



Dear St. John Neumann Parish Families,

We hope this message finds you well. As the Christmas Season approaches, we want to share an important update regarding our annual Christmas Craft Fair.

After much discussion and consideration, we have made the difficult decision to cancel this year's Christmas Craft Fair. While this event started off as a way to bring our community together, circumstances this year have led us to take a step back and pause the fair.

However, we are excited to announce that in place of the Craft Fair, we will be hosting a Christmas Gift Basket Raffle! This festive fundraiser is a fun and meaningful way for us to stay connected and raise money for two important causes:

- To support our parish youth who will be traveling to Georgia next year
- To assist with capital improvements for our parish

We would love for families, friends, or parish groups to participate by donating a themed gift basket or an item that can be raffled off. Some fun and popular basket ideas include:

- Cozy Winter Nights (hot cocoa, blankets, candles, books)
- Italian Dinner Night (pasta, sauce, olive oil, wine)
- Family Game Night (board games, popcorn, snacks)
- Baking Fun (mixes, utensils, sprinkles, recipe cards)
- Holiday Cheer (Christmas décor, ornaments, treats)
- Self-Care & Relaxation (lotions, candles, bath salts)

If you'd like to donate a basket or an item, please drop it off at the parish office by Friday, October 24, 2025. Be sure to include a label with the theme and a list of the contents.

We are incredibly grateful for the enthusiasm, time, and generosity that so many of you have poured into past events. While we will miss the fair this year, we look forward to your support in making the Basket Raffle a joyful and successful community effort.

If you have any questions or need ideas, please feel free to reach out to Rachel Maccini at rachelmaccini@gmail.com or another Parish Council member.

