

Boots and Buckles Ball

February 4, 2017

Save the date! Our annual Guardian Angel Dinner and Auction will be held on February 4th, 2017.

What is the Guardian Angel Dinner and Auction?

The Guardian Angel Dinner and Auction ("Angel Auction") is the largest annual school fundraiser organized and planned by fellow volunteer school parents. The Angel Auction has become a special tradition at St. Gerald as 2017 will mark the 19th year of the event. While a very important aspect of the event is to raise funds for our school, it is also a celebration of fellowship. Attendees enjoy cocktails, dinner, and silent and live auctions. New for 2017, attendees will also enjoy a dance with our very own Rob Mendick as the DJ! Each year, the Angel Auction Committee selects a special theme and this year we are excited to announce a Country Western theme: **Boots and Buckles Ball!**

Why is the success of the Angel Auction important for St. Gerald School families?

Did you know that the total cost to educate one child at St. Gerald School is approximately \$5,000? Fortunately, the actual tuition rate we are required to pay is significantly less. This is possible because of the support provided by the parish through Sunday giving as well as funds raised by the Angel Auction and other fundraising efforts. The school operating budget is supported by the following:

- 47% Tuition
- 44% Parish Sunday giving
- 9% Fundraising

Our goal for the 2017 Angel Auction is to raise \$100,000!

How are the funds raised at the Angel Auction used?

100% of the funds raised are used to support the school operating budget which primarily includes teacher/staff salaries, building maintenance, technology and textbooks.

How can you help reach our fundraising goal?

It is simple....we ask that all of our fellow school families contribute in *one or more* of the following ways:

Donate! Volunteer! Attend!

Information concerning donations is attached. If you are interested in volunteering for the event, please contact us (see below for contact information). Look for an invitation to the event in your child's folder during December.

We ask that you prayerfully consider how you make this year's Angel Auction a success!

With thanks and appreciation,

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CASH DONATIONS

All levels of cash donations are much appreciated and will be used to purchase auction items or to underwrite auction expenses. Cash donations received will be specially recognized in accordance with the following guidelines:

- \$1,000..... Guardian Angel**
- \$500..... Angel of Love**
- \$250..... Large St. Gerald Pride Paw^^
- \$100..... Small St. Gerald Pride Paw^^

**Guardian Angel and Angel of Love donors will be displayed at St. Gerald School indefinitely with donor names inscribed on a plaque.

^^For every \$250 or \$100 donation, the donor name will be displayed on a paw print at St. Gerald School for the 2017-2018 school year.

All cash donors, regardless of amount, will be recognized in the Auction program.

WINE PULL DONATIONS

Back by popular demand! We are once again asking for donated bottles of wine with a minimum value of \$15. On the night of the Auction, we will host a wine pull where attendees purchase a “blind” draw of the bottles.

ALL OTHER DONATIONS

Our goal for the Auction is to offer quality items that appeal to many interests. You might consider:

- ♥ What would you bid on at the Auction?
- ♥ Maybe you, a friend or a business you regularly patronize has a service or hobby to share with others as a donation?
- ♥ Does your employer provide special discounts or benefits that may be able to be contributed?
- ♥ General HOPE certificates—a double winner for the School and you!
(You become eligible for a tuition discount through the HOPE program and we earn extra money for the School)

BUSINESS SPONSORSHIP/ADVERTISING

Do you own a business or have a business contact that is interested in a corporate sponsorship or advertising for our event. Please contact us to hear more about these opportunities or check out our website at www.stgerald.org/guardianangel.html.

We would appreciate your donations by December 16! This may seem early, however, we want to ensure that all of our donors and donations are properly recognized and advertised in our auction catalog.

DONATION FORM (DUE DECEMBER 16, 2016)

Donor name

Donor email

Children's names and grades attending St. Gerald School

Description of item or service being donated (useful for our Auction Catalog)

Value of donation (if known, useful for our Auction Catalog)

Provide additional details below, if necessary, on delivery or timing of donation.

I am interested in volunteering for the event. _____ **Yes** _____ **No**

(If you check yes, someone from the Angel Auction Committee will contact you to discuss volunteer opportunities.)

Please return the completed form to School in an envelope marked "Auction Donation" or contact Jen Tselentis (jmtselentis@brka.com or 402.740.2410) to coordinate pick up.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!