



August 27, 2008

**Please review your Second Century Fund
development options and make your commitment by September 3.**

Dear Parents,

As promised in our June financial mailing, we are sending information about ways that you can contribute to our Second Century Fund to fulfill your \$300 development commitment for this school year.

As a reminder, the Second Century Fund was established to provide funding for the increased cost of operations, multi-family discounts, tuition assistance, technology enhancements, and fund growth for the future. The goal for the coming school year is to add \$150,000 to the Fund. **Beginning this school year, your \$300 development commitment will contribute to this goal and can be met through the following options:**

1. **Grand Raffle** – The Grand Raffle is back! Purchase or sell the enclosed Grand Raffle tickets for \$100 each. Whether you choose to buy or sell tickets, you will receive a \$100 fund credit per ticket sold. Each ticket holder will have the opportunity to win cash prizes in multiple drawings during the year.
2. **Manna** – Participate in the fundraiser that costs you nothing. Buy at least \$125 per week in Manna gift cards (or \$5,000 total) during the school year to receive a \$100 fund credit. Participating Manna locations include places where you make weekly purchases – grocery stores, gas stations, restaurants, popular retail stores, entertainment venues, hotels, etc. \$200 and \$300 fund credit options are also available.
3. **Events** – Support Party Partners events, such as the September 27 5K Tailgate Trot & Party, November Men's Night, February Trivia Night and/or April Wine Tasting. The ticket price for event will contribute a credit towards your \$300 commitment. *(There will not be a Hoe Down this year, so these events will provide an opportunity to socialize and generate income for the Fund.)*
4. **Donation** – Make a tax-deductible donation to fund all or part of your \$300 commitment.
5. **Sponsorship/School Directory** – Buy a sponsorship or a “Green Pages” listing for your business in our School Directory; \$50 - \$300 fund credit options are available.

Please see enclosed for more info/instructions about each option, complete the Development Commitment Form and return it to the School Office c/o Second Century Fund. Please note:

- Families will be notified in January of remaining commitments to fulfill your pledge.
- Commitments not met by April 15, 2009 will be billed the balance due.

Thank you for your generous support of St. Joseph School. We hope that these development efforts will keep our school strong for generations to come. If you have any questions, please let us know.

Sincerely,

Suzanne Shover (630-240-3137)
Christy Yeo (630-719-9526)
Development Committee Co-Chairs

➔ Development Commitment Form

Please complete this form and return to the School Office c/o Second Century Fund by September 3, 2008.

FAMILY NAME _____

My \$300 Pledge to the Second Century Fund includes:

Fund credits:

- 1. I will sell/purchase _____ raffle tickets for a fund credit of \$100 each** \$ _____
- 2. During the school year, I will purchase:** \$ _____
- _____ \$5,000 (at least \$125 per week) in Manna gift cards for a \$100 fund credit
- _____ \$10,000 (at least \$250 per week) in Manna gift cards for a \$200 fund credit
- _____ \$15,000 (at least \$375 per week) in Manna gift cards for a \$300 fund credit
- 3. I will attend the following special event(s):** \$ _____
- _____ Tailgate Trot (September 27); \$22/adult; \$12/14 and under; \$75/family fund credits
- _____ Tailgate Party (September 27); \$25 per person fund credit
- _____ Men's Night (November 1); \$50 per person fund credit
- _____ Trivia Night (February 7); \$25 per person fund credit
- _____ Wine Tasting (April 18); \$50 per person fund credit
- 4. I will make a tax-deductible donation** \$ _____
- 5. I will purchase a sponsorship or School Directory listing for my business:** \$ _____
- (For sponsorships, the fund credits are different than the sponsorship prices; please be careful when calculating your fund credits and total dollars owed. Note that sponsorships include tickets to events as noted on the enclosed information sheet.)
- _____ \$1,000 Gold Sponsorship earns a \$300 fund credit
- _____ \$500 Silver Sponsorship earns a \$200 fund credit
- _____ \$250 Bronze Sponsorship earns a \$100 fund credit
- _____ \$75 2-line School Directory ("Green Pages") listing earns a \$75 fund credit
- _____ \$50 1-line School Directory ("Green Pages") listing earns a \$50 fund credit

TOTAL PLEDGE (must equal at least \$300 to fulfill commitment)

\$ _____

PAYMENT OPTIONS (optional for option 1; doesn't apply to 2; required for options 3, 4, 5)

- Check made payable to St. Joseph School;** check number: _____
- Credit card:** Visa MasterCard Discover

Card number: _____ Expiration date: _____

Total amount to be charged: \$ _____ Signature: _____

Families will be notified in January of remaining commitments to fulfill pledge above. Commitments not met by April 15, 2009 will be billed the balance due.

