

ST. GERARD CATHOLIC SCHOOL

4433 W. WILLOW HWY. · LANSING, MI · 48917

NEWSLETTER

January, 13, 2022 **All School**

Liturgy/Martin Luther King, Jr - Please join us in celebrating Martin Luther King Jr. with an All School Liturgy focusing on peace and justice on Friday, January 14th at 8:10 AM. We are looking forward to this day where we honor an American Civil Rights leader in a very special way. Hope to see many of you at Mass!

Snow Day Procedures - In the event of inclement weather and we have to close school, we will send an announcement through School Messenger. We will try to make this announcement by 6:00 a.m. We will also post the closing of school on WLNS, WILX, and Fox 47. Please keep in mind that Waverly School determines when school is closed.

Drop Off and Pick Up Reminders - If your child is being dropped off by car, please use the carline or the lower lot. Please do not drop off your child(ren) before 7:30 a.m. There is no supervision before 7:30 a.m. When you are picking up your child after school, please move ahead as far as possible along the sidewalk. Students should wait until the car has stopped to enter the vehicle. Please use Clark Road off of Willow Highway to enter the carline.

T.R.I.P - Our TRIP program is a great way to help reduce tuition expenses. Any money earned through participating will be applied at the end of each semester. If you would like more information about this money saving program, please contact Shawn Macksood at the school office. She will be happy to give you details and answer any questions.

Parent/Teacher Conferences - Parent/Teacher conferences are scheduled for Thursday, February 17th in the afternoon, 12:00 - 2:30 pm and evening, 5:00 - 7:30 pm. We will be sending you a link to sign up for your conference in the near future.

Catholic Schools Week - Catholic School Week begins on Sunday, January 30th and ends on Friday, February 4th. St. Gerard will have a variety of activities that will be both fun and safe for our students. Look for a schedule of activities/events in your child's communicator. Your child(ren) can turn in their Minute to Win It coupons anytime.

Lost and Found: Please check our lost and found. We have many mittens, gloves, hats etc. that need a home.

Food Bank/Jeans Day - A **BIG** thank you to the National Junior Honor Society members who sponsored a jeans day before Christmas Break to benefit Ele's Place. Our cash donation was \$800.00. Thank you for your participation.

Washington D.C. Enrollment Form - Just a reminder to our 8th graders that your enrollment forms are due by Friday, January 21st. We are working on putting items together in order to share an overview of the trip with you. More information to come.

Hot Lunch Orders - Ordering hot lunch for the month of February will begin on January 18th and will end on January 25th. Mark your calendars so you don't forget to order!

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NWEA Testing - NWEA Winter testing has begun for 3rd - 8th grade and will continue through Wednesday, February 9th. Please make sure your child has a good night's sleep and a healthy breakfast each day!

LCHS Prospective Family Night - Wednesday, February 2nd from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

LCHS Financial Aid Night - Tuesday, January 25th @ 6:00 p.m. in the school library.

Financial Aid Applications - If you are seeking financial aid assistance from the Diocese of Lansing or St. Gerard Parish, you will need to fill out a financial aid application through FACTS. The address is online -

<https://online.factsmgt.com/signin/3YZNQ> To be eligible for Diocesan scholarships, you need to fill out this application before March 1st. Anyone who wishes to be considered for a scholarship from St. Gerard Parish must apply for the diocesan scholarship.

"Keeping Christ in Christmas" Poster Contest Winners!

Prizes: \$25.00 - 1st Place, \$10.00 - 2nd Place, 3rd Place, \$5.00.

Kindergarten - 2nd Grade: 1st Place: Benson Lydia Berryman 2nd Place: Nolan Adams 3rd Place: Sophia Sabrosky

3rd - 5th Grade: 1st Place: Eli D'Alessandro 2nd Place: Lorelei VanPatten 3rd Place: Finnegan Melinn

6th - 8th Grade: 1st Place: Natalie Wittkoski 2nd Place: Isadora Speaker 3rd Place: Zoey Gruber

Top Seller Winners for Hyacinth House/Poinsettia Sales:

1st Place, Adam Molnar - \$\$50.00 2nd Place, Gary Tackett - \$25.00

Congratulations, Adam and Gary!!!

FAMOUS AUTHOR ON STAFF! We have a famous author on staff at St. Gerard! Our very own, Jennifer Jowett who is one of our Jr. High teachers has published her first book titled: Into the Shadows. If you are interested in getting your very own copy, you can order it now on Amazon. As a bonus, I'm sure Jennifer would be happy to autograph any copies too. Note: The awesome book cover was designed by a former St. Gerard student, Tyler Schmitz. Nice Job, Tyler!

