Do you celebrate “Fat Thursday”, a traditional Polish feast marking the end of the carnival? Chase away the winter blaths and come join the Polish American Association in our Pączki Day Fundraiser on Fat Thursday, February 7th, 2013.

On Fat Thursday, February 7th, 2013, the PAA staff will sell pączki from Oak Mill Bakery in eight locations throughout the city and suburbs for $3 each.

It all goes back to a Catholic tradition, which has that on the last Thursday of the carnival, the faithful have the right to staff themselves. The reason for making pączki was to use up all the lard, sugar, eggs, and fruit in the house, because they were forbidden due to Catholic fasting practices. Haughty dose of calories is the point of the Fat Thursday. It is the last chance to party, before the Ash Wednesday when Lent begins.

No one can resist delicious pączki, chubby fry cakes, fist-size doughnuts with rosehip marmalade and candied orange peel, prune, raspberry and custard filling, dusted with confectioners’ sugar or glazed with icing. While the doughnuts are usually gobbled up immediately, you will contribute to a lasting change in the lives of PAA's clients. An old Polish proverb states, “If you don’t eat at least one doughnut on Fat Thursday, you will not be successful in the New Year”.

To order pączki please download the order form here (Adobe Acrobat required) or visit us at any location listed below:

**Five Selling Locations – Oak Mill Bakery** (7:00am – 5:00pm)
- 8012 N. Milwaukee Ave, Niles
- 5747 S. Harlem Ave., Chicago
- 5753 W. Belmont Ave., Chicago
- 4747 N. Harlem Ave., Harwood Heights
- 2314 E. Rand Road, Arlington Heights

**Polish American Association** (9:00am – 5:00pm)
- 3834 N. Cicero Ave., Chicago
- 6276 W. Archer Ave., Chicago

**Polish Radio WNVR 1030AM** (8:00am – 4:00pm)
- 3656 W. Belmont, Chicago

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- Archer Gold Jewelry (archergoldjewelry.net)
- Polish Radio WNVR 1030AM (polskieradio.com)
- Polvision (polvision.com)

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