

Parish Picnic Update:

Our annual St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Picnic will be held on Sunday August 16th. The Picnic Committee has met several times in order to plan the best and safest picnic possible following local Cole County Health Department Guidelines.

Over the last several weeks parishioners were asked (via church bulletin) to contact Larry Lueckenhoff at 573-619-6783 if they had concerns about attending and/or working the picnic. Those who have contacted Larry have been respectfully released from this year's worklist. We do have fewer volunteers than previous years, but do have a strong contingent of parish volunteers to host a successful event.

While we have fewer volunteers, we still have an extensive group willing to help host a successful event. Some modifications and changes have been made. They include:

- Close consultation with the Cole County Health Department has taken place throughout the picnic planning process.
- No "family style" meal. We will be utilizing a serving line system.
- Desserts will be served in a covered container.
- Less tables in the dining room to allow additional spacing. Tables will be wiped down with a disinfectant after each use.
- No silverware. We will be using plastic plates and sturdy plastic ware.
- We are considering a Drive Thru Carry-Out system. More details to follow.
- No Kidsville, Craft Stand or Cake Walk (for this year).
- The Concession Stand will be moved back up to the area by school.
- There will be a 50/50 raffle added.
- With no Craft Stand, the Quilt Auction area can be expanded to allow for greater social distancing.
- Hand sanitizing stations available.
- Masks are encouraged for those who want to wear them.

Please pray for good weather and a successful picnic!

Respectfully – The Picnic Planning Committee

Picnic Reminders

Pies: A reminder that each household is asked to donate **three or more** homemade pies (cherry, peach, apple, pecan or chocolate sheet cake). Please no cream pies or deserts. We are limiting pie choice to expedite serving.

Homemade Bread: Donations of homemade bread will be needed this year. Each household is asked to donate two-three loaves of sliced bread.

Country Store: Any baked good (breads, cakes, pies, cookies, brownies, etc.), home canned foods, jellies, fresh fruits and vegetables sell very well. *Please help bake for the country store.* Baking begins Friday at 1:00 pm and Saturday at 6:00 am.

The Country Store needs large and X-large aluminum pie pans for rolls. Also, if you have fresh or canned fruit, juice or jelly or other items to donate to the country store, please contact Lucy Suthoff (477-3430), Donna Luebbering (477-3318) or Cathy Schroeder (496-3213).

Grand Raffle: Grand Raffle Tickets are in the back of church. Extra raffle tickets are in the entrances of church and at Speedy B's (formerly B&K). Sold tickets may be returned in the collection basket in an envelope marked "raffle" or on Picnic Day to the Grand Raffle Stand.

Advertising: Picnic and quilt flyers are in the entrances to church. Please take some and distribute them. Your assistance in spreading the word is very important to the success of our picnic.

Food Donations: Don't forget! We need **tomatoes and cucumbers** for the meal. Please bring to the hall or call or text MaryPat Luebbering at 338-3476 by Thursday August 13th if you have tomatoes and cucumbers to donate. Please **DO NOT REFRIGERATE YOUR TOMATOES if at all possible**

Work list: The work list is attached to the bulletin This is a DRAFT copy. If you cannot work, need to change time or place or are not on list and are willing to work please call Larry Lueckenhoff 619-6783. Parents should encourage their children to work. We need everyone's help to make the picnic a success!

1. **Help clean up Sunday.** All work areas should be cleaned by the shift workers. This includes washing pots (and any other items), taking care of trash throughout the day and putting away supplies and equipment before you leave. School is in session on Wednesday so the more we do Sunday evening, the better.

Additional notes:

Parking will be available in Gilbert Schellman's field. Please use Steve Schellman's driveway. Please do not park in those areas reserved for handicapped visitors. We want to ensure our visitors have a pleasant experience and there is ample parking.

We will use the number system for dinner tickets. All tickets must be purchased on the day of picnic with ticket sales starting at 10:00 am. Drive thru meals will also be available. Follow the signs

THANK YOU in advance on behalf of the committee for making this another successful picnic! As the largest fundraiser in our parish, everyone's help is needed and everyone's help is greatly appreciated. We hope to see you Picnic Sunday!