

31st Annual Starlight Strawberry Festival

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St. John's Church in Starlight is hosting the 31st Annual Starlight Strawberry Festival on Saturday, May 23.

A buffet-style dinner will be served from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. in the Church Hall which will include: Ham, Fried Chicken, Chicken and Dumplings, Corn, Slaw, Green Beans with New Potatoes, Tea, Lemonade, Water and Dessert. Adults 10 and older cost \$8.50, Senior Citizens cost \$7.50 and Children 3-10 years cost \$5, with children under 3 free.

Adults can join around the tables in the Wine & Beer Garden to play Blackjack, Showdown, or just relax and enjoy the music and hospitality. Enjoy the evening hours of the festival by visiting the street dance with music provided by Southern Indiana's own "Rumors".

The festival will be held rain or shine, with covered facilities available.

Festival events will include: Buffet-style chicken and ham dinner, Bingo, Craft Booths, Clogging, Music, Rock Climbing Wall, Carnival Rides, Homegrown Strawberries (if available), Hanging Flower Basket Wheel, Pull Tab Bingo, Soapbox Derby, Strawberry Queen Contest, Lucky Number Booth, Cake Wheel, Ping Pong Toss, Blackjack, Raffles (prizes to include cash, two quilts and jewelry), and a Wine and Beer Garden.

The Strawberry Festival Queen Contest will begin at 11 a.m. and conclude with the crowning after judging. Awards for the Queen Contest are as follows: Queen - \$100, 1st Runner-Up - \$75 and 2nd Runner-Up - \$50.

Queen Contestants are as follows:

Emma Emery – Age 18

Parents: Sandra and Robert Pelkey

Sponsor: Sandra Pelkey

Presently attending Purdue University

Organizations and Clubs: Tour guide for Visitor Center at Purdue, Vice President of Hilltop Council, Golden Silks at Purdue, Youth Group at Heartland.

Hobbies: Volunteering at the Animal Shelter, raising rabbits, spinning flags, dancing.

Other: Emma is studying Animal Sciences/Pre-Vet at Purdue and plans to open a clinic after graduation. She loves meeting new people.

Maria Kirchgessner – Age 19

Parents: Debbie and Tim Kirchgessner

Sponsor: Grandma and Grandpa Kirchgessner

Presently attending Bellarmine University

Organizations and Clubs: Bellarmine University Accounting Association, Knight's Nation Pep Club, Bellarmine Ambassador.

Hobbies: Babysitting, Shopping, helping pit crew for Arca Racing, hanging out with family and friends.

Other: Maria has wanted to be an accountant since eighth grade. She will be starting an internship with Yum! Brands this summer.

Bea Bodner – Age 19

Parents: Micah and Penny Bodner

Sponsor: Polly's Freeze

Presently attending Indiana University Southeast

Organizations and Clubs: Phi Eta Sigma National Honor Society, IUS Red Edition Dance

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Team.

Hobbies: Dance, writing and reading.

Other: Bea is a 9-year member of 4-H.

Taylor Exline – Age 17

Parents: Cheryl Tansey and Joe Exline

Sponsor: Beef O' Brady's

Presently attending Floyd Central High School
Organizations and Clubs: Floyd Central Swim Team, Student Council, New Albany Deanery Youth Ministry Activities Team, Junior Executive, St. Mary's Navilleton Youth Choir.

Hobbies: Swimming, reading, going to the lake, hanging out with friends.

Other: Taylor is very involved with her school and church. She loves being outside, will be Senior Class President in the Fall and is a lifeguard at the YMCA and Jeffersonville Aquatics Center.

Stephanie Andres – Age 17

Parents: Tom and Cindy Andres

Sponsor: B.W.&L. Construction, Inc.

Presently attending Providence High School
Organizations and Clubs: Providence Student Ambassador, Spanish Club, Providence Pride, Youth Ministry Activities Team, The Holy Family Activities Team.

Hobbies: Cheerleading, babysitting, youth ministry events and activities.

Other: Stephanie is a cheerleader at Providence High School. She enjoys eating out, going to Churchill Downs and vacations, especially to the lake or Florida.

