

# Strona Proboszcza

## The Pastor's Page

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Sixth Sunday of Easter & Mothers' Day

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*Month of Our Lady*

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Niech będzie pochwalony Jezus Chrystus!

Praised be Jesus Christ!

***Witamy w naszej parafii Ks. Mikołaja Żukowskiego!***

***Welcome Fr. Nicholas Żukowski!***

***As you offer the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at the same altar  
where you celebrated your 1<sup>st</sup> Mass 25 years ago!***

The 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of your ordination to the Holy Priesthood of Jesus Christ is a very important milestone in your life's pilgrimage. All of us here in the dear parish where you grew up and where you were trained in the Holy Faith are filled with joy and pride as you return to this special place today. We recall with fondness your parents and the love and devotion they had for this church. We know that you love this church in the same way and we are confident that wherever our dear Lord calls you to minister in His vineyard that you will always carry in your heart the love of God and His dear mother that you first learned at Sweetest Heart of Mary Church in old Polish Detroit! God Bless you Fr. Nick, Bog zaplac & sto lat!

## Sweetest Heart of Mary Alumni: Are you in?

Everyone in our parish knows that the annual Sweetest Heart of Mary School Alumni Dinner Dance has been scheduled for May 19th for a long time! It is a delightful springtime event. I always enjoy it and I was only two years old when the school was closed! SO! You see it is not necessary to be an alumnus to attend. Ticket sales are moving along slowly. Our president and vice-president are working hard to do what needs to be done. NOW is the time to buy your tickets. DO NOT PROCRASTINATE. This kind of behavior creates stress for everyone! This event is being held in the suburbs for the convenience of the alumni who live there. I have bragged about our Alumni Association and our former students and graduates and their love of Sweetest Heart of Mary to other parishes that have alumni organizations. Everyone is invited. I MEAN EVERYONE

**Dear Parishioners & Friends of Sweetest Heart of Mary,**

**ON THIS DAY, O BEAUTIFUL MOTHER!**

**ON THIS DAY WE GIVE THEE OUR LOVE!**

The words of this very popular hymn to Our Lady are also most appropriate this weekend as we observe Mothers' Day on the national level. On this Mothers' Day we offer our love to our mothers whether they are still with us or even if they have passed on to the next life. The wonderful maternal relationship we have with our mother is eternal and we are close to them this day in our prayers wherever they may be!

It is my sincere hope that this Mothers' day will be a happy one for all parishioners and their mothers. Our national observance of Mothers' Day was started in the early twentieth century by an American woman named Anna Jarvis. After her mother died, she suggested that a memorial service be held in her church to honor all mothers. The first such service was held in a Philadelphia church in 1908. Those who attended were asked to wear white carnations in memory of their deceased mothers. A colored carnation was worn to honor living mothers.

People were so taken with the observance of such a day that on May 8th of 1914, President Woodrow Wilson signed a joint resolution of Congress recommending that Congress and the executive departments of the Government observe Mothers' Day. The following year, 1915, the President was authorized to proclaim Mothers' Day as an annual national observance to be held on the second Sunday of the month of May. Other countries also adopted the idea.

A mother is a wonderful and important person. She provides life and nourishment to her child by her very nature. A mother gives so much of herself in the care and raising of her children. We need to take time to thank her if she is still with us or pray for her if she has passed from this world. We should prayerfully reflect on the effect that her love and care has had on our lives.

On this day we should also remember all others who are also examples of a mother's love. A woman does not necessarily have to give birth to be a mother to another person. This beautiful day is an occasion for all to joyfully give thanks to God for the blessings we have received from the *Mothers* in our lives!

We honor Mary our supreme and heavenly mother this day by crowning her image in our courtyard garden and presenting to her with love and devotion our prayers and good works. May is the month of mothers. It is one of the most beautiful times of the year and the perfect time to honor the mothers, grandmothers, great-grandmothers, godmothers, step-mothers and mothers-in-law who mean so much to us.

**GOD ALMIGHTY, BLESS ALL OUR DEAR MOTHERS, BOTH LIVING & DECEASED!**

***May Crowning will take place at the end of Mass on Mothers' Day. This year's "crown" will be Miss Hannah Elysa Cook, seven year old daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Donald & Paula Cook who reside in Roseville. Hannah was baptized in our church on December 10<sup>th</sup> of 2006.***