

*St. Mary of the Woods Altar & Rosary Society presents*

# MARDI GRAS



## Auction Rules

**Live Auction** – Bidding begins during desert and continues until all items are sold. Each person making a bid raises her paddle available at the table. The highest bid and winner is recorded by the Spotter. If you are not given a receipt by the spotter you did not win the item. Auctioneer alone has the authority to acknowledge all bids. His decision in all cases of dispute is final.

**Silent Auction** – No one is allowed to bid without a paid ticket. No substitute bidders. Print Bidder Number clearly on the Bid Sheet. Please note restrictions and expiration dates pertaining to all items. Read the Bid Sheets and displays carefully. Do not remove the Bid Sheets from the tables. Upon closing, Bid Sheets are collected and tallied. All winners' invoices will be available after the Live Auction at the Invoice Table.

**Buy It Now!** – There will be special "Buy It Now" people circulating selling a few fixed price items. They have a set price and will be sold at that price on a first-come first-served basis. Look for the "Buy It Now" people when you enter the auction room.

**Own It Now** – Many items have an "Own It Now" value on the bottom of the bid sheet. A bidder ensures purchase of an item by placing her bidder number in the appropriate box at the bottom of each Bid Sheet labeled "Own It Now." No other bids will be accepted.

**Express Check-Out** – You are encouraged to register for Express Check-Out at reservations or at the event reservation desk. Your credit card is automatically billed for purchases you make during the evening. All winners' invoices are available at the Invoice Table after the Live Auction.

**Check-Out** – Check-Out opens when the live auction concludes and closes at 11:00pm. Winning bidders must pay for their items the night of the event and before the item is released. Cash, check, American Express, Discover, MasterCard, or VISA.

**Auction Item Pick-Up** – You need your PAID invoice to claim your item. All items must be taken home the night of the event! St. Mary's cannot assume responsibility for items left after the event. No refunds or exchanges.

**Please note that Check-Out will not open until after the live auction is over. If for some reason you have to leave early please make sure you either signed up for Express Check-Out or leave payment with a friend. No exceptions!**

**In case of dispute, all decisions by the auctioneer are considered to be final. All discrepancies may be judged by the auctioneer, committee members, and/or any representative the auction committee feels will settle a given dispute.**

