

21st Annual Fruits of the Harvest (FOTH)

Join us to raise funds for all Outreach Ministries

Celebrate **Fiesta** like there's no mañana!

Saturday, May 5, 2018; Four to Nine O'clock

Watch for the big FOTH bulletin board starting Sunday, March 11th, outside or in the parish hall after Sunday services. There will be signup sheets for volunteering and for donations. *Our FOTH website will be live by then and you can register and get much more information there. Go to: <http://sainttimothysdanville.org/fruits-of-the-harvest/>

Over the last 20 years, our church has raised \$601,000 to benefit over 22 different beneficiaries on a local, national, and global level. We are now in our 21st year of FOTH, raising funds for grants for the 13 organizations that our Outreach Ministries support.

FOTH is also a coming together of our whole parish to have fun and fellowship. We try hard to have a quality event that will not only entertain you, but also to feed your heart and soul as we work to raise money to support the incredible work that these non-profit organizations do to help those in great need.

Don't miss our biggest fundraiser of the year for Outreach Ministries.

Silent Auction, Raffles, Catered Buffet Dinner, Wall of Wine, Fund-A-Need, Line Dancing, No-Host Cantina, Non-Alcoholic Beverage Station, Childcare Available

\$40 per person, Early Bird \$50 per person after April 22 \$60 per person at the door

\$15 for High School Student's dinner

\$380 Reserve a Table for 6 (limited number available) if you want to be sure to sit with your friends.

* (Please make all reservations by April 22nd)

Invitations will be mailed by the third week in March.

Confidential Scholarships are available. We don't want anyone to miss the fun if they wish to come. Contact Leslie Firth, foth@sainttimothysdanville.org, 925.683.7868

Childcare is available. Cost is \$20 per child for 3 hours and 13 minutes with a cap of \$50 for a family of 3 or more, by reservation only. The registration form will accompany the invitation which will be mailed out by March 19th. We will hire babysitters. We need a volunteer to run this important part of the event. Please contact Kimberly Bryant for more info: kharvin@hotmail.com

We do have fun: This is an occasion for fun and fellowship. The event involves a large number of volunteers who have a great time working together. It is a great opportunity for newcomers to jump in and meet people.

We decorate the Parish Hall according to our theme and really get into the spirit of the night by wearing festive Fiesta attire. So get your maracas, put on your sombrero and your serape, or come as you are, and invite your friends. We have extra invitations.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

March 11 to April 22 - Sign up at the FOTH bulletin board to help with volunteer jobs, and sign up your donations on the bulletin board or on the website.

March 15 – Invitation Stuffing Party in Grace House at 1 p.m.

**Signup sheet is on the Red Rolling God's Hands Bulletin Board

April 11 and 18 - Decorations work parties in Parish Hall. 10:00 until 3:00 or as much time as you can give. Bring a sack lunch.

**Signup sheets. There are jobs for crafty people to take home. Let Leslie Firth know if you are interested in cutting fabric for table toppers. invite your friends. We have extra invitations.

April 22 – \$40 Early Bird last day, and last day to sign up and bring in your donations to the Grace House Library. Please help us keep our sanity by bringing them in on the 22nd, or sooner. Contact Kimberly Bryant, kharkin@hotmail.com, if you cannot comply with this deadline.

FOTH FACTOIDS in response to the Survey:

Thank you for responding to our FOTH survey. We are making changes for a new and improved event. The following points address some of the topics raised in the survey.

Ticket Prices include much more than the price of your dinner. Our costs include the invitation and stamps, the paper, the software to help with registrations, banking, and website, decorations, rentals, and publicity banner for the event. We hire servers from Trinity Center who are homeless, so we are serving out our mission to help people in need and they are helping us to do the hard work of serving and cleaning at our function.

In order to raise money, we must spend money. Most of our costs are fixed and this year we spent 17% of our gross to put on the event which netted \$37,737.34. This, plus other donations, and the allotted \$7,300 from the church budget, allowed grants to be made to our 13 ministries which totaled \$45,110.87. We have not been able to come up with a better way to raise this much money to help people who need our support.