Assistant Principal Update: While Sara Wade is on maternity leave Stephanie Kramer will be filling in on a part time basis. Stephanie is a former parent of St. Gerard. Stephanie and her husband Pete have three children, Peter, Joshua and Katie who are graduates of St. Gerard and Lansing Catholic High School. Stephanie is a graduate of MSU with a degree in health and physical education. She has many years of teaching experience with middle school students. She is also a familiar face around St. Gerard because she is currently teaching one of our elective classes in Jr. High. Please join us in welcoming Stephanie to our staff!

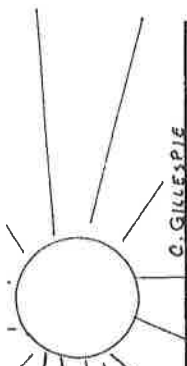
Preschool Staff Opening: St. Gerard Preschool is looking for an assistant. The position is Monday-Thursday during morning class 7:45 - 12:00 or 11:30 - 2:30. This is the perfect job for someone who loves being with young children. The job involves assisting students in problem-solving, engaging during instructional times, and supporting the preschool program. If you are interested or would like some more information about the position, please call Kayla Gracik at 517-908-9226.

"Darkness cannot drive out darkness, only light can do that. - MLK, Jr.

UPCOMING EVENTS

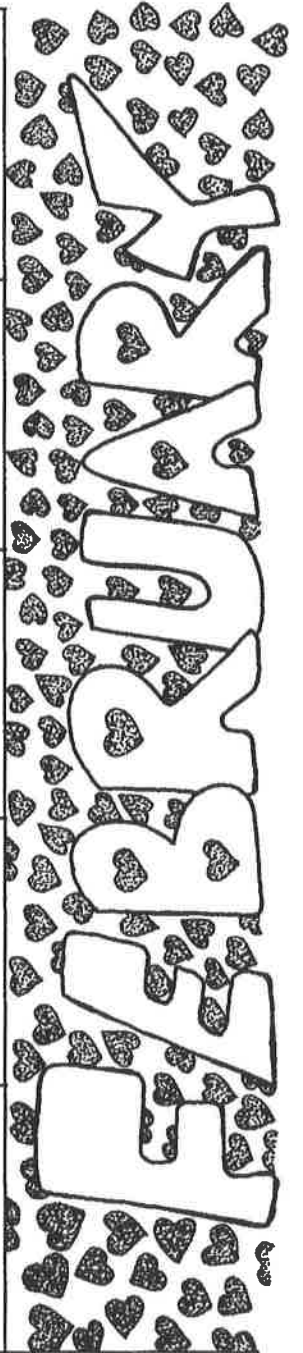
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| Jan. 14 | End of Second Quarter |
| Jan. 17 | NO SCHOOL - Closed to Honor Martin Luther King, Jr. |
| Jan. 18-25th | Hot Lunch Ordering Window Open |
| Jan.20 | Report Cards Posted on Powerschool |
| Jan.21 | Washington D. C. Enrollment Form and Deposit Due/No PM buses |
| Jan. 25 | Hot Lunch Ordering Window Closes |
| Jan. 30 | Catholic Schools Week Begins |
| Feb. 4 | All School Mass/Presentation of Father Weber Award/Catholic Schools Week Ends |
| Feb. 7-18 | No School Masses due to installation of new church pews |
| Feb. 10th | Daddy/Daughter Dance |
| Feb. 17 | School Dismiss @ 11:00 am - Parent/Teacher Conferences |
| Feb. 17 | No Preschool/Preschool - Parent/Teacher Conferences/Child Care Open |
| Feb. 18 | NO SCHOOL Child Care Open |
| Feb. 21 | NO SCHOOL /Child Care CLOSED |

6 weeks or 42 days till Spring?



