

FOR OUR JULY 14TH –15TH POLISH FEST:

Helping Hands and Happy Faces will set the tone for the weekend. Every able-bodied parishioner is being asked to play a part in the success of this summer's Festival. Many hands make light work. If you've not volunteered in the past, that's no reason to be shy; there is an opening for you! Even a few hours at a booth or table where you'd feel most comfortable would be a super help.

The Set-Up Crew will be putting up the small tents a few days ahead of time. Next week's bulletin will have the day and time when this group will get together.

The Gift Booths depend on the kindness of our parish households to donate two new items and/or gift certificates—one prize for each day of the Festival. Kindly drop off your prize-items at the rectory by Thursday, the 12th.

Gift Certificate requests from local businesses can easily be made with a letter of explanation available from Chris Regula and Dorothy Roncka.

The Home-Baked Goods Booth is always a big attraction, since OLPH is known for our excellent bakers. Please prepare some of your special baked items and bring them either Friday night (or Saturday) for Saturday or Saturday Night (or Sunday) for Sunday. We are looking forward to another wonderful array of delicious goodies.

Thank You in advance for any and every way that you are able to help.

ALL PARISH GOLUMBKI CHEFS are invited to gather in the church hall kitchen again this Tuesday morning around 8-8:30. While many golumbki are already in the freezer, many more still need to be prepared to meet the great demand on Polish Fest weekend. Are you able to come join the group?

A FINAL MEETING before the Polish Fest will be on Monday, July 2nd, at 7 o'clock in the parish hall. All volunteers are encouraged to come.

THE FEAST OF OUR PARISH PATRONESS will be celebrated this Wednesday, the 27th. In preparation for her Feast, we will pay homage to Our Lady of Perpetual Help with a Triduum of Prayers during Mass Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday.

THANKSGIVING DAY and our food drive leading up to it is still several months away. But we collect non-perishable food items all year 'round for the area food pantries sponsored by Catholic Social Services. Canned goods, peanut butter, cereal, and other non-perishables may be placed in the basket in the main vestibule anytime. When there is a nice supply, CSS stops by and collects it. (Please, no glass jars or past-date items.)

SHARING FAITH AND HOPE...Your contribution to the Catholic Charities Appeal is very much needed and appreciated. Your gift is an affirmation of your belief in the dignity of every person and the value of every human life.

Literally tens of thousands of people throughout our Diocese are ministered to because of the kindness of the many thousand of parishioners who partner in the ministries of Catholic Charities through the annual Appeal.

While there is no such thing as a gift too small, please give as generously as you can to this year's Appeal. An amazing 94 cents of every dollar donated goes directly to the apostolates funded by the Catholic Charities Appeal.

CHOOSE LIFE!

*"All life has inestimable value.
Even the weakest and most vulnerable--
the sick, the old, the unborn, and the poor--
are masterpieces of God's creation,
made in His own image,
destined to live forever,
and deserving
of the utmost reverence and respect."*

--Pope Francis



Sat. - June 23- Nativity of St. John the Baptist

4:00 PM Father's Day Novena #8

Sun. - June 24 - Nativity of St. John the Baptist

10:00 AM Father's Day Novena #9

Mon.- June 25 - Weekday

7:30 AM +Charles Salach
Req. Son & Daughter

Tues. - June 26 - Weekday

7:30 AM +Mary Knaapen



Wed. - June 27- Our Lady of Perpetual Help

7:30 AM OLPH Parishioners,
Living & Deceased

Thurs. - June 28 - St. Irenaeus

7:30 AM Health & Return to Sobriety
Req. Gus S.

Fri. - June 29 - Sts. Peter & Paul

7:30 AM Special Intention

Sat. - June 30 - First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church

7:30 AM +Anna Lesniak
Req. Family

Sat.- June 30 - 13th Sunday Ordinary Time

4:00 PM +Annmarie St. Pierre
Req. Ann Bodzioch Bojack

Sun- July 1 - 13th Sunday Ordinary Time

10:00 AM +Irene Banas
Req. Daughter, Sharon Castro

Sisters and Brothers of Our Parish Family,

We are in the middle of Religious Freedom Week, which began on Friday, the Feast of Saints Thomas More and John Fisher, and will end this coming Friday, the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul. Catholics across the United States are encouraged to pray and act in support of religious freedom at home and throughout the world.

"Religious freedom remains one of America's most precious possessions. And...all are called to be vigilant, precisely as good citizens, to preserve and defend that freedom from everything that would threaten or compromise it."—Pope Francis

Besides the right to worship, religious freedom includes answering Christ's call to serve others in ministries like education and health care. (We are reminded that the first universities and the first hospitals were established by the Catholic Church.)

The Church seeks to serve despite intense pressure to conform to secularist ideology; and religious freedom protects the space in which we can continue to answer Christ's call faithfully. So, working for religious freedom is a way of supporting the work of all of the Church's great ministries.

All people have a right to religious freedom, and this right has its basis in the dignity of every human being. The highest norm of human life is the divine law—having its roots in divine revelation--and it must be sought and followed in freedom and without coercion.

So, each person's response to God in faith must be free; no one is to be forced to embrace Christianity. This is a major tenet of the Catholic Faith, contained in Scripture and proclaimed by the Fathers. But, in seeking the truth, all are also morally obligated to embrace the truth of the Catholic faith once they recognize it.

Peace and Blessings,
Father Conrad