WILL YOU BE THERE? WE WILL!

CAPUCHIN WALK FOR THE HUNGRY RETURNS TO POLISH FEST
Friday, June 10, 2022 at 6 PM

Will the two living Beatles join us?
No, but Mr. Pickles* will!

Will the World’s Largest T-Shirt* be there? No, but yours will!

*Entertainment by Michael Drake, aka “Mr. Pickles.”

All you can eat sausage & pierogis?
That’s up to you! Your Polish Fest wristband is good for all 3 days.

Will there be a jet flyover? No, but our drone will take photos!

You Can Register to Walk Today to Support CCS!

Are you tired of seeing the word “virtual” everywhere? Are you looking for a way to celebrate Spring while caring for the community? Hoping to re-connect with friends and family?

These are at least three good reasons to join our 2022 Capuchin Walk for the Hungry after a three year hiatus from Polish Fest and our beautiful route along the Summerfest grounds and Lakefront State Park. We benefitted from so much community support during our neighborhood walks of 2020 and 2021, and this is still an option - please check our website for details.

There’s still time to form a team, join a team, or to support the Walk, which supports House of Peace and Saint Ben’s Community Meal, with a donation. Still, “the better part” (Luke 10: 42) of this year’s Walk will, with your presence, take place on June 10 at 6pm. Please join us!
Call and Response
by Br. Robert Woytas, OFM Capuchin
Ministry Director

Breathing Prayer & Ministry
A college student from Minnesota recently emailed (how do they find me?) to ask what we do at our sites to provide “spiritual nourishment.” As a monk once answered when I asked him what he did for fun around his hermitage, set on a high cliff with nothing but trees and fog for company, “Good question.” How did I find him? That’s a story for another issue.

I broke my responses into pre-pandemic offerings, current practices, and future plans. Your ideas are most welcome. We open every meal at Ben’s with prayer, and we will soon again provide Bible study at House of Peace. Much rebuilding is needed, though. At the HOP, Miss Linda Barnes has cultivated caregivers, experts, and community advocates to host empowerment, wellness, and community-building classes. These good people must be asked to return again to help us serve. Ministering to the “whole person” is the enlightened path.

This is what remained with me after I answered: the spirituality of our ministries is something that is breathed rather than seen or sat through. Think of this: every night at the Saint Ben’s Meal is an experience of the faith tradition and forms of prayer and ministry of our 60+ sponsor groups. On a recent Fifth Tuesday hosted by the Islamic Society, two girls offered the opening prayer, the first one in Arabic in a singing lil’ and the second who proclaimed the words in English. The guests and volunteers and staff... applauded! Awkward? Maybe. Ought one to applaud prayer? What I think happened was that everyone gathered felt these young people’s connection to their faith: many paths, one God.

We’ll all breathe easier when the air conditioning project in the Meal Hall is finished. It’s the last of our service areas to be provided with safe, modern ventilation. The House of Peace received its upgrade back in 2007 when it was expanded. The rooftop units there are coming to the end of their service life. Meanwhile, they keep us safe, together, and connected, just like a prayer.
“It is good that we are here” - Luke 9:33
Re-Opening and Re-Connecting

Senior citizens Charles and Gennie live on social security. Charles lives in a household of two and Gennie lives alone. Charles said, "I depend on the House of Peace Food Pantry to help me get through the month. If I see something in the bag that I already have at home or won't use, I leave it here so someone else can benefit from it." Gennie hearing that said, "I agree with him and I'm going to sort my food as well and leave behind anything I won't use." Capuchin Community Services is a good steward of our donors' dollars. Our guests are good stewards of the items they receive.

Diamond came into the Gathering Space for St. Ben’s Community Meal in need of glasses. "I'm in school" she explained, "so I need glasses so I can see the board and read my lessons." Volunteers Patrick and Cary gave Diamond a reading test so that they could give her a new set of glasses. St. Ben's purchases plastic frames, an assortment of lenses and trains volunteers in matching glasses to guests' needs. Due to supply chain disruptions plastic frames have become harder to obtain. Please pray with us for a new source of eyeglass frames.

Regarding Mailing Delays

We are struggling to keep up with processing your gifts, for which we are most grateful. Our operations are being hindered, and the post office has had its problems, too. Thank you for any understanding and patience you can extend.

– your brother Robert

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