

ANNOUNCEMENT

ST LOUIS CATHOLIC CHURCH FALL FESTIVAL

As you know, one of the traditions of St. Louis Parish has been holding a Fall Festival. The COVID epidemic had us wondering whether we could continue this tradition this year. After much prayer and conversation, the St Louis Fall Festival Committee has determined, that although the festival will look much different than it has in the past, we should continue this tradition. Since the COVID 19 has separated us from one another and affected many relationships, the primary objective of this festival is to reach out to all parishioners in order to unite us together in Christ. A secondary purpose is to raise funds to enhance and expand the safety and security needs of the church and social hall.

We consider this to be Phase 1 of our Festival and hope to have a more expansive festival (Phase 2) in the Spring. Activities will combine some in-person events-with social distancing and other precautions as appropriate-along with some virtual online activities. Some of the planned events will include a raffle, an online and in-person silent auction of Thanksgiving and Christmas items, a children's poster contest, a bake sale and food for sale both in person and for pick-up. There will also be opportunities for us to engage together in devotional activities.

Since the activities will be both virtual and face to face, we do not as yet have the exact dates for the initiation of virtual events or the final day for face to face activities, but anticipate beginning in late October with final events occurring November 8. We will keep you posted as plans unfold.

The committee will continue the planning process and will present more details in the weeks and months ahead. Meanwhile, we ask all parishioners to:

1. Plan on participating by attending events, donating items for the various activities, engaging in online activities and/or purchasing items for sale;
2. Invite and encourage others to participate;
3. Volunteer to serve on a committee. The committees are: Finance, Raffle, Promotion, Food, Bake Sale, Silent Auction, Logistics, Events, and Devotions. If you are willing to serve, please contact the Committee Chair, Ed Laurienzo at ed.laurienzo@gmail.com or 850-694-8612. Your participation is needed and encouraged.
4. Pray for wisdom for the committee planners and for good weather on that day. Also pray for an end to the COVID virus and for the protection of all our parishioners, especially those who are healthcare workers. It might be especially beneficial to pray to our patron saint, St. Louis, using the prayer on the back of this bulletin.

We believe the Fall Festival will be a blessing for all who participate and for our parish. During these trying times, let us be positive and remember that "With God, all things are possible." Mathew 19:26

