

Benefit Auction

Fundraiser For Rachel Bauer

An online Facebook auction is being organized to benefit Rachel.
All proceeds will go to help with Rachel's medical costs and unpaid time off work.

Bidding Starts Monday

3/6/23 at 7:00 PM

Bidding Ends Sunday

3/12/23 at 7:00 PM

Find the auction on Facebook!
Like & share the event!



Scan the QR code for a direct link.

AUCTION ITEM DONATIONS WELCOME!

Donated items for the auction are being accepted through February 24th.

Let's show Rachel our small-towns can support in a BIG way!

Rachel's Story:

Rachel Bauer is the single mother of Edie (age 11) and Alex (age 9), the daughter of Doug and Linda Williams, and a lifetime parishioner of Immaculate Conception Church in Loose Creek.

In August, Rachel was admitted to the hospital with severe abdominal pain. Tests determined she had severe diverticulitis and was in a state of sepsis. A percutaneous drain was placed to pull the infection and stool from her body, and strong medications were prescribed to fight the infection. After a two week hospital stay, Rachel received daily antibiotic infusions at the infusion center for three additional weeks.

In late-September, a CT scan revealed another intestinal rupture, and Rachel underwent emergency surgery to fix this rupture. That was just the beginning of a month long hospitalization riddled with multiple unexpected complications and medical procedures. By October 8, Rachel had undergone two additional emergency surgeries, to include an ileostomy.

The ileostomy has been its own challenge. Leaking stomach acid necessitated frequent home health care visits and several trips back to the hospital. She has a constant third degree burn around the opening of the ileostomy. To further complicate her healing, food, fluids, and medication do not stay in her body long enough and are going into her ileostomy device in a matter of minutes. This has resulted in additional hospital stays, including time in the ICU, and frequent follow-ups at the infusion center to replenish nutrients her body isn't receiving, as well as to keep her organs functioning. Physical therapy is ongoing as a result of concerns with extreme weight and muscle loss. She is hopeful to have the ileostomy surgery reversed, but this will not be considered until at least April as Rachel is still healing and is too weak to undergo a surgery of that magnitude at this time. The reversal will require a minimum of 6 additional weeks of recovery following surgery.

From August to January, Rachel spent more days hospitalized than home. Her health and unanticipated complications have prevented her from working full-time since the initial hospitalization. Rachel will have long exhausted all her paid leave options before she is fully recovered.

For questions or to donate to the auction, contact:

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In addition to the online auction, a benefit fund has been set up in Rachel's name at Legends Bank for anyone wishing to make a monetary donation.