

The Spirit of Our Savior



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PASTOR'S NOTE AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2016



As the Summer gives way to the beginning of Autumn, we hope that this issue of the *Spirit of Our Savior* finds you relaxed and rested. It has been an eventful time for Our Savior Parish, even though the summertime is usually slower around the Parish.

respect for your fellow men and women. Let us not fall to the lowest common denominator, but imitate Christ in all things and at all times.

In Christ,

Fr. John

We have had the annual Diocesan Council Meeting in Chicago, IL, the Annual Spojnia Picnic, this time hosted by Resurrection Parish in Temperence, MI and the Diaconate Ordination of Deacon Richard Kasprzak. While we celebrate these events, we also look forward to the coming months.

Our readings are following the Gospel of Luke through the coming months, and even though we are in Ordinary Time, we still learn a lot about the teachings of Christ from the longest of the three Synoptic Gospels. The Synoptic Gospels are Mark, Matthew and Luke, so-called because of the similarity they bear to each other.

What Jesus teaches us in these upcoming months is that we need to focus on people. We need to love everybody unconditionally and show it by treating them fairly, with dignity, equality, magnanimity and compassion. Also that love of God must come first and feed our love of neighbor.

As we go into the next two months, let us live out these teachings in the ways that we treat each and every single person whom we meet. Let us love every other person... even though we may disagree with them. This is especially important to remember as we enter what promises to be a polarizing election season, which will only get worse the closer we get to November. Whatever your point of view, always share it with love, charity and

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August 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Daily Mass	3 Daily Mass <i>Polka Booster Meeting in Hall 4-7 PM</i>	4 Daily Mass	5	6
7 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass 10:30 AM	8	9 Daily Mass	10 Daily Mass <i>Knights of Columbus Meeting in Hall 5-11 PM</i>	11 Daily Mass	12	13 Mass in Ubyly, MI
14 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass at 10:30 AM	15	16 Daily Mass <i>Parish Committee Meeting 7 PM</i>	17	18	19	20
			Western Diocese Synod			
21 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass at 10:30 AM	22	23	24 Daily Mass <i>Feast of St. Bartholomew, Apostle</i>	25 Daily Mass	26	27
28 22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time 10:30 AM Mass Youth Sunday	29 Daily Mass <i>Sol. Of the Beheading of John the Baptist</i>	30 Daily Mass	31 Daily Mass <i>Feast of Sts. Peter and Paul</i>			

Sunday Mass 10:30 AM
Daily Mass W at 12:00 PM -
T, Th @5:30 PM
unless otherwise noted.

September 2016

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu	Fri.	Sat.
				1 Daily Mass	2	3
4 23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time Mass at 10:30 AM	5 Labor Day Mass at 9 AM	6 Daily Mass	7 Daily Mass Polka Boosters Meeting in Hall	8 Daily Mass Sol. Of the Nativ- ity of the Blessed Virgin Mary	9	10 Monthly Dinner 4-7 PM
11 Solemnity of Brotherly Love- Mass at 10:30 AM Semi-Annual Meeting after Mass	12	13 Daily Mass	14 Daily Mass Solemnity of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross Knights of Co- lumbus Meeting	15 Daily Mass Solemnity of the Holy Mother of Sorrows	16	17 Seniorate Meeting in Temperance, MI
18 25th Sunday of Ordinary Time 10:30 AM Mass Parish Picnic after Mass	19	20 Daily Mass Parish Commit- tee Meeting 7 PM	21 Daily Mass Parish Commit- tee Meeting 7 PM	22 Daily Mass Feast of St. Mat- thew, Apostle	23	24
25 26th Sunday of Ordinary Time 10:30 AM Mass	26	27 Daily Mass	28 Daily Mass	29 Daily Mass Feast of St. Mi- chael the Arch- angel	30	31

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Ordination of Deacon Kasprzak

On July 17, 2016, our own Richard Kasprzak was ordained to the Order of Deacon by Rt. Rev. Stanley Bilinski at the 10:30 AM Mass. This is the culmination of 3 years of study by Rev. Mr. Kasprzak, and he is now a Deacon in the Holy Polish National Catholic Church.

