

The Fatima Club

Saint Mary Parish

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Dear Friends of the Fatima Club,

It's that time of year...when the Fatima Club starts up again! Our year runs from July to June. The last drawing for the 2016-2017 year was held on Monday, June 19th. We had an average of 163 numbers sold most of the year! Since we were so successful, we have decided to *ADD one more prize* this year, for a total of seven prizes! So each month the prizes will be: 1 @ \$100, 2 @ \$75 (formerly only 1), 2 @ \$50, and 2 @ \$25; for a total of \$400 given out each month! *(This will only happen if we get over 150 numbers THIS YEAR.)*

For those of you who may not know *what* the Fatima Club is here's a little history: The Fatima Club was started back in 1979 by two sisters, Lucy Lavoie and Theresa Messer, along with the pastor at that time, Fr. Daniel Barrett, as a fundraiser for the parish. Over the years the profits from the Fatima Club have been used for improvements to the Church.

How does the Fatima Club work?

The Fatima Club is a monthly raffle drawing of numbers from zero, zero, zero to 499. We have three large, plastic jars numbered 1, 2, and 3. In jar #1, there are 5 Ping-Pong balls numbered 0 to 4. In jars # 2 and #3, there are 10 Ping-Pong balls numbered 0 to 9. There are three people at each drawing (one for each jar). We draw one ball from each jar, in order, and the numbers on the balls make up the number on the list. If that number is next to a name of someone who has paid that month, then that person wins! We keep drawing numbers until we have all seven winners!

Each number can be purchased for \$5 per month on a monthly basis (x12 = \$60 for the year); **or, if you pay for each number for the whole year, before the July drawing, you save \$5 per number and only pay \$55 per number for the whole year!** You may purchase one or more numbers for yourself, your children, your grandchildren or friends. Whichever way you join you are supporting St Mary Parish and we *thank you* for your support. So please join today!

In the past I have U.S. mailed out colored forms to current members, or had them in the back of the church for either current or new members. This year, due to the BLOCK PARTY preparations, I am a bit late in notifying everyone! (Sorry.) So, I am emailing all of St Mary's Parishioners that I have emails for and attaching the forms for you to print out yourselves. They don't have to be any particular color. Just please note if you are CURRENT and RENEWING your number(s), or NEW and would like a number. If you are new and need a number, then please call me at the office number above on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday or Friday between 9am and 4pm and I'll be happy to help you pick a number. If you have any numbers in mind, we can check to see if those are available.

Please make your check payable to: The Fatima Club. You may either mail it to the address above, or bring it to church and put it in the collection basket – clearly marked that it is for THE FATIMA CLUB. IF we get at least 150 numbers sold by July 21st then we will have the drawing on Monday, July 24th. (All of the monies/checks will not be deposited until we have at least 150 numbers sold.)

Thank you,

Betsy Diskin, Parish Business Manager