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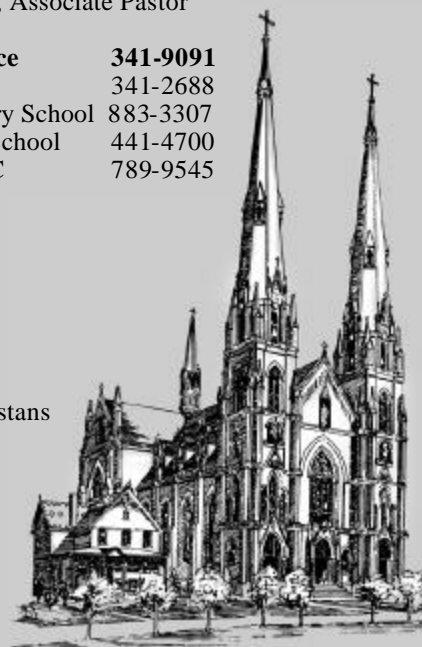
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The artist's sketch on the right depicts the original building with the spires. Corner Stone laid in 1886, and church dedicated in 1891.



SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

MASS SCHEDULE

Daily Masses: 7:00 AM & 8:30 AM (no 7:00 on Sat.)
 Daily Morning Prayer: 7:55 AM (exc. Sunday)
Sunday Vigil: Saturday 5:00 PM
Sunday English Masses: 8:30 AM & 11:30 AM
Sunday Polish Mass: 10:00 AM
 Holy Day English: Refer to Schedule
 Holy Day Polish: 5:30 PM
 National Holidays: 9:00 AM

OFFICE HOURS

The parish office is open from Monday through Friday, 7:30 AM to 5:00 PM.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4:00 to 4:45 PM or upon arrangement with any of the priests.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Ordinarily on Sundays at 1:00 PM. Alternate times must be arranged with a parish priest. Pre-Baptism instructions are necessary in advance.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

All arrangements must be made with one of the priests of the parish six months in advance.

GODPARENT AND SPONSOR CERTIFICATES

Those who wish to be sponsors for Baptism or Confirmation must be registered and practicing members of the Catholic Church. If you attend St. Stanislaus but you are not registered, please contact the parish office so that you can be listed as a parishioner here.

FUNERALS

Arrangements are usually made in coordination with the funeral home of your choice.

INQUIRY CLASSES

(R.C.I.A.): Contact any member of the Pastoral Team.

CHURCH HOURS

Church is open daily 30 minutes before and after all Masses. For tours or private prayer please call the rectory.

MASS INTENTIONS

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

January 6, Stycznia 2008

Sat	5:00 PM	+Lottie Depta
Sun	8:30 AM	+Joseph Ziegler
	10:00 AM	+Harriet (Jadwiga) Markiewicz
	11:30 AM	+Florence Galicki

Mon Jan 7 Christmas Weekday

7:00 AM +Tadeusz Frodyma
8:30 AM +Josephine Klonowski

Tue Jan 8 Christmas Weekday

7:00 AM +Cecelia Kaplan
8:30 AM +Casimir Kin & Florence Ivanski

Wed Jan 9 Christmas Weekday

7:00 AM +Sophie Babiasz
8:30 AM +Monica Krakowski

Thu Jan 10 Christmas Weekday

7:00 AM +Helen Bowers
8:30 AM +Janet Szarwark

Fri Jan 11 Christmas Weekday

7:00 AM +Jim Wilson
8:30 AM +Monica Krakowski

Sat Jan 12 Christmas Weekday

8:30 AM +Piotr Małkiewicz

BAPTISM OF THE OF THE LORD

January 13, Stycznia 2008

Sat	5:00 PM	+William P. Adams
Sun	8:30 AM	+John & Frances Lakota
	10:00 AM	+Stanley Ostrowski
	11:30 AM	+Stefania Wisniewski

1:00 PM Baptism Ryan Patrick Wojtkiewicz

MUSIC – EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

ENGLISH MASS

Processional: O Come All Ye Faithful #297
 Presentation: We Three Kings #195
 Communion: What Child Is This? #313
 Recessional: Joy To The World #311

POLSKA MSZA ŚWIĘTA

Procesja: Mędrcy świata #22
 Ofiarowanie: Nowy rok bieży #25
 Na Komunię: Oj Maluśki (chór)
 Zakończenie: Tryumfy #29

*SING TO GOD WITH JOYFUL HEARTS! PRAISE THE LORD FOREVERMORE!
 SPIEWAJMY PANU RADOSNYM SERCEM! CHWALMY PANA NA WIEKI!*

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come!

Tue 8:00 PM Dad's Club meets in the school all purpose room.
Wed 8:00 PM A.A. & Al-Anon in the social center.
Thu 2:00 PM Golden Agers meet in the social center.
3:00 PM Church Cleanup Crew works until 5:15.

PEACE GARDEN MEMORIAL BRICKS

A permanent memorial for available for \$100.00 each by contacting the rectory office. Order your brick in time for a summer 2008 installation. If you previously donated a brick, you may find it by taking a stroll in the garden.

Christmas Cards

Our church still looks pretty good as the Christmas season roars by, and practically every day we have visitors knocking on the door asking for access to the building so they might see our wonderful decorations and take pictures! Nowadays many people taking these pictures do so with the intention of creating their very own Christmas cards for the next year. Most people took pictures of the Manger. Many others took pictures of the High Altar. Some took pictures of the candles lining the center aisle. Still others took pictures of the wreaths on the choir loft, the windows, the swags of greenery and bunches of poinsettias scattered throughout the space.

