

April 14, 2008

Dear Friends of St. Mary's,

This is a new time of the year when we are asking you to consider helping us make our annual PARISH FESTIVAL another successful undertaking through your generous help and participation. We have come to very much rely on the \$25,000-\$26,000 our PARISH FESTIVAL generates in profit. Due primarily to increasing conflict with school in session and having to interrupt our staff to attend to the details of festival preparation, our 2008 festival will be held on the weekend of **June 14-15, 2008** and will now be referred to as **ST. MARY'S FATHER'S DAY FESTIVAL**

Activities begin on Saturday, June 14th, at 3:00 p.m. and continue until around 9:00 p.m. Children's Games, adult fun, Big Ticket Raffle, food court, cold drinks and a **Spaghetti Supper** on Saturday, beginning at 4:30 p.m. Adults \$8.00; children \$4.00 for ½ dinner. Sunday Mass will be celebrated for anyone who wishes to attend after we shut down on Saturday.

All the **FATHER'S DAY FESTIVAL** attractions will re-open on Sunday at 11:30 a.m. Treat dad and join in the enjoyment of our deliciously famous meals (BBQ chicken, lamb or pork). The Parish Auction will be conducted at the end of the FESTIVAL around 5:00 p.m. in the cafeteria, with our CASH PRIZE DRAWINGS being held at this time.

Bingo throughout the FESTIVAL in our air-conditioned gym. Pioneer Land up in the "north 40" field of our property with games of skill for the more mature young person. The ever popular Flea Market (in the church basement this year), our Country Store, 50-50, our beautiful Quilt Raffle, the Adult Gaming/Beer Tent, the Silent Auction and much more!

Can't be at the FATHER'S DAY FESTIVAL this year? Consider making a donation and get yourself or your business some real advertising on our meal place mats and the radio! \$125 is our Bronze package; \$525 gets you our Silver package and \$2,000 gets you our Gold package, each increasing in its amount and frequency of advertising! Remember, we ran those ad sheets in the March 29-30 bulletin? Please let us know your intentions on whether you would like to be a Bronze, Silver or Gold advertiser ASAP because ads should be paid for by or on the first week of May.

Don't forget our Big Ticket Raffle. You have several books of them in this mailing and each ticket is \$1.00 or six for \$5.00. Please try to sell or buy the Big Tickets yourselves. A \$2,000 top prize award will be given with several other top dollar prize tickets. Also, notice the Quilt Raffle tickets. \$1.00/ticket for this beautiful handmade quilt!

FATHER'S DAY FESTIVAL booth and tent frame set-up on Wednesday, June 11th, at 5:00 p.m. Table and chair set-up and lots of miscellaneous work on Friday, June 13th at 9:00 a.m. Saturday, June 14th tent and booth set-up, with lunch served to all workers in the cafeteria. Sunday, June 15th, is take-down and clean-up time at 5:00 p.m. Monday, June 16th, is put-away and general clean-up day. Please, we need your physical help, especially men with pick-up trucks!

Folks, this is a year of **history-making BIG CHANGE** for us. As of now, school won't be ending until the first week in June. Our FATHER'S DAY FESTIVAL is but a week and ½ after that. We realize this is dad's special weekend but we can only hope and pray that you, our parish family, will make this weekend special for St. Mary's too.

Our Lady of the Snows pray for us; keep all safe without accident or injury during our FESTIVAL time and grant us the grace of a weekend of beautiful weather. AMEN.

Springtime blessings to you.....Fr. Keith McCormack and
the Parish Festival Committee