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Dear Parents and Students,

This fall, FGR continues its Stadium Cleanup agreement with the University of Michigan. Cleaning the “Big House” on Sunday mornings following Michigan home football games has been a high-performing fundraiser for FGR since the 1970s. These funds benefit every student and every FGR family by offsetting school operating expenses. In addition, our school had long enjoyed the privilege of joining in Sunday Mass at the stadium after Cleanup is completed. FGR’s chaplain, Fr. Ryan Riley, looks forward to continuing this great tradition. We are grateful to Mrs. Cassie McCarthy who, along with Jerry Bonar, will coordinate our efforts this year. However, this year, we have some exciting new innovations to announce.

On **Saturday, September 24**, we will be piloting a Saturday evening Cleanup beginning at 5:00 pm after the noon game that day. We will clean as usual, participate in a Vigil Mass at the stadium when the cleaning is done, and enjoy fellowship with pizza following Mass.

Furthermore, we are pleased to announce that Michigan Athletics will be supplying us with **three tickets to each game, which will be raffled off to those who participate in Stadium Cleanup** each time! Each week, families who check in and clean the stadium will be entered to win the tickets for the next game. The drawing will be held after Mass.

Now the Details

As the saying goes, “many hands make light work,” and with 250 participants, we can usually finish the big job at the Big House within one to two hours. Cleanups start at 8:00 am on the Sunday following each home game (and at 5:00 pm on Saturday, September 24). Please plan to arrive by 7:45 am to park and sign in (and at 4:45 pm on September 24). We clean inside the ‘bowl’, the four concourses, walkways, and grassy areas out to the perimeter fencing, and we all work until the job is done. Once the work is completed, Fr. Ryan Riley offers Mass in the stadium (weather permitting) or in a Crisler Arena space. After Mass, everyone enjoys refreshments, especially the doughnuts from Washtenaw Dairy (or another local bakery). Saturday evening will include pizza when the work is done!

Ordinary participation means at least one parent and one student per family. Experience indicates that Cleanup proceeds in a most swift, orderly, and efficient manner if families stick together in their assigned stadium section while working.

The 2022-2023 Family Fundraising Fee

FGR assesses a \$1,000 per-family fundraising fee to support the programs of the school. This charge is cited in the FGR Tuition Agreement and applied in FACTS accounts in January each year. However, families can pay NOTHING for this fee under a system that allows them to earn credit for participation in Stadium Cleanup. This year’s calendar presents four “easy” mornings (when the weather is pleasant) and

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four "hard" mornings close to holidays, Homecoming, or colder weather late in the season. FGR had designated "easy" and "hard" dates for 2022 and it grants families fee credit of \$200 per "easy" attendance and \$250 per "hard" attendance. Under this approach, a family will eliminate its Fundraising Fee obligation by working Stadium Cleanup in either four or five outings.

Families can offset any portion of the \$1,000 annual Fundraising Fee by participating in Cleanup dates. Any balance remaining will simply be added to their FACTS account in January. Once the Fundraising Fee is fully offset, no additional credit is offered for tuition or any other fees. Stadium Cleanup participation will be tracked using a "sign up in advance and sign in" method. For planning and tracking purposes, families **must** sign up in advance for the dates they will serve. A signup system will be rolled out soon.

Click here to see a pdf which lists the dates of each Stadium Cleanup for the 2022 University of Michigan football season. To ensure we have enough participants, please mark your calendars today and attend as many Cleanups as possible. Please refer to the Schedule and Procedures below for details. If you are new to FGR – welcome! We look forward to having you join us in this valuable endeavor in support of FGR.

For questions/ details, please contact Mrs. Cassie McCarthy at cassiemccarthy90@yahoo.com. For any problems or concerns, please contact the school.

We look forward to seeing you at The Big House!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Christopher Dotson".

[Christopher Dotson](#)

Principal, Father Gabriel Richard High School

U of M Stadium Cleanup

- Sunday, September 4 (Easy)
- Sunday, September 11 (Easy)
- Sunday, September 18 (Hard – Homecoming Weekend for FGR)
- Saturday, September 24 (Easy – Evening Cleanup)
- Sunday, October 16 (Easy)
- Sunday, October 30 (Hard)
- Sunday, November 13 (Hard)
- Sunday, November 20 (Hard)



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Schedule and Procedure

Please note that the times listed in parentheses refer to the Saturday evening Cleanup on September 24.

- 7:45 AM (4:45 PM) Park on the east side of the stadium in a lot off Kipke Dr., near Crisler Arena
Be sure to avoid the basketball coaches' spots.
Stadium address: 1201 S Main St, Ann Arbor MI 48104
- 8:00 AM (5:00 PM) Enter U of M Stadium by coming up the stairs at Gate 1
Sign in under the bleachers on east side of the stadium at **Section 1**. We will also verify your signup from the Signup Genius, ensure that at least one parent and one student is present, assign you a section to clean, and give any updates, guidance, and orientation necessary.
Pick up equipment at garage shed under **Section 4**, including rakes, brooms, garbage + recycle bags, dust pans, bag support rings, leaf blowers, etc.
Clean assigned section as a family. U of M strives for zero waste; therefore, please follow the sorting and distribution guidelines.
- 9:30-10:00 AM
(6:30 – 7:00 PM) Return equipment
Sign out for students participation AND (new this year) Sign out for parents (so we can ensure proper credit to your fundraising fee and prepare for Mass
- 10:00 AM (7:00 PM) Mass on/under bleachers (weather permitting) or in Crisler Arena meeting space
- 10:45 AM (7:45 PM) Enjoy refreshments (doughnuts, coffee, cider, juice, hot chocolate) and celebrate a job well done! (Pizza in the evening.)

Bring: **Gloves** and a plastic bag in which to carry them home – they will get dirty!
Extra tools as desired, e.g. leaf blowers.

Notes:

- Dress for weather, layers are helpful.
- Work quality matters! Chris Ehman, U of M Administrator, evaluates the quality of our job and approves our payment each time.
- Prudence invites us to stay together in groups for the sake of safety and security, including using the rest rooms.
- Access to the field is NOT permitted.
- Remember to **park in the lot just east of the stadium and go up the stairs at Gate 1 closest to Crisler Arena. Families and students each sign in separately** but work on the same section **together**. Please clean the section you are assigned and then help other sections finish as needed.