

“ROME GET-AWAY”

VALUE: \$2,300

7-NIGHT STAY AT NAVONA GARDEN SUITES IN ROME, ITALY!

The winning bidder of this live auction item will be treated to a 7-night stay at the beautiful and luxurious 5-Star Navona Garden Suites in Rome, Italy. Your personal bed and breakfast suite will accommodate up to four guests (two queen beds in a double occupancy) and will feature hardwood floors, an elegant marble bathroom, a stocked refrigerator, air conditioning and skylight windows, as well as a private door leading off of your suite straight into what one might call “paradise” – your own corner of Navona Garden Suites’ breathtaking gardens, complete with a table and chairs under a sheltered awning. We are sure you will find your piece of paradise to be one of your favorite spots to sip your morning cappuccino and plan your day. Navona Garden Suites is situated adjacent to the famous Piazza Navona near the Vatican and Pantheon, on the old main street of Rome at #73 Via del Governo Vecchio in a stunning 16th century Roman palazzo. Think about it – you’ll be staying on a street renowned in Rome for everything from fine dining, trendy bars, exclusive boutiques and antique shops, to rich history and famous monuments – all within a 15 minute WALK! You may choose to spend your days amid the neighborhood’s shops and street markets, monuments and churches – then, as the light fades and the garden lamps are lit, “Rome by Night” will beckon you as you will delight in the restaurants, bars, nightclubs, discos and the entertainment in the streets, all within easy reach, just “over the garden wall”! Truly, memories that will last at least a lifetime! No blackout dates. Book ASAP to ensure that the dates you wish to travel are available. Must be used by November 14, 2010. Airfare and airport transfers are not included.

DONATED BY: Dr. Dennis Winter and his family, who are recent STM parishioners and the owners of Navona Garden Suites. They are truly Iowa’s “American Connection to Italy”!

CHECK OUT THE NAVONA GARDEN SUITES WEBSITE AT:

<http://www.navonagardensuites.com> They’re also on Trip Advisor!

“SPLASHING WITH MONTY THE MOOSE – WISCONSIN DELLS”

VALUE: PRICELESS

Monty the Moose has cordially invited six guests to stay at “his” resort in the Wisconsin Dells – in fact, he has reserved a double suite room for your family for two nights at The Wilderness Hotel and Golf Resort! While there, you’ll all enjoy whooping it up in the nearly 250,000 square foot INDOOR waterpark and the over 250,000 square foot OUTDOOR waterpark! When you’re ready to dry out, try your hand at the arcade games and enjoy some serious climbing in the dry park play area, the new zip line, mini-golf, go-karts and kiddy-karts. Serious fun, whether you’re fresh out of the womb or 101 years old! You’ll be bidding on the Upgraded Wilderness Resort Package, which will allow you to stay on weekends and during the summer. The only black-out dates will include holidays and the days surrounding holidays.

The winning bidder must use this package by November 14, 2010.

DONATED BY: Members of The Giving Club

“A BENCH WITH MEANING”

VALUE: PRICELESS

Vern Miller has been working away in his woodshop, constructing beautiful benches made out of St. Thomas More Church pew wood. Don’t miss out on taking one of these home with you, as they are definitely “limited edition”. The winning bidder may choose from light stain or dark stain (the color of the original pews). This special item will come with a certificate of authenticity, signed by Pastor Wally and Vern Miller, certifying that it truly was constructed out of St. Thomas More Church pew wood!

DONATED BY: Vern Miller and Family

“IT’S NOT JUST A BEAUTIFUL WINE CABINET – PART I”

VALUE: PRICELESS

David Johnson has been working away in his woodshop, constructing a beautiful wine cabinet made out of St. Thomas More Church pew wood. Don’t miss out on taking this home with you, as it is definitely a “limited edition”. This special item will come complete with a certificate of authenticity, signed by Pastor Wally and David Johnson, certifying that it truly was constructed out of St. Thomas More Church pew wood!

DONATED BY: David Johnson

“IT’S NOT JUST A BEAUTIFUL WINE CABINET – PART II”

VALUE: PRICELESS

David Johnson has been working away in his woodshop, constructing a beautiful dark colored wine cabinet made out of St. Thomas More Church pew wood. Don’t miss out on taking this home with you, as it is definitely a “limited edition”. This special item will come complete with a certificate of authenticity, signed by Pastor Wally and David Johnson, certifying that it truly was constructed out of St. Thomas More Church pew wood!

DONATED BY: David Johnson

“FALL COLOR EXTRAVAGANAZA!!!”

VALUE: PRICELESS

The Merchants have graciously opened up their “cottage home” on Round Lake, Wisconsin, although this is MUCH MORE than a cottage home! The large main cottage has 1 queen size bed, 2 full sized beds and 6 twin beds, as well as a fold-out couch. The main cottage also has a screened in porch with a large picnic table for reading and relaxing! The guest house will sleep two families with two queen size beds, bunk beds and a fold-out couch, bathroom and small kitchenette. There is also a one-room cabin on the property that has a queen size bed in it. You’re looking at a family reunion that will house 21 people – and you won’t need to leave Fido at home, as the Merchants have invited doggies, too!

You’ll enjoy the majestic views of the colorful trees from the Merchant’s canoe, paddle boat and kayak – you may even choose to throw in a fishing line while taking in the spectacular view, as you’ll have Round Lake right in your backyard! You’ll also have the opportunity to paddle down the Namekagon River. The folks more comfortable on dry land will enjoy the numerous biking and hiking trails in the area ... and, of course, shopping at those quaint little Northern Wisconsin shops!

