

# Family Train Day Banner Design Contest

Our current Family Train Day street banner, shown below, is quite worn and needs to be replaced. We are holding a contest for the design of a new one. Like the old banner, the new banner will be displayed over South Main Street in North East for two weeks prior to Train Day every year, which usually includes Christmas Day.



The Town of North East requires that street banners be 20 feet wide by 4 feet tall. For us, the banner must contain the words “Family Train Day” with a space for the date and time, which for 2025 will be Jan. 4, 10 a.m.–3 p.m. It should also say “St. Mary Anne’s Parish Center” but in smaller type than “Family Train Day”. It should be in color, have a railroad theme, and be easy to read.

Of course, you don’t need to provide a 20-foot long design! Your design can be ordinary page size but must retain the 20 x 4 relative dimensions (for example, 10 inches x 2 inches) and have enough resolution that it can be expanded to the full size and still be sharp.

A sample concept is shown below. Hopefully, we can do much better!



Some details: The design should not use copyrighted images or photos, so beware of what you download from the internet. You can, however, use such images or photos for ideas or as a general guide for your own design. If there is no copyright, or if you obtain permission from the copyright owner, you can use those graphics, as well as any photos or art work of your own. You can also use AI to design, or help you design, the banner, as long as there is no copyright involved.

The contest is open to everyone, not just St. Mary Anne’s members. Submit your design as a PDF, PNG, or JPG to George Kaplan at email [gkaplan@zoominternet.net](mailto:gkaplan@zoominternet.net). Or, you can take or mail a design on paper to St. Mary Anne’s office, c/o George Kaplan. The deadline is **October 31**.

The winner will receive a new boxed O-gauge train set donated by Garrett and Dawn Dorsett. The top 10 designs (if we get that many) will be displayed in the Parish Center on Train Day and the Sunday after.