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**Re: October Harvest Festival and Raffle Tickets**

Dear Parishioners:

I trust that this letter reaches you and your family in good spirits, even though the summer heat is still at its peak. As we just began our new fiscal year of 2023-2024, I am writing this letter to share with you several changes with regard to our upcoming 2023 October Harvest Festival.

The Parish Finance and Pastoral Council met on July 16, and decided that Saint John the Apostle Parish would halt our effort in raising the fund that was gained from the Truck Raffle. You recall that the drive for the Truck Raffle began in 2020 during the high of the COVID-19—the same year when the October Harvest Festival could not be held. Two reasons backed this decision. First, the price of \$100-per-ticket was too high to motivate potential supporters of this Raffle. Second, the sale of the tickets required several parishes in Meade County to cooperate, so that each could make profits. Again, the sale proved to be challenging. So, we will stop this Raffle.

Our Parish is planning for the annual October Harvest Festival. One of the items in the Fest is the sale of tickets for the Cash Raffle and Quilt Raffle. The Council and the Planning Committee for the Fest have agreed to make some changes to the ticket prices and prizes for the Cash Raffle while those of the Quilt Raffle remain the same as in previous years. The Parish hopes to sell 2,000 tickets for the Cash Raffle; and each ticket costs \$20.00. Regardless of the number of tickets to be sold, the Cash Raffle will pay out \$10,000.00 in 4 prizes, ranging in the following order: the Grand Prize = \$5,000.00; the 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize = \$2,500.00; the 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize = \$1,500.00; and the 4<sup>th</sup> Prize = \$1,000.00. If all 2,000 tickets can be sold, the Parish will realize \$30,000.00 in profits.

Saint John's holds four different opportunities each year to raise funds: the 500 Club, the Meade County Fair Texas Hold'em, the Deep Winter Classic Texas Hold'em, and the October Harvest Festival (being the most important one). The funds are collected for the Parish to support special projects and ministries, such as Religious Education Program, Youth Ministry, HUB Ministry, Food Pantry, Bereavement Ministry, and other works of charities in and around Brandenburg.

You are aware of your contributions in many ways. For this reason, I am most grateful to you and for your continued support. I ask God in my daily prayers to hold you in his loving care.

Thank you kindly for your consideration in our raising funds and your support of Saint John's.



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