Frequently Asked Questions

What is the 1846 Raffle?

The 1846 Raffle is a fundraising initiative supporting St. Mary Catholic Central High School and Monroe Catholic Elementary Schools. The raffle brings together our Catholic school community, alumni, families, and supporters for an opportunity to win significant cash prizes while supporting Catholic education.

Why is it called the 1846 Raffle?

The name honors 1846, the year Catholic education began in Monroe. The raffle celebrates our schools' shared history and the generations of students, families, and educators who have helped build our Catholic educational tradition.

Where does the money raised go?

Proceeds from the 1846 Raffle benefit SMCC and MCES, helping support educational programs, student opportunities, and the continued mission of Catholic education in Monroe.

Who can participate?

The raffle is open to eligible individuals who meet the age and other requirements established in the official raffle rules and applicable Michigan gaming regulations.You do not need to be an SMCC or MCES parent, alumnus, or parishioner to participate.

How much does a raffle ticket cost?

Each ticket is $25.

Is there a limit to how many tickets an individual can purchase?

No, there is no per-person purchase limit. The more tickets you purchase, the more entries you have in the drawing!

Where can I purchase 1846 Raffle tickets in-person?

Tickets can be purchased in the main office at any of the three campuses using cash or check.

Can I purchase 1846 Raffle tickets online?

Yes, you can reserve your 1846 Raffle tickets online using the QR code.

Can someone who lives outside Monroe purchase a ticket?

Yes, individuals outside Monroe are eligible to participate. You can reserve your 1846 Raffle tickets online using the QR code

Do I need to keep my physical ticket?

We recommend keeping your ticket stub or receipt as proof of purchase. The raffle organizers will maintain official records of ticket entries.

What prizes can I win?

The 1846 Raffle features $50,000 in total cash prizes! The winners of the First and Second Drawings will each receive $7,500 while the winner of the Grand Prize Drawing will receive $35,000.

When will the drawings take place?

The First Drawing will be on Friday, December 18th at 2:30 p.m. The Second Drawing will be on Friday, January 18th at 2:30 p.m. The Grand Prize Drawing will be on Friday, February 5th at 2:30p.m.

Do I need to be present to win?

Winners do not need to be present unless otherwise specified in the official raffle rules.

How will winners be notified?

Winners will be contacted using the information provided when their tickets were purchased. Please make sure your name and contact information are accurate and legible.

Can I win more than once?

Yes, participants are eligible for subsequent drawings.

Are the prizes taxable?

Yes. Cash raffle winnings may be subject to federal and state income taxes. Winners may be required to complete applicable tax documentation before receiving their prizes. Any required tax withholding will be handled according to applicable regulations. Winners should consult their tax advisers regarding their individual circumstances

How will prize money be distributed?

Prize winners will be contacted directly by the raffle organizers with instructions for verifying their information and collecting their winnings.

Can businesses purchase raffle tickets?

Businesses interested in supporting the raffle should contact the organizers regarding permissible purchasing and sponsorship opportunities.

How can I help sell raffle tickets?

We welcome the support of parents, alumni, parishioners, and community members! Volunteers can assist with ticket sales at approved locations, including participating churches, school events, and community gatherings. Contact SMCC or MCES to learn about available volunteer opportunities.

Is the 1846 Raffle licensed?

Yes, the 1846 Raffle is licensed (Raffle License #C33732) and will be conducted in accordance with applicable Michigan charitable gaming laws and licensing requirements.

Are ticket purchases tax-deductible?

No. Raffle ticket purchases are generally not considered tax-deductible charitable contributions because purchasers receive an opportunity to win a prize.

What happens if a drawing date changes?

Any changes to drawing dates, locations, or procedures will be communicated through official SMCC and MCES channels and handled in accordance with applicable regulations.

Who should I contact if I have additional questions?

For additional information about the 1846 Raffle, including ticket purchases, volunteer opportunities, and drawing details, please contact:

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Thank you for supporting SMCC, MCES, and the 1846 Raffle!