



St. Clare Parish • 2020

Giving for Excellence

The Evening for Excellence is the primary annual fundraising event for St. Clare Parish. It is typically a fun evening with dinner, music, raffles, games, and fellowship ... but like so many things that have changed recently, we understand that we cannot hold the event this year.

Since it is our second largest revenue line item in the budget, we also understand that we need to do something to offset the financial impact of not having the event. We brainstormed many ideas with the parish staff and some key event volunteers and, after much discussion and prayer, decided that our traditional celebration in the Parish Center for the 2020 Evening for Excellence will be transformed into a ***"Giving for Excellence"*** campaign.

Why ***"Giving for Excellence"***?

We hope that all of our St. Clare family will step up to help offset the deficit of having no formal event. Not only will we miss out on the revenue from the event this year, but there was no income from the Fish Fry, and weekly collections are down.

Although St. Clare will be able to cover our fixed costs, the negative financial impact of all above will jeopardize the ability to cover facility improvements, landscaping, Catholic Education support, and various ministries.

Our offering to St. Clare has always been a combination of our Time, Talent, and Treasure. This year, with no Fish Fry and no Evening for Excellence, our Treasure is more important than ever.

The Evening for Excellence made \$39,000 last year, and the Fish Fry made \$11,000, so we are setting our goal at \$40,000 for the ***"Giving for Excellence"*** campaign with the hope of making up at least 80% of that shortfall.

The campaign will kick off in the next couple weeks, and will end on Sunday, October 24th. You will be able to give online or by check. Look for a mailing and an e-mail with more details, and keep an eye on the bulletin, the St. Clare website, and our event Facebook page. Don't forget to sign up for Flocknote if you haven't already.

In the absence of other fundraising, this is our opportunity to help ensure financial stability. We are so thankful for your support of St. Clare and look forward to your generosity with this campaign.

Thank You,

Peter & Melanie DelGado, 2020 Chairs