

July 4, 2026 CHICKEN STEW & BBQ FUNDRAISER

BEEN COOKIN' 152 YEARS

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

I would especially like to thank the following volunteers who served in a leadership role during this fundraiser: Jean Buffler, Brian & Maryann Carrico, Teresa Chaney, John Connolly, Matt Connolly, Tommy Eck, Alan Eckl, Anthony Eckl, Jerry Eckl, Roanald Eckl. The Eckl Boys' Meat House Clean Team, John Foster, Frances Holder, Steve Kirkpatrick, Eddie Krieger, Cynthia Johnson, Joe Lamprecht, Angie MacMullin, Frank Mecke, John Locker, Karen & Tom Minnelli, Mary Beth Passarella, Ralph & Donna Peters, Marty Peters, Mary Jo Rivera, Elaine Smith, Bradley Stumpe, Mike Stumpe, Paul Stumpe, Elizabeth Vandiver, and Cindy Varner. Your efforts did not go unnoticed nor unappreciated. Thank you! Thank You! Thank You!

It is always good to see the folks from out of town who show up to work and visit. Jeff Bernauer, John Hand, Alan Querin, Lawrence Specker, and Aaron Stumpe were among that group. Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

I would also like to thank the dozens and dozens of volunteers who worked one of the shifts and/or helped with the potato chopping. We had more than 38 choppers. The job lasted only 53 minutes! Some workers performed multiple jobs and some of you were on-site for 15 to 20 hours during the two-day period. Some even more hours. Thank you! Thank You! Thank You!

There were many young people that helped in various ways. I am so proud of them. Those who helped with Meat House and Pavilion Cleanup in June were: Anne Margaret Chaney, Whit Chaney, Miranda Padgett, Tomas Padgett, Aimee Pham, Duc Pham, and Gabe Teran. Willow Craig, Chloe Mauter, and Jolie Mauter helped with the Afternoon Bingo. Brennan Mitchell, Brandon Vandiver, and Tristen Vandiver, and Tristen's friend Cody helped on July 3 with the fires for the BBQ. Isabella & Sasaya Brunk sold Ice Cream for the Afternoon Bingo. Whit Chaney, Harrison Foster, Jay David Foster, and Joseph Jones helped clean the pots before and after the cooking of the stew. Thank You! Thank you! Thank You!

I would like to thank all that donated money, food for the Workers' meals, Bingo prizes, \$50 Gift cards, Baked goods, and the Raffle items. Additionally, I would like to thank all that purchased baked goods, played bingo, and bought Chicken Stew and/or BBQ. Thank you! Thank You! Thank You!

Deacon Steve Kirkpatrick donated and smoked ribs for the Workers' Meals. Brian Carrico assisted him. Thank you! Thank You! Thank You!

This fundraiser is a long-standing tradition in this church community. I would like to recognize several families and individuals that have moved into our church community during the last few years and have now become part of the tradition: Tom & Linda Lukowicz, Michael & Jackie Mauter, Sue Howe, Jo Pietrzak, Joann & Barry Hand, and Stephen Brunk family. Thank you! Thank You! Thank You!

For many years, Price & Cathy Harrison have donated the tent for the Bake Sale. Also, special thanks to Danny at Scoville Grocery (Big Star) who ordered our meat and had in it the best condition on the morning of July 3. Thank you! Thank You! Thank You!

A special thanks goes to the Parish Council: Jerry Eckl, Matt Connolly, Megan Eck, Elizabeth Vandiver, Joe Albright, Teresa Chaney, and Carolyn Eck. They were there to help with whatever I needed. Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

I believe that all those that worked at this event would say that there was much planning and work leading to this successful fundraiser, but that it was also an enjoyable experience. There is great satisfaction in doing something that benefits our church. Many donated time; many donated talent; many donated treasure; some donated time, talent, and treasure. Thank you! Thank You! Thank You! Carolyn Eck, Chair 07.09.2026