" down the field toward the end zone. The first team to move their grade's football down the field for a touchdown by filling their container will win a pizza party! The grade with the highest dollar amount at the end of the week will win a classroom Jeans Day! The grade with the second highest total wins a popsicle party!

This is a fun way for the students to be involved in raising money for their school.

Mark your calendar and get out those pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters and dollars too! Let the challenge begin! OCTOBER 26-30!



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Join us in Prayer

"Continue earnestly in prayer,
being vigilant in it with thanksgiving."
—COLOSSIANS 4:2, NKJV

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to find out more about our
Prayer Network and to view
the latest prayer requests.

Daily Prayer Guide

SUNDAY

Thank the Lord for working through Samaritan's Purse to distribute more than 124 million Operation Christmas Child shoebox gifts since 1993. Pray that millions more children will experience God's love and hear the Good News of Jesus Christ as they receive these simple gifts.

MONDAY

Pray for Operation Christmas Child as tens of thousands of families, congregations, and groups prepare to pack shoeboxes and bring them to drop-off locations across the United States during National Collection Week, the third week in November.

TUESDAY

Ask God to bless local volunteers who serve year-round to collect, process, transport, and deliver shoebox gifts to boys and girls around the world.

WEDNESDAY

Pray that the Lord will use Operation Christmas Child to bring joy to children in developing countries who may be struggling to overcome the effects of poverty, disease, famine, or war.

THURSDAY

Pray for the safety of Operation Christmas Child volunteers who are serving in areas of the world where people may be hostile toward Christians.

FRIDAY

Pray that the children who enroll in The Greatest Journey, our follow-up discipleship program, will come to faith in Jesus Christ and share the Good News with their friends and family.

SATURDAY

Pray for the growth of churches and the planting of new ones as communities are touched by Operation Christmas Child.



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SERVICE SATURDAY

Family Service Opportunity!

Be Done in Time to Watch the Game!

Service Saturday – November 14, 2015 – 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Fall Cleanup

On November 14 we will be working together to clean up our parish grounds. We will be doing a variety of things to make our grounds look as good as possible. The focus will be on raking all of the leaves. **Please sign up** at the Parish Office at 323-2379 before November 10. We need to know how many people will be participating so we have the right amount of work.

If you come please bring work gloves if you would like them and please bring one of the following:

1. Rake
2. Snow Shovel



Thanks in Advance!

Questions: Please contact Jeff Corder in the Parish Office. 323-2379 or by emailing youth@stgerard.org

Who Can Participate: Families, students, groups of friends, and individuals. AKA ANYONE! We ask that children under 14 are accompanied by an adult.