By **lowering the ticket prices** and by offering childcare we are hoping to attract younger families to come and take part in this event.

The Fund-A-Need paddle raise method of donating funds is a practice that takes place at every single non-profit and school fundraiser. It is now a major source of our donations which in 2017, brought in \$16,000, about 42% of our net income. F-A-N is tax deductible, while bidding in the Silent Auction is only tax deductible on what you bid above the value of the item. The paddle raise auction also allows people who did not win in the Silent Auction to still donate to the event that night.

Monetary Donations: Donations are also given by very generous people who choose not to attend or have conflicts but still want to support all the Outreach Ministries. Last year, a record \$9,546 was donated in this manner.

Auction Items in many price ranges will be offered. There are also raffle items where anyone can participate by putting in a dollar raffle ticket for an item. Of course, this is a fundraiser, so there will be people bidding big to support Outreach Ministries. But we appreciate and value every single donation, no matter what the size, whether it be monetary, time or talent, and no one needs to feel uncomfortable. **We appreciate all your responses and input to our survey.**

For questions, contact Leslie Firth, foth@sainttimothysdanville.org, 925.683.7868

AUCTION DONATION IDEAS

In order for the silent auction and raffles to be a success, we depend on donations from the parish, ministries, and businesses. The following are ideas that might be helpful in coming up with a much sought-after item. Our most popular items are **dinners hosted by parishioners, vacation homes, game tickets, outings, and gift cards.**

PUT TOGETHER A BASKET

- Rainy Day Survival Basket (games, activities, coloring books, supplies, etc.)
- Parents Night or Date Night Fun Basket (restaurant gift cards, movie gift card, wine, cooking class gift card, etc.)
- Fiesta Basket (Mexican theme food, beverage, tortilla warmer, restaurant gift card)
- Family Movie Night Basket (board & card games, popcorn, candy, bowling gift card)
- Regional Wine Package (bottles from the same region with highlights of the wines)
- Lottery Ticket Tree
- Chocolate Lover's Basket
- Spa Day Package (luxurious bath items, lotions, fluffy robe and slippers, scented candle)
- Best Pizza In Town (Gift card bundle for family of four to determine the best pizza joint)
- Ultimate Coffee or Tea Basket (high quality coffees or teas, accessories, and snacks)
- Bookworm Basket (include bookmarks, book light, certificate to book store, and book related paraphernalia)
- Oprah's Favorite Things Basket (make up a basket with items from amazon.com/Oprah with some of her favorite things. Include her book "Wisdom of Sundays")
- Insider Tour of a popular local business (perhaps a bookstore, or boutique, local restaurant)
- Historic City Tour with the Mayor or local celebrity (hire a limo and include dinner)

HOST A THEMED PARTY on your own or with friends and gear it to adults, children or families

- Murder Mystery Party
- Adult Game Night
- Casino Night
- Lobster or crab bake
- Margarita party
- Burgers and Beer tasting
- Tapas
- Dine around the world
- An ode to the Wine Regions
- Mardi Gras
- Second Chance Prom
- Gin and Jazz
- Pool Party
- Mixology Class
- Italian Riviera
- Caribbean Carnival
- Chinese New Year
- Korean BBQ
- Crawfish Boil
- Boots and BBQ
- Champagne Brunch
- Eat and Take Cooking Class
- Holy Smokes: Whiskey, Chocolate and Cigars
- Kentucky Derby
- Flipflops and Lemon Drops
- Café Havana
- Jewelry Making Party
- Scrapbooking party
- Kids Party and Parents' Night Out
- Tween Slumber party for Four
- Catered Tailgate party
- Lego party (kids)
- Pirate Party (kids)

DONATE A SERVICE

- Handyman
- Landscape design
- Catering
- Photography
- Tutoring
- Music Lessons
- Art Lessons
- Face Painting for a birthday party
- Pet Sitting or Dog Walking
- Car washing
- Computer Repair or Education
- Hanging Christmas Lights at a house and taking them down
- Closet organizing
- Teach a sport or activity, like yoga, fishing, learn to bike...

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