

**Cardboard City 2025**

My child \_\_\_\_\_ has permission to attend the Cardboard City event at St Jerome Church on Saturday, October 11 – Sunday, October 12, 2025. I understand that my child will be sleeping in cardboard boxes as a way to bring awareness to us of the many homeless in or surrounding communities. All chaperones for this event have taken Protecting God’s Children and have a background check on file with the Diocese of Springfield.

Participant’s name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

During this event I (parent/guardian) may be reached at

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

In case of emergency and I can’t be reached contact \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to child \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Parent’s name(print) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent’s signature \_\_\_\_\_

Moms and dads are welcome to bring a box and join us!!

I would like to help: Soup Kitchen Saturday night 5:00 – 6:30 \_\_\_\_

I would like to chaperone. Y N

Overnight 12:00 AM – 3:00 AM \_\_\_\_ 3:00 – 6:00 AM \_\_\_\_ all-night 12:00 AM – 6:00 AM \_\_\_\_

I would like to bring snacks up around 10:00 pm for the youth outside. Y N

I have taken Protecting God’s Children/Safe Environment and have a background check on file with the Springfield Diocese. Y N

I would like to take Safe Environment Training and do a background check, the best time to reach me with information on doing this is \_\_\_\_\_.

**Cardboard City Medical/Photo Release 2025**

Participant's name \_\_\_\_\_

As the parent/guardian of the participant above, I give permission for my child to participate in the Cardboard City Event.

We understand that St Jerome is not responsible for any damages or accidents that may result from our child's actions or the actions of others. I also understand that St Jerome Church, the Diocese of Springfield or any chaperones or youth leaders will not be held responsible for any injury sustained by my child.

Parent/Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_

Medical Conditions/Allergies \_\_\_\_\_

Special Diet, Vegetarian, etc. \_\_\_\_\_

We give consent for our child to receive medical care during this overnight if needed. Y N

Insurance \_\_\_\_\_ Policy Number \_\_\_\_\_

We give consent for photographs of our child to be taken and used in the church bulletin, bulletin board, website, newspaper &/or Catholic Times or monitor in the Narthex. Y N

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Please return forms and \$10.00 by Monday, October 6, 2025 to the parish office, or you can mail forms to Brenda Neumann 308 Avalon Drive Troy, IL 62294. **Don't forget to bring 4 yards of fleece, Rosary, Bible and good scissors with you to the event.**

**No one will be allowed to participate without signed permission forms.**

## Cardboard City 2025

Cardboard City will be held on Saturday October 11` –Sunday October 12, 2025 at St Jerome Church. This is open to all 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> graders. (College students are encouraged to participate in this retreat as well. You must have Protecting God’s Children/Safe Environment Training and a background check completed if 18 yrs. or older). We will begin in St Joseph Hall Saturday evening at 4:30. The youth will gather outside after the 4:00 mass collecting donations from parishioners for those in need. Although the youth do have fun at this overnight, please remind them that this is a serious matter in our society today.

Around 6:00 the youth will be served a dinner in our own “Soup Kitchen”. We will need a few volunteers to help with this, please let me know if you are available to help.

**The cost for this event is \$10.00.**

**The youth will need to bring with them a Rosary, Bible, good scissors for cutting fabric and 4 yards of fleece.** The fleece can be bought at any fabric store, and the Wal-Mart in Edwardsville does carry some. It’s best to have 2 yards of two different colors, that seems to be the nicest. (You do not need to purchase the expensive/softer fleece, as it tends to fray when cut). Keep in mind these blankets will go to youth when you are picking out the design of fleece, solid colors are fine. We will be making fleece blankets for the Covenant House in St Louis, (a shelter for homeless youth in the area).

**The youth will also need to bring a cardboard box, refrigerator or hot water heater boxes are the best, they will be sleeping in these outside all night.** They will need to dress in layers, bring a sleeping bag, tooth brush, tooth paste & hairbrush. If you would like to volunteer to chaperone this event please let me know. **We will attend the 8:30 mass together as a group and the youth will be expected to stay until the 10:30 mass is over till 12:00, as we will be collecting donations after that mass too. We will have breakfast.**

**\*NO ELECTRICAL DEVICES OR CELL PHONES PLEASE!!! They will not need them. If they bring them I will collect them till morning,**

If you have any questions, please contact Brenda Neumann 618-975-5907 or [bneumann@stjeromeparish.org](mailto:bneumann@stjeromeparish.org). During the overnight you may reach me on my cell at 618-975-5907.

Please fill out the attached emergency/permission form and return along with the \$10.00 by Monday, October 6, 2025.