

THURSDAY FLYER

From the Principal's Pen:

Dear St. Gerard Families,

For many of us the hustle and bustle of the holiday season is well underway! There are so many activities and events coming up. Please mark your calendars!

- **Christmas Program**-December 14th at 7:00 p.m.
The doors will be open at 6:30 p.m. All students should be dropped off in their classrooms. Students need to be dressed in their "Sunday Best" (nice clothes) or their school uniforms. We ask that students do not wear jeans or sweats. We ask that all families stay for the entirety of the program. Please pick your students up after the program in the classrooms (PK-4). Immediate families are invited to attend the program in person (masks recommended). The program will be live streamed for extended family and friends.
- **Pre-Kindergarten Birthday Party for Baby Jesus**-Friday, December 17th (School Day Activity)
- **Holiday Spectacular Craft and Cookie Day**-Tuesday, December 21st (School Day Activity sponsored by our Home and School group). Students will be celebrating the holidays making a craft and decorating cookies, while listening to Christmas music.
- **Ugly Christmas Sweater Day**-Tuesday, December 21st- Students and staff may wear an ugly Christmas sweater or a red/green holiday shirt with their uniform pants.
- **Christmas Eve Mass**-Friday, December 24 at 5:00 p.m.
You and your families are invited to join us for Christmas Eve service. Many of our students will be singing in the children's choir and participating in Christmas play.

As always, please let us know if you have any questions. Wishing you a blessed weekend!

Mrs. Schoonover, Principal

Altar Servers:

Saturday, December 11th at 5 p.m.: Delaney Dawson, Gracie Gandy, Camden Sims

Sunday, December 12th at 8:30 a.m.: Liam Fay, Anthony Parker, Emily Fay

Sunday, December 12th at 11 a.m.: Jaylon Patton, Marley Mason, Alli Cook

Holiday Break:

With the Christmas and New Year's Holiday quickly approaching, we want to remind families we will dismiss at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, December 22nd and will resume school on Tuesday, January 4, 2022.

End of 2nd Quarter:

The end of the 2nd quarter is on Wednesday, December 22nd. Students will receive their 2nd quarter grade cards upon arriving back to school in January. For students in grades 4th-8th, parents may log into Progressbook to check their grades. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher.

Extended Day:

There will be no extended day services on Wednesday, December 22nd.

Homework Club:

There will be no Homework Club on Tuesday, December 14th due to the Christmas Program.

There will also be no Homework Club on December 20th, 21st, and 22nd.

Change of Breakfast Location:

Due to the Christmas Program next week, breakfast for PreK-3rd grades on Tuesday, December 14th will be served in their classroom and Wednesday, December 15th all students will be served breakfast in the student's homeroom.

Christmas Program Livestream:

The Christmas Program on Tuesday, December 14th will be livestreamed beginning at 6:45 pm. at <https://webca.st/203012>



Now that the cold weather is here, please make sure that the kids wear winter coats, hats, and mittens/gloves. We will continue to have outdoor recess during the winter months as long as the temperatures are safe.



St. Gerard School Food Pantry Donations:

St. Gerard School is currently running a food drive to establish a food pantry here at St. Gerard School. The goal is for student council members to help preassemble packages of food, often in backpacks or grocery bags to give to children to taken home. The food drive will run through December 10th. The class that donates the highest percentage of food per class size will be awarded a dress down day sometime before the Christmas break.

Items to donate:

Canned Vegetables	Canned fruits	Canned meats	Rice
Canned Soup	Canned Ravioli	Canned Beefaroni	Pasta
Canned Sphaghetios	Boxed Mac & Cheese	Boxed Potatoes	Jelly
Rice-a-roni	Hamburger Helper	Spaghetti Sauce	Cereal
Breakfast Bars	Granola Bars	Oatmeal	Peanut Butter



St. Gerard Rosary-Altar Christmas Raffle:

The Rosary Altar Society will hold their annual Christmas Raffle on Tuesday, December 21st. Prizes are \$150, \$100, or \$50. Tickets are enclosed and can be returned to the school office prior to the 21st. Chances are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00



This holiday season, do all your gift card shopping in a convenient place in the St. Gerard School Office plus take advantage of opportunities to raise funds for St. Gerard School. We are pleased to have the following retailer's gift cards available for immediate purchase:

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| Beer Barrel | Bigby Coffee | Bob Evans | Burger King |
| BW3 | Chief Supermarket | Chipotle | Circle K |
| Cold Stone | Cracker Barrel | Dunkin Donuts | |
| Finish Line | Gordon Foods | iTunes | JCPenney |
| Jo Ann | Kohls | Little Caesars | Lowe's |
| Meijer | Menard's | Old Navy | Olive Garden |
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| Subway | Taco Bell | Texas | Tim Horton's |
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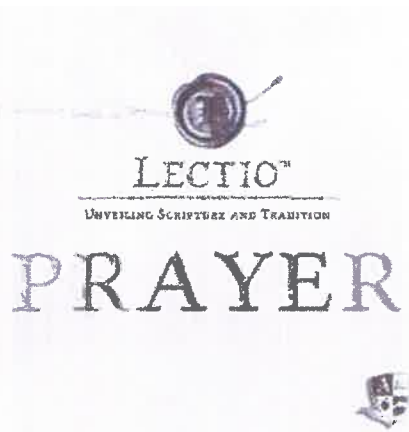
PICK OF THE WEEK

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WATCH

SAINT TERESA OF ÁVILA: A STUDY IN PERSEVERANCE

Both St. John of the Cross and his dear friend St. Teresa of Ávila lived heroic lives of prayer. In honor of these spiritual masters, enjoy this film depicting the Carmelite way of life and the virtue of perseverance.



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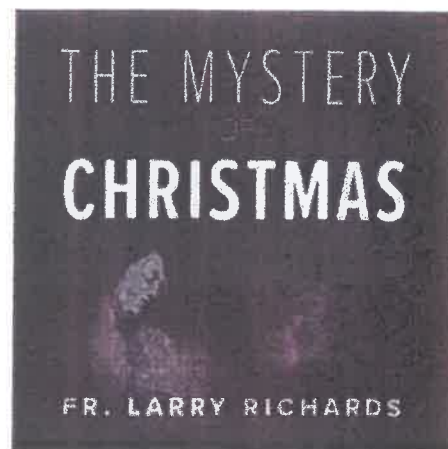
St. John of the Cross, Doctor of the Church, had a deep desire to help others grow in prayer. In honor of this mystical saint, join Dr. Gray as he dives into the simplicity and mystery of prayer.

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THE MYSTERY OF CHRISTMAS BY FR. LARRY RICHARDS

In this talk, Fr. Larry Richards reminds us that in the mystery of Christmas, God gives humanity his greatest gift—the gift of his Son to the world.



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