



*Mix & Mingle*

AT STA

# Welcome!

On behalf of the parish community of St. Thomas the Apostle, we welcome you to The Great Gathering 2018. This event will raise funds to support our ministries while providing time to Mix & Mingle with friends, old and new.

An event such as this does not happen without the dedication and hard work of many people. We offer a special thank you to members of the organizing committee for their tireless efforts over these past months.

We thank all parishioners who will host Great Gathering parties throughout the year, and those who have donated to our Silent Auction and Gift Baskets. Thanks to all of the people who have put in time and talent to make this night a success. We appreciate everyone's generosity!

And finally, a big thanks to all of you here tonight. Your commitment to our parish community and your presence here is what ministry is all about!

*Enjoy - The Great Gathering 2018!*

# **Thank You!**

This special event is the culmination of a true team effort. The Great Gathering 2018 happens because of the extraordinary efforts of the following people.

## ***The Great Gathering Committee***

Terre Schmidt, Maureen Monchamp & Molly Schomburg

## ***Registration & Welcome***

Julie Wickland & Terry Ruttger

## ***Bar Manager***

Doug Cleary

## ***Office Staff Support***

Mylene Kocourek, Julie Wickland, Meg Madden, & Cindy Swartout

## **Special Thanks to:**

Tom Vitt & Kamala Udayamurthy, Jeffery & Laurie Sutton, Cara & Dan Ristau  
for hosting our Champagne Welcome

Meg & Jim Mannix for the generous Wine Pull donations

Susan Hobbs for assisting with decorations

Sonal Philip for her help with the silent auction baskets

Matt & Sarah Michel for managing the clean up team

# **EVENING SCHEDULE**

**6:00pm**

Champagne Welcome

Enjoy Food, Cash Bar and Desserts throughout the Evening

**6:30pm**

Sign-Up Gatherings & Silent Auction Open

**7:00pm**

Father Michael Welcome

**8:30pm**

Silent Auction Closes

Raffle Drawing

**8:30 – 11:00pm**

Mix, Mingle & Music

# AUCTION RULES

**Registration/Bid Number:** You will receive a nametag with your bid number on it. Use the number assigned to you when signing up for Great Gathering parties and bidding on Silent Auction items.

**Great Gathering Parties:** To sign up for a Gathering party, write your name and bid number on the sheet in front of the display. PLEASE WRITE ONE NAME PER LINE on the Sign-Up sheets. For example, if you and your spouse sign up for a party, you will EACH need to sign your name on a SEPARATE line – not together on one line.

**Silent Auction:** Please enter your name and bid number when bidding on a silent auction item. Please take note of the starting bid for each item and the minimum incremental bid increases that are listed on each sheet. The silent auction will close at 8:30pm.

**Payment:** Please check in at the registration table with your credit card. Payments for all items purchased will be charged to your credit card after the event. An invoice will be mailed to your home listing the total charges made to your card. You will also receive a list of the Great gathering parties you signed up for, any silent auction items or raffle tickets you purchased.

## WINE PULL

*Generously donated by Meg & Jim Mannix and France 44*

Bring along a few extra dollars and take a chance at the Wine Pull. There will be 24 bottles of wine to choose from. Bottles are valued from \$12 - \$60. Pay \$20 (cash), pick a bottle and hope for the best. Bottles are in a brown paper bag... so you never know what you'll get. But we promise no Boone's Farm or Three Buck Chuck. (please do not open the bottles during the event)

## BEST OF LINDEN HILLS GIFT CARD DRAWING

*Generously donated by the Women's Morning Faith Formation Group*

Take another chance... Buy a raffle ticket for \$20 and have the chance to take home \$750 worth of gift cards from Linden Hills restaurants and businesses... including Tilia, Martina, Sunnyside Gardens, Yoga Fit, Turtle Bread & more.

# GREAT GATHERING PARTIES

**Hosted by fellow parishioners and a great way to meet and mingle with other St. Thomas the Apostle families.**

## **500 Oktoberfest**

Celebrate Fall and the German Oktoberfest tradition at the Cleary home. Enjoy a German dinner, swing your partner to live polka music, and enjoy traditional German games.

Laderhosen are optional. Zicke, zacke, zicke, zacke, Hoi, hoi, hoi!

**Saturday, September 29, 2018 at 6:30pm**

Cost - \$50 per person, 50 guests

Hosted by: Mary & Doug Clearly, Susie Fry and Jan & Brian Ochocki

## **501 Yoga, Wine, and Cheese**

Enjoy a private yoga class at *YogaFit* at 45<sup>th</sup> and France, followed by a wine and cheese social. The class will be tailored for men and women of all experience levels and no prior yoga experience is required. Come on your own, bring your spouse, a friend or a date and give yoga a try. Namaste!

