



Official St. Jude the Apostle Parish 2024 Winavette Car Raffle Frequently Asked Question (FAQ)

Why was HBKVG brought in?

HBKVG was retained as an independent third party to review raffle records and administer the refund process. The goal was to ensure the process was handled objectively and transparently and to provide confidence that refunds were reviewed and issued through an outside firm rather than solely by the parish.

Why did the process take longer than expected?

Because of the number of requests received and the need to carefully verify documentation, the review process required time to reconcile records and confirm purchases. Refund checks were issued in several batches through the U.S. Postal Service.

How do we know the process was fair?

The involvement of HBKVG as an independent third party helped ensure the records were reviewed objectively and that refunds were issued based on available documentation. The verification process was intentionally flexible and designed to err on the side of the benefit of the doubt.

What is the takeaway from this process?

The priority throughout the process was to handle the situation responsibly, ensure accurate verification of requests and maintain transparency and fairness for everyone who participated in the raffle.

What will happen to any funds that remain after refunds?

Any remaining funds will remain with St. Jude Parish and will be used as originally intended to support parish operations and ministries.

What kinds of things do parish funds support?

Parish fundraising helps support the ongoing life of the parish, including maintenance of church buildings and parish facilities, ministry programs, faith formation, community outreach and other operational needs of the parish.

Were the funds redirected outside the parish?

No. Any remaining funds stay with St. Jude Parish and continue to support the parish and its mission in the community.