

Fundraising Opportunities

Golf Outing

Help is needed in preparing and/or implementing details for the annual Golf Outing Fundraiser, which is held each August. Volunteers are needed to solicit monies and donations, and help with arrangements. The proceeds from the Golf Outing help fund the Patty Quigley Scholarship and have helped purchase computers and technology supplies for our school.

Gala Auction

The Gala Auction is typically held every other year on a Saturday evening. The event includes food and drink along with a live and silent auction. We need assistance with gathering door prizes and auction items. This event benefits both the parish and school. The time commitment to this event, in addition to gathering door prizes and auction items, would be to attend monthly meetings, which are about an hour each time. We would also need your help in setting up on the day of the gala. This is a great event to get involved with!

Best Fest

BEST FEST is a St. Mary annual festival and is held the weekend before Memorial Day each year. It is a community social event as well as our parish's largest fundraiser. The goal of this festival is to promote a sense of community and fellowship throughout Portage. This event provides a place where everyone can gather, meet old and new friends, and have fun. Best Fest offers a variety of free activities and entertainment for the young and old alike. Everyone is welcome. The festival is run entirely by volunteers. That's why we need you. Please consider joining the Best Fest team. We can all make a great impact on our community by sharing our time, talent, or ideas. No matter how much or how little time you have to contribute, there is a job waiting for you. Because there are many jobs to be done, this committee is broken down into sub-committees. Each sub-committee is responsible for planning and organizing one area of the festival.

Festival Co-Chair: Two couples or individuals interested in sharing the responsibility of overseeing all activities of the festival. Ideally this would be a two-year position where one co-chair would rotate out every year.

Concessions: Two or three couples or individuals who are interested in planning the layout, menu and ordering of supplies for the concessions area, as well as working with the hourly volunteers at the booth during the festival. Time required: approximately 10 hours or less before the festival and sharing shifts with the other concessions members during the event.

Raffles/Door prizes: Solicit items from area businesses or individuals to be used as door prizes for our hourly attendance drawings or in our raffles. Not required to be present at the festival. Time required: As much time as you care to put in.

Entertainment: Line up the "main stage" entertainment for Friday and Saturday nights and Saturday and Sunday afternoon variety shows. Not required to be present at the festival.

Advertising: Preparing notices for the bulletin, press releases for newspaper and radio, organizing poster and banner info.

Correspondence: Send out letters requesting festival sponsorship and thank you letters to donors.

Volunteer Coordination: Make sign-up boards for Sign-up Sundays (held early in April) and line up people, usually 2 per mass, to man the tables in church. Call people who have indicated they are interested in working and assign them times. Make a master list of volunteers to give to the head of each area. Not required to be present at the festival.

Kids Games: Organize several kid games and order prizes. We have equipment available for your use. Must be present on Saturday afternoon for set-up, supervision of volunteers, and takedown games. Time required: Approximately 5 – 10 hours.

Walk/Run: Send out registration info and register participants. Contact potential runners through web sites and running publications. Contact run sponsors. Organize activities for the run itself and work with volunteers on the day of the race. Must be present at the run on Saturday morning.

Bake Sale – Book Nook – Plant Sale – Mini Raffle: Need two to three couples or individuals for each area to sort and price donations and set up the booths. Work with other volunteers at the festival.

SCRIP Program

When you purchase SCRIP, you're purchasing negotiable gift cards/certificates that are used just like cash. The national and local retailers issue the SCRIP where many of you already shop. These retailers want to support nonprofit organizations, and in return ask you to support them by shopping with SCRIP at their stores. You can use SCRIP to purchase everyday expenses like food, clothing, and other essentials, and with every purchase, they earn revenue for St. Mary School. SCRIP is sold every weekend after Mass and at the Parish Office. Parishioners are needed to sell SCRIP after the Masses.

Market Day

Market Day is a St. Mary School fundraiser. Volunteers are needed one Tuesday a month to help set up, organize food items, and pack food for the customers.



*Let your light shine before
others, so that they may see
your good works and give
glory to your
Father in heaven.
Matthew 5:16*