



ST. JOHN'S FESTIVAL UPDATE

A BIG THANK YOU FOR OVER 100 YEARS OF SUPPORT

for one of our largest and most enjoyable annual fundraising events. You are the reason this has been a continued tradition and success. Although this year will look different than we were all hoping for, we look forward to your ongoing support. The 109th Festival will look very similar to last year's. We will still be offering our delicious beef and chicken dinners in the same drive-thru style and raffle tickets to win part of our \$2,521 giveaway. Although we are all yearning to have community and time spent together, the many complications of COVID-19 are preventing us from celebrating in our typical fashion. This decision was not made lightly, but, rather, with the greatest consideration for everyone's health, time, and unavailability of items necessary to carry out an in-person event of such capacity.

For example...

- It has been a very difficult time finding enough volunteers, with or without COVID
- Typically the bank provides us with \$5,000 (in quarters) for the weekend. They do not believe they will be able to supply this as there is a coin shortage
- The bank is unsure if they would be able to staff the "bank" at the Festival
- We cannot secure instant BINGO (the \$0.25 ones that spell BINGO)

Along with the drive-thru, we will still be offering the Children's Festival for our students. The past two years have been so difficult on our students; we want to give them something to look forward to! This will now take place over two days, (Tuesday grades 4-8 & Wednesday grades PS-3) with a limited number of students in the gym at one time, required masks for volunteers, and a limited number of visitors. More information will be forthcoming regarding the Children's Festival.

Home-cooked chicken and beef dinners with all the trimmings are \$12.00 for adults and \$9.00 for children (4th grade and younger). All tickets will be pre-sold. Drive-Thru Dinner times will be: Saturday from 4-6:30 p.m. and Sunday from 3:30-6:30 p.m. (Please note if you received a letter in the mail with raffle tickets stating the dinners are from 4:30-6:30pm that was an error.) Deliveries for shut-ins start at 3:30 p.m. on Sunday and the drive-thru will start immediately after these are complete.





DONATIONS NEEDED FOR CHILDRENS RAFFLE

We look forward to, once again, giving our Delphos St. John's Early Bird - 6th grade students the opportunity to buy chances to win prizes through a Children's Raffle. This is not only a fun event for the students, but also helps raise additional funds for the Fall Festival. If you would like to donate **NEW** items for this raffle, it would be greatly appreciated. Cash gifts are also welcome, which will be used to purchase items for the raffle. Please drop your donations off at the Elementary Office or the Ministry Center by Friday, October 8th. Your generosity will help make this a special time for our students. Thank You!

IF YOU ALREADY PURCHASED A DINE-IN TICKET

...it is still good for the drive-thru dinner for the same day. The listed dine-in time does not matter.

DRIVE-THRU ROUTE

Enter the high school east parking lot by the St. Vincent de Paul building. You will not need to get out of your car; the meals will be delivered to you. We will have volunteers there to direct traffic. We will have money raffle tickets and Blue Jay pull tab tickets available for purchase while you are waiting in line. Get your chance to win part of the \$2,521.00 drawing to be held Monday, October 18 live at 4:00 p.m. on the Parish Facebook page. The event is open to the public! You will be helping support the mission at St. John's School. Dinner tickets and raffle tickets may be purchased at the Ministry Center, High School and Elementary School Offices.

HOME DELIVERY

We are now taking orders for home deliveries of the dinners. Please remember that this service is only for those who are shut-in and elderly people who are physically unable to drive or do not have someone to pick up their dinners. Meals will only be delivered Sunday, October 17 starting at 3:30 p.m. You may order meals by sending a check payable to Delphos St. John Church to Ken Kreeger, 1351 Carolyn Drive, Delphos, Ohio 45833 or call him at 567-765-1877. Prices are \$12.00 for an adult meal and \$9.00 for a child's meal; please specify chicken (white or dark meat) or beef. All dinners must be prepaid. No orders will be taken after Tuesday, October 12.