Our 2026 Fall Festival Needs You!

Our Annual Fall Festival is returning on Saturday, October 3 and is a 62-year-old tradition that brings our community together for fellowship, fantastic food, great games and shopping for all ages while raising vital funds for our parish ministries. **To make it a success, we need you to act as ambassadors to the local business community.**

Many of the shops, restaurants, and services you visit every day are looking for meaningful ways to advertise. By asking them to be a festival sponsor, you are offering them a great marketing opportunity to reach hundreds of local families.

Sponsorship levels start at just $100 making it easy for businesses of all sizes to participate. Included in this week's bulletin is a Sponsorship Solicitation letter signed by Fr. Juan Carlos with a flyer printed on back outlining the benefits of each sponsorship level.

Here's how to be successful at securing festival sponsorships:

1. **Familiarize yourself with the Sponsorship Solicitation letter and benefits flyer on back**. Keep several copies in your car as well as festival raffle tickets.

2. Ask a parish friend to accompany you for an afternoon of calling on businesses, if you are uncomfortable by yourself. Select businesses you know: your dentist, mechanic, hair dresser, banker, your favorite restaurants, etc. You have been supporting them as a loyal customer. Now you are giving them an excellent, low-cost, tax-deductible advertising opportunity.

3. Always speak to the Owner or General Manager. **Introduce yourself as a customer who loves the product or service they offer.**

4. Lead in with something like "I'm a member of St. Paul's Catholic Church and we are hosting our 62nd annual Fall Festival on October 3 which brings in over 400 families. We are looking for local business sponsors, which is a great tax-deductible way to get your name in front of hundreds of neighbors. This letter describes the many ways your business can support us and the flyer on back describes the advertising benefits of each sponsorship level. We will promote your business during and after the festival."

5. If the person you are speaking with seems hesitant, point out that we have a sponsorship level as low as $100, or he/she could buy raffle tickets to help us out.

6. If you get a "no" for everything, thank the person for his/her time and leave the letter with him/her just in case he/she changes her mind. If the business tells you someone has already called on them, apologize and tell them you are not surprised since they are such a popular business with our parish.

Our annual raffle tickets have arrived, and this is one of our parish's biggest fundraisers of the year! Your participation makes a tremendous difference. Please stop by the narthex and pick up as many ticket packets as you can sell. **New this year:** tickets are conveniently packaged in envelopes containing **10 tickets for $20**. Individual tickets are still **$2 each**, but the new packaging makes selling even easier.

This year's prizes are:

- **1st Prize:** $550
- **2nd Prize:** $450

3rd Prize: $350

The drawing will be held on **Sunday, October 4, 2026**.

You do not need to be present to win—you simply need to purchase a ticket! Please help make this fundraiser a success by selling tickets to family, friends, neighbors, coworkers, local businesses, and anyone else you meet. Every ticket sold helps support our parish and its ministries.

Thank you for your generosity and support!

Ya puede comprar sus boletos para nuestra gran rifa anual del Festival de otoño. ¡Esta es una de las mayores recaudaciones de fondos del año en nuestra parroquia! Su participación marca la diferencia. Por favor, páse por el pasillo y to me la cantidad de sobres que usted se compromete a comprar / vender. **Nuevo este año:** los boletos vienen convenientemente embaladas en sobres con **10 boletos por 20 dólares**. Un boleto individual sigue costando **2 dólares**, pero el nuevo embalaje facilita aún más la venta de boletos.

Los premios de este año son:

1erº Premio: $550

2doº Premio: $450

3er Premio: $350

El sorteo será el **domingo 4 de octubre, 2026**

No necesita estar presente para ganar, ¡solo tiene que comprar un boleto! Por favor, ayude a que esta rifa (recaudación de fondos) sea un éxito. Comprando boletos o venderlos a familiares, amigos, vecinos, compañeros de trabajo, negocios locales y a cualquier otra persona que conozcas. Cada boleto vendido ayuda a apoyar a nuestra parroquia y a sus ministerios.

¡Gracias por su generosidad y apoyo!