As a Deacon, he will have some new responsibilities. One of those will be proclaiming the Gospel at Mass. Coupled with this, he has the faculty to preach the Word of God in a homily, which he is anticipated to do on a fairly regular basis. Additional Mass duties are preparing the Chalice for consecration at the altar, inviting the congregation to the sign of peace and the dismissal from the Mass. Outside of Mass, he has the ability to baptize, perform funeral rites (outside of Mass) and bring the Eucharist to the sick and homebound. He also will be able to bless homes during the Epiphany House Blessing time. He also can perform communion services.

He is under the direct jurisdiction of the Bishop Ordinary of the Western Diocese, and has been assigned to Our Savior Parish to help out. He also can be called by the Bishop to assist at other parishes in the Diocese as need arises.

We congratulate Deacon Richard on his new ministry, and thank him for his service to our Holy Polish National Catholic Church and Our Savior Parish!



*Photos By:
Agnes Cramer*

Birthdays for August/September 2016**Happy Birthday**

Congratulations to all of you

Lola Tomsett
Gerald Cyrbok
Helen Walczak
Andrea Einer
Diana Walczak

Aug. 2
Aug. 11
Aug. 12
Aug. 13
Aug. 28

Leona Nowakowski
Marlene Kraska
Terese Cracchiolo

Sep. 1
Sep. 4
Sep. 23

Polish National Union Social Membership

The Polish National Union (Spojnia) is continuing their Social Membership program. If you have wanted to become a member of the PNU, but don't want to buy life insurance, this is just for you. For only \$30.00/year, you can become a full member of Spojnia. This includes:

The ability to join the Spojnia Credit Union, with access to checking and savings accounts, low interest loans, CDs and online banking

A \$1,000 life benefit for newborns

Ability to apply for low-interest mortgages

A guaranteed-issue \$5,000 life insurance coverage, regardless of medical condition

Access to the Straz, the official publication of the PNU

If you signed up last year, it is time to renew your membership. Let's have 100% participation in this great organization here at Our Savior!

The PNU does so much for the parishes of the PNCC, including issuing emergency signature loans to parishes that need them. They also underwrite many programs in each Diocese and in the General Church.

For a membership application, ask Fr. John after Mass, or contact the rectory via phone or e-mail.

Returnable Bottle & Can Report

The bottle returns have realized a grand total of \$1297.10 as of July 14, 2016. Please continue to keep those bottles and cans coming in this summer.

Thank-you again to all who have donated to this cause, which benefits the beauty and upkeep of Our Savior's parish grounds.

Pat Mack



MONTHLY DINNERS

By: Agnes Cramer

It won't be long until we start the year up again with our monthly dinners. The summer has gone by so fast that it is hard to imagine that we are so close to September already.

We will be starting out once again with our famous City Chicken. Keep an eye out in the bulletin for the extras that will accompany this delicious entree. As always, donations of desserts are greatly appreciated as well as help in the kitchen. Let's make this year even more successful than last year. Bring your friends along, they won't be disappointed!



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Kroger Rewards

We are still encouraging everyone to sign up for Kroger Rewards on their Kroger Plus Card. Let's face it, we all go shopping, so why not help the parish as you shop? There is no extra cost involved to you, and it helps the parish with extra funds. If you need to renew, just go to: www.krogercommunityrewards.com, click 'sign in', enter your e-mail and password, click 'enroll now', put in the number 91251 or type 'Our Savior', check the correct group and click 'enroll'.

If it is your first time enrolling though, you will have to register your Kroger card. To do that just go to www.krogercommunityrewards.com and follow the instructions. This is a great, easy way to help the parish just by going grocery shopping. Thank you for taking a few minutes and doing this!

If you need help, see a Parish Committee Member or Fr. John



Do Unto Others
As
You Would Have
Done Unto You

Project: Donation*By: Nan Cramer*

First of all we would like to thank all of you who have helped Our Savior with your generous donations thus far. This time, I would like to ask for something a little different for donations this next couple of months. Some of us are blessed with good health and a comfortable way of living, but so many struggle with these issues.

