

# 2023 Parish Festival!

St. Mary's Parish Festival is a ninety-one year old tradition held on the Third Sunday of August. Due to the pandemic, we were unable to hold our beloved festival for the past three years. This year we are back! For some of you, you may have never participated in the festival and for others, three years is long enough to forget some details. So here is a list of volunteer opportunities and their descriptions:

## Before the Festival

- Find and coordinate entertainment. We have a traditional dance company already lined up, but we are looking for a band to play for a few hours and any other entertainment suggestions are welcome!
- Advertising- we need volunteers to distribute flyers advertising the festival.
- Raffle Support - Mary Willett is our fabulous chair and can use help before and during the festival.
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## Saturday, August 19th, Festival prep and 75th Anniversary of the church building dinner

- Festival Setup - this is where we need many hands and it's a good one for families. This involves setting up chairs, tables, booths, bagging ice, getting things out of the basement. Etc,
- Chicken Dinner with the Bishop - Kitchen help (both prep and during meal) and serving help needed
- Bar- we need someone to run the bar- very busy but always fun! If you chair this, you would be expected to start around 4:00pm, setting up the bar, coordinating volunteers, working the event and help clean up at the end of the evening.
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## Sunday, August 20th, Day of the Festival

First an explanation- When you Chair a booth it means that you are in charge of it. You'll be required to come Saturday afternoon for an hour or so to set it up and decorate, then on Sunday you'll coordinate the volunteers or work the booth yourself if you'd like. The nice thing about being a Chair is you have a place to call home during the festival, store your stuff, always have a place to sit, and really help the kids or adults have fun! You can invite your friends to help or make new friends!

**I am here to help with all your questions and needs- including helping find volunteers.**

We are in need of "chairs" for the following booths:

**Dessert Booth-** in air-conditioned hall, you'll be selling all the goodies people donate

**Bar-** help run the bar during the day.

**Soda/Water booth-** sell sodas and waters

**Nachos-** make and sell nachos

**Chuck-O-Luck-** this is one of the most popular booths because the people running it have always made it very fun!

**Face Painting-** you don't need to be an artist to paint a kids face, we've got lots of instructions!

**Duck Pond-** kids try to toss balls into floating ducks

**Lollipop Toss-** kids throw hoops onto lollipops

**Sand Art-** kids and adults can make sand creations

**Fish Pond-** kids throw their fishing poles over and you hook treats on for them

**Milk Jars-** Kids and adults try to knock down the milk jars ( this can be a loud one)

**Clean up-** the unsung heroes- cleaning up during and after the event. We also need help Monday morning putting things away.

All of the above listed booths will need volunteers too, so if being a chair doesn't work this year, you can still participate!

As you can see we need lots of volunteers!! I am happy to answer any questions you have- please email me at [festival@stmarysacto.org](mailto:festival@stmarysacto.org) **I can't wait to see you at the Festival!**