

Press Release

Due to the growing concerns and recommendations regarding large gatherings with the COVID-19 pandemic, the 2020 Storm Lake St. Mary's Ball and Charity Auction will not be held as a public event. The charity auction will continue but will be conducted via online bidding only. This was a difficult decision by St. Mary's Administration, public safety is at the forefront of the parish and school at this time. All funds raised via the on-line process will benefit the operations of the preK-12 Catholic school.

Event ticket purchasers should have already received a link to the online bidding via text or email. For those who have not received the link, please contact the parish office at (712) 732-3110 or e-mail kfoell@stormlakecatholic.com. Any supporter who would like to participate in the online bidding can follow the link <https://smssl2020.ggo.bid>. Bidding will close electronically Saturday, March 21 at 9 p.m.

The \$5,000 Big Raffle ticket drawings will still occur on Saturday, March 21. Watch Storm Lake St. Mary's School Facebook page to view the post of the winners at 9 p.m. Donors will be able to purchase Paxtons' Chest for Chance bags online for \$30 at the above link. All purchases can be picked up at the St. Mary's Parish Center at 300 E. Third Street, Storm Lake, Monday, March 23 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Administration is hopeful the public event can return to the Buena Vista University Forum March 6, 2021.