



G R E A T G A T H E R I N G

2024 PARTY & AUCTION BOOK

Welcome!

Welcome to The Great Gathering 2024, the social event of the year for St. Thomas the Apostle parish. In addition to providing time to socialize with friends, old and new, this event raises funds to support our ministries.

Enjoy The Great Gathering 2024!

Thank You!

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

EVENING SCHEDULE

6:00pm

Champagne Welcome with butler-passed hors d'oeuvres
Enjoy Chef-Crafted Appetizers, Seasonal Carving Stations and Desserts
throughout the evening Cash Bar Available
Silent Auction Open bidding open

6:30pm

Welcome from our MC Tim Busse and Father Erich
Sign-Up for parties and gatherings begins

7:30 - 11pm

Music & DJ
Enjoy the dance floor

8:30pm

Silent Auction closes

If you win an item in the silent auction that is physically present at tonight's event, please take with you when you leave. If you need assistance carrying it out please let a staff member know and they will find someone to help.

If you win a certificate, please see Pat Adkins for pick up.

PARTY AND AUCTION RULES

Great Gathering Parties: To sign up for a party, please write your name and email address 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 write your name on a separate line.

Silent Auction: Please enter your name and 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. ***PLEASE NOTE:*** If you are a successful bidder on an item that is physically present at the event, you will be expected to take it home with you at the end of the evening. Successful bidders on events involving experiences will need to connect with the donor after tonight's event to make the arrangements.

Payment: There will be no check out at the end of the night. An invoice will be emailed to you listing the total charges. You also will receive a list of the Great Gathering parties you signed up for and any silent auction items you purchased. Payment may be made online or by check or credit card. Payment is due upon receipt of the invoice.

GREAT GATHERING PARTIES

Hosted by fellow parishioners, small parties are a great way to meet and mingle with other St. Thomas the Apostle families.

501 Girls Just Want to Have Fun!

For all the fabulous women in our parish, let's gather on the beautiful patio of *France 44* for some crisp summer wines, tasty light bites, and a celebration of friends – new and old!

Date: Thursday, June 19, 2025, 5:30-7:30pm

Cost: \$75, 50 women

Hosted by: Maureen Monchamp, Molly Schomburg, Terre Schmidt, Deb Van De Weghe, Kathleen Karges, Kathy Cahill, Mary Werner, Gigi Olive Schroder, Beth Elfstrand

502 Seafood Lovers Dinner

Ahoy, calling all seafood lovers! Enjoy an intimate night Cape Cod style. Oysters, Clam Chowder, Shrimp and more! Wine, Beer, and non-alcoholic beverages. (Must enjoy seafood, no allergies, no substitutions.)

Date: Saturday, May 17, 2025, 6 pm

Cost: \$95 per person, 8 guests

Hosted by: Joseph and Terre Schmidt

503 Mass in the Grass

Celebrate a special summer Mass with Father Erich and parish musicians in the St. Thomas backyard, followed by a BBQ dinner and beverages.

Thursday, June 12, 2025, 5:45-8:45pm (Mass at 6pm)

Cost - \$50 per person, 50 guests

Hosted by: St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Pastoral Council

504 Italian Cooking Class and Dinner

Last winter Michaeleen and I were fortunate enough to spend time in Italy, where we took a couple of cooking classes. We would like to share that cooking class experience with you. You'll learn how to prepare four Italian dishes from scratch while sipping Italian Wine. The dishes you'll make are: Italian bread, Eggplant Rollatini, Tagliatelle with Pesto Sauce and Gelato. Then you'll eat a delicious meal and take home the recipes for each of the dishes.

