

Joyce Dhein and Frank Hoeffler

Much of the work Joyce Dhein and Frank Hoeffler do at St. Boniface is done solemnly and quietly when doing any one of their duties during mass. When producing the annual Lenten Fish Fry, Joyce and Frank's work becomes more overt and exuberant. Joyce and Frank are both long-time Germantown residents and St. Boniface parishioners. When the decision was made to retire the festival, Joyce and Frank both felt strongly that an alternative opportunity for parishioners to gather and visit was needed, and the Lenten Fish Fry was born.

The Fish Fry is held in Sipple Hall for three Fridays in Lent from 4-6:30 pm. Parishioners are encouraged to invite their friends and dine in. It's a great opportunity to be in the company of and connect with the community. The menu includes standard fish fry fare, professionally catered by Marko's Pizza proprietor and fellow parishioner, Ken Ubert. This year you are in for a special treat as Marko's is making fresh homemade potato pancakes (while supplies last). Parishioners Kathy & Paul Melius are providing homemade applesauce and fresh tapped maple syrup.

A grilled cheese and applesauce option is offered for kids, and a take-out option for busy families on the go is also available. Homemade desserts such as pies, tortes, bars, and cakes are supplied by individual parishioner volunteers. Members of the Knights of Columbus, Boy Scouts, and both the Parish Council, Pastoral Council, and Faith Formation, graciously help run the event.

Frank and Joyce strongly believe that service and a contribution of time, energy, and money is a requirement for members of a parish. Without such contributions and commitment, the parish community would cease to exist.

Volunteering and getting involved not only leads to fulfilling friendships and connections, but this work is ultimately necessary to create and sustain the parish community. Frank and Joyce implore the younger generation to take on a more active role. As Joyce put it, "anyone can volunteer their services and are always welcome to join whatever they are interested in doing. We have a very friendly community parish". If you wish to get involved in volunteering for this beloved event, please talk to someone at the fish fry, or call the parish office.