

***** St. Joseph Parish *****
87th Annual 4th of July Celebration 2026

Please retain this information sheet for your reference.
This information is also available at watch4deercatholic.church/stjosephworker

TO VOLUNTEER

If you do not already have an assignment for the 4th of July and can volunteer, even for just a few hours, please call Norm/Judy Wolbert at 226-8399. There are many ways that you can further the day's success.

NOODLE DAYS

Noodle Day - Monday June 15 at 8 AM

SETUP

Booth/Bingo Setup – Monday June 29 at 6 PM (Rain date is June 30 at 6 pm)

Dining Room setup – Wednesday July 1 at 10 AM

Canopy Setup – Thursday July 2 at 6 PM (Rain date is July 3 at 6 pm.)

Teardown will be immediately after the festival on the 4th, so please stay and help.

PLEASE DO NOT PARK IN THE MAIN LOT ON SETUP DAY/NIGHTS TO ALLOW SPACE FOR US TO MANEUVER. WE WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR DAMAGE TO MIS-PARKED CARS.

CHICKEN & PIES

All chicken and broth will be prepared & cooked in the hall again this year. Donations to help defray the meat expense would be appreciated. Make checks payable to St. Joseph School. Kindly note "Meat Money". Donations may be placed in the Sunday collection basket or mailed to:

St. Joseph School, ATTN: 4th of July Committee, PO Box 9, Lucinda PA 16235.

Each Parish & School Family is still asked to donate 2 home baked pies and item(s) for the Bake Stand. Bring your items the morning of July 4th.

BAKE STAND

Note: This booth attracts a lot of visitors – please be generous. Last year the bake stand grossed nearly \$1700. Let's keep up the good work and once again over-stock the booth with those delicious home baked goodies. Bring your items on the morning of the 4th. Cakes are very popular! Note: Please label your item so the winners will know what to select from the wide variety. PLEASE PACKAGE COOKIES AND SMALLER ITEMS in 1 dozen quantities.

DELIVERY OF FOOD & BAKED GOODS

All food donations must be delivered to the hall by 9 AM on July 4. A crew will be available from 7 AM until 9 AM on July 4th to help carry items. Many thanks for your delicious donations.

CHINESE AUCTION ITEMS

New or handmade items can be labeled "Chinese Auction" and placed in the box in back of St. Joseph church from May 24 until June 30. Please include how you would like the donor's name to appear (donated by/in honor of/or in memory of). Monetary contributions can be sent to Jen Schmader, 763 Schupp Dr, Lucinda, PA 16235. Phone: 227-2276. Items will still be accepted on the 4th up until 9 AM; however, it's easier to organize the items if we have them ahead of time.

CANNING JARS/LIDS

Donations of quart-size wide and narrow mouth canning jars and lids would be appreciated for selling soup on the 4th of July. These Items can be brought to the hall on noodle days, on set-up nights or any time BEFORE July 4th.

CHICKEN PREP & COOKING – JULY 3 – 5 AM to 12:30 PM

We will be prepping/cooking chickens on July 3 starting at 5 AM. We could especially use young men and women to lift larger kettles. Come any time after 5 AM even if it's just for a few hours.

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DINING ROOM ATTENDANTS

Waiters/Waitresses and Table Reset Workers: Please come to the hall on July 4th at these times to start your shift: 1st shift - 10:30 AM and 2nd shift - 12:45 PM. Thank you for helping to serve our delicious dinner!

BOOTH WORKERS:

Please have your booth ready to operate no later than 10:45 am the morning of July 4th. Many visitors come to purchase dinner tickets *before* 10 AM and would likely purchase booth tickets before 11 AM while waiting for dinner. Please do not award any prizes before 11 AM, but you may sell plenty of tickets beforehand. Also a reminder to give the money collectors as much cash as possible when they make their rounds during the day. Also a reminder to eat your dinner by 2pm at the rectory garage.

WORKERS' DINNERS:

Workers' dinners will be available in the rectory garage from 11 AM until 2 PM on July 4th. After 2:00, please serve yourself in the hall kitchen.

WORKERS' PARKING:

All workers are asked to park at the rectory lot or lower cemetery lot. Please do not park in the hall parking lot. Note that handicap parking will be located at the western side of the parking lot (behind the booths) again this year. Please do not park behind the booths. Please do not park behind the Preschool.

GRAND PRIZE & OTHER TICKETS:

Extra 4th of July Prize tickets will continue to be available in the back of the church until the 4th. Please remember that since our donors/sponsors defray the cost of the prizes, every dollar from every ticket sale goes to St. Joseph School. Every ticket you purchase or sell has a direct impact on our festival proceeds. Tickets can be returned via mail to: 4th of July Committee, St. Joseph School, PO Box 9, Lucinda PA 16235, or dropped in the collection basket in an envelope marked "July 4th Tickets" or brought to the grounds on the 4th. Make checks payable to St. Joseph School.

DINNER TICKETS & TAKEOUTS:

Dinner tickets sales open at 10 AM on a first-come first-served basis at the hall window. **Please, no early sales.** Dining room serving 11 AM until 3 PM; takeouts available 11 AM until 2 PM (purchase your takeout ticket at the school window). Adults: \$14 Children 6 - 12: \$7 Children under 6: Free.

ENTERTAINERS:

Please take a moment on the 4th of July to thank our volunteer entertainers, most of whom are from out-of-town. Our thanks to them.

ST. JOSEPH'S LIBERTY 5K RUN/WALK:



St. Joseph's Liberty 5K Run/Walk will be held on June 27 at 8 AM at the Lucinda Train Station, 1040 Lander Drive, Lucinda. Registration begins at 7 AM. Pre-registration is encouraged and forms postmarked by June 10 guarantee a T-Shirt. Information and registration forms are available at www.watch4deercatholic.church/liberty5k. Thanks to the Law Offices of Greco, Lander & Shekell P.C. for sponsoring this event. Scan to sign up now!

WRAP-UP MEETING: All Dinner/Booth/Bingo/Parking Chairpersons (as well as all interested Parishioners) are asked to attend the 4th of July Wrap-up Meeting on Wednesday July 8 at 7 PM in the hall. We welcome your ideas and suggestions to help keep this among the best Parish festivals in our area.

ABSOLUTELY NO BICYCLES, SKATEBOARDS, SCOOTERS, HOVER BOARDS OR PETS ON THE GROUNDS.

FOR THE SAFETY OF OUR VISITORS, NO TRAFFIC WILL BE PERMITTED ON THE GROUNDS AFTER 10 AM.