



All Saints Cathedral Parish

NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH (PNCC)

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Catholic in Faith, a People Empowered

AUGUST, 2023

Rt. Rev. Jaroslaw (Jerry) Rafalko

January 24, 1955 – July 13, 2023



Our beloved Bishop Jaroslaw (Jerry) Rafalko passed into his eternal rest on July 13th. His funeral Mass took place at the Cathedral on July 25th.

Bishop Jerry's earthly remains will be inurned in the Faith Columbarium on Sunday, August 13th following 9 am Mass. This is a temporary location; his permanent resting place, a Bishop's columbarium, will be installed by Spring of next year.

Bishop Jerry was elected in October, 2019 and installed as Bishop Ordinary of the Western Diocese and our Pastor in October of 2020. In just a short time he became as dear to us as he was to his congregation at Holy Trinity Parish in Kewanee, Illinois where he served for 30 years. He will be greatly missed.

Well done, good and faithful servant.



Important Announcements

Father Senior Charles Zawistowski has been appointed Administrator of the Western Diocese effective July 14, 2023.

Father David Rowinski has been appointed Administrator of All Saints Cathedral Parish effective July 15, 2023.

Attached to this month's newsletter are the letters announcing these appointments.



To date we have received over \$3,000 in donations to the **Bishop Jerry Memorial Fund**. This fund will benefit the Youth of our church, in the form of a scholarship or other financial aid.

Please give to the Bishop Jerry Memorial Fund, either online or in the collection basket (make checks payable to All Saints Cathedral Parish).

Lector and Cantor Training



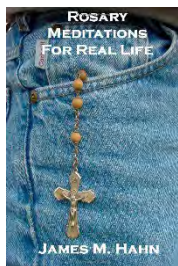
Have you thought of becoming a Lector or Cantor? Training will be scheduled soon.

Lori Scott will be coordinating the training. Contact Lori at

lori.scott1517@gmail.com

Pray the Rosary

Join us as we continue the tradition started by Bishop Jerry of praying the Rosary. Our new time is Thursday at 7 pm. You can join us in person at the church, or participate using Facebook Live.



For the next several months, our meditations will be read from the book "Rosary Meditations for Real Life" by James M. Hahn. In August, we reflect on our working lives.

And if you have a prayer request, please remember to fill out a prayer request card in the vestibule.



We are very happy to announce that the Sunday Polish Mass, brought back to All Saints by Bishop Jerry, will continue! Father Mariusz Zochowski, from St. Hedwig Parish, will celebrate Mass in Polish here at All Saints for the foreseeable future. Welcome Father Mariusz!

Do you have some good news to share with your Parish Family? Send your Good News items to info@ascpncc.org.



Bible Study with Father David

is every Wednesday evening at 7 pm via Zoom. You can join at any time! Contact Father David for the Zoom info.

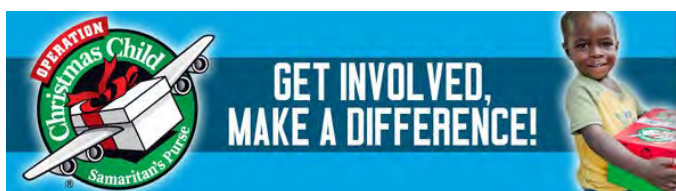


Summerfest is August 13th!

Invite your family and friends to join us for fun, music and food!

Thank you...

to everyone who volunteered to help with this event, especially Mark Kowalsky who chairs the event for the second year.



Operation Christmas Child Recommended Items for August

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Pencils, pencil sharpeners, markers, crayons, ruler, calculators, pencil cases, colored pencils, notebooks, coloring books, scissors, pens, picture books, small chalkboard and chalk, glue sticks, stickers, finger paint sets (non-liquid)

*NEW items only, please
No liquids*

You can also give a monetary donation through Online Giving or by writing "Operation Christmas Child" on an offering envelope and place it in the collection basket.



- Jennifer Gradowski (8/2)
- Emily Bialasik (8/7)
- Margaret Rowinski (8/7)
- Robert Maycan (8/16)
- Mark Kowalsky (8/23)
- Steve Lindenmuth (8/23)
- Darlene Zurek (8/24)
- Julia Smolka (8/25)
- Jerry Maycan (8/27)
- Judie Szydowski (8/29)
- Ronald Sadowski (8/30)

If your birthday is missing from this list, please email the office at info@ascpncc.org.



