

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT
THE ST. JOHN 2020 PICNIC
From Chadd Willett and Fr. Bruce F.

Dear St John's families,

For many years the St. John's picnic has been a staple in our community for a fun day in the fall with great entertainment. Obviously this year has brought about much change and unknown in everyone's lives and events they have had planned. After many conversations, much prayer, and consideration, I am recommending that we cancel this year's picnic. I feel there are too many unknowns that could come over the next few months. I would hate to see all the work and money that is required months before picnic day, go to waste due to an ordered cancellation. Even if we are comfortable as a parish in gathering on this day, we would still have to follow the state of Kentucky and our diocese guidelines, which could potentially stop the event. Not to mention, with an older workforce the day of the picnic, it could be irresponsible to ask them to work with a large crowd of people. As of current, a few other parishes are going to pre-sell meat as a fundraiser since they are also canceling their picnics. After speaking with the head of our bbq team we both felt like this was not a good option for us.

I bring all of this to you after much contemplation. I feel once we get through the upcoming election and the 20/21 winter, events like ours will come back stronger than ever. Thank you for your understanding!

Sincerely

Chad Willett
Picnic Chair

St. John the Evangelist 2020 Picnic Canceled for this year: After much discussion with the Finance Council, Parish Council, Picnic Committee and seeking the Holy Spirit's guidance it seems that the St. John's 2020 Picnic will be put on hold until 2021.

For some this is a disappointment and for others it is a sigh of relief considering the ongoing worries about the Covid-19 pandemic. With the Governors' "Healthy at Work" Guidelines, which Bishop Medley reminds us to follow, the picnic that we are accustomed to here at St. John's could not happen this year. Regulations on dining, social distancing, ongoing sanitizing of booths throughout the day seems to be a mountain that we cannot climb for a one day event.

Even wondering if those from outside our parish community would feel safe to gather in a large crowd that we normally have here at the picnic seemed to worry many about us having a successful picnic. We also have to acknowledge, that the many workers from the parish may be fearful too of being in a large uncontrolled crowd. These concerns cannot be ignored or underestimated.

So in order to keep ourselves and the community as healthy as possible, it has been decided to postpone the 2020 Picnic until 2021. Fr. Bruce F. accepts and approves these recommendations. We at St. John's have always been noted as being a community that is caring and concerned for the entire community. This quality of our parishioners does not go unnoticed in our surrounding area. This should make us proud to be a member of St. John the Evangelist Parish. If we are faithful to God, He is always faithful to us with His mercy, protection and help.

--Fr. Bruce Fogle