



ST. TERESA OF CALCUTTA 2026 FALL FEST CHALLENGE

Greetings dear parishioners of St. Teresa

Over the past few years, we have had a Challenge Campaign that would kick-off in July and run through October 31st. Given that we are no longer able to put on the kind of several day parish picnic which raised sizable funds to support the parish, we have asked parishioners to make a donation/pledge in place of what would have been spent on the picnic. Last year our Challenge raised a little under \$10,000 thanks in part to YOUR wonderful generosity. Our Fall Festival made a little over \$9,000. These combined incomes don't come close to what used to be raised in the Summer Picnic days, but certainly helped as we have faced increased costs for a number of needed improvements to our grounds and buildings. Our collections are also down from years back, making it a true challenge to keep our parish financially solvent.

For the reasons above, I have been working with a great committee of our parish folks to make this year's Fall Fest one that can generate a much better income for St. Teresa. To do so, we need all of us to do our part. In the bulletin and on the perforated part of this letter below are the many ways to become involved and support the Festival. And as there are many who can't directly help by running a food booth or gaming, providing in-kind donations keeps the expenses down. But being realistic, I know we can't make what we did years ago at the much larger picnic event, I ask you to prayerfully think about a donation/pledge you can make to our Fall Fest Challenge. This donation will both help cover the expense side of the Fall Fest and be added to whatever profit we make at the September 19th event.

I can't say enough that we are at a critical place here in the parish, as we have shared at our Town Hall Meeting and I am doing my best to assure that we both remain open and be a vibrant parish for all of us and in service to the wider Fairdale community. But it takes all of us coming together. Our Fall Fest Challenge, great Fish Frys, and continued faithful offerings each week will put us in a healthy financial place to be about God's best purpose for St. Teresa of Calcutta. I understand the economic struggles everyone is dealing with, especially with those of us on fixed incomes and the effects of higher prices, as our parish has also faced the same increases of property insurance, utilities, supplies and repairs. But together, we can all do our part and trust that we can never outdo God's generosity.

As before, you may make a one-time donation, or you may spread it out over a couple of months. **Please note your donation is for the "Fall Fest Challenge"**. Please remit your donation/pledge before the October 31st deadline if at all possible, and If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the office.

May God continue to bless all his people and thank you in advance for your pledge, prayers and continued support,
Deacon Lucio Caruso, Pastoral Administrator.

See Reverse Side for Pledge Form

St. Teresa of Calcutta TAX DEDUCTABLE Fall Fest Challenge/Pledge Fund

Option 1: One time donation

Amount \$ _____ Check# _____

Option 2: Donation/Pledge divided out over August/September/October.

Amount July: _____ Check # _____ Aug: _____ Check# _____

Sept: _____ Check # _____

Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State _____

Zip _____ Phone: _____ Email Address: _____

Please return the above form and your cash/check made payable to St. Teresa of Calcutta Make sure to notate "Fall Fest Challenge Fund" in the memo section so we can keep track of these donations.

REMINDER: You may bring your donation/pledge by the Parish Office M-Thursday 8:30am-4pm or you may put your donation in the tithing basket when the baskets are passed around in church. You may also mail your donation to the Parish Office:

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