

St. Patrick's Parish Alcohol Policy

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Policy Guidelines:

- The consumption of alcohol on Parish grounds will require permission from the Parish Staff or Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) sixty days in advance of the event.
- Permission will not be granted for any youth centric activities.
- Any Parish sponsored youth event not on our grounds must adhere to the Parish Alcohol Policy and follow local laws.
- Minors are strictly prohibited from consuming, serving, or handling alcoholic beverages. Minors are not allowed in specifically controlled adult only areas (e.g. fenced beer garden in a combined Parish outdoor event).
- The uniformed security guard, with coordination with committee chairs, has the right to discontinue the event if uncontrollable problems arise.

Procedural Requirements (All Events):

- Request permission 60 days in advance of the event. – See Alcohol Permission Request Form
- An adequate number of uniformed security guards, as determined by the Parish staff or PPC, must be provided at your expense. At least one uniformed security guard must be a current law enforcement officer.
- Non-Parish events must request a liability insurance waiver/rider from the Parish Office at least 60 days prior to the event.
- State and city alcohol permits are required if the following criteria are met:
 - The event is open to the public
 - The event is advertised to the general public
 - Attendance at the event is paid in any way (anything other than a free-will offering with no suggested donations)
- Any person serving alcohol must be legal drinking age.
- Alcoholic beverages are not to be promoted in a way which might imply any kind of ecclesiastical or social requirement to partake of them.
- Signage promoting “smart choices” must be visibly posted.
- Groups or organizations sponsoring an event where alcohol will be consumed are expected, in coordination with uniformed security guard(s), to monitor and manage reasonable levels of consumption by attendees.

Procedural Requirements (Additional requirements for Standing Committee/Recurring Events):

- Request permission on an annual basis (July 1).

Complaints regarding alcohol use will be handled by the Parish Staff and PPC on an individual basis and may jeopardize the use of Parish grounds in the future.