

*Fiesta, Sunday September 13, 2026*

# **Nativity of The Blessed Virgin Mary Fiesta Planning Meeting January 13, 2026**



## **Announcements:**

**Next Planning Meeting:** Tuesday, March 3rd 6-7:30 PM Parish Hall(

**Fiesta Date set:** Sunday, September 13, 2026

## **Notes**

Table groups answered the following questions. These were brainstorming ideas and will be discussed at the upcoming planning meeting on March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Additional ideas on the questions can be sent to Kris Meurer, 2026 Fiesta Chair at [meurerphd@comcomcast.net](mailto:meurerphd@comcomcast.net) or text: 505-362-6485.

## **What worked in 2025?**

### **Answers:**

- Arts and Crafts outside
- Martha Sanchez did so well on jewelry displays and pricing in thrift store
- I worked the thrift store – spent a lot of money – it was fun.
- Parking control was very good.,
- Liked the music and dancers
- We had more space for the thrift store area- we had good help
- Better system in thrift store for register's
- Larger space for thrift store
- Processing our own credit cards
- Collect stuff in the summer (thrift store)
- Food booths were good
- Runners were helpful
- Hospitality clean-up worked good for sanitary purposes
- Darlene did a fantastic job organizing the hospitality crew!
- Indian Taco Booth was well organized and worked well
- Games and Face painting were Great!
- Hamburger stand worked well and we had cheese
- Worked hard – volunteers worked in desert booth
- Ice Cream Booth
- Having counting team members do the money work
- Be sure to have hospitality in the food area again
- Boy scouts – trash pickup
- Overall everything went smooth!
- Face painting

## **What can we improve on for Fiesta 2026?**

### **Answers:**

- Need the room off the kitchen in the Pastoral Center's big window as another seating area.
- People missed the quiet seating in the Pastoral center
- Quiet eating area
- Use any empty rooms for eating places
- Low attendance for games
- Have less leftovers in thrift store
- Large map to show where different booths are located and /or volunteers to direct people
- More food vendors
- Ice cream ran out need more
- Thrift store sales at end of day
- Advertising to parish and local parishes
- Increase number of volunteers for set up of booths
- Raise thrift store prices first few days
- Have more religious statues in thrift store – they sell
- Order raffle tickets earlier so more sell
- Have people sell raffle tickets after Masses
- Find more volunteers
- Sign up volunteers after Masses
- Ice cream stand back to pastoral center with games
- Move ice cream booth back to pastoral center
- Vendors ran out of food (BBQ) – need more food
- More vendors
- Bring music tent back to parking lot
- More games for adults
- Coordinate the number of buns with patties
- Add sponge throw

## **New ideas for Fiesta 2026?**

### **Answers:**

- Youth Mass – 12:30 Fiesta Day
- Mariachi Mass
- Use Older religious Ed Kids (confirmation) as runners
- Get sponsors or parents to help
- More participation and leadership for Knights and Catholic Daughters
- Gift card grab – gift cards donated \$5 or more – tickets = \$5 each (100% profit for Nativity) can also do with jewelry from Oldtown
- Solicit donations from local businesses (donate food, water, paper goods, ice cream gift cards, services)
- Families that receive a subsidy for Catholic School have to do hours for fiesta.
- Get a theme for the fiesta like the Calendar of 250 year American 66 100 years, etc.
- We need volunteers to ask for donations from vendors gift cards etc., but early done by calling 1<sup>st</sup> cut off.
- New car show Jeep club Rte. 66 anniversary
- Have a specific reason what the profit from the Fiesta would be used for.
- Blue lite special for 10 minutes – on Thrift Store at certain stations.

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- Have someone with tech savvy help the Thrift Store put large items on eBay or somewhere.
- More shade in the parking lot with chairs.
- Sell left over food to helpers
- More food variety – popcorn, cotton candy, snow cones.
- Security at Thrift Store
- Looking into C&C Carpet and/or Elementary School for additional parking.
- Fiesta King & Queen youth (13-18) years old) & Viejos ((20-50 years old)
- Rock climbing wall
- Car show
- Bring the Car show back
- Water games
- Get outdoor tent for people to sit & band to perform
- Sine type if breakfast for morning