

## **Litomysl's 38th Annual Summer Festival, July 26, 2009**

The Litomysl community spirit will be felt everywhere in the air at Holy Trinity Catholic Church at Litomysl on Sunday, July 26th as the 140 families of the parish host their 38th annual LITOMYSL SUMMER FESTIVAL, one of the largest summer parish festivals in southern Minnesota.

This country-style festival draws thousands of people to the community's annual fundraiser that helps support the preschool through fifth grade school, St. Isidore's School. (St. Isidore is the patron saint of farmers).

On Sunday, July 26th at 10:00 a.m., a Polka Mass with the "Litomyslaneous Group" begins the festivities. The Owatonna Knights of Columbus Council #945's Fourth Degree Knights will be a part of the Mass also. At 11:00 a.m. all the outside activities begin, which include food booths with pork rib sandwiches, pork burgers, hot dogs, brats, root beer floats, cheese nachos, cotton candy, and refreshments to drink; a flea market, along with a Silent Auction in the school; a country store with garden produce; and many children's and adult games. Among the games are plinko, a fish pond, a spin the wheel game, a dime toss, a paint ball game, and live pony rides.

Local businesses and individuals have donated thousands of prizes, which will be used for selling chances on, for children's games prizes and for the ever-popular root beer barrel game. Among the prizes are a toy wooden barn and cut glass from the Czech Republic, and many more wonderful items. The annual "Big Ticket" raffle, which has over 80 prizes (with a value of over \$3,000), will be drawn at 5 p.m.

A shaved ham or turkey sandwich meal with potato salad, baked beans, ice cream and beverage will be served in the church basement from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. only. Homemade pie and filled biscuits will also be on the menu.

The ladies of the parish will make many, many dozen prune, poppyseed and apricot biscuits (or "buchty" in Czech). They will go on sale at 11:00 a.m. near St. Isidore's School.

Music will fill the air north of the church with: Paul Rysavy's Group "S.O.L.", "The Klecker Band" (they have played at all 38 festivals), and "The Czech Lites" from the New Prague-Montgomery area. Near the school Hans Hohrman will provide music. The Owatonna KC Choir will sing in the church before Mass.

A shuttle bus will transport festival goers to and from the church.

Beginning at 11 a.m., south of the school, there will be auctioning off of many old and new items. There will be an antique roll top desk, along with many countertops, misc cupboards, raised panel doors, marble sinks, etc. for sale at the auction. East of the school, a display of old gas engines will be running. Miniature Horseshoes will be made and sold near the school.

Everyone, young and old alike, is invited to come for a Fun Filled Day to the Litomysl Summer Festival, on Sunday, July 26th. There is something for everyone!

Litomysl is located 8 miles south of Owatonna on Co. Rd. 45, then 2 miles east on Co. Rd. 4 (SE 98th St); to 24th Ave SE;  
or 5 miles north of Blooming Prairie on Hwy 218 to Bixby, then 4½ miles west on Co Rd 4 (SE 98th St) to 24th Ave SE;  
or 6 miles south of Owatonna on Interstate 35 to the Hope exit #32, then left on Co. Rd. 4 to Co. Rd. 3, go 1/2 mile south, then 3 miles east on Co. Rd. 4 (98th St.) to 24th Ave SE;  
or from Ellendale east on Hwy 30 to Co. Rd. 45, then 5 miles north on Co. Rd. 45 to Co. Rd. 4 (SE 98th St), then 2 miles east to 24th Ave SE.