Family Donation Form

Family Name (First and Last) _____

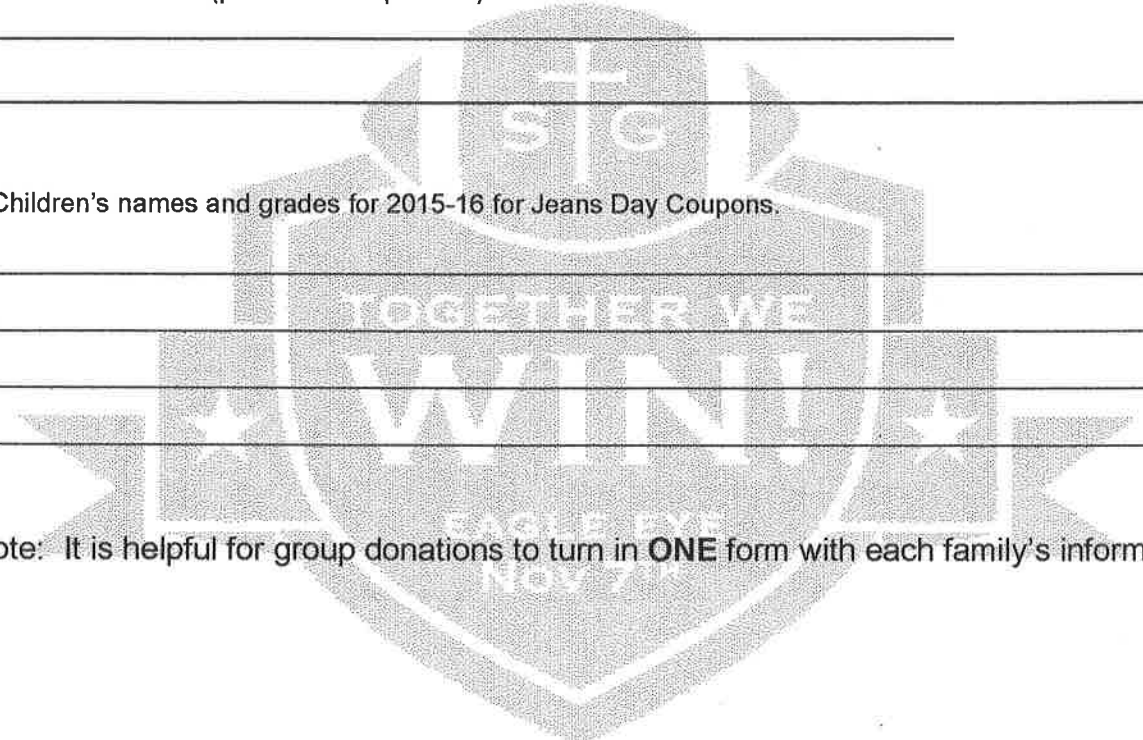
Phone _____ Email _____

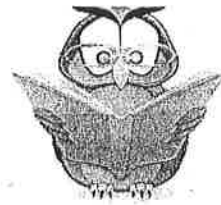
Item Donated _____ Value _____

Description/Restrictions (please be specific)

Please list Children's names and grades for 2015-16 for Jeans Day Coupons.

Please Note: It is helpful for group donations to turn in **ONE** form with each family's information!





8th GRADE USED BOOK SALE

WASHINGTON DC FUNDRAISER

The St. Gerard 8th graders will host a Used Book Sale during the fall parent/teacher conferences on November 11th & 12th as part of their Washington D.C. trip fundraising efforts. Students will have the opportunity to shop the sale during the school day, November 11th. Students can purchase used books through a donation.

To support this event, we are asking for donations of books and books on tape. You may drop these items off through November 8th in the boxes labeled "Used Book Donations" in the Church gathering space or by the school office. Donations should be in good condition and appropriate for a school sponsored event. We need books covering all topics: Fiction, Nonfiction, Biographies, Cookbooks, Holiday, Travel, Crafts, Hobbies, Sports, Outdoor, Religious, Audio, Children's Books (picture, early reader, chapter, pre-teen, and teen). Please make sure that books on tape are operational.

If you have any questions, please contact Julie Simon at 622-1003 or jdsimon5@comcast.net.

Thank You!!!

It's that time again for a...
HALLOWEEN PARTY!!!

WHO: 6th, 7th, & 8th Grade



WHAT: Halloween Party
(...and Haunted House...)

WHEN: Friday Oct. 30, 2015

6:00pm—8:30pm

WHERE: Parish Hall



WHY: To have fun with friends, eat food, and wear a SA-WEET costume...

**Wear a costume, Bring a friend, and
Come join in the fun!!!**

Contact Jeff Corder
Parish Office 323-2379
Email: youth@stgerard.org



Dear Parents and Students,

My name is Mario Migaldi, and I am in the 7th grade at St. Gerard School. Operation Christmas Child is a great opportunity for less fortunate children around the world to learn about the message of God's love, while receiving a nice gift with items they really need. It's also a great opportunity for St. Gerard students to all work together to help God's children around the world. For more information, you can visit the following link: www.samaritanaspurse.org/occ. I got into Operation Christmas Child three years ago when my family and I went to a packing party, since then I have been interested in learning more about it and to be of more help to this cause. This year I decided to partner up with the administration at St. Gerard, my homeroom teacher Mrs. Sykes, and the National Junior Honor's Society in having my own packing party.

Packing a shoebox is really important because it is a sign to the child that somebody actually loves them, and you could be that one special person in their lives. We need your help collecting items to pack in these shoeboxes. We would appreciate your help in bringing either a money donation, a shoebox/shoeboxes, or the item listed below for your child's grade:

Kindergarten and 1st grade- Crayons, colored pencils, or coloring books

2nd and 4th grade- Washcloths or bar soaps

3rd grade- Yo-yo's or jump ropes

5th grade- Gently used/new small teddy bears or \$2 donation (for shipping fees)

6th grade- Notebooks or small journals (has to fit in a shoebox)

7th grade- Tootsie rolls, hard candy, or necklaces (no chocolate please)

8th grade- Mini hot wheels/ racecars or small sports balls

***Remember that all items have to fit in a regular sized shoebox.**

Donations are Optional

We will begin collecting items on Friday, October 23rd - Friday, November 6th. To celebrate our Operation Christmas Child collecting efforts, we will have a Jeans Day on Friday, November 6th, 2015. Show your spirit by wearing your team colors for this Jeans Day. It will be St. Gerard themed in support of the auction on Saturday, November 7th.

Thank you for your contribution to help spread the message of God's love to children around the world!

Mario Migaldi, Mrs. Jennifer Sykes, and Mrs. Piecuch