➔ Option 1: Grand Raffle

Enclosed are three Grand Raffle tickets; if you choose to sell the tickets, please return payment to the School Office c/o Second Century Fund.

Grand Raffle tickets cost \$100 each. You may sell the tickets or purchase them on your family's behalf. For each ticket sold, you will receive a \$100 fund credit. Each ticket holder will have the opportunity to win cash prizes in 30 drawings during a 3-month period.

Prizes

- The three monthly drawings will be held November 9, December 14 and January 25. Ten \$1,000 cash prizes will be awarded to winning ticket holders drawn during each of the three drawings (for a total of 30 \$1,000 cash prizes). Winning tickets will be returned to the raffle for future drawings.
- If you sell a winning ticket – you win \$200.

If you have any questions, need additional tickets, or want a block of tickets to sell, please contact Tom Kelly (630-663-0805) or Suzanne Shover (630-240-3137).

➔ Option 2: Manna

Please complete/return the enclosed sign-up form by September 3, 2008 to place your standing weekly order.

Manna is an easy and inexpensive way to earn a \$100 fund credit. You may have heard that “it’s the fundraiser that costs you nothing” because it’s true. Manna is a gift card ordering program—you pay face value for the gift cards of your choice, such as to grocery stores, gas stations, restaurants, popular retail stores, hotels, entertainment, etc.—and the school earns money for your order. To qualify for the \$100 fund credit, you must purchase \$5,000 in Manna gift cards during the school year. To fulfill \$200 of your commitment with Manna, you’ll need to purchase \$10,000 in Manna during the school year. To fulfill your entire \$300 commitment with Manna, you’ll need to purchase \$15,000 in Manna during the school year.

Example

Let’s say you spend \$125 at Jewel each week and \$50 at BP for gas, which have 4% and 2% returns respectively. If you placed a standing order each week for these, you will help the school earn \$6 per week. Doesn’t sound like much? Multiply \$6 times 40 weeks for a total of \$240 per year. And multiply that by 230 families. The fact is, if every school family participated at this level, the school would earn over \$55,000 per year!

You can get the most out of Manna in three easy ways:

1. Sign up for direct debit from your checking account; once you’ve signed up, you will be able to purchase Manna anytime without writing a check
2. Place a weekly order for places where you shop regularly—grocery store, gas station, etc.
3. Plan ahead—for special occasions, holiday gifts, trips, parties

You’ll also have the chance to order “a la carte” anytime from our expanded list of 100 participating locations; this new list/order form is available online at www.stjosephdg.org/school/manna, or is a link in the weekly eMessenger. Order forms are due Friday at 9 am and you’ll receive your gift cards through school mail on the following Thursday. To create some excitement for this program, each grade will have a “Manna Champion” to promote participation throughout the year, and will also tell you about a few fun contests. Please look for an email from your Manna Champion soon. If you have any questions, please contact Sue Errichiello (630-960-0835) or Cindy Jagielo (630-241-3735).

Manna Direct Debit Authorization

Please attach a voided check to this form and return it to the School Office c/o Second Century Fund by September 3, 2008.

Name: _____ Parish Number: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____

I (we) authorize St. Joseph Parish to initiate debit entries as requested for Manna purchases from my (our) checking account at the financial institution named below:

Financial Institution Name: _____

Location (City, State): _____

Signature(s): _____ Date: _____

_____ Date: _____

This authorization is to remain in full force and in effect until St. Joseph Parish has received written notification from me (us) of its termination in such time and in such manner as to afford St. Joseph Parish and the above financial institution a reasonable opportunity to act on it.

