

Fall Fair

# St. Mark's set to host annual event on Sept. 17

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St. Mark's Fall Fair Set for Sept. 17

Sporting a new name and a host of first time events, the 15th annual fall fair at St. Mark's Catholic Church is set to go Sept. 17.

Now called The Stouffville Fall Fair at St. Mark's, organizers are looking to increase interest in the event by making it more country oriented.

"We're looking to become a country-type fair to broaden the appeal," said fair chairman Casey VanMaris, who was the fair's charter chairman when it was first held in 1980.

VanMaris, who was asked to head up the fair when the local Knights of Columbus took it over this year, said there will be square dancing as part of the entertainment to help give some country flavor.

Also adding to the new look will be an art show and sale, baby contest, a group of 18 crafters, and an antique car display.

A silent auction offers items such as a large blue spruce tree, and a bubble gum machine.

The fair will kick off with a pancake breakfast from 8 a.m. til 11 a.m., with the activity running through 4 p.m.

Gone is the raffle which

had become a fixture at the St. Mark's fair in past years.

Instead, there will be an admission charge of \$2 for adults, and \$1 for seniors. Children are free.

VanMaris said this year's fair has seen new blood added to the organizing committee, adding to the community aspect of the event.

"There are lots of new people involved, and lots of

younger couples. That's always the key. The fair is good for the community, it gives people the chance to meet each other."

The fair is to be held on the grounds of St. Mark's Church on Elm Rd. just west of the Recreation Complex.

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