



Saint Richard

CATHOLIC PARISH

Gift Card/Certificate Program

The St. Richard Gift Card/Certificate Program is a substantial fund raiser that benefits both our parish and school. School families offset a portion of their annual tuition by participating in this program. The program tracks card purchases from June 1st through May 31st of each year. In 2005/2006, St. Richard averaged 55 families participating each week, with a total annual earning \$28,713. For the first three quarters of 2006/2007, St. Richard averaged 51 families participating each week, with year-to-date earnings of \$18,128.

Participation in this fund raiser does not cost you any money out of your pocket beyond what you would normally spend at the grocery store, a restaurant or any other shopping venue. The church and school benefit from all your purchases, so help support St. Richard Parish!

Anyone can purchase gift cards/certificates from St. Richard at the full face value of the gift card/certificate. These gift cards/certificates can be used at area retailers or online (where applicable) just as you would use any other gift card/certificate. St. Richard is able to purchase these cards/certificates at their discounted price, allowing our Parish to keep the difference between full face value and the discounted purchase price. You receive full face value towards your purchases when redeeming the gift card/certificates.

Gift cards/certificates are available for purchase in the rectory office during normal business hours, every Friday morning, during the school year, in the school lobby, and after weekend masses in the church. Grocery cards and a limited number of retail stores/restaurants are kept in inventory and available to purchase each week. The remainder of the stores/restaurants must be prepaid and ordered in advance from our Michigan source, who provides the best discounts to the Parish. The GCP program places the Parish order each Sunday evening for all of the previous week's prepaid orders. The certificates are then available for pickup the following week.

Order forms are available at www.strichardstol.org under the Service Life Ministry organization home page in both a .PDF format as well as an MS-Excel version. Both versions can be printed and completed at home. The excel version will calculate order totals. Certificate order forms are also available at the rectory office, school and church each week. Forms can be brought to the school or church to place an order. The order form lists the most commonly used restaurants and stores in the St. Louis area. A comprehensive listing of stores/restaurants participating in the GCP is posted on the parish website. Some of the additional stores/restaurants have additional limitations or restrictions - go to www.glscrip.com for more information.



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The Parish also uses CatholicSchoolDollars.com. This website allows people to order merchandise online from over 200 different companies. All online orders will have a donation of up to 20% of each sale to St. Richard. Anyone wishing to utilize this method of online ordering please go to www.CatholicSchoolDollars.com and enter the St. Richard school ID #C24725.