



Supper Club

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Welcome!

On behalf of the parish community of St. Thomas the Apostle, we welcome you to The Great Gathering 2017. This event will raise funds to support our ministries while providing time with friends, old and new.

An event such as this does not happen without the dedication and hard work of many people. We offer a special thank you to members of the organizing committee for their tireless efforts over these past months.

We thank all parishioners who will host Sign-Up Gatherings throughout the year, and those who have donated to our Live Auction. Thanks also if you made a donation to help with this event. Thanks to all of the people who have put in time and talent to make this night a success. We appreciate everyone's generosity!

And finally a big thanks to all of you here tonight. Your commitment to our parish community and your presence here is what ministry is all about!

Enjoy The Great Gathering 2017!

Thank You!

This special event is the culmination of a true team effort. The Great Gathering 2017 happens because of the extraordinary efforts of the following people

The Great Gathering Committee

Cindy Murtha, Terre Schmidt, Maureen Monchamp & Molly Schomburg

Registration & Welcome

Julie Wickland & Terry Ruttger

Bar

Doug Cleary

Auctioneers

Heather Dorsey & Tim Busse

Office Staff Support

Julie Wickland, Joan Gecik, Dottie Dolezal, Meg Madden

Special Thanks to:

Chuck Van De Weghe for his video production expertise

France 44 for their generous donation of wine

Sara & Matt Michel, Mylene & Chris Kocourek, and Monica & Kent Stuart
for hosting our champagne welcome

EVENING SCHEDULE

6:00pm

Champagne Welcome
Appetizers, Martinis and Cash Bar

6:30pm

Sign-Up Gatherings Open
(will remain open throughout the night)

7:15pm

Supper Club Dinner Buffet by *Deli Double*
Joes' Carving Station – Joe Schmidt & Joe Zahner

8:00pm

Live Auction and Dessert
(Please stay seated - cash bar closed during Live Auction)

Following the Live Auction

Please stay for a Sing-A-Long at the Piano Bar
Music by John Eller from Nye's Polonaise

AUCTION RULES

Registration/Bid Number: You will receive a packet of information containing your bid number. Use the number assigned to you for Sign-Up Gatherings and for bidding on Live Auction items.

Sign-Up Gatherings: To sign up for a Gathering, write your name and bid number on the sheet in front of the display. PLEASE WRITE ONE NAME PER LINE on the Sign-Up sheets. For example, if you and your spouse sign up for a party, you will EACH need to sign your name on a SEPARATE line – not together on one line.

Live Auction: Bidding will begin at 8:00 p.m. When bidding, please hold up your bid number for the auctioneer and spotters.

Payment: We are happy to announce we now have Wifi in the gym... so payments this year will be made by credit card when you check in for the evening. An invoice will be mailed to your home shortly after the event so you will get the list of the events you signed up for and the total charges.

SIGN-UP GATHERINGS

500 An Evening at the Supper Club

Darling. Please won't you join me for dinner at the Supper Club. It's been too long. We'll catch up over cocktails, a whiskey sour for you and a Manhattan for me. Would you like to share a plate of oysters? I look forward to reminiscing over a nice, juicy steak. Remember our last dinner together? There were candles and brilliant conversation. The band was wonderful, remember, and they played all our favorites. You held my hand across the table. We'll make plans over dessert. It would be wonderful to dance until dawn, take a cab part way home and walk the rest in the rain, just like we did last time. Sweetheart, I look forward to seeing you. Meet me, at the Supper Club... Yours Always.

Friday, February 9, 2018 at 6:30pm

Cost - \$80.00 per person, 18 guests

Hosted by: The St. Thomas the Apostle Hospitality Committee & Zahners

501 Golf and Dinner at Minneapolis Golf Club

Enjoy 18 holes of golf at the beautiful Minneapolis Golf Club, one of the top rated courses in Minnesota. You will also be treated to dinner and drinks following your round of golf, which will give you plenty of time to add up that scorecard.

Spring/Summer 2018

Cost – \$150 per person, 8 guests

Hosted by: Bill Nolan & Kristine Boylan

502 New England Style Seafood Boil

Come and enjoy an evening on the STA back patio. Your hosts will be preparing a traditional seafood boil including shrimp, potatoes, corn, and andouille sausage. The meal is spread over a newspaper-covered table, with lots of warm melted butter and chilled white wine. Manners go out the window and guards are let down as you crack and pull those curious crustaceans apart and eat everything with your hands!

Saturday, September 15, 2018 from 6:00-8:00pm

Cost \$60 person, 60 guests

Hosted by: Beth & Bob Elfstrand, Denise & Dan Griep, Sue & Tom McGuire, Terre & Joseph Schmidt

503 Winter Game Night

Beat the winter blues with this always popular night of games. Enjoy food, drink, and friends at the home of Mike & Laurie Junker. Whether your specialty is charades or trivia, it's sure to be a fun night.