**Sunday, October 14, 2018 from 6:30 – 10:00pm**

Cost - \$25 per person, 30 guests

Hosted by: Ashok & Shawna Dhariwal

## **502 Private Guided Tour: Conversation and Art at Mia**

Join fellow parishioners for a “Date Night at Mia” focusing on some old favorites and newly acquired masterpieces at the Minneapolis Institute of Art. This 60-90 minute tour will be followed by coffee and conversation in the first floor coffee shop. 2 dates generously offered this year.

**Thursday, October 25, 2018 at 6:45pm**

**Sunday, November 4, 2018 at 2:00pm**

Cost - \$40 per person, 10 guests per party (Adults only)

Host and Guide: Parishioner Kathleen Steiger

### **503 Girl, Wash Your Face**

Have you been wanting to bond with your daughter or granddaughter and need ideas for a fun activity? "*Girl, Wash Your Face*" written by Rachel Hollis is one of the hottest books out right now. Come spend a Friday night having dinner and drinks with the girls and discussing the topics brought up in the book. While you're at it, get some educational tips from Beautycounter consultant Jan Ochocki and make your own body scrub. This spa experience is more than just face masks and body scrubs. It's about female connection, discussion and feeling good about being female. (recommended for ages 8 and up) P.S. Don't worry if you don't have time to read the book, we'll go thru it together!

**Friday, October 26, 2018 from 6:30pm-9:00pm**

Cost - \$40 per person or 3 Generation Discount \$100 (Grandma, Mother, Daughter), 40 guests

Hosted by: Barb Paton & Jan Ochocki

### **504 Holy Happy Hours For All Seasons**

The Saints are intrinsic to our Catholic Faith. Celebrate some of your favorites as we celebrate each of the four seasons with selections of beers and wines taken from the book, "Drinking with the Saints" by Michael Foley. Each of these four evenings will include a short history lesson on saints whose feast days are celebrated during that season. Then we'll share light appetizers and drinks which celebrate the regions and eras from which they came. Fall and Winter Happy Hours will be held in the Gathering Space, Spring and Summer on the backyard patio (as weather permits). One hint: St. Thomas the Apostle has both a winter and a summer feast day – we will toast him twice!!

**Saturday, November 10, 2018 from 6:30-8:30pm**

**Saturday, February 23, 2019 from 6:30-8:30pm**

**Thursday, May 23, 2019 from 6:30-8:30pm**

**Thursday, August 8, 2019 from 6:30-8:30pm**

Cost - \$80 per person, 25 guests

Hosted by: Bill Nolan & Mylene Kocourek

### **505 Patina Shopping Event**

Get a head start on your Christmas shopping this year! Join us for a private event at the 50<sup>th</sup> & Bryant. Patina is a locally owned specialty shop selling a mix of home décor, fragrance, paper, jewelry and toys. Snacks and refreshments will be served, and staff members will be available to help you with your shopping needs. You're sure to find something for everyone on your list!

**Sunday, November 18, 2018 from 6:30-8:00pm**

Cost - \$20 per person, 50 guests

Hosted by: Patina, Denise & Dan Griep, Jim & Kathleen Karges, Andrea & Chris Kellick, Annie Smithmier, Maureen Monchamp, & Megan Hower

### **506 Franciscan Dinner**

Enjoy an evening at the home of the Kirkpatrick's. You will enjoy a lovely dinner including Franciscan wine and hear about Father McMichael's travels and adventures.

**Friday, November 30, 2018 at 6:00pm**

Cost - \$80 per person, 9 guests

Hosted by: Susan & Bill Kirkpatrick

### **507 Glitter, Giggles & Goat Cheese**

Kick off the holiday season wearing some glitter and having the giggles! Come dressed with your finest (or silliest) glitter outfits to enjoy some comedy relief by local comedian and STA parishioner, Kechi Bisong. In 2017, Kechi was named one of the top 25 funniest amateur comedians in the Twin Cities. Enjoy some delicious Stickney Hill goat cheese appetizers. Drinks and other heavy appetizers will be available too. The holiday season is always crazy so take some time for yourself, and glitter and giggle!

**Saturday, December 1, 2018 from 7:00 to 10:00pm**

Cost - \$40 per person, 50 guests (adults only)

Hosted by: Frankie & David Lenzmeier, Barb & George Paton and Stickney Hill

### **508 An Evening with Author Kelly Barnhill**

Join Jenni and Tim for an evening in which their daughter, author Kelly Barnhill, will discuss the process of writing her two most recent books. *The Girl Who Drank the Moon* won the John Newberry Medal in 2017. This book tells how Luna, after being raised by a witch, must figure out how to handle the magical powers she was accidentally given. And *Dreadful Young Ladies* is a collection of stories, teeming with uncanny characters whose lives unfold in worlds at once strikingly human and eerily original. Refreshments and snacks will be provided.

