

What is the purpose of the St. Mary Mediterranean Festival?

The Mediterranean Festival has 3 major purposes:

1. It helps us meet the financial needs of our vibrant parish ministries while also allowing us to serve our local community by donating a portion of our proceeds.
2. It allows us to share our faith and our founding heritage with the community.
3. It provides many opportunities for fellowship for the entire parish as we work together toward a common goal.

When is the Mediterranean Festival?

Saturday, May 18 from 11:00 am to 7:00 pm

What is the format for this year?

Drive-thru & carry-out and indoor seating. The Marketplace will be open, as will the bookstore and church for tours.

What is the menu for this year?

A single "traditional" plate, which costs \$20 and includes:

- Green Beans & Rice
- 2 Cabbage Rolls
- Kibbee
- Greek Salad
- Talame
- Baklava

Will the Marketplace be open?

Yes! Our marketplace will be open and filled with all the usual goodies.

We ask that parishioners NOT shop and leave our very limited quantities to our guests.

What is happening inside?

Marketplace, Carry-out, bookstore, charity booth, church tours, gift basket give-away and, back by popular demand, indoor seating.

I am working the Festival on Saturday. What time do I need to be there?

We ask that you **arrive no later than 10:00 am**, unless your team leader has instructed you otherwise. There are many last-minute things that need attention and we need everyone's help. All workers need to be at their assigned locations and ready to serve guests at 10:30.

Where should I park Saturday?

Please park in the back parking lot. **Do NOT park in the main parking lot in front of the church.** If parking on the street, please don't block our neighbors' driveways.

What should I wear on Saturday?

If you have one, please wear the aqua blue Med Fest shirt without the year on it. If you do not have one of these shirts, we may have a few extras at the church, although sizes are limited. Please also wear comfortable shoes. If you are working outside, please dress according to the weather (e.g hat, sunscreen, rain poncho, jacket etc)

Am I allowed to purchase food during the Festival?

No. We want to make sure we don't run out early for our guests. We encourage you to bring your own lunch or snacks. Make sure to communicate with your team leader when you want to take a break so that we can ensure your shift is covered.

All leftovers will be packaged and sold the day after the festival.

We will NOT be selling any leftover food on Saturday after the Festival.

What is a pre-sale ticket?

Pre-sale tickets can be purchased by our guests to use like cash at the festival for any of our a la carte menu items and in the Marketplace. Tickets cost \$20 and have a cash equivalent value. They help get customers in the door and offer the convenience of not having to pay at the register with cash or credit card.

What is the Mediterranean Marketplace?

In addition to our a la carte menu, our guests can also purchase a variety of baked goods in our Mediterranean Marketplace. The Marketplace remains our biggest opportunity for growth in revenue and every year we run out of items. Everyone's participation is needed by making baked goods. Ethnic foods are wonderful but all baked goods sell. We ask that parishioners NOT shop and leave our very limited quantities to our guests.

What do I do with the baked goods I made for the Marketplace?

Baked goods for the Marketplace need to be dropped off Friday as early as possible. If you need to drop off any items on Thursday, please contact Robbie. To remain consistent, we will package the items. If you have questions, please ask Robbie Namee.

Am I allowed to purchase items from the Marketplace?

No. Parishioners will not be allowed to purchase anything from the Marketplace until the day after the Festival. We know everything in the Marketplace is wonderful! Just think how disappointed our guests are when there is nothing left for them. The items in the Marketplace are very limited and it is important that we serve our guests first.

Anything left over after the Festival will be sold the day after. We will not sell leftover food or Marketplace items at the end of the event. All items will be available on Sunday, May 19 immediately after Liturgy.

Do we offer carry out service?

Yes. Guests can place a carry-out order for plated meals inside the church hall. They can also purchase meals using our drive-thru.

Will there be free lunch for workers?

No. With so many workers, feeding everyone would be very expensive. As this is a fundraiser for our parish and our charity, this is one simple way we can save money

while also ensuring everyone is happy with their lunch options. We encourage everyone to bring their own lunch and snacks.

I haven't been assigned a job yet. Can I still work?

If you have not told us you would like to work but still want to help, we ask that you come near the end of the Festival to help tear down. It is very difficult for us to place unscheduled workers the day of the Festival. We are always short on help for tear down and our workers are extremely tired, so any extra help at the end is very much needed and appreciated.

Who picks the charity and how much of the proceeds are given to it?

The Humanitarian Team typically suggests a charity each year and the Festival Committee, along with the Parish Council, approve. 10% of the proceeds will be donated to [DUI Victim Center of Kansas](#), our charity partner for this year.