Friday, January 26, 2018 at 6:30pm

Cost - \$60 per person, 26 guests

Hosted by: Laurie & Mike Junker, Lynn & Mike Metz, Kevin & Catherine O'Neill, and Frank & Jane Steck

504 Friday Night Lenten Fish Fry

Round up your friends and family for a good old-fashioned Fish Fry during the Lenten season. We'll enjoy old fashioned fried fish, fries, coleslaw, dessert, and beverages. 100 people of all ages are invited to join us in Dillon Hall for fish and fellowship.

Friday, March 9, 2018 come anytime from 6:00-10:00pm

Cost - \$25 per person, \$6 for kids, under 5 free, 100 guests

Hosted by: St. Thomas the Apostle and Volunteers (Troy & Libby Amaris, JJ & Greg Bitter, Ed & Francie Kennedy, Tim & Maureen Monchamp, and Joseph & Terre Schmidt)

505 Bedtime Stories with the Pages

Come in your pajamas to the Paton's home and listen to some very special bedtime stories written and read by Justice Alan Page (Former MN Viking & NFL Hall of Famer) and his daughter, author Kamie Page. Children, grandchildren, parents, grandparents and special friends are all welcome. And like all bedtime stories, milk and cookies are included.

3 hardcover books written and signed by these lovely authors are also included.

Friday, November 17, 2017 from 6:00 – 8:00pm

Cost - \$100 per family, 20 families

Hosted by: Barb & George Paton

506 Yoga, Wine, and Cheese

Get some pre-holiday Zen. Enjoy a private yoga class at *YogaFit* at 45th and France, followed by a wine and cheese social. The class will be tailored for all experience levels and no prior yoga experience require. Come and give yoga a try!

Saturday, November 4, 2017 at 6:00pm

Cost - \$25 per person, 30 guests

Hosted by: Ashok & Shawna Dhariwal

507 Guys' Summer-Time Craft Brew and Sail

Enjoy craft beers, snacks, and great company next summer on Lake Harriet. 6 men are invited to sail on a 1974 classic Herreshoff Scout sailboat, captained by Joseph Schmidt.

Summer 2018 - date to be determined

Cost - \$60 per person, 6 guests

Hosted by: Joseph Schmidt

508 Gals' Summer-Time Wine and Sail

You asked for it ladies!!! Enjoy wine, snacks, and great company next summer on Lake Harriet. 6 women are invited to sail on a 1974 classic Herreshoff Scout sailboat with handsome captain Joseph Schmidt.

Summer 2018 - date to be determined

Cost - \$60 per person, 6 guests

Hosted by: Joseph Schmidt

509 Mass in the Grass

Celebrate a special summer Mass with Father Michael and parish musicians in the St. Thomas backyard, followed by an appetizer reception and beverages.

Wednesday, June 27, 2018 from 5:45-8:45pm

Cost - \$35 per person, 40 guests

Hosted by: St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Pastoral Council

510 Edina Country Club Cocktail Party

Spend an evening in the old-world elegance of the Living Room at Edina Country Club. We will sip fine wine and savor delectable appetizers the Friday before Ash Wednesday and the start of the Lenten season. We hope you'll join us for one last final indulgence!

Friday, February 9, 2018 at 6:30-9:00pm

Cost - \$60 per person, 30 guests

Hosted by: Mitch & Jan McMillen and Brett & Lori Leagjeld

511 Sail Lake Pepin

Sail beautiful Lake Pepin with Tim & Gail Davis. Spend an afternoon aboard a 40' sailboat enjoying the breezes, bluffs and small towns. Who knows – you may set a sail or take the wheel and feel the power of the wind and water! Late afternoon hors d'oeuvres served.

Summer 2018 - a mutually agreed upon date and time

Cost - \$100 per person, 4 guests

Hosted by: Gail and Tim Davis

512 Sailing on Lake Harriet

Anchors aweigh! Enjoy a lovely sail on Lake Harriet. Blue skies, 5-10 knots of wind, appetizers and drinks are included.

Summer 2018 - date to be determined

Cost - \$60 per person, 8 guests (2 groups of 4)

Hosted by: Susan & Bill Kirkpatrick

513 Carondelet Christmas Concert Reserved Seating

Enjoy the wonderful and always crowded CCS Christmas Concert up close and buy a pew for your family and friends. 2 pews are available: a front row “side” pew or a 2nd row right side pew facing the altar. Both have room for 8 people.