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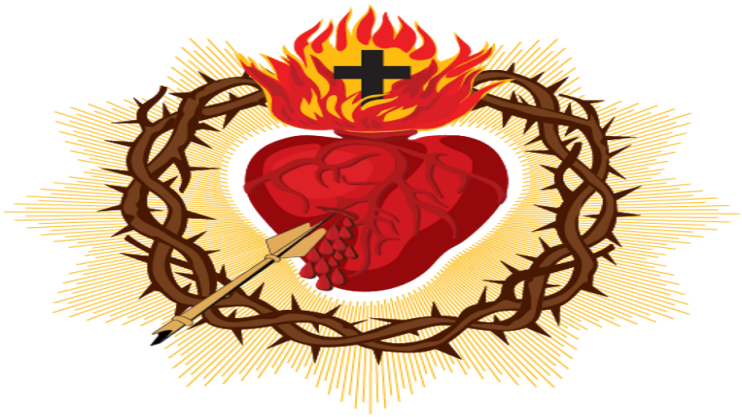
Is a ministry created by the Knights of Columbus for ALL CATHOLIC MEN, not just Knights. It provides an opportunity to explore our Catholic Faith and our role as men in the One Holy Catholic Apostolic Church. Join Catholic men in faith and fraternity. Learn how your Catholic faith can be relevant to your life. Our next meeting will be held on **Thursday, August 13 at 7pm in the Parish Hall.** ALL parish men not just the Knights are invited. Light refreshments will be served. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. Call Steve Watkins for questions 727-527-0390.

Men need authentic brotherhood.

Families need holy husbands and fathers.

The world needs courageous men to witness to Jesus Christ.

Open to all men.



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Es un ministerio creado por los Caballeros de Colón para TODOS LOS HOMBRES CATÓLICOS, no solo para los Caballeros. Ofrece la oportunidad de explorar nuestra Fe Católica y nuestro papel como hombres en la Única Santa Iglesia Católica Apostólica. Únete a los hombres católicos en la fe y la fraternidad. Aprende cómo tu fe católica puede ser relevante para tu vida. Nuestra próxima reunión será el **jueves 13 de agosto a las 7:00PM en el Salón Parroquial.** TODOS los hombres de la parroquia, no solo los Caballeros de Colón, están invitados. Se servirá bocadillos ligeros. Patrocinado por los Caballeros de Colón. Comunicarse con Steve Watkins para preguntas al (727)-527-0390.

Los hombres necesitan una hermandad auténtica.

Las familias necesitan esposos y padres santos.

El mundo necesita hombres valientes que den testimonio de Jesucristo.

Abierto a todos los hombres.

The Assumption of the blessed Virgin Mary

Saturday, August 15

The dogma which recognizes the Blessed Virgin Mary's singular participation in her Son's Resurrection by which she was taken up body and soul into heavenly glory, when the course of her earthly life was finished.

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (*USCCB*) has decided that this is not a day of obligation. However, the Sunday Vigil Mass is at 5:00 PM.

La Asunción de la Santísima Virgen María

Sábado, 15 de agosto

El dogma que reconoce la participación singular de la Santísima Virgen María en la Resurrección de su Hijo, por la cual fue elevada en cuerpo y alma a la gloria celestial al finalizar el curso de su vida terrenal.

La Conferencia de Obispos Católicos de los Estados Unidos (*USCCB*) ha decidido que este día no es día de precepto (obligación). Sin embargo la Misa de Vigilia dominical es a las 5:00PM.

CERRADO
CLOSED

The parish office will be closed on Friday, August 14 for staff training. The office will reopen on Tuesday, August 18 at 9:00 AM.

La oficina parroquial estará cerrada el viernes 14 de agosto por capacitación del personal. La oficina reabrirá el martes 18 de agosto a las 9:00 a.m.

Book of Intentions

We kindly invite anyone wishing to offer their intention during Mass to write it in the **Book of Intentions**, located in the Narthex beneath the crucifix, before Mass begins. During the Offertory, the book will be brought forward with the bread and the wine as we prayerfully present these intentions to the Lord.

Libro de las Intenciones

*Amablemente invitamos a cualquiera que desee ofrecer su intención durante la Misa a escribirla en el **Libro de las Intenciones**, ubicado en el Nártex bajo el crucifijo, antes de que comience la misa; no será más en la sacristía. Durante el Ofertorio, el libro será presentado con la ofrenda del pan y del vino.*