C. GILLESPIE

Sunday		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		Jersey Giant Turkey & Cheese Goldfish Fruit Milk 7	Catholic Schools Week Hamburger/ Cheeseburger French Fries Fruit Milk 7 th gr. retreat 1	GROUND HOG DAY Waffles Sausage Yogurt Fruit Milk Jr. High field trip 2	Chicken Nuggets Potato Smile Vegetable Fruit Milk 6 th gr. field trip 3	All School Mass Adoration Pepperoni Pizza Salad Fruit Milk 4	
6		Jersey Giant Turkey & Cheese Goldfish Fruit Milk 7	Hot Dog/Bun French Fries Carrot Sticks Fruit Milk PTO mtg. 8	French Toast Sausage Yogurt Fruit Milk 9	Chicken Sandwich Potato Fruit Milk Daddy Daughter Dance 10	Cheese Pizza Salad Fruit Milk 11	12
13		ST VALENTINE'S DAY Jersey Giant Ham & Cheese Doritos Fruit Milk 14	Sloppy Joe Potato Cheese Stick Fruit Milk 15	Pepperoni Pizza Salad Fruit Milk 16	Dismiss at 11:00am NO PRESCHOOL Parent Teacher Conferences Pre-8 th gr. Child Care Open 17	NO SCHOOL CHILD CARE OPEN FIRST DAY TO ORDER MARCH HOT LUNCH!! 18	ORDER MARCH HOT LUNCH 18 th - 25 th 19
		PRESIDENTS' DAY NO SCHOOL CHILD CARE CLOSED 21	Mostaccioli Garlic Bread Vegetable Fruit Milk 22	Waffles Sausage Yogurt Fruit Milk 23	Popcorn Chicken Mashed Potatoes Gravy Vegetable Fruit Milk 24	Cheese Pizza Salad Fruit Milk LAST DAY TO ORDER MARCH HOT LUNCH!! 25	26
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CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Theme: Faith. Excellence. Service.

Monday, January 31st - Friday, February 4th

Monday: January 31st

All School Morning & Afternoon Prayer- Monday-Friday; Read by a student at 8:05 & 2:25

Prayer/Focus Theme- K-2 are focusing on 1st responders. Cards and letters will be made for Eaton County Fire Dept. (kindergarten), Eaton County Police Dept. (1st), & Eaton County Health Dept. (2nd)

Comfy Cozy Day- Students & staff may wear sweatpants, slippers & comfy clothing. Jeans Day guidelines apply.

Minute to Win It Contest- Math contest begins January 10th for participation in the Minute to Win It games.
Student Surprise!

Tuesday: February 1st

Prayer/Focus Theme- Grades 3-4 are focusing on medical professionals. Cards and letters will be made for McLaren (Doctors, Nurses, Support Staff) (3rd), & Sparrow (Doctors, Nurses, Support Staff) (4th)

Color Day- Teachers & students wear the color assigned to your grade. Kindergarten-red, 1-green, 2-yellow, 3-blue, 4-orange, 5-white, 6-pink, 7-in uniform for retreat, 8-purple. Jeans Day guidelines apply.

7th Grade Retreat to LCHS

Wednesday: February 2nd

Prayer/Focus Theme- Grades 5-6 are focusing on veterans & active military. Cards and letters will be made for veterans valentines (5th), & Michigan National Guard (6th)

Jersey Day- Wear your favorite team's jersey today. Jeans Day guidelines apply. Donations will be accepted (but not required) to support St. Vincent de Paul Society for "Souper Bowl of Caring", a collection that raises money to help fight against hunger.

Teacher Appreciation Luncheon- Provided by PTO. Pre-boxed & Covid-friendly! Students can write thank you letters to teachers, coaches, etc. to show their appreciation.

Student Appreciation Day- A treat will be provided in appreciation to our students at lunch.

Teacher Switch Day- 10:00-10:20 a.m. Teachers will pre-record themselves reading their favorite children's book. During this time, play the recording of the teacher you are virtually "switching" with. Students receive a treat to enjoy during the switch to show our appreciation for them.

7th & 8th grade- Bowling

Thursday: February 3rd

Prayer/Focus Theme- Grades 7-8 are focusing on social workers. Cards and letters will be made for Child Protective Services (7th), & Eaton County Foster Closet (8th)

Camo/Plaid Day- Wear camouflage or plaid to celebrate camping. Jeans Day guidelines apply.

Fun Day- Grades K-5; Theme: Camping

6th Grade- Ice Skating

Friday, February 4th

Prayer/Focus Theme- The whole student body is focusing on educators. Cards will be made & donations accepted for Oxford Community Schools (K-8)

Spirit Day- Show your St. Gerard spirit with red & blue! Jeans day guidelines apply.

All School Liturgy- 8:10 mass & Father Weber Award

Muffins & Juice- Muffins & juice will be provided by PTO after mass to each classroom.

Schoolwide Minute to Win It Competition- Math contest to begin January 10th.

Through the math contest participants at each grade level will be chosen for Minute to Win It games. Grade level winners receive trophies in their classroom for the rest of the school year.



JEANS DAY

Wednesday, February 2nd

Donations will be accepted (but not required to participate) to support our St. Vincent de Paul Society for Souper Bowl of Caring, which is a collection that raises money to help fight against hunger.





Camp Fun Day



Attention Campers, St. Gerard is heading to camp for fun day.

Thursday, February 3rd

Families, we need your help to make camp fun day a success. We would appreciate donations for supplies and volunteers for the event. All items shall be brought to the school office by **Thursday, January 27th**.