**Thursday, December 6, 2018 at 7:00pm**

Cost - \$25 per adult and \$15 per child, 40 guests

Hosted by: Jenni & Tim Regan

### **509 Ice Bowling with Father Steven McMichael**

Join us at the home of the Gump's for Ice Bowling on Minnehaha Creek. Enjoy some good old fashioned competition as Father McMichael shows off his bowling skills. And as always, good food and good cheer will be included.

**Saturday, February 2, 2019 from 4:00 – 8:00pm**

Cost - \$60 per adult and \$30 per child, 25 guests

Hosted by: Catherine & Tom Gump, Susan & Hein de Hoog and Liisa & Steve Schmitt



## **510 Mother-Daughter Tea**

Warm up during the coldest month of the year and join us in the STA cafeteria for a spot of tea. We will eat classic tea foods and decorate tea cups. There will also be gym time available for our younger guests. Grandmothers, mothers, daughters and granddaughters are all welcome.

**Sunday, February 24, 2019 from 1:00-3:00**

Cost - \$45 per family, 15 families

Hosted by: Mellie Aylward, Michelle Duffy & Nicole Nader

## **511 Great Gardens of Britain**

Have you ever seen the famous, stunning white garden of Sissinghurst? How about a rose garden of thousands? Join Emmy® award-winning journalist and *Northern Gardener* writer Gail Hudson for Part Two of her multi-media tour of some of the most spectacular gardens of Great Britain! Gail lived overseas in the U.K., visiting and studying dozens of gardens considered among the most beautiful in the world. You'll also get a peek at this year's famous Hampton Court Palace Garden Show in London. Gail has a Master's degree in Horticultural Science from the University of Minnesota, and a Bachelor's degree in journalism. Currently, she works with horticultural scientists at the University of Minnesota Extension. Enjoy your armchair tour in the lovely Victorian home of Kathy Vessells and John Hughes built in 1907 a few blocks from Lake of the Isles. Join your hosts for wine, beer, Yorkshire tea and British-style nibbles to follow. As the Brits say, "it will be brilliant!"

**Sunday, March 3, 2019 from 4:00-6:00pm**

Cost – \$35 per person, 30 guests

Hosted by: Gail Hudson, Kathy Vessells, Marisa Luskey, Michaelleen Kruger, Tamara Meyer and Kamala Udayamurthy

## **512 A Northwestern Dinner & Gathering**

What's not to love about the Pacific Northwest of the United States – vast swaths of old growth evergreen, high desert, sparkling glacier-carved fjords, the San Juan Islands strung like jewels along the straits of San Juan de Fuca? There is Puget Sound where your brother-in-law harvests Dungeness crab that you can boil and serve up within the hour, dripping with butter and lemon juice. Rich gifts from the earth are found – pears sweet with their own perfume, Rainer and Chelan cherries, Idaho russets and grapes that are crafted into some of America's finest wines. King Salmon fished from the Columbia River, lambs pastured in the foothills of the Cascades will delight and satisfy. We look forward to celebrating the bounty of this region. What's not to love?

**Friday, March 1, 2019 at 6:30pm**

Cost - \$100.00 per person, 18 guests

Hosted by: The St. Thomas the Apostle Hospitality Committee & Zahners

## **513 Wine Tasting**

Join us at the Brehm's home for fine wine tasting. The evening will include education on the range of perceived flavors, aromas and general characteristics of wine. And gourmet appetizers will add additional flavor to this fun evening.

**Friday, May 10, 2019 from 6:00 – 8:00pm**

Cost - \$75 per person, 20 guests

Hosted by: Wine Lovers Barb & Paul Brehm and Beth & Bob Elfstrand

## **514 Minneapolis Farmer's Market & Multi –Cultural Food Tour**

Come along for a fun day of learning where to buy food at our local multicultural markets. Learn more about the innovative offerings at the Mill City Farmers Market and how and where to buy food at Eat Street Grocers and the Hmong Market. We will visit El Mercado on Lake St. and United Noodles for Asian cuisine, just to name a few. Snack and eat along the way! Meet at STA - Transportation provided.

**Saturday, May 18, 2019 from 10:00am-4:00pm**

Cost - \$50 per person, 40 guests

Hosted by: Joseph Schmidt

## **515 Container Planting**

Gather at the Linden Hills Community Room to learn how to create a well-designed container or window box. We will critique photos so you learn the design concepts to create a container or window box that is artful. Liisa will construct 3 different containers that will be given away through a drawing at the end of the presentation. A prize will be given to the best wearable floral accessory or clothing. Bring your questions, Liisa will have an answer to everything! Refreshments will be provided.