PARISHIONERS: Diane Hughes, Laura Mrozek, Sonny Collinet, Phyllis Collinet, Donald Pagels, Stephen Scott, Mary Andersen, Adeline Kozak, Barbara Heath, Lorraine Truskolaski, Joan Pagels

FAMILY & FRIENDS: Jill Ziegler, Jeffrey Jablowicz, Michael Alterio, Has Wodarz, Patricia Cox, Rita Bader, Eugenia Czaban, Joseph T. Zawistowski, Marilyn D'Angelo, Mark Skorczewski, Jeannette Strelau, Donna Keck, Mary Nystrom

HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS: Stephanie Rowinski, Gene Paprocki, Richard Stark, Jerry Maycan

ALL OUR TROOPS DEFENDING FREEDOM especially Martin Venegas (USAF), Michael Warren Sobczyk (USAF), Hannah Sobczyk (USAF), Noe Corral-Galvan (USAF)



Remember, if you enjoy Fellowship Hour it is important to support it by volunteering to host. The signup sheet is in the vestibule.



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POLISH CHICAGO



If you are interested in joining a group outing to visit the Back Home Chicago exhibit at the Chicago History Museum, contact Judie Szydowski.

A day and time can be decided by the group of interested people. We can park at the church and car pool to the museum.

<https://www.chicagohistory.org/exhibition/back-home-polish-chicago/>



This year's **Coat Drive for WINGS** will begin early and end by September 25th. A box for your donations of children's and adults coats, hats and other winter gear will be placed in the hallway outside the church office.



You can give to MorningStar by using the All Saints Online Giving portal or add your donation to the collection basket by writing "MorningStar" on the envelope. Your donations are forwarded quarterly.

Do you have a charity or volunteer organization dear to your heart that you would like to promote to the congregation? Let us know! Send your ideas to our parish email at info@ascpncc.org.



Please note – the deadline for submissions for the Monthly Newsletter is the **LAST SUNDAY** of each month. Send your submissions to info@ascpncc.org.

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

(see Weekly "Blue Sheet" for schedule changes)

Sunday Masses

9 am English / 11 am Polish
(except when otherwise announced)

School of Christian Living Classes

Sundays at 10:30 am September-May

Bible Study with Father David

Wednesdays at 7 pm via Zoom

Pray the Rosary

Thursdays at 7 pm
(in person and via Facebook Live)

St. Cecilia Choir Rehearsal

Thursdays at 7:30 pm September-May
(in person and via Zoom)

MEETINGS

Cemetery Trustees

SECOND Tuesday of each month at 7 pm

Parish Committee

THIRD Tuesday of each month at 7 pm



September 17th – Austin Rose Benefit
September 25th – Deadline for donating to
the WINGS Coat Drive

ALL SAINTS ON THE WEB

Web site:

<https://www.ascpncc.org/>

Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/ascpncc/>

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EMERGENCIES, SICKNESS or DEATHS
Please report to Father David immediately.

CEMETERY

Visiting Hours: 8 am – 5 pm
Office Hours: By appointment only
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773-380-7131 x4 cemetery@ascpncc.org

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July 28, 2023

Very Rev. and Rev. Fathers, Pastors and Administrators of the Western Diocese,
Reserve Priests, Deacons and Clerics in Minor Orders,
Parish Committees of the Western Diocese Parishes,
Faithful of the Western Diocese,

My dear brothers and sisters,

At this time, following the funeral of sp. Rt. Rev. Jarosław Rafalko, we still continue in prayer for the repose of Bishop Jerry's soul and for the strength and comfort of his wife, Leslie, his family and the entire Western Diocese.

During his time as Ordinary, Bishop Jerry showed great faith and trust in Fr. Sr. Charles Zawistowski in naming him Chancellor of the Western Diocese. In this role he was involved in all the ongoing work of the Western Diocese, her parishes and her ministries.

Therefore, with the same trust, I have appointed him as Administrator of the Western Diocese as of July 14, 2023. This action was done with the knowledge and support of all the active bishops of the Polish National Catholic Church.

