

SPCC Happenings



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St. Pat/Fil-Am Garage Sale Nets Over \$2,300 For Building Fund

The view of St. Patrick's parish hall as one entered through a door on its east wall was quite unexpected and almost overwhelming.

Three rows of rectangular tables stretched from the south side of the interior down almost the full length of the multipurpose room and were laden with donated merchandise ranging from puzzles and games to electronic devices to kitchenware to decorative items to just about anything and everything you could think of.

Against the prayer garden windows a wide selection of framed prints or photos were lined up for perusal and purchase. A clothes rack offered fashionable attire also for sale. Large objects such as a coffee table and a sofa bed were placed strategically within available floor space. Food—lumpia, shrimp fried rice, pork and chicken adobo, steam rice, and pancit or rice noodles—was also sold with hungry visitors queuing up at the kitchen counter.

The hall filled with potential buyers as parishioners and other members of the local community shopped to find bargains at the St. Patrick's/Fil-Am garage sale held on Sun., June 28, beginning at 9 a.m. The success of the fundraiser was spectacular. The proceeds, amounting to a total of \$2,346.03, went to help with the parish building fund.

According to Gerry Docena, one of the individuals heading up the volunteer effort, merchandise that did not sell—mostly small items—has been handed over to the parish's Knights of Columbus organization for its disposition at its yard sale scheduled for later in the summer (Aug. 29-30). A number of large items, including the sofa bed (practically brand new) and a refrigerator, did not sell and could still be purchased. Interested persons are asked to contact Gerry at 426-9003 or the parish office to set up an appointment to view them.

Members of the Fil-Am choir and the Holy Rosary Society—were involved in the planning and logistics of the garage sale.

On behalf of these volunteers Gerry said, "I would like to express our appreciation for the support of the parish and our community." The number and quality of items donated for the garage sale, as well as the multitude of

shoppers coming to browse and buy, was outstanding. In Gerry was also thankful for the Fil-Am and Holy Rosary Society volunteers—especially Fred and Lita Beltran in charge of the food preparation—who dedicated much time and energy to make the event a successful one. What a wonderful community event! May God bless all who participated in one way or another!



BARGAIN SHOPPING—Many came to the parish hall on Sun., June 28, to find an item they wanted or needed at a remarkably low price among the merchandise available at the St. Patrick/Fil-Am garage sale. Pictured above is Father Tony, St. Pat's pastor, with bargain shoppers at one of the tables displaying household items.



At St. Pat's Starts Aug. 1st

It's almost here! Bingo at St. Patrick's parish hall is set to start on Sat., Aug. 1!

Doors will open at 6:15 p.m. with the first of 10 Bingo games called at 6:30 p.m. Minimum "buy-in" is \$21 for a packet of 10 Bingo sheets with six Bingo cards on each sheet. One Bingo sheet is played for each game. A "hot ball" feature and a "blackout" game are included in the evening's activities. (Come to Bingo night to learn more!) Monetary prizes will be awarded to Bingo winners.

In addition, tickets for a 50/50 raffle will be sold during the festivities.

Bingo players may also purchase refreshments including hot dogs, pizza slices, chips, cookies, and soda or bottled

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Dates To Remember

July 24, 25 & 26—Fri., Sat. & Sun.—BLD Youth Encounter—On-site retreat (overnight stay Fri. & Sat.)—Parish hall

Aug. 1—Sat.—6:30 p.m.—Bingo night—Parish hall

Aug. 9—Sun. after 9 a.m. Mass—Knights of Columbus breakfast—Parish hall

Aug. 26—Tues.—6 p.m.—Parish Council Meeting—Parish hall

Aug. 29 & 30—Sat. & Sun.—Knights of Columbus yard sale—Parish hall—Donate your slightly used items to your favorite Knight or call Tom Lukas at 427-1751

Not all of us can do great things, but we can do small things with great love. Mother Teresa

Bingo (Continued from page 1)

water. Free coffee and popcorn will also be available. Proceeds will go toward St. Patrick's building fund.

Thank you ♥ to the members of the Bingo Committee for their diligence in bringing this fundraiser to fruition and also to parishioners who have volunteered to help out on Bingo night which will run two times per month.

For more information contact Nancy Gerten at 428-2899 or Mary Lou Curran at 423-7137.

NOTE: No one under 21 years of age will be allowed to play. Smoking in/around the parish hall is prohibited.

COME AUG. 1 TO THE PARISH HALL AND PLAY BINGO! Invite a neighbor of friend to join you!

Diocesan Synod Delegates Meet, Pray, Prepare

The six St. Patrick's delegates—Joanne Berg, David Cornell, Barbara Karo, Bob Knoll, Danette Laca and Linda Mertens—as well Kurt and Judy Carlson who were appointed by The Most Reverend Randolph Calvo, Bishop of Reno, have been preparing for their participation in the Second Synod of the Diocese of Reno to meet Dec. 3-5, 2015. Their role as delegates will be to think, pray and listen with open hearts and offer recommen-

dations to the Bishop as he leads the diocese into the future. Recently postcards were distributed at church to be given to inactive Catholics willing to complete them with their reason(s) for no longer attending Mass or practicing their faith. The postcards do not require a signature and can be mailed directly to Bishop Calvo who wants to better understand why people stopped coming to church. Call the parish office for postcards if needed.



M'M, M'M, GOOD!—A dedicated group of parishioners spent many hours the day before the June 28 St. Patrick/Fil-Am garage sale preparing the homemade Filipino food that was sold at the event. The menu included lumpia and pork/chicken adobo. Here the cooks take a break from serving for a photo opportunity. From left to right are Gracey Flauta, Gerry Docena, Fred Beltran, Robert Hicks, Lita Beltran, and Vergilita Weir. All proceeds from the garage and food sale benefit the St. Patrick's building fund. Many thanks ♥ to all who were involved as well as those who came to buy!

Together - where the Spirit leads

Prayers for our Diocesan Synod

God our Father, You have called us by baptism to be faithful members of your Church. Send the Holy Spirit to guide the work of the Second Synod of the Diocese of Reno.

Inspire us to bring new life to the mission of your Church here in northern Nevada.

Through the work of our Synod, may we follow where the Holy Spirit leads, to become instruments of hope for the world in spreading the Good News to people far and wide.

With the example and help of Mary our Mother, who gathered with the disciples in the upper room, may we listen to the promptings of the Spirit.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and kindle in them the fire of your love.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.