



'25-'26

HSA Newsletter

October '25

A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear SRCS Families,
Happy fall! A big thanks to all of you who came out for our Vitale's fundraiser, Main Event fundraiser, and our tailgate! It was so fun to see so many faces there - see the last page for some pics from the events. I can't believe we are less than a month away from our big annual fundraiser - the Black-and-White Gala! If you haven't gotten your tickets yet, there's still time. See page 2 for all the details! I want to send a special thank you to the many of you who have already sponsored us including Mary Helen Crooks, Williams family, Carpenter family, Sharpe BMW, First Companies, and more!

Our auction committee has done an amazing job securing fabulous items, including a Mackinac Island experience, tickets to a Notre Dame football game, MSU basketball tickets, Chicago, and Mexico trips and my special favorite - a trip to Disney! You can also bid on a pew at the Christmas Eve mass! This event is our big fundraiser for the year - all the proceeds go back to the parish and school. The HSA funds the school field trips, school experiences such as the VanAndel Institute, teacher supplies, teacher appreciation gifts, all the HSA events like our Valentines dance, tailgate, Winter Carnival, and more! We also contribute to our tuition scholarship, and the capital campaign. So grab your fanciest fits and join us for a night of fun for a great cause!

Many blessings,
Susanna



TRUNK-OR-TREAT

October is here! Does everyone have their costumes yet??

Join us for this year's annual SRCS and SRN Trunk-or-Treat that will return back to our SRN parking lot on Thursday October 23rd. All school and parish families are welcome! Details below and in the flyer on page 5.

Place: Sr. Robert Parking Lot

Trunk-or-Treating Start Time: 5:30pm

Sign Up: [sign up here](#) to be a trunk - we still have **plenty** of spots open as well as opportunities to help with light set up!

Food: Saladino Food Truck on site for food purchases, and they have graciously offered to donate 15% of all purchases back to the school. (BYOB)

Charitable Donations: we will be collecting non-perishable food donations for a local food pantry

Special Costume Requests: this year we are asking to leave any weapons (fake or real), or excessively scary or gory masks or costumes at home. Please ensure all costumes are school appropriate.

Huge shout out to our committee chairs Kristen Dufendach and Alyssa Boer for helping pull this all together!

Upcoming Events

Thursday Oct 23 - 5:30pm

Trunk-Or-Treat
@ St Robert Parking Lot

Saturday Nov 8 - 5:30pm

Black and White Gala
@ Notos

Wednesday Dec 3 - 5:30pm

Christmas Concert
@ St Robert PAC

Saturday Dec 20 - 3:30pm

CC Hockey Game & Skate Night
@ Southside Ice Arena

Saturday January 17

Winter Family Carnival
@ St Robert PAC



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GALA CENTRAL

T-Minus 25 days until the big day and wow do we have an amazing night in store! To say the Auction Committee has been rocking it is an absolute understatement! From the sponsorships and tickets sales that have already come in, to the auction item procurement and even down to all the event planning details - this team is ready to host! All related information can be found at the [GALA HOMEPAGE](#), but please see below for some helpful information and quick links (teal, underlined font) to help you plan (and strategize) accordingly! Additional details and communications to follow in the weeks and days leading into the event!

Special thanks to all of our [sponsors](#) who have already donated and to all of those who have already purchased their tickets. We are looking forward to a wonderful night with you all!

EVENT DETAILS

Date - Saturday November 8th

Location - Noto's Italian Dining- 6000 28th Street Grand Rapids, MI 49546

Attire - Cocktail or Formal In Black and/or White

TIMES

5:30 PM - 6:30 PM - Cocktail hour and Silent Auction (with live harp)

6:30 PM - 7:30 PM - Plated Dinner

7:30 PM - 8:30 PM - Live Auction

8:30 PM - 11:30 PM - Live Band - BRENA

9:00 PM - Silent Auction Closes

TICKETS AND SPONSORSHIPS

We have plenty of ticket and sponsorship purchasing options available this year. Please use the below link or QR Code for all ticketing and/or sponsorship purchases. Hurry fast! **All ticket sales close on Nov 2nd.**

[TICKET PURCHASING LINK](#)

or



AUCTION BIDDING - ClickBid 101

We are taking the auction online this year! Don't lose out on any bidding opportunities by making sure to register your credit card online ahead of time to make the night-of as smooth as possible! Can't make the event? Don't worry, you can still bid on our Silent Auction items online thru the Gala Site.

