

Social Activities

Who we are: The Social Activities group was started by several members of the former Young Adult group and has really started to grow. We are looking for volunteers of all ages! Our goal is to bring enjoyable events to our parish. The more help we have with this ministry, the more events we can plan.

Events we currently do:

Movie nights! Did you know that the church is required to obtain a license in order for us to show movies? Each year Social Activities pays around \$200 for the license, which covers us for the entire year. This event was created to be a fun, inexpensive night out for individuals, couples and families. We serve a variety of concession items and always have a dinner special. If you have not participated in this event, please consider doing so. The concessions are where we make our profit, so we also serve the dinners to go.



! In 2016 we brought Bingo back to St Paul after an almost 10 year absence. Our first night in January was very successful, and our next Bingo night is scheduled for April 9, 2016. At the current time, our license will only allow us to have 4 games per year at our parish. If the nights continue to do well, in 2017 we will upgrade our license and schedule a Bingo night each month for a total of 12 for the year. It takes a village to make sure these nights run smoothly, so please consider volunteering. We must have enough volunteers in order to increase the nights.

Children's Fall Festival! This is an event that is hosted by multiple groups. The Social Activities takes care of requesting candy and monetary donations from parishioners and local businesses, and helps coordinate the evening. Volunteers are needed to help run the food/beverage concessions, as well as helping with the festival games. Lots of participation is needed this evening so the work shifts can be divided into 30 minute increments to insure rest/drink/bathroom breaks for the volunteers.

Chesapeake Energy Arena! We currently have a small group of parishioners that volunteer to work Thunder basketball games and concerts at the Peake. St Paul is paid \$60.00 for each volunteer. We volunteer for Levy Restaurants on the 2nd/Suite level of the arena. Our group is usually placed in the same booth, and we are able to operate this stand smoothly with 4 volunteers. That gives St Paul \$240.00 each night we volunteer. The catch you ask? In order to volunteer, you will be required to stand for around 5 hours. We are able to eat a meal for free either before the doors open to the public or immediately after the stand closes. You are allowed beverages during the shift as well. (No beer though – sorry! ☺) Our small group of volunteers has already made right around \$1000.00 for St Paul this basketball season alone. In all, we have earned \$9395.74 by volunteering out there! We are hoping to obtain 4-5 additional volunteers so that we may double the games/events we currently work.

Throughout the year we have also hosted pasta dinners and fish fry's. The calendar is going to be planned soon for the coming months. If you are able to help the Social Activities in any way, shape, or form, we would be very appreciative. The funds we collect go into an account and are used as parish needs arise. \$5000.00 was donated to help with the remodel of the RE building. We have also been able to assist for repairs to the electronic marquee in the front of the church, shelving units in the storage and pantry rooms, and a had a banner display system installed on the church grounds to allow an easy way to advertise events to our parishioners and the local community about the happenings and St Paul the Apostle.

The Social Activities hosts these events to bring enjoyment to our parish, our local community, and to help the parish pay for unexpected expenses. We have an old building; it will need repairs from time to time. Please consider volunteering some of YOUR time to our ministry. Thank you for your consideration.