With this appointment, I ask that on all matter of the administration of the Western Diocese, you contact Fr. Sr. Zawistowski, on all pastoral and administrative matters of the parishes of the Western Diocese.

If the need arises, Fr. Sr. Charles will then to be in touch with me on any major matters or decisions of the Diocese or its parishes.

Keeping you all in prayer as you continue to remember and pray for sp. Bishop Jerry and also as you continue to build the kingdom of God within the Western Diocese of the Polish National Catholic Church. With my prayers and blessing, I remain,

Sincerely yours, in Christ Jesus, our Lord,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Most Rev. Anthony A. Mikovsky".

Most Rev. Anthony A. Mikovsky
Prime Bishop
Polish National Catholic Church



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Diocesan Administrator

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August 4, 2023

Dear Clergy and Faithful of the Western Diocese PNCC,

It's a phone call that no one ever wants to receive. Mrs. Leslie Rafalko was on the phone with these words - "We lost our beloved Bishop." The very first reaction was disbelief, followed quickly by sadness, then condolences for Leslie. Next making certain that giving final sacraments to our departed Bishop was administered, and most importantly comfort given to Leslie at this difficult time for her. We thank Father Senior John Kowalczyk and Father David Rowinski for immediately going to the hospital to perform these important tasks.

With Bishop Jerry's funeral is still fresh in our minds, we recall the many accolades and tributes given to him at the wake as well as at the liturgy. We lost a true shepherd, who worked tirelessly for our Western Diocese, All Saints Cathedral, and Polonia.

Now we must follow the example left to us by our late Bishop Jerry. We need to continue to work hard, communicate, and cooperate with each other in order to accomplish God's mission for us. May we rise to meet the challenges before us.

We are saddened by the recent passing of Bishop Jerry and we pray that he is resting in peace. While we are still grieving, the charge for the Church and our Western Diocese is for us to embrace the duties and responsibilities that are given to us. Therefore, attached please find a letter from Prime Bishop Anthony Mikovsky, appointing me as Diocesan Administrator effective July 14, 2023. I ask this letter be shared with each Parish Committee and parishioners, where it applies. I ask you to keep me in your prayers as I attempt to keep the momentum that Bishop Jerry started moving our diocese forward toward the light of Christ in spreading the good news to all.

Thank you for your cooperation and the work you do for our Holy Church! May God lead us through this difficult time.

Contact Information

Please feel free to contact me, Very Rev. Charles Zawistowski, for Diocesan matters and please take note of the following contact information:

- ⇒ Interim Diocesan Mailing Address - Western Diocese PNCC
c/o 9201 W. Higgins Road - Chicago, IL 60631-2706
- ⇒ Use the above address for Diocesan financial matters and write on the envelope "Diocesan Treasurer, Attn: Phil Smolka"
- ⇒ Very Rev. Charles Zawistowski Email - smparmail@comcast.net
- ⇒ Phone - (574) 485-8520 (This is the phone number at St. Mary's Parish in South Bend, IN, and the best number to use). If I am not at the parish, instructions are left regarding how to get in contact with me for matters requiring immediate attention.

Sincerely in Christ,

Very Rev. Charles Zawistowski, Diocesan Administrator
Western Diocese - Polish National Catholic Church



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Very Rev. Charles Zawistowski - Diocesan Administrator

August 4, 2023

Rev. David Rowinski
All Saints Cathedral
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Chicago, Illinois

Dear Father David,

We are saddened over the passing away of the late Bishop Jerry Rafalko, who was Bishop of the Western Diocese, and Pastor of All Saints Cathedral in Chicago, IL. Even though we are still in the process of grieving, the charge and responsibilities of the Church and the Cathedral Parish must still continue.

Therefore, you are hereby appointed as Administrator of All Saints Cathedral Parish effective July 15, 2023.

Please feel free to contact me anytime for advice and support!

May God guide us through this difficult time, and may we be blessed by a spirit of cooperation and zeal to follow in the direction that God leads us!

Sincerely in Christ,
Very Rev. Charles Zawistowski, Diocesan Administrator

C:
Prime Bishop Anthony Mikovsky
All Saints Cathedral Parish Committee
All Saints Cathedral Parishioners