SILENT AND LIVE AUCTION

GOING ONCE..... GOING TWICE.....

Who's ready for the excitement of a LIVE auction this year? Start your strategizing and paddle arm workouts now! In addition to our traditional silent auction, we have a Live Auctioneer joining us to help showcase some of our amazing live auction items.

Please visit this [LIVE AUCTION ITEMS](#) link for the sneak peek to some of the AMAZING donations that will be available for bidding!

AUCTION ITEM DONATIONS HERE!

There is still time to donate items to the silent auction! Please visit this [SILENT AUCTION BASKET DONATIONS LIST](#) link to sign up and donate! **All completed baskets are to be turned in to Kristen Carpenter by 10/17.** What to do:

- Choose a fun theme for your basket from the list and make sure to write your name (this document is editable)
- Fill your basket with items related to your theme.
- Please label your basket with your theme name and family's name





HAITIAN SPONSORSHIP UPDATE

BIG thank you to those who joined the Main Event fundraising night last week! Despite the smaller turnout, the fundraiser was a success! The group was able to raise just over \$400 that will cover sponsoring another child! To-date, we have raised \$1,482 between the Penny War, Main Event night and Mighty Shepherd Mondays. Our goal is to raise about \$3,200 which would sponsor about 8 Haitian students.

We are looking ahead to the new year for our next fundraising event for Haiti and to make another significant impact toward the effort. Until then, we are grateful to have all of the funds from our monthly Mighty Shepherd Mondays go toward this amazing cause.

Thank you for all that you continue to do to not only support the Haitian students in need, but also to continue instilling the important lessons of thinking outside of ourselves and charity to our growing Mighty Shepherds.



HOLY GIFT SHOP FUNDRAISING

Need a holy gift for someone? Check out www.holygiftshop.com!

Holy Gift Shop will donate 25% of all purchases back to St. Robert School! Simply just add our school name at time of check-out with your cart.



SRCS PARENT-TO-PARENT INFO

Whether you are new to the SRCS family or are one of our founding families, we are happy to help with any questions. Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions to the email provided below.

Also, please consider following along on socials for more regular updates and parent-to-parent information!

See below for the Instagram and Facebook details.



PARISH HAPPENINGS

This month, SRN is looking forward to a number of events. See below for details:

PAC and SRCS Expansion Ribbon Cutting and Open House - Sunday Nov. 2nd - 12:30pm

Let's celebrate in gratitude for our amazing brand new community and school spaces with a ribbon cutting and open house! Come tour all the new spaces that the expansion has to offer, including classrooms, meeting rooms, gathering spaces and the AMAZING new Parish Activities Center (PAC). See flyer on page 6 for all the details.

Wednesday Night Community Dinners

Let's Have Dinner Together! Meet other SRN families most Wednesdays each week at our Community Dinner hosted by the Faith Formation Office. Rotating menu of BBQ chicken, tacos, spaghetti, hot dogs and more! Dinner is offered at no charge but free will offerings are gratefully accepted. Let us know you're coming! RSVP [here](#)! We're also looking for volunteers to give an hour of their time to help on Wednesdays with minor food prep, serving and clean-up. Whether you're great with a spatula, a sponge, or welcoming smile, there's a spot for everyone—kids, teens, parents, and grandparents! Sign up [here](#)! See the flyer on page 7 for more details!

F.I.R.E. Cafe - Sunday October 26th - After 9am Mass

Family Integrated Religious Education - Join us in the PLC for a time of connection over coffee, juice and donuts for families with young children. See flyer on page 7 for more details.

Youth Choir Camp - October 25th and 26th

Calling all Youth Choir children! St. Robert Music Ministry is hosting a fall Choir Camp/Retreat for students in Grades 3 and up from Saturday evening Oct. 25 to Sunday, Oct. 26 at Camp Scottie in Newaygo County. It will begin on Oct. 25 with celebrating and singing at 4:30 p.m. Mass at St. Robert. The bus will depart for Camp Scottie at 6:00 p.m. and return to St. Robert by 5:00 p.m. on Sunday with lots of fun, activities, and singing in between.

