

NOBILE St Joseph Parish & Fr Stan

Invite You

## What's Included

- Round trip airfare from Detroit
- Meeting/assistance upon arrival and departure at airport
- Porterage at airport and hotels
- 9 overnights at 4 star hotels
- Daily buffet breakfast, 5 lunches in local restaurants, 6 dinners including a Welcome Dinner in Warsaw at local restaurant and Farewell Dinner in Krakow at local restaurant.
- 9 days sightseeing with Catholic Tour escort and local guides as per program .
- Luxury air-conditioned coach w/ Wi-Fi
- All entrance fees as per program.
- Personal headphones throughout the entire tour
- Daily Mass w/ Fr Stan
- \* Price is double occupancy (single supplement \$775)



**11 Day Pilgrimage to Poland** September 11-21, 2023

## \$TBD/person\* (double occupancy)



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## Pilgrimage to Poland w/ St Joseph and Fr Stan

**DAY 1 DETROIT - WARSAW -** Overnight flight to Warsaw. Dinner and breakfast will be served on board.

**DAY 2 WARSAW** - Upon arrival at Warsaw International Airport, we will be greeted by our tour escort. Transfer to our hotel for check in. Time to relax before dinner at a local restaurant and a free evening to stroll the streets of Warsaw. Overnight at the hotel in Warsaw (D)

**DAY 3 WARSAW** - Today we celebrate Mass at the Church of Saint Stanislaus Kostka. We then we visit the museum of Blessed Father Jerzy Popieluszko; martyred for celebrating mass with striking Solidarity steelworkers. From there we will enjoy a guided tour and explore the Old Town area, comprised of cobblestone streets and picturesque architecture that are symbols of successful reconstruction from Warsaw's almost complete destruction during the World War II. Lunch at a local restaurant. Later we visit the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and Holy Cross. Remainder of the afternoon at leisure in the Old Town. Dinner on your own. Overnight at the hotel in Warsaw B | L

**DAY 4 WARSAW / NIEPOKALANOW / LODZ / CZESTOCHOWA** - Breakfast at the hotel, check-out and departure for Niepokalanow. Upon arrival we celebrate Mass at the Shrine of St. Maximilian Kolbe at Niepokalanow Monastery. We will have time to tour the grounds and spend time in prayer and meditation. Continue to Lodz, a city dedicated to Saint Faustina with lunch at a local restaurant. Guided tour of Lodz including Piotrkowska Street, the longest pedestrian street in Europe and Venice Park, where Saint Faustina had an encounter with Jesus. Continue to Czestochowa and check into the hotel. Dinner and overnight at the hotel. B | L | D

**DAY 5 CZESTOCHOWA / KRAKOW** - Breakfast at the hotel and check out. Celebrate Mass at the side altar of The Black Madonna at the Jasna Gora Monastery. This hill-top monastery houses the beloved icon of Black Madonna. Tradition tells that it was painted by Luke the Evangelist. While here, we will have the opportunity to venerate not only the Holy Icon, but also many other priceless treasures that are contained within. Lunch at a local restaurant then depart for Krakow. Upon arrival, check into the hotel with remainder of the day at leisure. Dinner at local restaurant and overnight in Krakow. B | L | D

**DAY 6 KRAKOW** - This morning we celebrate Holy Mass at the altar of St Stanislaus at the 900 year-old Wawel Cathedral. We will then enjoy a guided tour of Krakow including Wawel Hill, the former seat of power of medieval Polish monarchs and home to the beautiful Wawel Cathedral and Coronation Chapel. This is the Polish national sanctuary and where Karol Wojtyla (Saint John Paul II) celebrated his first Mass. Later continue towards the Market Square, the largest and one of the most picturesque town squares in Europe. We will visit St. Mary's Basilica where we can see an extraordinary medieval artifact, Europe's largest wooden altar. Lunch on your own. Afternoon at leisure. Dinner on your own. B

**Day 7 KRAKOW / WADOWICE / KALWARIA ZEBRZYDOWSKA** - After breakfast at the hotel, we travel to Wadowice where St John Paul II was born and raised. We will visit the oldest church in Wadowice, the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, where young Karol Wojtyla developed a profound and personal devotion to Our Lady. We will see the baptistery where the future pope was baptized. After Mass at the Shrine, we visit the Wojtyla family house is now a museum. After lunch at a local restaurant, we drive to Kalwaria Zebrzydowska, known as the "Polish Jerusalem." The shrine is dedicated to the Passion of Christ and also to the miraculous Icon of the Virgin Mary. We then return to Krakow and the remainder of the afternoon at leisure. Dinner at the hotel B  $\mid$  L  $\mid$  D

**DAY 8 KRAKOW / WIELICZKA** - This morning we depart for the nearby town of Wieliczka to visit the oldest salt mine in Europe. It is a unique place where many generations of Polish miners have created a world of underground chambers including the famous Blessed Kinga's Chapel. After lunch at a local restaurant, we visit the Divine Mercy Center and pray for the same joy and reverence St Faustina felt when Jesus appeared to her in 1931 with his right arm raised in blessing and his left arm touching his robe. We will enjoy a talk with one of the local sisters telling us the story of Divine Mercy. We then carry on to the nearby St John Paul II Center hosting his relics. Return to Krakow and dinner at the hotel. B |L| D

**DAY 9 KRAKOW / NOWA HUTA / AUSCHWITZ** - Today we drive to Nowa Huta and visit the Church of The Ark standing as a testament of faith over non-belief, and the power of a man and people of faith, to quietly stand up to communism. Celebrate Holy Mass at the Church of The Ark and then have lunch on our own. After lunch, we drive to Oswiecim for our visit to Auschwitz, the notorious World War II Nazi concentration camp and the camp where St. Maximilian Kolbe was martyred. We return to Krakow for dinner on our own. B

**DAY 10 KRAKOW** - After Holy Mass at a local church, we will have a guided tour of Kazimierz – Krakow's Jewish Quarter. Traces of Kazimierz's Jewish history have not only survived, but literally abound in the form of the district's numerous synagogues and Jewish cemeteries. We will visit Remu Synagogue. After the tour, lunch on our own and the remainder of the afternoon at leisure. Later, a local restaurant for our Farewell Dinner that will include a local folk show. B | D

**DAY 11 KRAKOW>DETROIT** - Today we transfer to the airport for our flight home after a spiritual journey across Poland. B

## Itinerary is tentative and subject to change. B - Breakfast, L - Lunch, D - Dinner