

Food Truck Friday Event

St. Timothy Catholic Church has been hosting an event called “Food Truck Friday” on the third Friday of every month for the past two years. We would like to hold these events all year round, rather than only nine months of the year per our current permit. The event is contained to the south portion of our parking lot. Patrons are able to park their vehicles in the remaining available spaces.

Setup for the event begins around 3pm with the arrival of some of the food trucks that take longer to prepare their food. As the food trucks prepare in our parking lot, our own staff sets up 12 round tables with 8 chairs around each table. They also set up trash cans, conveniently positioned for easy clean up by our patrons.

The event officially starts at 5:30pm, though if people arrive early (at 5 as the get off work), our food truck vendors will likely not turn them away. Food will be served until 8pm. Around that time, as the crowd peters out, clean up begins. Tables and chairs are broken down, trash is moved to the dumpster, and everything is returned to their storage places in the church. That takes about 30 minutes. Everything should be done by 8:30pm. An adjustment would be made to the time during the hotter months (June-August). During those months, our event will start at 6:30pm and end at 9:00pm.

During the event, the church facilities will be open to the public. A handicap accessible bathroom is available in our chapel and additional facilities are located in the church. Pending need – or other church events that may be happening concurrently – a portable restroom may also be reserved for the Food Truck Friday event.

In terms of advertisement for the event, we would like to hang a large portable vinyl banner (36” by 72”) on the overhang in front of our church the Sunday prior to Food Truck Friday and place additional vinyl banners at the southeast and southwest corners of our property facing the street. All other promotions take place in our parish bulletin and on our website.

We have found that this event promotes a sense of community within the neighborhood and have received no complaints from our neighbors.