

April 24, 2020

Greetings

Just as Covid-19 has caused so many disruptions in lives everywhere in the world, so too have the plans for St. Anthony's Spring Raffle had to be changed. When Bishop Jenky issued the directives to suspend public Mass and all large gatherings, Trivia Night was canceled and the early-bird drawing was held March 14 in the hall lobby with the requisite less than 10 people present (congratulations to Chris Taber who won the \$1500 AND the \$250 for selling the ticket!!).

Shortly after, another decision was made to delay the scheduled May 3 brunch and drawing. Currently, the drawing is scheduled for June 7 at 12:30pm and plans include live streaming on Facebook. As in previous years, you do not need to be present to win. However, if you would like to be one of the volunteers who assists with the drawing of the tickets, please let us know. Decisions about rescheduling Trivia Night and the brunch will be made after the threats from Covid-19 have been reduced and guidelines for resuming "normal" lifestyles have been published.

At this time, 375 of the 500 raffle tickets have been sold. Thank you to all who have already purchased tickets. If you have not yet purchased a ticket, please consider doing so, your odds of winning are 1 in 39! If you have tickets to turn in or need more tickets to sell, call the parish office at 309-936-7900. Another option to avoid contact would be to send a check to the parish office and have the ticket information (purchaser's name, address, email, and phone number as well as the seller's name) filled out for you. Transaction confirmation would then be sent to you.

Proceeds from this year's raffle will be used to make the final payment on the Stained-Glass Window Restoration and Protection project at St. Anthony's. The Resurrection Window has been restored and reinstalled through the generosity of St. Anthony's Altar and Rosary Society. The remaining nine windows are currently being restored by the Glass Heritage Co. of Davenport and will be reinstalled this summer.

- The Spring Raffle Committee

Some other bits of information for parishioners:

- Final decisions about the Memorial Day Mass at the cemetery have not yet been made.
- Parish news and updates can be accessed on the parish website: www.theheartandthelily.org.

