

2016 HOLLY FAIR NEWS - Bulletin #3

HOME BAKING

Only a short time now until the big day is here (November 26). Our Holly Fair Home Baking stall is a huge draw to customers who scramble to be first to choose from all those special treats that have made St. Mary's famous. Cooks are wanted to help us stock up with shortbread (#1 best seller), Christmas cookies, tarts, squares, gingerbread, pies, loaves, Christmas cakes, etc. Trays and plastic bags are ready for you to pick up from the table in the narthex. Buyers with allergies appreciate knowing the ingredients in an item; attach a small tag listing them. There are many requests for Gluten Free foods. Let's do our best to ensure the Bake Table is full to overflowing!!!!

Note: muffins do not sell.

PRODUCE & GARDEN SHOP

Fall produce such as Brussels sprouts, cauliflower, late apples, squash, turnips, etc. are most welcome. Along with dried flowers and grasses for winter floral arrangements, we would also like to stock the shop with healthy, attractive house plants and garden accessories such as trowels, basket liners, spades etc. We welcome fancy pots especially those with a festive motif, garden ornaments and empty hanging baskets (so we can make winter hanging basket arrangements to sell.)

JEWELLERY

Attractive jewellery in good condition is eagerly sought by our buyers. It would be helpful to have these items early to assist in preparing them for sale.

BOOKS

Good quality paperbacks and hard cover books, CDs and DVDs are needed.

Please, no Reader's Digest Condensed Books, religious tracts, Harlequin romances, magazines, VHS videos or audio tapes.

HANDCRAFTS (SEWING, KNITTING, CROCHETING, WOODWORK, ETC.)

Your donations of NEW handmade articles (no bought items, please) will be eagerly accepted - hats, gloves, mittens, socks, slippers, napkins, placemats, tea cozies, potholders, oven mitts, table runners, wood products (cutting boards, birdhouses, etc.)

GOURMET PANTRY

We're actively seeking a wide assortment of jams, jellies, chutneys, pickles, relishes, salsa, cranberry sauce, fruit butters and preserves, marmalades, mincemeats. Please remember that ALL canning must be in properly sealed jars and processed for food safety. Other food items such as soup mixes, drink mixes, nuts, dried herbs are welcome; and sweet treats like candy, fudge, chocolate barks, brittles, cookie/brownie mixes in jars and other special treats to satisfy your sweet tooth are always good sellers. And don't forget the ever-popular Christmas carrot and plum puddings!!! All contributions will be welcome.

CHRISTMAS OLD AND NEW

Donations of both new and gently-used Christmas themed object d'art, china, ornaments, decorations and lights and items that can be used as stocking stuffers are always welcome. Please ensure items are clean and not broken.

SILENT AUCTION

Please consider making an individual donation of your services or a new or collectible item. Please advise David Cooper of your item(s) before November 18. Such donations are most welcome.

MYSTERY BOTTLES

These attractive "Mystery Bottles" are a BIG hit at our Holly Fair!! Our goal is 60 Bottles!!!! Donations of products in bottles with a monetary value of at least \$5.00 are being sought, but items of greater value are welcome. Suggestions include fruit drinks, wines and liquors, specialty cooking oils (olive, sesame, avocado, walnut), fancy vinegars and sauces, bubble bath, body lotions, etc. Place your donation in the basket on the narthex table; please do not wrap.

HELPERS NEEDED

Sign up sheets are on the easel in the narthex if you are able to help in the following ways:

*** WORKERS** at the stalls on the day of the HOLLY FAIR (November 26)

If you are available to work in one of the stalls or in the kitchen on the day of the Holly Fair, please choose a job and sign up on the sheets on the Holly Fair notice board by November 20.

*** FURNITURE SETUP on THURSDAY** afternoon (November 24) @ 2:00 p.m.

If you are able to help carry and set up tables and carry boxes to the different stalls, we could really use your help for 1 hour.

*** CLEAN UP TEAM** (probably the most valued people of all!!) on **SATURDAY** after the Holly Fair closes (2:15 until we're done)

Helpers will be needed to take down and put away tables, carry boxes to return to storage, take down decorations, etc. Many hands make the work go faster and your help will be especially valued as the workers at the stalls will have been "on deck" all day.

DELIVERING YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS

We are accepting donations of Mystery bottles and home canning right away. The church office is open on Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday mornings for delivery of your contributions.

All other donations will be welcome:

on **THURSDAY MORNING** (Nov. 24) 9:00 - 11:30 AM
(to the narthex)

or **FRIDAY** (Nov. 25) between 9:00 AM and 2:00 PM (to all stalls except Baking).

BAKING will be accepted on **FRIDAY**, (NOV. 25) between 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM and on **SATURDAY** (Nov. 26) BEFORE 9:00 AM

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