

## Instructions for Summerfest Parade

Good afternoon and thank you for registering to walk in the parade **this Saturday June 8th** to represent our wonderful community at Our Lady's Immaculate Heart!

In this email we are providing you with important details that we hope will help you enjoy your time in the parade. Please read carefully and do reach out should you have any questions or concerns. Attached is a ticket you should print and display in your car if parking at the staging area & a picture of the parade route that includes the staging/beginning of the parade route located at Ankeny High School, the path it will take and the final destination/end of the parade at Prairie Ridge Aquatic Center.

**ARRIVAL: Please arrive at Ankeny High School (1155 SW Cherry St, Ankeny, IA 50023) between 7:30am-8:00am, please park on EAST side of AHS, walk around building, and look for our large OLIH Banner (it's blue, white and gold with our OLIH cross clearly visible) where some of our leaders for this event will be waiting for you. Due to the fact that the parade ends at Praire Ridge Aquatic Center, please arrange for either being dropped off at AHS OR having a way to get back to your vehicle at the conclusion of the parade. Please print off or show the attached ticket to a parking lot attendant as needed.**

**TIMING OF THE PARADE:** The parade will begin at approx. 9am and end at 11am.

**WHAT TO BRING:** Our team is walking a 1.9 route (see attached pic) so please wear good shoes, a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen. Please bring plenty of water for yourself and any family you may have with you. If you ordered an OLIH t-shirt for the parade and have received it, please wear it. It is encouraged you bring a wagon if you're bringing a youngster with you. Wagons can be decorated if you wish and can also be used to hold your personal belongings as well as the items we will give you to hand out. Bikes are discouraged.

**WHAT ARE WE GIVING OUT?:** We have prepared OLIH canvas bags for you that hold candy as well as a limited supply of OLIH frisbees. It is important you understand that we cannot throw anything, rather the parade officials suggest handing the items or rolling these items against the curb where people are watching. This is for your safety as well as the safety of those enjoying the parade. We suggest that you give frisbees out sparingly (not all at once) but we can give away everything we're providing you with. Have fun with this!

**HOW WILL WE BE ORGANIZED:** Simply put, the banner is at the front of our walkers and everyone else behind. Candy and frisbees can be handed or rolled against the curb to those lining the streets (not thrown), so some walkers should be closer to the curbs while others can stay in the middle. You should switch positions and give others a chance to carry the banner, handout items, etc.

**ENDING OF THE PARADE:** The parade concludes at Prairie Ridge Aquatic Center (1220 NW Prairie Ridge Drive) at approx. 11am.

Thank you again for coming together to represent OLIH during Ankeny Summerfest. We hope and pray that our participation will be a wonderful time for all involved *and* will serve as a witness to our larger Ankeny community that OLIH is a Church that strives to love and be of service to all in Jesus' name.

Should you have questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to Randy Henderson, [randy@olih.org](mailto:randy@olih.org) or Renae Smith, [smithrs1@live.com](mailto:smithrs1@live.com).