

Holy Ghost Parish News

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HOLY GHOST SCHOOL



Holy Ghost Church and School were once again busy with many yearend activities before the closing of the school year. The Holy Ghost School Board in cooperation with the Parents' Association organized a school picnic for all students, parents, families and staff. The weather cooperated beautifully and with that came an excellent turnout. Games were organized by the Parents' Association which included huge inflatable structures, face painting, balloon animals as well as the popular grocery scramble. The School Board organized the bar-b-que and many comments were heard on the delicious Polish smokies. The Pastor, Fr. Maciej Pajak, OMI and Associate Pastor, Fr. Peter Nowak, OMI also partici-

pated in this event. This was very well received by the students and parents to see such good involvement and interest from our Pastoral Team in the school activities. The School Board organized for the first time a lottery as a fundraiser for future school renovations. Winners were announced at the picnic. This was a big hit by all and will continue to be an annual fundraiser at the picnic. The next event for the school was the Grade 8 Graduation - a happy and yet sad time as many of the students who will be leaving have been attending Holy Ghost School since Kindergarten. It was a time to say good bye to old friends and teachers as they continue their journey in furthering their education. This day

began with the celebration of Mass at our Church ending with the distribution of certificates, awards, etc. The students were in their best attire which took some time to recognize them from their daily school uniforms. A reception was held in our parish hall hosted by our Catholic Women's League. It was an exciting day filled with mixed emotions and many stories of the student's fond memories while attending Holy Ghost School.



In July, our parish chartered a bus for the Annual Pilgrimage to Poland. Fr. Marek Pisarek omi, Missionary from Poland who is assisting at our Church during the summer months, participated



in the Pilgrimage. The bus was sold out and all enjoyed the trip especially listening to Fr. Marek share the slides and stories about the life in Belarus where he is presently serving.



A Coffee and Bake Sale organized by the Catholic Women's League with the participation of many other organizations in our Church was held as a fundraiser to assist Fr. Marek in his works in Belarus. All parishioners were invited and Fr. Marek was kind enough to share his stories and slide pictures once again.

Summer months, unfortunately do not allow for a break at our cemetery. This year has been especially



busier than in the past with many different projects underway. We have recently completed building a garage in our cemetery. The old structure was torn down and a more feasible and larger one was built. Presently, we are waiting to erect a cross on the building and a special blessing will follow during our annual cemetery prayers in October. A truck has also been purchased which will be shared by the Church and Cemetery. This will help tremendously in many capacities such as snow removal and with the maintenance work in



our cemetery. Concrete rows are being renovated primarily in the older section which is a big project of removing the headstones, old foundation and the pouring of the new concrete strip foundations. Our next biggest project which we are near completion of finalizing all details is to erect a Columbarium in our Cemetery. There has been a great number of requests in the last few years for a Columbarium in our Cemetery. This will at the same time help preserve space for future use in our Cemetery. This project was the topic of many meetings, discussions and research at which



time it was decided this is one aspect of the future of our Cemetery. We are hoping to have this structure erected also in time for our Cemetery prayers. This will provide a wonderful opportunity for our parishioners to see our Columbarium, garage, truck, renovated rows and the wonderful upgrades and care that is being provided to the final resting place of our dearly departed.

Fr. Maciej Pajak omi

