

St. Barnabas Alcohol Policy

Controlling the use of alcohol during an activity is a very serious responsibility assumed by anyone who requests use of the parish facility. It is important for the individuals involved, the safety of the general public and the reputation and financial well-being of the church.

Alcohol use must be strictly controlled. This control is the responsibility of the person requesting use of the facility.

No individual under the legal drinking age of 21 shall be allowed to drink alcoholic beverages on church property.

For parish sponsored activities no one under the age of 21 may attend unless someone is in charge of the dispensing of alcoholic drinks.

For non-parish sponsored activities the requesting party is responsible for seeing that no one under the age of 21 is allowed an alcoholic drink.

A non-drinking person should be designated who is responsible for serving alcoholic drinks at any function. That person's name must be given to the parish office.

Dispensing of drinks, including those self-poured, shall stop at least one hour before the scheduled closing time of the activity.

Food and coffee should be available constantly during the activity.

All individuals should be carefully observed during the activity and anyone who appears to have had too much to drink shall be asked to stop. If anyone needs assistance to drive home, the one responsible for the activity must provide this assistance. The assistance can take the form of a designated driver, calling for a taxi or otherwise helping the individual. If a problem arises in trying to assist someone who is obviously unable to drive, every effort shall be made to detain this person.

Follow these recommendations in dealing with an intoxicated individual.

1. Remain calm. Emotions such as anxiety or anger can be transferred to others.
2. Be quiet, but firm. Don't get into a shouting match, but make clear, simple statement.
3. Be direct, not authoritarian.
4. Be aware of the potential for aggression. Get the person seated and get help if you need it.
5. Avoid touching the person without an explanation. If the person attacks you, use only enough force to restrain the person.

If your efforts are unsuccessful, call the Sheriff for assistance.

I understand that I am responsible for the use of alcoholic beverages, if any, during the event. I will not allow anyone under the age of 21 to consume alcohol during the event. If persons require assistance to drive home from the event I will provide it. Consumption of alcoholic beverages shall be stopped one hour prior to the scheduled closing of the event. If problems arise with an intoxicated person, I shall contact the sheriff if necessary. I certify that I have read, understand, and will comply with the conditions of this policy.

Signed (responsible party) _____ Date _____

Name of designated server of alcohol _____