Katharine Finn – Age 17

Parents: Jerry and Jill Finn

Sponsor: Starlight Country Cabin, 1830's

Presently attending Providence High School

Organizations and Clubs: Youth philanthropy Council, Providence Swim Team, President of the Holy Family Activities Team, Vice-President of the Youth Ministry Activities Team, Spanish Club, Recycling Club, National Honor Society, International Thespian Society.

Hobbies: Dancing, swimming, theatre, babysitting, Mission trips, Youth Ministry activities.

Other: Katharine loves tap, ballet, and jazz at Weber's School of Dance. She has two brothers and a sister, and is very involved with her church here at St. John's Starlight.

Alice Huber- Age 18

Parents – Greg and Jan Huber

Sponsor – Huber Orchard and Winery

Presently attending Providence High School

Organizations and Clubs: Providence Pride, student ambassadors, Spanish Club, National Honor Society, St. Gensius Society.

Hobbies: Reading, shopping, working in the farm market, babysitting cousins, spending time with friends and family.

Other: Allie has been active in the Providence Theatre for the last four year. She plans to attend Florida Gulf Coast University this Fall.

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Ashley Curry – Age 17

Parents: Melinda Kaestner

Sponsor: Grandma Bohannon

Presently attending New Albany High School
Organizations and Clubs: Key Club and Teen Court

Hobbies: Dancing, golf, pageants

Other: Ashley would like to be a Child Therapist for abused children. She volunteers for The Salvation Army and is on the Honor Roll.

Audrey Perkins – Age 17

Parents: Albert and Louise Perkins

Sponsor: Kroger on Bardstown Rd.

Presently attending Floyd Central High School
Organizations and Clubs: Floyd Central Dazzlers, Holy Family T.H.A.T. Team, National Honor Society, FC Student Renaissance

Hobbies: Dancing, playing piano and guitar, reading, hanging out with friends, her boyfriend, and family.

Other: Audrey loves being a part of the Floyd Central Dazzlers and it's a big part of her life. She also enjoys participating in activities with the youth group at Holy Family.

Eryn Lilly – Age 20

Parents: Martha and Tony Lilly

Sponsor: Personal Touch Salon and Barber

Presently attending Indiana University Southeast and the University of Louisville
Organizations and Clubs: NYI Council-President, IUS Orientation Leader, Phi Eta Sigma National Honor Society-IUS Chapter, Tri-M Music Honor Society, and National Honor Society of Secondary Schools.

Hobbies: Baking and making desserts, making homemade greeting cards, and scrap booking.

Other: Eryn plays the violin, bass guitar and keyboard. She is a certified lifeguard. She has recently been accepted into the University of Louisville Dental Hygiene Program while continuing an Associate of Arts Degree in Biology from Indiana University Southeast.

Nicole Ferguson – Age 19

Parents: Brad and Tracy Ferguson

Sponsor: Florella Graham

Presently attending Ivy Tech Community College – Nursing

Organizations and Clubs: Heartland Church of the Nazarene

Hobbies: Four wheeling, hunting, fishing and taking care of her dogs.

Other: Nicole would like to become a nurse. She spends most of her time at the lake, outside, or taking care of her new puppy.

Katie Naville – Age 17

Parents: Bob and Jenni Naville

Sponsor: Floyds Knobs Therapeutic Massage Clinic

Presently attending Floyd Central High School
Organizations and Clubs: Spanish Club, St. Mary's Navilleton Choir, Floyd Central Acappella Choir and Chamber Singers Group, Holy

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Family Activities Planning Team, Floyd Central Student Renaissance, Deanery Youth Ministry Activities Team

Hobbies: Piano, choir, theatre, dance and reading.

Other: Katie is very excited about her upcoming Senior Year. After graduation, she would like to major in Music Education. Last Summer she traveled to Europe with the Kentucky Ambassadors of Music Choir, and sang in seven different countries. Join St. Mary of the Knobs to celebrate St. Patrick's Day in style! Their 4th Annual Reverse Raffle is set for Friday, March 13 at 7:30 p.m. Only 100 tickets sold in increments of \$100, \$50, and \$25. Total cash prizes of \$5,500 – even losers have a second chance to win!