**Sunday, May 19, 2019 – 1:00-3:30**

Cost - \$30 per person, 25 guests

Hosted by: Gardner Liisa Schmitt with Mary Jo Erickson, Kathy Cahill & Molly Schomburg

## **516 Sail Lake Pepin**

Sail beautiful Lake Pepin with the Davis Family. Spend an afternoon aboard a 40' sailboat enjoying the breezes, bluffs and small towns. Who knows – you may set a sail or take the wheel and feel the power of the wind and water! Late afternoon hors d'oeuvres served.

**Summer 2019 - a mutually agreed upon date and time**

Cost - \$100 per person, 4 guests

Hosted by: The Tim Davis Family

## **517 The Busse Bus Tour**

Meet in the St. Thomas parking lot and board a good old-fashioned party bus for the ride of your life. The bus will be stopping at 3 brewpubs where you can buy some of the best local craft beer in town. Try some of the incredible and unique, on-site brewed beers while hanging with some incredible and unique STA friends! Snacks, beer and wine (and water to keep hydrated) provided on the bus.

**Friday, June 14, 2019 from 7:00-11:00pm**

Cost - \$50 per person, 40 guests

Hosted by: Tim Busse, Heather Dorsey & Father Michael

## **518 The Butcher and the BBQ**

Erik Sather, the chef and butcher who owns Lowry Hill Meats, will be leading us in a super fun evening focused on making great BBQ! We'll kick off the evening with special summer cocktails made for us by Twin Cities mixologist and entrepreneur Erik Eastman. He'll talk with us about ice, and bitters, and how to make the best cocktail you've ever made. While we sip our cocktails and eat appetizers, Erik (the butcher) will demo several of his special-recipe BBQ sauces. Then we'll head outside to check on the smoker, where St. Louis pork ribs and pork shoulder will be fall-off-the-bone-tender, and house-made sausages will be smoked to perfection. The meat that Erik sells in his butcher shop is regionally sourced and ethically raised on area family farms...and you can taste the difference. Together, we'll enjoy a delicious dinner that includes these tasty smoked meats and sausages, several side dishes and Erik's special recipe BBQ sauces. And dessert, of course. Please join us for a perfect summer evening!

**Saturday, June 15, 2019 from 6:30-9:00pm**

Cost - \$100 per person, 20 guests

Hosted by: Chuck & Deb Van De Weghe

## **519 Mass in the Grass**

Celebrate a special summer Mass with Father Michael and parish musicians in the St. Thomas backyard, followed by an appetizer reception and beverages.

**Thursday, June 27, 2019 from 5:45-8:45pm**

Cost - \$40 per person, 50 guests

Hosted by: St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Pastoral Council

# SILENT AUCTION

**100 Happy Hour Basket**

Generously Donated by: *The Saint's Men's Club*

**101 The Best of Linden Hills Basket**

Generously Donated by: *Women's Morning Faith Formation Group*

**102 Garden Basket**

Generously Donated by: *The St. Thomas Garden Angels*

**103 Book Basket featuring St. Thomas the Apostle Authors**

Generously Donated by: *Nancy Hennen, Kathy Wilson and Cathy Marzyck*

**104 A Few of Our Favorites Book Basket**

Generously Donated by: *Nancy Hennen, Kathy Wilson and Cathy Marzyck*

**105 Nestle's Basket**

Generously Donated by: *Joseph & Terre Schmidt*

**106 Father Michael's Favorite Things Basket**

Generously Donated by: *Hein & Susan de Hoog*

**107 4 Minnesota Wild Tickets & Jersey**

Generously Donated by: *Jim Schneider*

**108 Alexandria Cabin**

Generously Donated by: *Judy Blaseg & John Engelen*

**109 2 Minnesota Wild Tickets with a Parking Pass**

Generously Donated by: *John & Trisha Bruer*

**110 2 Tickets to *Dear Evan Hanson***

Generously Donated by: *Tom Vitt & Kamala Udayamurthy*

**111 Sailing for 4 on Lake Harriet**

Generously Donated by: *Susan & Bill Kirkpatrick*

**112 Carondelet Christmas Concert Front Row Seats**

Generously Donated by: *Carondelet Catholic School*

**113 4 Tickets to the Carondelet Spring Musical**

Generously Donated by: *Carondelet Catholic School*

**114 Framed Print – The Old Becher Place: Ephraim by Charles L. Peterson**

Generously Donated by: *Jim Moudry & Carole Kastigar*

**115 Framed Print – The Stall by Charles L. Peterson**

Generously Donated by: *Jim Moudry & Carole Kastigar*

**116 Yoga Fit Package**

Generously Donated by: *Ashok & Shawna Dhariwal*

**117 Liquor & Bourbon Basket**

Generously Donated by: *France 44*

**118 France 44 Personal Shopping Experience**

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