Project donation would like to ask for prayers and good deeds this time. In a world that is filled with a me first attitude, let's put someone else before ourselves. Find some time for those who are suffering illness or quietly in pain. Just a moment of your time can make miracles happen. Say hello to a complete stranger, you might just change their life. Don't get me wrong, the church is always in need of these monetary gifts of help, but there is so much more we can do as a Christian community. Let's make a difference in someone's life.

God Bless you all.

Solemnity of Brotherly Love

In 1897 Father Hodur and a group of people organized the first Polish National Catholic Church, Saint Stanislaus Parish, in Scranton, Pennsylvania. As the years went by Father Hodur was dismayed by the way others were mistreating members of our Church. He was sometimes saddened by the manner in which some Church members responded to this injustice. He was disappointed because the members of the Church were not following the Great Commandments. Father Hodur wanted the faithful to follow Christ and His teachings.

In 1904 the First General Synod of the Polish National Catholic Church was held in Scranton, PA and in 1906 the First General Synod was reconvened to complete it. At these gatherings he proposed that we establish the Solemnity of Brotherly Love to be commemorated annually on the second Sunday in September as a reminder to all Polish National Catholics to be kind and loving to each other and to all people. Everyone at the Synod agreed and the Solemnity of Brotherly Love has been celebrated in the Polish National Catholic Church ever since. It is a day to remind us to love one another and to love all people.

~From *The Solemnity of Brotherly Love* by the PNCC

Parish Picnic/ Hot Dog Roast

Please mark your calendars! We will again have our annual Parish Pot Luck and Hot Dog Roast on Sunday, September 18, 2016. Lunch will be served shortly after the Sunday Mass, at approximately 12:00 noon. Join us in the beautiful grass area behind the church where tables and chairs will be set up picnic style.

The Parish will be providing Hot Dogs, with all the trimmings, Kapusta (Sauerkraut), Noodle Salad, and Beverages. For additional contributions, we will be placing a sign-up sheet on the hall bulletin board. It is recommended that those bringing a dish review the list so we have an ample variety of dishes to add to our existing menu.

Remember that this is a community event. We hope that anyone who has assisted us during the year, in any fashion, will attend. All volunteers, parishioners, their families and friends are welcome.

Can't wait to see everyone there!

Donna Abraham and Pat Mack *Co- Chairs of the event*

The Guest Editor's Note:

By Fr. John Cramer *in for Kris (Gene) Krysztof*

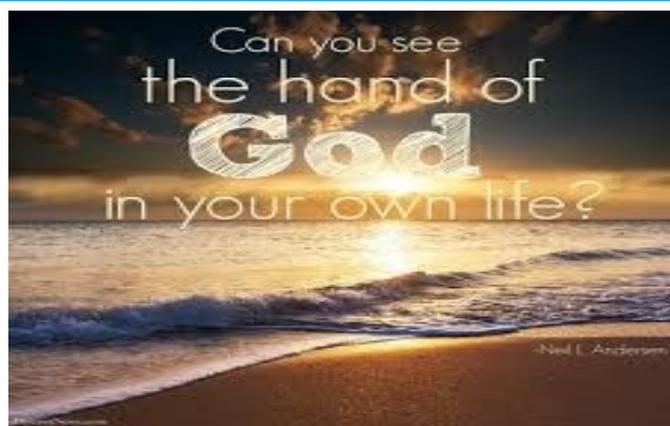


Another edition of the Spirit of Our Savior is here! We hope that you enjoy the articles that are provided on a bi-monthly basis to keep you abreast of happenings here at Our Savior. Whether you are a parishioner or a friend of Our Savior Parish, we strive to keep you up on the latest happenings. If you have feedback, let us know at spiritofoursavior@att.net.

Our prayers continue for Eugene Krysztof, and hope that he can once more take over the reigns of this publication.

Enjoy your summer!!!

Respectfully,
Guest Editor, Fr. John Cramer, "Spirit of Our Savior" newsletter



Suggestions

by Kris Krysztof

Please note that there is a suggestion box located on the shelf by our church office window.

