



# TAILGATE PARTY

A free event for the entire family, geared toward athletes in grades 5-12 and their parents

**TUESDAY AUG 24**

Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Athletic Field | 1935 Plymouth Ave. SE, Grand Rapids

→→Free concessions, games and prizes starting at 6:30 p.m.

→→Keynote address by former MLB player Darrell Miller at 7:30 p.m.

**Darrell Miller** played in parts of five seasons in the MLB from 1984-88 for the California Angels as a catcher/outfielder. In his career, he batted .241 with 13 doubles, eight home runs and 35 RBIs. In 1986, the Angels won 92 games and advanced to the ALCS, losing to the Boston Red Sox. Today, Miller serves as the director of the MLB's first Urban Youth Academy. The facility provides free instruction in both baseball and softball to youth ages of 8- 17. Miller is a member of one of the most successful sports families in history. His brother, former Indiana Pacers guard Reggie Miller, was a standout player in the NBA and his sister Cheryl Miller was a part of the 1984 United States Olympic gold medal-winning women's basketball team. Miller was raised Baptist but as an adult converted to the Catholicism after studying the writings of the Early Church Fathers. He has been a featured speaker around the world at Catholic conferences and adult retreats. Miller was also invited to the Vatican to participate in the first-ever Council on Church and Sports.

