



## Queen of the Holy Rosary, Hostyn October Online Festival

*What an unprecedented time we find ourselves in! The Corona Virus is still causing us to make changes in how we go about our daily lives and making us change how events have been for years. We have made the difficult decision not to have our typical October Festival this year. Instead of the many ways in previous years at our festival to raise money for our church, we will only have three avenues: RAFFLE, ONLINE AUCTION, or MONETARY DONATION. We are asking each parishioner to help us achieve a successful October Festival. In years past we have averaged around \$70,000 at our October Festival and even though this year will be different, we are setting the goal for this year's revenues at \$70,000. With your help this goal can be achieved! **You might participate in a different manner this year, but your help is still greatly needed.***

### **Ways you can help...**

- "Like" our Facebook page and share our upcoming posts about the raffle and online auction
- Tell everyone you know that we have raffle tickets for sale and are having an online auction
- Donate new items for our online auction
  - Solicit items from businesses you frequent
  - Bake (cookies, pies, cakes, strudels, etc.)
  - Purchase items to donate
  - Donate handmade items (crochet, quilt, sew, carve, paint, etc.)
  - Donate canned items (for those that typically donate to the Country Store - donate to the auction this year)
  - Donate services (yardwork, cleaning, babysitting)
  - Cattle
- Purchase raffle tickets
- Participate in our online auction and purchase items (Christmas will be here before we know it)
- If you do not see anything you like in our auction - please consider a monetary donation to the church



Raffle tickets will be mailed to each family but this year we will have an online option as well. We hope this will make it easier to sell raffle tickets to friends and family that you might not be able to see in person at this time. Be on the lookout for your mailed tickets and watch your bulletin for website details. Tickets prices will be 1 for \$5 or 6 for \$25.



Watch the bulletin in the coming weeks for the web address of the online auction. We are using a company that specifically has charity auctions online. The website will only have information with our picnic on it. You will have the opportunity to view auction items with pictures and descriptions. The bidding will be from October 2nd at 8:00 am to October 9th at 7:00 pm. The closing time of some auction items might be extended if bidding continues. (More information on this in the questions section)



Monetary donations can be made at the parish office, online on our church website or on the online auction website under the Donate tab.



### ***How can I donate items for the online auction?***

We will accept donated items at the parish office until September 30th at 4:00 pm. Also, we will be at the Parish Hall on September 26 from 3 – 7 pm, and September 27 from 9 am to noon to accept items.

If you would like to donate perishable items, please notify the parish office or Lisa Muras ([rlmuras@gmail.com](mailto:rlmuras@gmail.com)) of the item to be donated. These items will be added to the online auction, but we ask that they not be dropped off until October 10th. If you would prefer to provide a gift certificate for your item to be baked at a later time, just let us know when you call about your donation.

For cattle donations, please contact the parish office.

We ask that you provide as much detailed information about the items, so it is presented well online. For example, if it is a quilt - provide the pattern name if known, whether it was handmade and size.

The Donor's name will be listed in the item information.

### ***How can I bid on auction items?***

You will navigate to the Bidder Registration tab on the online auction website (web address to be provided later - check your bulletin). Registration is quick and painless. You will only be required to enter your name, email address, contact phone number and address. You will be asked to create a password so that no one else can bid under your name without your knowledge.

When you bid on an item and someone outbids you, you will receive an email notification that you are no longer the highest bidder.

### ***What if I don't have an email address or feel uncomfortable with this online platform?***

No problem! We have dedicated two dates for you to come to the Hall and ask any questions you have, get signed up to bid, see auction items and learn how to bid on the items. We will be available from 3:00 - 7:00 pm, September 26, and from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm on September 27.

### ***How will I pay for my items?***

You will have the option of entering a credit card at the time of purchase or you can pay with cash or check when you pick up your winning items.

### ***How will I pick up my winning items?***

Both raffle items and winning auction items will be available for pick up on Saturday, October 10th from Noon - 5:00 pm and Sunday, October 11th from 9:00 am - 11:00 am at the Parish Hall unless otherwise noted in the description of the item.

### ***When will the raffle winners be drawn?***

The winners for the raffle will be drawn on Saturday, October 10th at noon and will be posted on the Parish Facebook page.

### ***How will the winners be notified?***

Winners of the raffle will be notified by telephone or text following the drawing on Saturday, October 10th.

Winning bidders will be notified via email at the close of the online auction on Friday, October 9th.

### ***How can I be sure that someone won't swoop in at the last second and get the highest bid on an auction item?***

This is called "Sniping" and we have activated a feature on the auction website that will not allow this to happen. If a bid is placed within five minutes immediately before the item closing time that item will be automatically extended for 10 minutes. This will allow bidders to continue bidding on that item until 10 minutes has elapsed since the last bid.

### ***What if I don't have time to keep bidding and I know how much I am willing to spend?***

When you are bidding on an item you can place a check in the proxy box and in the amount you can enter the highest amount you are willing to pay for the item. Your bid will only be the next increment higher than the previous bid. But if someone bids again your bid will be entered at the next increment higher. This will continue until your maximum amount is reached.