

St.Patrick

2020 Ruthmarie Bauer Newport Thanksgiving Dinner

Important Changes

We have been in discussion with Father Dan in regard to asking St Margaret Mary Parish members to assist us with this year's Thanksgiving Dinner. We have decided to continue with this tradition while working within the restrictions of Covid-19 but feel we may need some additional help.

There will be changes for this year. The biggest one: We will not open the cafeteria for dine-in. All the meals prepared will only be available by delivery or pickup on Thanksgiving Day.

We have a solid network of support in actually preparing/packaging meals on Wednesday evening/Thursday, so we believe we are covered there.

What we do need though is the following:

**We will need baked turkeys and desserts delivered to St Patrick's on Wednesday evening from 6-9pm.**

We will need at least 50 **baked** turkeys. Our team of volunteers will carve and cut them for individual service the following day. All of the rest of the "fixings" will be purchased and prepared.

Desserts can be homemade or store purchased

**On Thursday from 9:00am-Noon, we will need deliverers.** On average, we traditionally deliver/carry out approximately 800-900 meals that morning. Familiarity with the Terre Haute area is helpful.

We will ask that we all volunteers remain vigilant to Covid warnings and take the basic steps to reduce risks. This will include drop off service to recipients at the point of delivery.

With the dine-in option gone, we anticipate serving more meals this year. Thus, having plenty of turkeys and deliverers is pretty important. These are the areas we need to emphasize this year.

We cannot have too many turkeys or desserts. Any surplus is shared with the St Patrick's Soup Kitchen.

Over the years, this event has become a special time for many of the dedicated people who have been a part of this. We add more families each year as well.

So many unknowns make planning this event much different. More than before, we will need your support this year.

More information will be available in early November.

Thank you.

Joe Newport