



Dear friends,

The dictionary defines a festival as a periodic celebration or program of events and entertainment having a specified focus. Our focus is clear—a celebration of our parish feast, *the Exaltation of the Holy Cross*—open to the broader community. It is a celebration of what has been and of hope for what is yet to come. See the reverse side of this letter for an overview, but please read this to the end!

Our parish shines for all to see on festival weekend and so we're thrilled that our fall festival is back after a year's hiatus and it's coming up fast: **Nordeast Polish Fest at Holy Cross, September 11–12** at the corner of University Ave & 16th Ave NE. Although a bit different layout, we are building on the great *SeptemberFest* tradition, while excited for a new look and feel!

I thank all who have stepped forward to help organize this year's festival. This incredible community event draws parish regulars, neighbors, friends and guests to enjoy food, fun, and **what many call a "Northeast Reunion."** It is a vital source of support for our parish's operations and outreach. All of the funds raised help us carry forward our beautiful parish mission.

There are **many ways to help and get involved**:

- Plan to **attend, enjoy & invite** family & friends! Due to the layout there will be lots of parking! ←
- Although there are no pre-sale Raffle Tickets, come for **games, 50/50 Raffle, Pull Tabs & Bingo** ←
- Consider **donating** a prize, gift certificate, wine or pop bottles or a basket. Every gift helps! ←
- A **volunteer Sign-Up Genius** is forthcoming on our parish website and Flocknote. Get involved! ←
- We need help with **set up and clean up**—stay tuned on times. Many hands make light work! ←

We would also love to have you as a **sponsor for \$500 and up** either through a business or on behalf of your family or even in memory of deceased family members! Business and family sponsorships are essential to our festival. Sponsors directly fund the tent, entertainment, activities, and general overhead that makes for a successful festival.

To arrange a donation pick-up: contact James in the Parish Office: (612) 930-0860

Family or Business Sponsorship inquires about levels and perks: nordeastpolishfest@gmail.com or Sponsorship Chairs, Noah Balego: noah@balego.com or Kelly Dziedzic: Kelly.Dziedzic@adp.com

General questions: Don Traczyk (NE Polish Fest Chair): (612) 860-8921 / dontraczyk@gmail.com

We truly appreciate your support and dedication to our parish. *With gratitude and best wishes,*

Fr. Spencer Howe
Fr. Spencer Howe, Pastor

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