



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 3rd. Additional ideas on the questions can be sent to Kris Meurer, 2026 Fiesta Chair at meurerphd@comcast.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

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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 1st 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