

St. Joseph 125th Anniversary Picnic Planning Meeting – June 14, 2026

Opening Prayer - Fr. Sen opened with a prayer. Introductions were made.

Meeting Discussion:

Committee Discussion/Updates:

1. **Food Committee:** Members met and discussed food preparations.
 - Food will be hotdogs, brats, kraut, onion, coleslaw, potato salad, small bags of chips and cookies. Hotdogs will be skinless hotdogs.
 - Cookies should be individually wrapped. Discussion on purchasing cookies or requesting Parish members to bake. This will be determined at the next meeting.
 - RSVP will be needed to help with amount of food to prepare.
2. **Beverage Committee:** RSVPs will be needed to estimate beverages needed. A cooling beverage trailer would be helpful for the Church grounds.
3. **Set-Up/Clean-Up Committee:** David Brown measured for a tent and is gathering information from vendors.
 - Porta Toilet should be brought in with handicap accessibility.
 - Discussion to use tables and chairs from the Parish/School Hall.
 - Dan Steiger will prepare a map of the church grounds and set up for discussion at the next meeting.
 - Lights for the tent may be needed for the last hour and clean up.
4. **Entertainment Committee:** Committee met and discussed the following.
 - **Bingo:** St. Joseph Lions will run Bingo. Bingo will be free to play, and prizes sought through donations. Donations can come from Parish members and area businesses and could include; baskets, cash prizes, etc.... Some children's prizes should also be available. West Salem Legion has a Bingo board and will be asked if they would loan to us. Bingo game supplies will come from another organization.
 - **Children's Activities:** Fishpond, Face Painting, Sawdust pile with coin money and candy. The Shelby Fire Dept. will be approached to see if a Fire Truck could be available for display.
 - **Talent Showcase:** A trailer will be provided by Steiger Construction to use as a stage. Lisa Meyer will provide a sound system for the stage. Performers are being sought and can range from singing, reciting a story or poem, offering a demonstration, juggling etc. Families, clubs, and youth groups would all be welcome.
 - Develop a schedule for the bingo, music, and talent showcase for the picnic; time frame from 5pm to 8pm.

5. History Committee: Members met and shared the following.

- **Video presentation:** A video presentation is being prepared with music and pictures of the grounds, previous churches and classes that attended the school.
- **Photo Display:** Old photos are being collected and will be displayed on the grounds or in the school hall, weather dependent.

6. Publicity Committee: Members are working on the following.

- Poster will be 8 ½ by 11 inches so it is easier to post. It will be finalized in the next week.
- Postcard is being put together which is similar to the poster. It will be mailed to Parish members and others who the planning committee identifies.
- A series of Facebook messages will be prepared and posted on the St. Joseph page as well as the Diocese site.
- Posters, postcards and bulletin announcements will be shared with neighboring parishes.
- Promotion in nearby parishes will be important.
- There are approximately 8 weeks until the picnic and promotion should start at least 6 weeks before the event.
- TV and Radio event pages should be sent a poster or promotional page on the event.
- RSVPs would help with food and beverage planning. The link or a QR code will be included on the poster and postcard when printed. Those who don't RSVP are also welcome, the RSVP is to help with planning.

7. T-shirt: A design for a t-shirt was shared. Discussion on how many, pre-ordering and cost occurred. This will be finalized at the next meeting.

Fr. Sen closed the meeting with a prayer. The next planning meeting for Joseph Church 125th Anniversary Picnic will take place on Sunday, June 28th at 3pm.

Notes recorded by Paula Silha