Thursday, December 21, 2017 at 7:00pm

Cost - \$400 per pew

Donated by: Carondelet Catholic School

514 Kate St. Vincent Vogl – “Lost and Found: A Memoir of Mothers”

Join parishioner and author Kate St. Vincent Vogl as she discusses her memoir “Lost and Found: A Memoir of Mothers” that explores what it is to be a mom and what it is to lose one. Her memoir, which was featured on ABC news, was named the best of the year by *The Akron Beacon Journal*. She received a 2017 Artist’s Initiative Grant from the Minnesota State Arts Board and has been honored with a residency at the Anderson Center, Red Wing – the largest residential artist facility in the Upper Midwest. She is donating a copy of her book to each attendee and it can be picked up at the parish center starting September 25th. Refreshments and desserts will be served.

Thursday, May 3, 2018 at 7:00pm

Cost - \$35 per person, 30 guests

Hosted by: Molly Schomburg, Kathy Cahill, and Mary Jo Erickson

515 Private Guided Tour: Conversation and Art at Mia

Join fellow parishioners for a “Date Night at Mia” focusing on some old favorites and newly acquired masterpieces at the Minneapolis Institute of Art. This 60-90 minute tour will be followed by coffee and conversation in the first floor coffee shop.

Thursday, November 9, 2017 at 6:30pm

Cost - \$35 per person, 15 guests (Adults only)

Host and Guide: Parishioner Kathleen Steiger

516 Basilica of St. Mary Guided Tour

Please join us on a docent-led tour and discover the buildings rich history and marvel at its awe-inspiring art and architecture. Gather at Penny's coffee shop to meet our docent, Kathy Andrus and enjoy some coffee and pastries. Then we will ride together to America's first Basilica for our private tour including a visit to the John XXIII Art Gallery. It's sure to be a memorable morning.

Thursday, April 5, 2018 from 10:00am-1:00pm

Cost - \$25 per person, 12 guests

Hosted by: Docent Kathy Andrus, Molly Schomburg & Maureen Monchamp

517 Another Bus, Some Beer and the Busses

Meet in the St. Thomas parking lot and board a good old-fashioned party bus for the ride of your life. The bus will be stopping at 3 brewpubs where you can buy some of the best local craft beer in town. Try some of the incredible and unique, on-site brewed beers while hanging with some incredible and unique STA friends! Snacks, beer and wine (and water to keep hydrated) provided on the bus.

Friday, June 22, 2018 from 7:00-11:00pm

Cost - \$50 per person, 40 guests

Hosted by: Tim Busse, Heather Dorsey & Father Michael

518 Watercolor Painting Class

Join Diane Nelson for brunch with yummy eats and drinks before we head into her art studio for watercolor lessons and painting. You'll learn about paints, paper and brushes, how to paint washes and how soft and hard edges can be used to lead the eye through a painting. Other topics include the use of lights and darks for contrast, how to mix colors to direct the mood, and fun techniques for creating texture. Also included will be a short demo on matting your completed work. This is a hands-on experience where you will finish the afternoon with a matted watercolor painting featuring a seasonal topic to take home for framing. All supplies will be provided. Diane's background includes a full time career teaching painting, drawing and graphic design at the Minneapolis Community and Technical College and over 35 years of art and craft sales.

Wednesday, November 29, 2017 from 11:00am-3:00pm

(If this class fills, an evening class may be added the following evening)

Cost - \$60 per person, 6 guests (adults only)

Hosted by Artist and Parishioner: Diane Nelson and her husband Bob Nelson

519 Ice Bowling with Father Steven McMichael

Join us at the home of the Gumps for Ice Bowling on Minnehaha Creek. Enjoy some good old fashioned competition as Father McMichael shows off his bowling skills. And as always, good food and good cheer will be included.

Saturday, February 3, 2018 from 4:00 – 8:00pm

Cost - \$60 per adult and \$30 per child, 25 guests

Hosted by: Catherine & Tom Gump, Susan & Hein de Hoog and Liisa & Steve Schmitt

520 Franciscan Dinner

Enjoy Father Steven McMichael presiding at 5:00 Mass and then head to the home of the Kirkpatricks. You will enjoy a lovely dinner including Franciscan wine and hear about Father McMichael's travels and adventures.

Saturday, November 4, 2017 at 6:00pm

Cost - \$80 per person, 9 guests

Hosted by: Susan & Bill Kirkpatrick

521 A Night in Italy with Father Michael

Join us for a special evening in Italy! Gather at the home of Chuck and Deb Van De Weghe, with guest of honor Fr. Michael, to enjoy the delicious foods and wines of *Bella Italia*! Fr. Michael will share stories from his October 2017 trip to Italy. The multi-course menu will be based on some favorite meals that Fr. Michael and his group ate when they were in Italy. Prepare to be surprised – and delighted! We may serve something like bruschetta with rosemary and white beans or a classic pasta dish such as Bucatini all'Amatriciana, or maybe some roast pork and fennel. For dessert, perhaps we'll enjoy a gelato Cioccolato or tiramisu. Abundant Italian wines will be served with each *delizioso* course including a traditional limoncello liqueur to cap off our evening.

