

Epiphany of the Lord Mission Statement

We, the Catholic Community of Epiphany of the Lord, established in the love of the Father, with faith in Jesus Christ, and under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, commit ourselves to living the Word of God by sharing all our gifts—both spiritual and temporal—for the well-being of all people.

Goal of the International Food Festival

In celebration of the Feast of the Epiphany, the International Food Festival unites our parish community as we honor the rich diversity of our cultures, traditions, and values. Through food, fellowship, music, and the sharing of our God-given talents, we strengthen our identity as a vibrant and welcoming family of faith.

Just as the Three Kings offered their gifts to the Christ Child, we too offer our spiritual, cultural, and personal gifts for the good of all. This festival becomes a living expression of our mission: to share our blessings, celebrate our diversity, and deepen our unity as one community of Epiphany of the Lord.

International Food Festival Guidelines

1. Date and Time

The International Food Festival is held annually on the Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord, which is observed on a Sunday.

2. Booth Set-Up

- Representatives and members of each participating country may begin setting up on **Saturday at 2:00 PM**, one day before the event.
- The event will begin on **Sunday after the 11:30am** mass.
- Please display your country's flag at your booth.
- Each booth must showcase a chart, trifold, poster, backdrop, or cultural exhibit that represents their country.
- Only **five people** are allowed in each booth at any given time for selling food items.

3. Food Display Requirements

- All food items must be displayed with their ingredients and pricing during setup.
- Each country may offer a up to **five dishes**.
- Pricing should range from **\$1 to \$5** per item or combo.

4. Supplies Provided

The church will provide utensils, bowls, plates, cups, table covers, and napkins. You may bring your own supplies if preferred; this is greatly appreciated.

5. Kitchen Use

- A refrigerator will be available for food storage.
- Warmers and microwave are available for use on the day of the event, with prior notice.
- Each country should limit the number of people using the kitchen area.
- Participants are encouraged to prepare their food at home prior to bringing it to the church.

6. Electrical Needs

- When submitting your menu and supplies list, please also indicate any requirements for electrical outlets, power strips, or extension cords.
- Extension cords/power strips must be returned after the festival or left at your booth.

7. Tickets and Accounting

- Tickets will be sold in the Loggia of the Family Center.
- All food purchases must be made using tickets.

8. Reimbursement

- Reimbursement forms with original receipts to be submitted to the parish office within a week of the event. A maximum reimbursement of **\$200** will be provided.
- For those who choose not to request reimbursement, we sincerely appreciate your generosity and support.

9. Cultural Performances

- Representatives must submit music or audio files to Coordinator of Parish Life Ministries **at least two weeks before the event.**
- New music requests will not be accepted or processed on the day of the event.

10. Post-Event Cleanup

- Remove all decorations and personal items after the program.
- Leave tables and chairs in their original arrangement.