



REVERSE RAFFLE

The Second Annual Reverse Raffle, conducted by the St. Matthias Men's Club was held on Friday, October 12th. It was attended by approximately 227 parishioners and their families and friends, and everyone had a great time. It is the perfect time for parishioners to get together for an evening of fun, to catch up on the latest happenings in the parish and to raise money for our new church. We look forward to doing it again next year!

There were prizes, prizes and more prizes plus dinner and music. The dinner included barbeque brisket, chicken and sausage, potato salad and cole slaw and all the fixings plus dessert. Those who did not get enough barbeque during the evening were offered the opportunity to buy more to take home to enjoy another day.

The grand prize of \$10,000 was the subject of a draw-down raffle emceed by Kenneth Barron and Paul White. 250 tickets had been sold and all present paid close attention while the numbers were drawn and, one-by-one, the unlucky contestants were eliminated. Kenneth and Paul took turns announcing whose number was drawn, looking around the room for the unlucky contestant, entertaining all present while announcing who had just been eliminated, and sometimes even going to their table and giving them a hug in consolation.

The first number drawn won a prize as did the 50th, 100th, 150th and 200th numbers drawn.

But the grand prize was for the last number to be drawn, after all others had been eliminated. As we approached the finale, the last 10 contestants not yet eliminated were asked to stand. We all watched and cheered as numbers were drawn and contestants had to sit down. The last 2 contestants standing were offered the option to split the grand prize without drawing the last number, and they elected to do so. Congratulations to Katherine Palasota and John Jones.

There was also a door prize of a beautiful handmade wooden rocking chair and raffles of numerous gift baskets. Everyone paid close attention and cheered as each winner was announced.

25 gift baskets were raffled off in the Tricky Tray. The baskets were on display at the entrance to the 2K Reserve banquet hall we arrived at the Reverse Raffle dinner. We

placed our tickets in the raffle cans for our preferred prize and waited with anticipation and cheered as the winning tickets were drawn.

The next prizes were 25 Margherita baskets. 2 decks of playing cards, 104 in all, were sold and torn in half. The buyer kept one half and the other half was put in a jug. As each half card was drawn, the holder of the matching half received their Margherita basket full of goodies.

The proceeds from the Reverse Raffle will go to the St. Matthias Capital Campaign. The 2017 Reverse Raffle netted \$14,840.61 and we expect a similar return from this year's event. Thanks and congratulations to the Men's Club and all the volunteers who made this event possible!

See pictures of the event on our parish website at <https://st-matthias.net/photoalbums/2018-oct-reverse-raffle>.

