



St. Joseph's Table and Spaghetti Dinner

When: *Saturday, March 16, 2019 ~ Table blessed after the 4:00 pm Mass. Table only open until 6:30 pm
New this year Carry-out Spaghetti Dinner Available

*Sunday, March 17, 2019 ~ Table and Spaghetti Dinner following the 10:30 am Mass and remain open until 4:00 pm

Where: Nativity of Mary Parish Hall

10021 E 36th Terrace, Independence, MO. 64052 *Use the 40 HWY Parish Hall entrance*

Spaghetti Dinner

- Menu includes spaghetti with the choice of Milanese or plain tomato sauce, a mixed salad, bread, dessert, and refreshments. (Gluten free pasta will be available)
 - A minimum donation of \$5 per person is suggested.
- All **Dinner and Table proceeds** will benefit Catholic School education for families in need and the Independence Franciscan Sisters Mission Warehouse.

Donations Needed

What:

We are in need of fruit, wine, flowers, decorations, and especially desserts for the table and dinner. Desserts include, but are not limited to, cakes, pies, brownies, cookies, and goodies. We ask that cakes and pies remain whole, but desserts like brownies and cookies come pre-portioned and ready to sell. Please clearly label anything that may contain peanuts, may be gluten-free, etc.

We are also in need of monetary donations. These donations will be used to buy materials and food needed. Money may be sent in to the School or Parish offices or dropped into the offertory basket in envelopes clearly marked "St. Joseph Table."

When:

Donations may be brought to the **parish office on Friday, March 15th** and/or dropped off in the **Parish Hall the morning of Saturday, March 16th before 11:00 am**. On Saturday, please ring the doorbell at the 40 Hwy entrance to the Parish Hall upon arrival.

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Volunteers Needed

In addition to donations, we ask that students, parents, and parishioners volunteer to assist in set-up, serving, and clean-up with the Table and Spaghetti dinner. As a **service hours opportunity**, we invite 5th through 8th grade students and parents to help. We hope you will consider joining us! All of your assistance is greatly appreciated and goes towards a great cause!

Sign up times will be as follows:

9:00 - 11:00 am - predominantly set-up

11:00 - 1:00 pm - serving & assistance

1:00 - 3:00 pm - serving & assistance

3:00 - 5:00 pm - predominantly clean-up

Please see the following sign up genius link to sign up for a time slot.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20FoE4BA5A82DA4F58-stjoseph2>

Maria Milazzo and her family coordinate the Table & Dinner. Please email her at mmilazzo@nativityofmary.org with any questions.

You may email her directly to sign up for a time as well!

Saint Joseph Table History

Feast Day: March 19th

Throughout the Catholic Church, Saint Joseph has always been regarded as the family protector.

Although other cultures observe Saint Joseph's Day, the Sicilian version is the most elaborate.

Several centuries ago, a severe famine in Sicily caused considerable suffering and starvation. The peasant farmers turned in prayer to Saint Joseph for help. The famine soon ended and, in gratitude, the farmers honored Saint Joseph by covering an altar with their most prized possession: food. Saint Joseph altars evolved into family open houses, offered in gratitude for special prayers that had been answered.

Today it is also used as a petition for favors, and for family and loved ones. In an effort to keep the tradition alive, and because of the geographical changes in the Italian community, most tables are prepared and planned by the "church family," led by those of Italian heritage.

The food placed on the Saint Joseph Table and served to guests has always been meatless because Saint Joseph's Day always falls within Lent. The majority of the dishes are prepared with grain products in keeping with the original donations of those Sicilian farmers. All proceeds from the Table are given to the poor and needy.