Your day adventure may include a trip into downtown Hayward, Wisconsin (about 10 minutes away) or Bayfield and the Apostle Islands (about an hour away) or Duluth (an hour away).

Perfect for a family reunion or a retreat to reflect on God’s glorious Masterpiece that we like to call “Nature”. Enjoy this one-week getaway anytime during the last three weeks in September until the first two weeks in October of 2010.

DONATED BY: Jim and Mary Merchant

“FATHER WALLY – THE PASTOR WHO COOKS!”

VALUE: PRICELESS

Pastor Wally has been studying the “Food Network”, taking meticulous notes, and trying out recipes in order to earn the title “The Pastor who Cooks”! He’ll be taking his “final exam” when he prepares a dinner for the winning bidder and 6 or 7 of his/her guests. What’s on the menu, you ask? Nothing but the best – check out this ambitious menu:

MENU:

**Oven-Roasted Curried Pork Loin
(Served on Green Lentils and Sautéed Apples)
Salad
Bread
Dessert
Wine**

Pastor Wally will prepare your meal off-site and cater it in for final presentation at the winning bidder’s home/host site. He’ll even ask the blessing! The winning bidder will have one year from the date of the auction to utilize this package.

DONATED BY: Father Wally Helms

“EVER HAD COCKTAILS AND APPETIZERS IN A MANSION?”

VALUE: \$350

No? Well then, it’s about time you lived a little! You and 11 guests will mingle, munch, crunch and drink bubbly at the beautiful and historic Mansion in downtown Iowa City. Weeknights are preferred. This package will expire in September of 2010.

DONATED BY: The Mansion Fine Furnishings and Interior Design

“BOBB’IN ON THE SS LUNDELL”

VALUE: PRICELESS

Six guests will join Co-Captains John and Diana Lundell on the “SS Lundell”. You’ll load up on their 24 foot pontoon boat at Scales Bend Marina on Coralville Lake for a four-hour cruise. You may choose to make this a family outing with swimming for the kids or an adult evening cruise with “daddy pops”. Whichever you choose, you will all be filling your rumbly tummies at Bobbers Grill at Scales Bend Marina! This package must be used by Halloween of 2010.

DONATED BY: John and Diana Lundell and Bobbers Grill

“THE FEAST OF THE CENTURY”

VALUE: PRICELESS

You and 11 guests will meet at the Kalona Historical Society for an orientation and tour. You’ll next load up in your vehicles and tour the scenic back roads of Kalona as you make your way to a conservative Mennonite home, where you will be served a family-style feast of the century! “Home-cooking” will take on a whole new meaning, as you and your guests delight in the slow-cooked meat, home-baked bread, home-baked desserts, home-canned tapioca pudding, and other tasty and hearty dishes prepared from scratch! You’ll truly experience a culinary adventure in a living history setting! And, yes, we even included the tip for the guide and cook in this package But you may want to overtip when you get there, although that is not required. This package must be used before November 14, 2010.

DONATED BY: The “Celebration with Friends” Core Committee Group Members

“BBQ DINNER ON THE LAKE”

VALUE: PRICELESS

You and five of your closest friends will enjoy a Lake McBride Dinner Cruise! You'll be well-fed, as siblings Keith and Ann Feldmann have pledged to slave away in their kitchens and at their smokers preparing lots of spectacular fixings and homemade desserts for you to take onboard with you. Your gang will be talking about “the spread” on this pontoon cruise for years to come! Did I mention that Keith is an expert cook and smoker and Ann is spectacular at making tasties, herself?

The winning bidder will have until Halloween of 2010 to use this package.

DONATED BY: Ann Feldmann and Keith Feldmann

“ARIZONA AND GOLF GO HAND-IN-HAND”

VALUE: \$900

The winning bidder and his/her guests will enjoy a three-bedroom, fully-furnished home in Queen Creek, Arizona, for a week's vacation stay! The home is conveniently located only 25 easy-driving minutes south of the Mesa Airport, to which Allegiant Airlines offers twice-weekly direct flights from Cedar Rapids. Yes, there are several wonderful golf courses located nearby this Phoenix Suburb! In fact, the donors of this package have ever-so-graciously offered to throw in a \$100 gift card for the nearby Johnson Ranch Golf Course and Clubhouse, where you'll be able to play 18 holes of exciting desert golf and get a cocktail and steak afterwards to enjoy in the outdoor patio area of the clubhouse! Even though Arizona has that “dry heat” thing going for it, we're sure you'll still enjoy cooling off in the pool in your backyard after your golf adventure! ☺ Travel must take place between May 1st and December 19th. The winning bidder will have two years from the date of purchase to use this package. Airfare not included.

DONATED BY: Ann Feldmann and Connie Simpson

“TREASURE – ST. THOMAS MORE HUMMEL NATIVITY SET”

VALUE: PRICELESS, BUT BIDDING WILL START AT \$300

“Treasure” describes this auction item! Don’t miss out on purchasing St. Thomas More Church’s very own collectable Hummel Nativity Set. Please view the set in the live auction area. Whether you collect Hummels, antiques or nativities, this will be a meaningful item to add to your collection. You’ll notice that Mary has a few minor chips on her dress and that the dark wise man’s head has been reattached, but don’t let that stop you from bidding on this beautiful and very special auction item! Because it is tied to St. Thomas More Church’s roots, it is one-of-a-kind!

DONATED BY: St. Thomas More Church

THREE PIECES OF FINE DIAMOND JEWELRY

Each piece of jewelry listed on the auction will come with its own professional appraisal value and description.

A COUPLE MORE LIVE AUCTION ITEMS TO COME