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Zabawa in Erie to celebrate Polish heritage

Live musical performances each day

For immediate release

The Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church will host the 21st annual Zabawa Friday through Sunday, Aug. 21-23.

The event will include entertainment, games, a kids' area, authentic Polish food, and a dance floor. Each year over 25,000 people attend, which provide many photo opportunities.

“This is one of Erie's most popular ethnic festivals,” said Holy Trinity’s pastor, Father Tom Aleksa. “Not only will there be superb Polish food, but you’ll hear Polka music played by some of the greatest Polka bands in America.”

Musical groups will perform live everyday, providing photo and video opportunities.

Musical groups include Polka Family Band from Bloomsburg on Friday and The Knewz

from Buffalo, NY on Sunday.

The Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church will hold the Zabawa at their church at 2220 Reed St. The event is from 5 to 10 p.m. on Friday, 1 to 10:30 p.m. on Saturday, and 12 to 6 p.m. on Sunday.

Admission is free, and Erie Metropolitan Transit Authority will provide free shuttle service from the parking area at East 34th and Ash Streets.

About Holy Trinity Catholic Church

Immigrants from Poland came to Erie in the mid 1800s and established a Polish Catholic church. Over time, the church became too small. In 1902, Bishop John E. Fitzmaurice approved plans for a second Polish church. A year later, Bishop Fitzmaurice formally dedicated Holy Trinity Church. The church has served Catholic families throughout the city of Erie and beyond for more than 100 years.

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