Friday, April 6, 2018 at 6:30pm

Cost - \$100 per person, 10 guests

Hosted by: Deb & Chuck Van De Weghe

LIVE AUCTION

100 Charleston Romantic Charm

Enjoy the Southern cuisine and Southern hospitality of Charleston, South Carolina. Experience the charm of Charleston and unsurpassed views of the historic Charleston Harbor at the Francis Marion Hotel. Then spend some time learning about the history, architecture, flora and the people of Charleston on your Palmetto Carriage Tour. (Land Only)

Your trip for 2 includes:

- *4 days/3 nights' accommodations at the Francis Marion Hotel
- *1-hour Palmetto Carriage Works Day Tour
- * Free concierge reservation service

Value Priceless

101 The Best of Minnesota Package

It's all about our beautiful state! Here is what you get!

- *Ruttger's Bay Lake Lodge Memorial Weekend Package (compliments of Ruttger's Lodge)
- *Two 1 month memberships to *Yoga Fit* (compliments of Ashok & Shawna Dhariwal)
- *Dinner certificates *Tilia*, *Pizza Lola* & *Lake Harriet Brasserie*
- *2 Minnesota Twins Tickets – (compliments of Iheart Radio)
- *2 Minnesota Wild Tickets – (compliments of Iheart Radio)
- *Lake Harriet Sail for 4 (compliments of Frank & Jane Steck)
- *Sit with Father Michael at the 2018 Great Gathering - 2 complimentary tickets included
- *Christmas Tree delivered to your home (compliments of the Men's Club)
- *A night at *The Nicollet Island Inn*
- *\$100 gift certificate to *Deli Double* (compliments of Leesa Brown)
- *\$100 gift certificate to *Lou Nanny's* Restaurant (compliments of Iheart Radio)
- *\$100 gift certificate to the *Plymouth Playhouse* (compliments of Iheart Radio)
- *\$50 gift certificate for the *Blue Plate Restaurant* Group (compliments of Iheart Radio)

Value \$3300

102 Dinner for a Year!

You will receive one fabulous homemade dinner for your family, one time a month starting October 2017, you pick the day. The dinners will be delivered ready to enjoy that evening. Dessert included!!

Generous Cooks: JJ Bitter, Kristine Boylan, Kay Bromelkamp, Donna Coleman, Bridget Davis, Susan Eich, Susan de Hoog, Laurie Junker, Sara Michel, Beth Perro-Jarvis, Michelle Schelp, Gigi Schroeder, & Jane Steck

Value Priceless

103 Legendary Wine-Making Heritage – Napa Valley (trip for 4 people)

Say cheers to the crafted wines and epicurean experiences in Napa Valley. Ensnared in the hills veiled with vines, the charming city of St. Helena welcomes you. You will learn about viticulture and winemaking and your tasting of wine will inspire you to turn every meal into a celebration.

Your trip for 4 includes:

- *4 days/3 nights' in a One Bedroom Apartment and Guest Suite, adjacent to a vineyard
- *a unique winery tour or tasting
- *Tour of di Rosa Center for Contemporary Art
- * Free concierge reservation service

Value Priceless

104 A Lake Superior Favorite – Duluth, Minnesota

Enjoy this beautiful port city on Lake Superior, an endless horizon where the largest freshwater lake in the world meets the sky. Walk through Canal park, watch the ships pass as the Aerial Bridge is lifted and find miles of trails to explore. It's all here in Duluth!

Your trip for includes:

- *Lodging at the Superior Inn on Lake Superior in Canal Park
- *\$25 gift certificate to the Canal Brewery plus a free Growler
- *Lake Superior Harbor Tour for 2
- *\$75 gift certificate at the historic Pickwick Restaurant and Pub

Value Priceless

105 Bon Voyage – Cruise

Nothing says "Vacation" better than a glorious Royal Caribbean cruise! Treat yourself to this cruise adventure, which allows you to choose the destination (Caribbean, Bermuda, Europe or Alaska), the date (except Christmas and New Year's), and the length of your cruising vacation (6-8 nights). This cruise package includes a balcony stateroom, all meals and room service, gratuities, onboard entertainment, shipboard activities, taxes and fees. It does not include airfare, alcoholic beverages and shore excursions. Once we learn your preferences, we will present options that represent them, customize the chosen arrangements, and follow through until embarkation to make sure it is all *Smooth Sailing*.

Donor: Parishioner Sunny Wicka of Cruise Central

Value \$3500-4000