

THE FESTIVAL BULLETIN BOARD

May 14, 15, and 16

IT'S ALMOST HERE!

ST. JOSEPH SPRING FESTIVAL!!!

Our Parish Festival is a chance for us to work together as one to raise not only money but Parish spirit! Running Friday, May 14 to Sunday, May 16, the festival offers many great activities for the whole family. It kicks off at **5:00 pm May 14** with rides, games and food.

Opportunities to Help

Putting on an event of this size requires a cooperative spirit and a LOT of hard work. If you are interested in volunteering, the sign-up sheets will soon be in the narthex in the back of church. You may also contact the festival chairpersons, Don and Michelle Lux, at mlux@att.blackberry.net or 317-919-9836 (Michelle) or 317-919-3065 (Don) to learn about volunteer opportunities. If you need service hours, this is a great way to earn some!

Watch Your Mailbox

Raffle tickets will be on sale soon for \$1 per chance. You should have received your tickets in the mail last week. Grand prize is \$1,000 cash; 2nd prize is a beautiful ladies' white gold and blue/white diamond ring donated by Sanders Jewelry; 3rd prize is \$500 cash. Additional prizes include a Mathies Landscaping gift certificate and much more! Final drawing for the raffle will be on Sunday, May 16, at 6:00 pm. **Please return your sold tickets and money to church (you can even put them in an envelope and drop them in the collection basket).**

Giving Tree

The Festival Giving Tree is now up in the narthex at the back of church. Please stop by and choose an item or two to donate. These donations help offset the costs of running the festival. If you take a tag from the Giving Tree, please turn in the item with the tag attached as soon as possible to the back of church or to the church office.

New This Year

For those 21 years of age and older, there are some new offerings at the festival this year. On **Friday** night from 6:30—10:30 pm in the gym, there will be **Gaming and a Beer Garden**. On **Saturday** night from 6:30—11:00 pm, there will be a **Live Band—Push/Play—and a Beer Garden**. The Beer Garden is being sponsored by Cork Liquors. More details soon!

All Kinds of Great Food

There will be food for all tastes at this year's festival. Back by popular demand are the original **Chuckwagon** and the **Snack Booth** with a variety of festival favorites, including deep-fried creations. **LaCocina** with authentic Mexican food staffed by the Hispanic Ministry is continuing their **dinner specials** both Friday and Saturday nights. **Friday's dinner** is chili Mexican style (mild and hot) with nachos for just \$5.00. **Saturday's dinner** is fajitas with vegetables, rice, beans and a dessert for \$9.50.

The festival's two special dinners are back again this year. The **Pork Chop Dinner** is on **Friday** night at 6:00 pm. The mouth-watering **Barbecue Chicken Dinner** returns on **Saturday** night and will be available after the 5:00 pm Mass.

Don't forget about the **Homemade Turkey Dinner** on **Sunday**, May 16th, at the Knights of Columbus. Dinner will be served from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. Cost is \$11.00 adult and \$5.00 children (under 10). Carryout dinners are available!

Advance Ride Tickets

Plan ahead and save some money—**20 tickets for just \$9** - with advance ride tickets! They will be available starting **Friday, April 30**, at the following locations:

Deans Dry Cleaning and Laundry (20 W. Broadway St.), **Knights of Columbus** (413 E. South St.), **Mathies Landscaping** (525 E. Hendricks St.), **Quality Cleaners** (240 E. Broadway St.), and **Sanders Jewelry** (16 S. Harrison St.). **St. Joe School will sell advance ride tickets from May 3—14 only.**

A Great Big Thank You

We could not pull off a festival without the help of the entire parish and some great local businesses. Here are some (but not all) of the businesses who've donated services, money or goods to this year's festival: Murphy Parks Funeral Home, Sanders Jewelry, Mathies Landscaping, Indiana Live!, and Cork Liquors. If you patronize these local businesses, please thank them for their support of our parish.

(Note: The next festival committee meeting is April 29th at 6:00 pm.)