Cost: \$30/camper; \$75 per family (3 or more children) For the full schedule, other details and to register your young person, visit this [link](#).

Contact Jane VanHouten, director of liturgical music, JaneV@strobertchurch.org, with questions.



HSA '25 - '26 Full Year Event Calendar

Event	Date	Time	Location	Chairperson
Trunk or Treat	Oct 23, 2025	5:30 PM	SRN Parking Lot	Alyssa Boer + Kristen Dufendach
Fall Fundraiser	Nov 8, 2025	6:00 PM	Notos	Kara Beveridge/Leah Warweck
Christmas Concert	Dec 3, 2025	6:00 PM	P.A.C.	Christine Blum
CC Hockey Game and Family Skate Night	Dec 20, 2025	3:30 PM	Southside Ice Arena	The Marchand Family
Winter Family Carnival	Jan 17, 2025	TBD	P.A.C.	Kara Beveridge
Movie Night	WINTER	TBD	TBD	Dewey Doyle
Fish Fry #1	Mar 20, 2026	5:00 PM	Newminster Hall	Jessie Beveridge + Alex Schmit + Zach Snyder
Fish Fry #2	Mar 27, 2026	5:00 PM	Newminster Hall	
Valentines Family Dance	Feb 6, 2026	5:30 PM	Notos	Valentina Addison
March Reading Month/RAT/Online Book Fair	MARCH	NA	Various	Suzanne Fuchs
Parking Lot Party	Apr 24, 2026	6:00 PM	SRN Parking Lot	Kristi Krass
HSA Open Mtg	Apr 27, 2026	7:00 PM	PLC	HSA Committee
Teacher Appreciation Week	May 4, 2026	Various	SRN School	Kristen Carpenter
Touch-A-Truck	May 8, 2026	9:30 AM	SRN Parking Lot	Cristina Howard-Varona
School Picnic	Jun 3, 2026	5:30 PM	SRN Parking Lot	HSA Committee

***Note the new Fish Fry dates to accommodate Newminster Hall availability*

ST. ROBERT SCHOOL & PARISH



**TRUNK
SIGN-UP LINK
HERE!**

THURS.

OCTOBER 23

5:30 PM

St. Robert Parking Lot

Bring a non-perishable food item to donate!

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SCHOOL!**

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Together
IN CHRIST



RIBBON CUTTING & OPEN HOUSE

In gratitude for your support of the new Parish Activity Center and the Saint Robert Catholic School expansion, please join us

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2025
12:30 TO 2:30 P.M.

to explore the new classrooms, meeting rooms, gathering spaces, and Parish Activity Center!

12:30 p.m. - Gather in the Parking Lot outside the new school entrance for Blessing & Ribbon Cutting (Door G)

12:45 p.m. - Self-guided tours of the PAC and expansion until 2:30 p.m.





**YOUTH CHOIR
RETREAT**

**OCTOBER 25 & 26
AT CAMP SCOTTIE**

TO RSVP, VISIT
[HTTPS://FALLCHOIRCAMP.RSVPIFY.COM/](https://fallchoircamp.rsvpiFY.com/)

Contact: Jane VanHouten
JaneV@StRobertChurch.org

St. Robert of Newminster
YOUTH CHOIR
LITURGICAL MUSIC



**F.I.R.E.
Café**

**FAMILY INTEGRATED
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
at ST. ROBERT OF
NEWMINSTER PARISH**

Sunday, October 26

**A time of connection over coffee,
juice, and donuts for families with
young children.**

In the PLC after the 9:00 a.m. Mass



St. Robert of Newminster
CATHOLIC CHURCH

**Community
Dinner**

FREE DINNER MOST WEDNESDAYS, 6:00 TO 6:45 P.M. IN NEWMINSTER HALL

ROTATING MENU OF...

Hot dogs & hamburgers
Spaghetti

Barbeque chicken
Taco Bar

QUESTIONS? CONTACT HANS WHITMER AT [HWHITMER@STROBERTCHURCH.ORG](mailto:hwhitmer@strobertchurch.org)

HSA MEMORIES

CC FAMILY TAILGATE



MAIN EVENT HAITI FUNDRAISER

