

# The Last Word on the Mexican Fiesta: "Gracias!"

By Kathi Atkins

The best way to describe this year's auction: it was a HUGE success on every front. Here are six reasons to start with:

- One way to measure success is to know how much we made. We cleared more than \$11,800.00. What a wonderful gift to ourselves as we work toward our goal of becoming more financially stable.
- A second measure of success: we had a good time all evening long. There was lots of chatting and laughter, an enjoyable meal to share, and such enthusiastic bidding on items.
- A third measure is how many lovely evenings, fun times, and new treasures were acquired. The fun of the evening follows us through the year.
- We brought back the live auction with a masterful auctioneer.
- Let's count, too, the number of you who donated items, services, time and treasure. It wouldn't have happened any other way. BRAVO.
- There was success behind the scenes as well. We created our own auction program to track items and create lists for winners and hosts. We added



charge cards to make easier to pay.

The good news is that we've already set the date for next year's auction. It will be Saturday, May 6, and we'll keep with our Mexican theme. Start thinking now about what you want to contribute. Is it an item, an event, or your time as a volunteer? As always, your presence and participation are key ingredients in making this an on-going success.

Now for what needs to be done to close this out. If you are the host of an event, would you please contact your guests to let them know that you have your list and will contact them with details closer to the time of the event.

If you haven't received your list of guests, please contact Nathalie Moir ([nathaliemoir@gmail.com](mailto:nathaliemoir@gmail.com)) or the office at ([office@saintthomasdenver.org](mailto:office@saintthomasdenver.org)) or 303.388.4395. If you bought items and have not received a list of those, please do the same.

*Gracias and adiós until next year.*



Suzanne Laurila and Karla Bullock browse an auction table.



Parish administrator Maria Wilson did some shopping.