My Weekly Standing Order

Please see www.stjosephdg.org/school/manna for a list of 100 participating locations.

| Gift Card Name | Denomination | | # of Cards | | Total |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------|---|---------------------------|---|-------------------------------|
| <i>For example: Jewel</i> | <i>For example: \$25</i> | | <i>For example: 4</i> | | <i>For example: \$100</i> |
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Total Amount Ordered \$ _____

I authorize the St. Joseph Parish Manna Program to debit the total amount ordered from the checking account I have registered with the St. Joseph Parish Business Office. I understand that the total amount ordered will be sent home every Thursday with my Messenger Child (except for Christmas Break and Spring Break, and on Tuesday, November 25 instead of Thursday, November 27). My account will be debited the same amount. This order will remain in effect until June 4, 2009, unless I choose to change or discontinue it in writing to the Parish Business Manager.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

⇒ Option 3: Party Partners Events

St. Joseph School is hosting the following special events and you're invited! Choose from the following venues and indicate your preference and payment information on your Development Commitment Form.

Tailgate Trot: \$22/adult; \$12/14 and under; \$75/family

September 27, 2008

St. Joseph School

Please join us for this fun-filled family event. Music, face painting and raffles will be part of the day. The Tailgate Trot will be run on USTAF Certified Course #IL-08058-JW. The course will begin and end at St. Joseph School and loop through residential neighborhoods. 5K Run participants will complete two loops of the course and 2.5K Walk/Kid's Run participants will complete one loop. Jog strollers will be allowed. No regular strollers, skates, dogs or scooters. Awards, t-shirts and goody bags are available. The schedule of events includes:

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| 7:00 - 7:45 am | Packet Pick-up & Race Day Registration |
| 8:00 am | 5K Run |
| 8:30 am | 2.5K Walk/Kid's Run |

Tailgate Party: \$25/adult

September 27, 2008, 7 pm

St. Joseph Parking Lot

This outdoor Tailgate Party will feature traditional tailgate fare, live music, a bean-bag tournament. Must be 21 or over to enter. Beverages will be sold at the event, as well as raffle opportunities.

Men's Night: \$50/adult

November 1, 2008, 7 pm

Order of the Moose

Men only – please invite your friends for a night of beer and games at the Moose in downtown Downers Grove.

Trivia Night; \$25/adult (or \$200 per table)

February 7, 2009, 7 pm

Fitzgerald Hall

Please bring your friends and compete against fellow school parents during a fun-filled evening of trivia in Fitzgerald Hall.

Food & Wine Event: \$50/adult

April 18, 2009

The Roth Home, 4904 Highland Avenue

Lift your glasses to toast an evening of fun and friends while learning about your favorite wine regions. Also on the menu – delicious food pairings to complement the wine selections.

⇒ Option 4: Donation

To make a tax-deductible donation to St. Joseph School, choose this option and include payment information on the Development Commitment Form. You may contribute any amount to completely fund, or supplement, your \$300 commitment.

➔ Option 5: Sponsorship/Directory

Please complete this form and return it to the School Office c/o Second Century Fund by September 3, 2008. Please include your payment information on your Development Commitment Form.

St. Joseph School has a variety of sponsorship and advertising options to promote your business. If you choose a “Gold,” “Silver,” or “Bronze” sponsorship, your business will be a featured sponsor at each of the Party Partner events mentioned. Sponsors will receive tickets to one of the events as noted below (please choose): Tailgate Party (Sept. 27) Men’s Night (Nov. 1) Trivia Night (Feb. 7) Wine Tasting (April 18)

\$1,000 GOLD SPONSOR - earns a \$300 fund credit

- 10 tickets to the event of your choice (please indicate your preference above)
- Sponsorship recognition at events and in Parish bulletin
- Logo/2-line listing in St. Joseph School Directory and web site directory

\$500 SILVER SPONSOR - earns a \$200 fund credit

- 4 tickets to the event of your choice (please indicate your preference above)
- Sponsorship recognition at events and in Parish bulletin
- Logo/2-line listing in St. Joseph School Directory and web site directory

\$250 BRONZE SPONSOR - earns a \$100 fund credit

- 2 tickets to the event of your choice (please indicate your preference above)
- Sponsorship recognition at events and in Parish bulletin
- 1-line listing in St. Joseph School Directory and web site directory

SCHOOL DIRECTORY (“GREEN PAGES”) & WEB SITE LISTING

Reach over 230 families all year long! Earns either a \$50 or \$75 fund credit respectively.

- \$50: 1-line listing:** bold name, address, number
- \$75: 2-line listing:** bold name, address, number + web address + 10 word description + logo (PLEASE ATTACH LOGO or email electronic logo to esshover@comcast.net)

Your 10-word description (for 2-line listings only):

YOUR INFORMATION

Name: _____

Company name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email _____ Web address _____