Supplies:

Honest Apple Juice Boxes (6 FL Oz box, 8pk) x 13
GoGo SqueeZ Applesauce Pouches (3.2 Oz, 12ct) x 9
Little Debbie Fudge Rounds Cookies (8ct) x 13
Teddy graham Honey (1 Oz pouch, 12ct) x 11
Chocolate chips (12 Oz bog) x 4
Marshmallow Fluff (16 Oz) x 5
Bottled water (8 Oz, 24ct) X 5
Cash donation (\$3 -\$5)

Class Schedule: (Mask are encouraged for volunteers)

8:15 – 9:00 Fourth Grade
9:10 – 9:55 Kindergarten
10:05 – 10:50 Third Grade
11:35 – 12:20 Second Grade
12:30 – 1:15 First Grade
1:25 – 2:10 Fifth Grade

Decorations:

Artificial Christmas trees, camp lanterns, camping themed decorations. Please remember to label items with your name for return.

Thank you for your support. This is an exciting event for the children of St. Gerard, and it is your support and help that truly makes this day a success. Please see the **sign-up Genius link** below to sign up to donate supplies, decorations, and your time.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805044FABAB22A5FD0-camp>



Look forward

To the...



DADDY daughter Dance

Fundraiser for:
8th grade Washington
D.C. trip

Thursday, February 10, 2022
6:30 - 8:30 p.m
Father Weber Hall



\$20/couple
(\$10/additional guest)

Reserve your tickets by:
Friday, February 4, 2022
Reservation forms available
In Saint Gerard School & Parish Office

Please return the bottom half of form to school with payment (checks payable to: Saint Gerard School) in an envelope marked: 2022 Daddy Daughter Dance



Cut and return with payment no later than Friday, February 4, 2022

Father/Escort: _____ Phone #: _____

Daughter: _____ Teacher: _____

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St. Gerard
8th Grade DC Trip
Presents...
Our Little Caesars® Fundraiser!

**COMING - Monday January 24TH thru
Monday February 7th**

8th graders will be selling or order online

Pizza

- Pepperoni Pizza Kit (Makes 3)
- Cheese Pizza Kit
- Thin Crust Pizza Kit
- Personal Pepperoni Pizza Kit (Makes (9))

Breadsticks

- Crazy Bread Kit with Crazy Sauce
- Pepperoni Cheese Bread Kit
- Italian Cheese Bread Kit

...and more!!

Questions: Contact Marissa Hendee at mreyes7881@yahoo.com or text
517-763-7771

!Service Opportunity!

Did you know Super Bowl Sunday is the biggest junk food day of the year?!

This makes it the perfect day to help feed the hungry!

After all Saturday and Sunday Masses on Super Bowl weekend (Feb 12th and Feb 13th), we will have buckets at the doors of the church collecting money donations for St. Vincent de Paul. We are hoping to have a few teens standing at the doors with the buckets, thanking people as they donate.

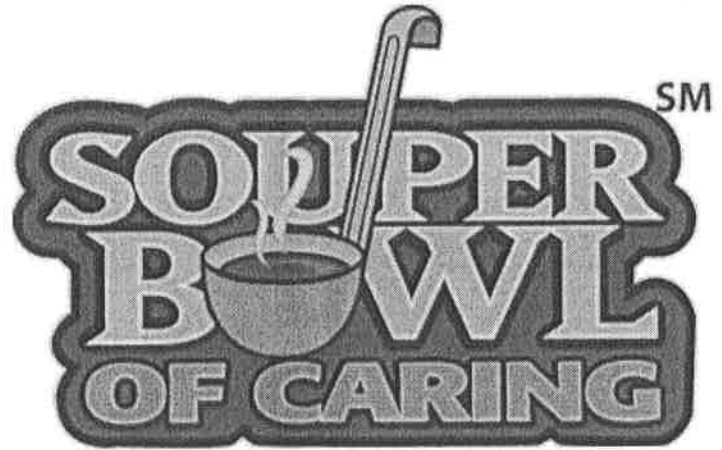
It's really very simple:

- 1. Come to Mass—check in with Theresa Bosman**
- 2. Head to the Gathering Space after Communion**
- 3. Stand behind a table with a bucket in the Gathering Space**
- 4. Thank people as they donate and leave**
- 5. You've made a difference!**

You get 30 minutes of service for each Mass you sign up at.



To sign, follow the QR code:



Middle School Ministry

Youth Group

TOPIC: MARY



7TH & 8TH GRADE STUDENTS
01. 19. 2022 6:30-8:30PM
YOUTH ROOM

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

