

St. Charles Bushel Basket Raffle

Knowing we have the best supporters around.....

The Bushel Basket Raffle coordinators are desperately seeking your generous support following this crazy, pandemic year. Our donors have always consistently amazed us and we need you more than ever before! If you have done any type of shopping in the past year, you have probably noticed some of the same things we have – not many big sales, low or very old inventory, and prices have increased on so many things. Based on these findings, we have struggled to purchase items to level of inventory we have in past years. We also are well aware that many of our local small business supporters have encountered their own struggles just to stay open, and some may have already closed, so we aren't comfortable asking for donations from our local businesses either. It's been a hard year on so, so many and we acknowledge that wholeheartedly.

If you have any ability to assist this important fundraising effort of our festival, we are hopeful that you could help us in the following ways:

- Offer a monetary donation of **any size** you can afford. We've received some donations already and this helps keep the expenses of items already purchased or yet to be purchased at bay, which keeps this raffle 100% profitable.
- If you are willing to purchase gift cards from our local small business establishments for our night out baskets, that would help out immensely. Otherwise, we may not be able to have the 2-3 baskets we have been able to have in the past.
- We are providing some suggestions for newly, purchased items for things we have in mind for baskets. If you or your family or group of friends would like to join forces to purchase one of these items, **please let us know as soon as possible** so we can keep up-to-date on what we have coming in.

Monetary donations of any amount (\$1, \$5, \$10, \$20 and beyond) or basket/item commitment ideas, can be dropped off in the weekend collection baskets, in the parish office, or to a committee member.

Please complete the back portion of this sheet and use the attached envelope to submit your donation.

Donated baskets/items are due by August 20, 2021, to one of the committee members, at the parish office, or arrangements can be made for pick up as well. We would appreciate as much advance notice as possible on your basket/large items commitment ideas in order to avoid any duplication of efforts.

Thank you in advance for your continuous generosity. We truly appreciate any donation that comes in! No matter what comes in, we will keep the basket choices and standards at the same high quality as we've done in the past. We plan to come back just as strong as 2019, even if we have to spend money we don't have. It just means we have to dip into the profits that we haven't had to do in the past.

Feel free to contact one of the committee members if you have questions:

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| Rollin and Brenda Masserant: | 734-586-3445 (home) |
| Gina Swiercz | 734-379-5608 (home) |

Donor Name(s) _____

My monetary donation of \$ _____ is enclosed.

I will be making a handcrafted item:

○ Please describe: _____

I will be donating an item or basket:

○ Please describe: _____

We have ideas! Here are some suggestions for items to be purchased. As always, if you don't want to shop, monetary donations work and we'll do the shopping for you! 😊

Potential Items for Baskets:

- Adult Bicycle(s)
- Gas Grill
- Propane Fire Table
- Apple Watch
- Quarter or Half of Beef
- Blessed Mother Statue
- Cornhole Boards
- Luggage Set
- Large Handcrafted Items
- iPad / Tablet / Laptop
- Popcorn Machine
- Adirondack Chair(s)
- Kids Bicycle(s)
- Griddle
- Kayak
- Garden Statues or Fountains
- Quarter or Half of Pig
- Tickets to Lions, UofM, MSU or Red Wings games
- Scratch Off Lottery Tickets for Money/Lottery Tree
- Smoker
- Patio Heater
- Poker/Game Table
- Patio Furniture – Table Set, Chairs
- Handy Man Items – Gift Cards to
Lowes/Menards/Home Depot, Tools, Drills, Power
Washer