

Coming now to your favorite parish: "St. Bart's Table"

Have you seen other parishioners that you recognize from church while you're out in public? You probably smile and say hello, and then continue on your way. Wouldn't it be nice to get to know some of those parishioners better? Here is your chance to meet fellow members of your parish community. "St. Bart's Table" is a program designed to build community within St. Bartholomew's while having fun and sharing a meal at the same time. After registering for the program, the "St. Bart's Table" team will take the master list of participants before each dining event and randomly break it down into hosts and guests, based on how many people are signed up for the evening, and how many people fit at various dinner tables. The number of hosts will depend on how many people register for the program. Each event will have different hosts, and you will be sharing a meal with different members of the parish.

St. Bart's Table

What: A fun way for parishioners to get together in a relaxed and informal atmosphere. The program is not as much about the meal as it is about building parish community.

When: We'll start the program slowly, meeting Saturday March 10th, 2012, and Saturday August 11th, 2012. We will re-evaluate after the August dinner to see if we should increase the frequency. You do not need to be able to attend each dinner to participate. You will be contacted about 2 weeks before each scheduled dinner to RSVP as to your availability for that evening.

Where: At the home of a randomly selected host. If you have a strong reason as to why you are unable to be a host, please let the "St. Bart's Table" team know, however things work better (and are more fun) if everyone is able to host.

Why: It's a great way to meet some of those nice people you see in church!

Who: All adult (21 and older) members of St. Bart's parish – singles and couples.

How: Each scheduled evening the "St. Bart's Table" team will determine how many people are participating for that evening. They will randomly choose hosts for the evening and then randomly assign guests to hosts using how many can fit around various tables. Each guest will receive an e-mail asking them to bring an assigned side for the dinner. Also in the e-mail will be the address and phone number (if problems arise) of the host. Hosts will be asked to provide the main course and beverages. There is also an element of surprise in these evenings. Hosts will know how many will be attending, but not who, and the guests will have an address, but not know who is hosting, or their fellow diners! Each evening will have a different mix, so after a while you will have had an opportunity to meet many fellow parishioners.

We invite you to become part of "St. Bart's Table."

See reverse for registration form.

The Social Committee: Jane Bohnett, Wendy Burton, Shelly Dau, Ann Gallagher, John Grobe, Jodene Marquis, Mary Beth Viers