Please feel free to make suggestions or comments that will benefit our parish. If you like or dislike something that our parish is involved with, your comment -suggestion will then be heard at a parish council meeting.

All suggestions - comments must be signed by the writer/ submitter.

Parish Hall Now Available for Rent

The Our Savior Parish Hall is now available for Rent. After much work by the Hall Rental subcommittee of the Our Savior Parish Committee, rates and a contract have been finalized, as well as the naming of a Hall Manager, Deacon Richard Kasprzak.

The Hall is available for meetings, bridal and baby showers, wedding receptions, parties and other events. There is even a discount for parishioners. If you wish to book the hall for your next event, contact Deacon Kasprzak at (313) 278-3969, or go to <http://www.oursaviorpncc.com/Hall-Rental.html>

We will let you know the availability, rates and be your guide to help planning a successful event.



XVII Western Diocese Synod

August 17-19, 2016 will bring the XVII Synod of the Western Diocese to Cleveland (Independence), OH. Representing Our Savior Parish will be Mrs. Suzanne Sniezek and Rev. John Cramer, who also is a Clergy Diocesan Council Representative from the Northeast Seniorate. Mrs. Agnes Cramer will attend as a lay Diocesan Council Representative for the Northeast Seniorate.

The synod, which is held every four years, is a time for us to come together as a Diocese and look to how, in the next four years (and beyond), we can take our holy Church in the direction she needs to go. To this end, there are two distinct purposes for the synod.

The first purpose is to review where we have been in the last four years through reports of the various diocesan commissions. This is usually the quickest part of the synod since the reports are provided to the delegates in advance of their arrival via the cloud.

The second purpose is oriented toward the future of the Diocese. For this, numerous breakout sessions have been planned where the delegates can attend and learn new things to take back to their respective parishes. Preliminary ideas for the breakout sessions are:

- Liturgy, Mission and Evangelism, SOCL and Vocations as Servants of the Church
- Future Direction and the Western Diocese Ministry
- Bible Study
- Youth
- The Church's Stances on issues facing our society
- A 'swap area' where parishes can exchange information

This promises to be a very fruitful synod. Please pray for all the delegates August 17-19.



United Circle Choirs of the Western Diocese By Pat Mack

On June 25, 2016, I, Pat Mack, participated in the Diocesan Choir Concert entitled, "Our Favorite Songs," held at All Saints Cathedral Parish in Chicago, Illinois. Our Detroit Circle Choir was small, consisting of just four singers (Cathy Bilinski pianist/singer, and her daughter, Lauren Bilinski, from All Saints in Sterling Heights, Christine Bilinski from Holy Cross in Hamtramck, myself from Our Savior here in Dearborn Heights) and our additional instrumentalist, Jake Bilinski, Cathy's son, also from All Saints in Sterling Heights. Though we had only four rehearsals, all went surprisingly well, as our performance earned us the blessing of a surprise standing ovation!

Singing selections with the combined choirs: Detroit Circle, Cleveland Circle, Milwaukee Circle, Chicago Circle, and a Children's Choir, as well, was truly a magnificent experience for all!

Everyone enjoyed this wonderful weekend of fellowship, song, and meeting new people who share in our PNCC faith. The friendliness, hospitality, and delicious food provided by the host parish, All Saints Cathedral, was exceptional and most appreciated. Bishop Stanley Bilinski provided a beautiful mass and inspirational homily on Sunday morning, before the participants departed for their homes.

In two years our Detroit Circle Choir will be hosting this event in our area. It is my hope that we can plan with our neighboring parishes to have more singers rehearsing. Hopefully our Detroit Circle Choir will be represented by many more participants at that time. Please consider singing with us then!!

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Our Savior Parish is a part of the *Polish National Catholic Church* established in 1897 after separating from the Roman Catholic Church over the question of allowing the parishioners to own the property of the church building and grounds. Since then, we have based our theology on the teachings of the undivided Church through the first 1,000 years of Christianity. We also have a married clergy and welcome all who sincerely seek the Lord.

Our Savior was established in 1916 at 5271 Chopin St. in Detroit, MI and moved to its current location in 1970.

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