

## **Our Lady of the Lakes Parish Ham Dinner**

Sunday, October 4 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Good day, fellow parishioners,

We've all had to adapt to a new lifestyle in some way or another during the past few months to fit the ever-evolving COVID-19 pandemic. While some, if not most, of it has been challenging, we have found a way to come together for the Ham Dinner to support our parish financially, see familiar faces, and share a meal with your family.

### **The Dinner**

We hope you will still feel a sense of normalcy in contributing to the parish through the dinner even though some aspects of the event and meal won't be the same. We are doing this in a number of ways, including limiting the contact between people indoors and only serving outside as a drive-thru pickup. You will drive up and enter on Butler Street and order and pay for your dinner, park by the parish center to receive your meal, and exit onto Franzen Street. Dinner tickets will be sold for \$14.00 and will only be purchased on the day of the event.

We will not have the usual festival elements in the way of donated, home-made desserts, Kitchen Cupboard, or auction. Our raffle will include cash prizes and gift card or certificate prizes. As to the dinner, in place of mashed potatoes and gravy we will offer a baked potato. The mashed potatoes and gravy will be missed, but we decided to promote safety and to limit the close contact of our volunteers we would choose this alternative side dish. We will also source desserts from a vendor, and not ask for donated desserts. Unlike previous years, the parish center will not be open on October 3.

On the volunteer side, masks are mandatory as well as the usual gloves and hairnets. We'll practice six-foot social distancing indoors and space the food throughout the parish center to limit the amount of people in one room as much as we can. We'll work to provide you a delicious meal with drive-thru service, with hopes that we'll gather together face-to-face next year!

### **The Raffle**

Since we don't have the usual fall festival element of the in-person event, the raffle has been updated. This year, raffle tickets will be available for purchase on the day of the ham dinner, which you can purchase when you drive-thru and place your order. Prior to the dinner, raffle tickets will be available for purchase on the back porch of the Parish Office where you'll be able to fill them in, take your stubs, and submit your payment and the top part of the tickets through the mail slot in the back door. You can also bring them with you on the day of the dinner. The winning tickets will be drawn at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday. If you are a winner, your prize will be mailed to you.

If you wish to donate to support the Ham Dinner, there is an option to make an online donation on <https://ourladylakes.weshareonline.org>.

If you have any questions, please call one of the people below. We are thankful to share this little bit of tradition with you (although some aspects are not traditional), and thankful we can do so with the support of Father Gideon. Please join us in praying for a quick return to our normal life that includes a full church and safety and health for all.

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