



An Evening in Tuscany

In the late afternoon of Sunday, September 7, 2008, thirty people gathered together for an *Evening in Tuscany*.

The people present were guests of Hazel Bronzan, Tom and Merle Cummings, and Ralph and Flora Fallone.

At our Golf Classic & Dinner, held on Friday, June 20, 2008, Hazel, Tom and Merle, and Ralph and Flora bid on an *Evening Mystery Dinner* hosted by me.

Three tables of ten were auctioned off for a total of \$12,200! What a tremendous gift to the Golf Classic whose proceeds benefit the Operations Budget of the Parish. By the way, the total proceeds of our Golf Classic and Dinner this year were \$51,000.

With the help of my own family, and with the help of many parish volunteers from the Golf Classic Committee and other parishioners at large, we created a wonderful evening with an ambience that was named *An Evening in Tuscany*.

We dined *al fresco*, pool side, at the Ratajczak Compound (my sister-in-law Mary's home) in Vista. The Executive Chef, Carlo Di Gristina, created a wondrous 5 course meal. We gathered together at 5:00pm and did not begin to leave until 10:00pm!

They say that a picture is worth a thousand words. May these pictures included as part of my Pastor's Column give you a taste of the great celebration that so benefited our Faith Community.

I will be coordinating and hosting another *Evening Mystery Dinner* to be auctioned off next year at our Tenth Annual Golf Classic and Dinner which will be held on Friday, May 1, 2009.

Watch for it and be ready to bid and be a part of a glorious evening!

F. Mike



Visit the parish website—www.stmoside.org—and select Event Pictures to see more photos of this wonderful event.