



Oktoberfest

August 2025

Dear Friends of St. Raymond School:

For more than a century, St. Raymond School, serving preschool through eighth grade, has positively impacted the Joliet community. Throughout our years of existence our graduates have gone on to be teachers, tradesmen, executives, and business owners, **all with a moral compass to do good in our community and the world.** Created to be a small, close-knit community, St. Raymond School prides itself on being a place where every child is known by name. This promotes strong connections to the school, the parish, and the community we serve.

On October 25, 2025, St. Ray's will host its **23rd annual OktoberFest.** The purpose of OktoberFest is to bring together alumni, friends, parents and parishioners in fellowship and to raise money for the academic programs of St. Raymond School. It is a spectacular event full of energy and love for a place that we are all connected to in some way!

Last year when we asked for your support, you gave generously. **Because of our sponsors and in-kind donors, we raised \$84,000 for the children of St. Raymond School!** This is an incredible display of love and support for our school. We couldn't be more thankful! These funds helped us install new interactive panels in our junior high classrooms, place carpet in one of our classrooms and in a main hallway, purchase new blinds for the junior high classrooms, and adopt new English Language Arts curriculum school wide. All of this supports our mission of providing our school families with an education of unparalleled quality.

Our hope is that you will find benefit in sponsoring O'Fest. The enclosed document shares the value at each level of sponsorship. Upon reviewing these options, we hope that you will choose to partner with us to continue our tradition of excellence.

On behalf of our students, parents, staff, and alumni **we thank you in advance for your consideration and look forward to your participation.** Please feel free to contact us with any additional questions.

In gratitude,

Ms. Marjorie Hill
Principal



Our 2025 Sponsorship Levels

Presenting Sponsor: \$3,000

Only two sponsorships are available at this level.

All Platinum Sponsor benefits, plus:

- Your company logo attached to the official O'Fest logo
- Individual Table Topper displayed in high traffic areas of O'Fest (i.e., bar, silent auction, ticket check-in)
- 10 tickets to OktoberFest

Platinum Sponsor: \$2,000

All Gold Sponsor benefits, plus:

- Personal banner to be displayed in our school gym
- Marquee Board (Raynor Ave.) Recognition
- Logo included on the back of our O'FEAST shirt (worn by over 500 people)
- VIP parking at the event
- 8 tickets to OktoberFest

Gold Sponsor: \$1,000

All Silver Sponsor Benefits, plus:

- Promotional Flyer to be included in our weekly parent newsletter
- Designated yard sign with your company's logo which will be displayed along a prominent pathway at OktoberFest
- Vendor Table at our annual Curriculum Night (held in April)
- 6 tickets to OktoberFest

Silver Sponsor: \$750

All Red, White, and Black Sponsor Benefits, plus:

- Business name and logo with link on our website
- Social media plugs during important times of the year for your company
- Logo on table toppers and on all OktoberFest signage
- 4 tickets to OktoberFest

Red, White and Black Sponsor: \$500

All Friends of the Cathedral Sponsor Benefits, plus:

- Recognition on the OktoberFest and Cathedral of St. Raymond Parish and School Facebook and Instagram pages
- Logo on a shared yard sign along a prominent pathway at OktoberFest
- 2 tickets to OktoberFest

Friends of the Cathedral of St. Raymond: \$200

- Name recognition on sponsorship signage
- Name recognition on table toppers at OktoberFest
- Name recognition in post-event ads in electronic parent newsletters and church bulletin



We want to support the mission of St. Ray's!

We will sponsor at the \$ _____ level.

Please make checks payable to St. Raymond School.

Company Name
(as it should appear for recognition)

Contact Person

Email Address

Phone Number

In order to acknowledge sponsors, payments and logos must be received by **9/19/25**.

If you have not sponsored in the past, please send vector file of your company's logo to mhill@csrn.org.

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Frequently Asked Questions

What is the length of the commitment?

You would serve as chair for one year only. Really. The last couple of chairs have stayed on for a second year, but that is not expected.

How much time is involved?

This is tough to answer. The best guess is a couple of hours each week until Oktoberfest. If you delegate appropriately, you will have a team and it won't be as much time as you think.

What does it mean to be a chair?

You are the captain of the ship. You are overseeing your committee chairs, cheering them on, helping them troubleshoot, checking in with them.

How many families are needed to chair O'Fest?

There is no magic number. Some years we have had one family chair. Realistically, it's better with two. Could we have 3-4 families chair? Absolutely!

What supports do I have?

There are a number of sub-committees that fall under Oktoberfest: O'Feast, Sponsorships, E-auction, Acquisitions for auction, Tickets, Food, Bar, Decorations, Entertainment, Harvest Club, Volunteers, Redemption, Student Raffle, and Gratitude.

This is the beautiful thing about Oktoberfest. Everyone has their part. When everyone pitches in, it celebrates the phrase, "Many hands make light work."

Here is the great news! Many of these sub-committees already have chairs - including E-Auction - the biggest and most time consuming of tasks for O'Fest. Last year's chairs - the Morettis and Orrs - will be overseeing this portion of O'Fest so you will be in very capable hands to help direct you.

Is there a timeline of what needs to be done and by when?

Yes! We are happy to share the timeline with you! Just know you will have lots of support to make sure you are on track.

Thanks for considering chairing O'Fest! You would be making a tremendous difference to our community!

