

25,000 people expected at Polish festival

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Over 25,000 people expected to attend Zabawa

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The Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church will host its 25th annual Zabawa in Erie, Friday through Sunday, Aug. 25-27.

Zabawa is a celebration of Polish heritage and is expected to draw a crowd of over 25,000 people. The event will have authentic Polish foods and bakery items, as well as games and a kid's area.

"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."

Admission is free and the festival grounds are handicapped accessible.

The event will take place at 2220 Reed Street, the times and entertainers are as follows:

Friday, 5-10 p.m., Polka Family Band

Saturday, 1-10:30 p.m., Polka Country Musicians, Connecticut Mar-vels

Sunday, 12-6 p.m., The Knewz, Wiaty Folk Dancers

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. Go to www.holytrinityrc.org for more information about the Holy Trinity Catholic Church.

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