Date: February 22, 2025, 4:pm begin food prep, dinner at 7 pm

Cost: \$95.00, 8 guests and one party only

Hosted by: Michaeleen and Rick Kruger

Where: 3605 Shady Oak Road, Minnetonka, MN

505 The Return of the Great Crab Feed

Roll up your sleeves and join us at the table for the return of the GREAT ST THOMAS the APOSTLE CRAB FEED. The Hospitality Committee invites you to enjoy appetizers of: Salmon Rilletes served on Homemade Sourdough Crackers and Caesar Salad with Parmesan Croutons. Then it's time for the treasure of Washington State's Puget Sound: FRESH DUNGENESS CRAB served with pots of melted butter and fresh lemon wedges. Wash it all down with red or white wine or Prosecco (our preferred bev!) BUT WAIT! It's time for dessert! Hot Fudge Brownie with Vanilla Ice Cream. Are you in? If so, BYOB – Bring your own bib!

Date: Friday, February 14, 2025, 6:30pm in Dillon Hall

Cost - \$125, 30 guests

Hosted by: The Hospitality Committee

506 Paint and Sip Party

Create original artwork while connecting over nibbles and sips (wine, beer, and sodas). This is a Paint and Sip party with a catch; You create artwork to donate to the **Simpson Art4Shelter** spring fundraiser with an option to create something else to take home. A win-win! Art examples and encouragement will be provided to get ideas flowing.

Date: **Sunday afternoon, March 9, 2025 (time TBD)**

Cost: \$30 per person, 15 adults

Hosted by: Susan de Hoog, Chris Jurek, Carol Solheid, Jasmim Figueroa

Where: Dillon Hall (aka The Artist's Loft of the Church of St Thomas the Apostle)

Art 4 Shelter (A4S) is an annual fundraiser for Simpson Housing Services. It's an art sale and auction featuring original works by emerging and established artists. Proceeds benefit Simpson's mission to house, support, and advocate for people experiencing homelessness. Visit <https://simpsonhousing.org/events/art-4-shelter/> for more information

507 Sail Lake Pepin

Sail beautiful Lake Pepin with Tim Davis. 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 2025 – at a mutually agreed upon date and time.

Cost: \$100 per person, 4 guests on one sailing trip

Hosted by: Tim Davis

508 Friday Night Lenten Fish Fry and Bingo

Round up your friends and family for a good old-fashioned Friday Night Fish Fry during Lent. We'll enjoy a fish dinner with all the fixings, then we'll play Bingo. People of all ages can join this gathering in Dillon Hall. Soft drinks provided. Cash bar donation for beer and wine.

Date: **Friday, April 4, 2025, Serving from 6-7pm**

Cost - \$35 per adult, \$5 for kids, under 5 free. 100 guests

Hosted by: Doug Cleary, Terre and Joseph Schmidt

SILENT AUCTION

Please see the description of each item by its bidding sheet for details.

101 Angels and Devils Wine Basket

Donated by: *Ellen and Steve Birch*

102 Wine Tasting Evening with Jim Mannix

Donated by: *Jim & Meg Mannix*

103 Flaming Gorge Firepit

Donated by *Bonnie Hancock and Joe Weyandt, All Seasons Fireplace*
6801 Wayzata Blvd. St. Louis Park, MN 55426 allseasonsfire.com

104 Custom-made Cribbage Board

Donated by: *Rick Kruger*

105 Luxury Cabin Vacation on Silver Lake

Donated by: *Matt and Jennifer Samuel*

106 Handcrafted Frame with Flower Photo

Donated by: *Rick Kruger*

107 MN United Soccer Tickets – 4 tickets with parking pass

Donated by: *Cheryl and Paul Adkins*

108 & 109 Saints Tickets (Two pairs of tickets for two different games)

Donated by: *Greg Sebald*

110 Handmade Christmas Quilt

Donated by: *Kathi Saunders*

111 Personalized Shopping Experience at France 44

Donated by: *Jim & Kris Schneider*

112 Harriet Brassiere Dining Experience

Donated by *Harriet Brassiere*

113 & 114 Yoga Classes and Private Yoga Party

Donated by *Ashok Dhariwal - YogaFit Studios*

115 Great Harvest Bread Company Basket

Donated by *Great Harvest Bread Company and John Goodge*

116 Breathwork Classes

Donated by *Kathy Heafey*

117 Private Pilates Classes

Donated by *Kathy Heafey*

118 Favs from France 44 Whiskey Basket

Donated by: *Kris & Jim Schneider*