

It's beginning to sound a lot like Christmas

Celebration Singers to perform at St. Ferdinand

On Saturday, November 17 the Celebration Singers will perform at 7 p.m. in St. Ferdinand Catholic Church in conjunction with Christkindlmarkt festivities. All are invited to attend.

Featuring more than 60 voices this season, the Celebration Singers Community Choir was organized in 2002 and is comprised of musicians from Dubois, Spencer, Pike and Martin counties. The esteemed Indiana choir has an extensive performance history, including a perfor-



mance at the 2008 Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Mother's Day Celebration and at the 2012 Inaugural Praise and Worship Service by personal invitation of Indiana's Lieutenant Governor.

The choir's 2018 holiday program features traditional and contemporary Christmas music. The program will last approximately one hour. No admission fee will be charged for the concert, but a free-will offering will be

collected to help defray the choir's expenses.

Additional information about the choir is available at www.celebrationsingers.org and on Facebook, 'The Celebration Singers'.



The Melchoir Marionettes

Heidi of The Melchoir Marionettes will once again share her beautifully hand-crafted marionettes with visitors to Christkindlmarkt!

The fast paced marionette show features a variety of trick marionettes and seasonal music. The show is cabaret-style, meaning the puppeteer is in full view of the audience allowing children to get lost in the illusion

while adults can watch how it all works.

Marionette shows will take place at the Christkindlmarkt Marionette Theater in the Forest Park High School auditorium. Show times are Saturday, November 17, 1:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m.; and Sunday, November 18, 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

Visit www.melchiormarionettes.com for more information.

Band boosters serve lunch and dinner

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There have certainly been some intense moments, but in true Ranger fashion, the Forest Park Band Boosters have met the challenge.

Boosters Christkindlmarkt Committee co-chairman Alan Winkler remembers, "Probably about five years ago, I think 10 buses showed up at the same time!"

Drop 10 buses of market-ers anywhere, and it would be difficult to feed them all — but that's just what Band Boosters and student volunteers did!

This year the FP Band Boosters will return

to the Forest Park Cafeteria, serving up their burgers, brats, chips, chili and famous chicken-dumplings. Winkler reports that the boosters are grateful to both the FP and Ferdinand Elementary cafeteria staff, as both kindly allow the use of their kitchen and cookware for the event. "They let us come in and basically take over their kitchen. We appreciate that. I don't think we could actually function without it."

Cooking begins on Wednesday evening, as boosters prepare 40 to 50 gallons of their best-selling chili and another 40 to 50 gallons

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