But is any single item capable of totally capturing the essence of our greeting: "Merry Christmas!" Can the statues of the Holy Family and the shepherds and kings and other characters capture it? Do the poinsettias and the evergreens say something profound? What is it that the images and decorations say that communicate the mystery of God's incarnation?

Perhaps the photographers could just as easily have taken photographs of the stars in the sky at midnight. Perhaps our resident cat, 'Cinnamon,' would have made a similar statement! Then again, the camera could have turned onto anyone in the church, in line at Target or Macy's, at the liquor store or dumpster, the *wigilia* or the *Red Chimney*. All creation celebrates the feast! Every face praises the glory of God!

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us! Could anyone capture the moment of Mary's visit by the Angel Gabriel when the Word became flesh? Could anyone capture the first kick she felt from the baby in her womb? Could anyone capture the first cry of the baby on that first Christmas night?

In the beginning was the Word! Could anyone ever capture the love of God before time existed? Could anyone photograph God's action in expressing His passion for His creation's special focus, humankind?

Our cards try to capture all of this in color and word, image and design. The beauty and mystery overwhelms us as it did one visitor to our Shrine last Sunday who hadn't been in a church for 50 years—that beauty left him in tears of joy by the time he left. That visitor was a Christmas card too, a living and breathing one whose desire to be with God was probably similar to the feeling God had when he was lonely and decided to share His love with humankind and creation.

Today we celebrate the manifestation of God's love for us all. The three Kings, the star, the gold, frankincense and myrrh all set the historical stage for the event which moved from God to womb to tomb and back home again and made us all attendants in the royal court forever. Wow! Those Christmas cards say a lot, don't they????!!!!

David Krakowski

P.S. We will begin to 'undecorate' as we enter the Ordinary Season after the liturgies of January 13th!!! Thank you in advance for helping with this monumental task. Please let me know if and when you can help.

SCHEDULE FOR MINISTERS

Baptism of the Lord, January 13 Stycznia, 2008

Sat 5:00 PM Lector — Betty Dabrowski
 Euch. Min. — Marge & Andy Flock, Marilyn Mosinski, Mike Potter

Sun 8:30 AM Lector — Karen Neuman
 Euch. Min. — Nicole & Mark Kobylinski, Marcia & Don Stech

10:00 AM Lector — Mieczysław Garncarek
 Euch. Min. — Ewalina Ejsmont, Tom Monzell, A. Jankowski, W. Sztalkoper

11:30 AM Lector — Don Pieniak
 Euch. Min. — Angela Revay, Terry Kopania, Stan Koch, Marie Ostrowski

PARISH SUPPORT

5:00 PM	\$1,051.00
8:30 AM	\$1,063.00
10:00 AM	\$1,170.00
11:30 AM	\$1,242.50
Mailed in	\$1,200.00
Total	\$5,726.50
Religious Retirement	\$682.00
Christmas Total (571)	\$24,374.34

**AHA!**

Over the Christmas holiday, many families had what we call "down time." The hectic pace of pre-Christmas planning gives way to an almost eerie calm, with unexpectedly free evenings and a day or two just to mope around the house. Our life in the rectory is not much different. After Christmas Day, the phones ring less, there is less traffic

at the door, and the friars have some time to relax with each other. Last week, Brother Jerome (who is now a deacon in the Byzantine Rite, serving near Pittsburgh) stopped by for an overnight. This was the night of the big snow, so we enjoyed a slow dinner, a fire in the fireplace, and a movie.

The movie we watched was a wonderful film called "Amazing Grace." It was so good, Fr. Cam watched it again the next night! It is the story of the abolition of slavery in England, and the title of the film is taken from the famous hymn. Many people know, that hymn was written by a former slave ship captain who was give the grace to see the sinfulness of his life and spent years repenting for it. The famous line, "I once was lost, was blind, but now I see!" bespeaks a revelation from God, deep into the darkest part of the human heart, in a way that transforms the life of the person in whose breast that heart beats.

This is an epiphany.

If you were to look the word up in the dictionary, the first definition would refer to the arrival of the Magi on adoration of the newborn Jesus. We all know the story. We even have statues in the church to remind us. But when we dig more deeply into the meaning of the word, we are told it means "a revelation, a manifestation, a showing to." This means that the one who observes is not the one who initiates. It is God who takes the first step. Our response begins first by being open to the very possibility that God can, wants to, and does reveal Himself to us. Then we respond with praise, gratitude, and a commitment to allow our lives to be transformed for the sake of others.

There is another wonderful layer of meaning to the word. The Random House Dictionary writes: *a sudden, intuitive perception of or insight into the reality or essential meaning of something, usually initiated by some simple, homely, or commonplace occurrence or experience.* Something happens in the course of the days, in the course of one's life, that had become so routine that we gloss over its deeper significance. Then one day it hits us. What it's all about. How it all hangs together. Where I fit into the bigger picture. What difference it all makes anyway.

Some writers have called this an "Aha! moment." It is an insight that catches us off our guard, throws us off our bearings, is so profound and startling, yet at the same time so obvious and simple. For that ship captain centuries ago, it was: Slavery is wrong, and I shouldn't be part of it. For the Magi, it was: God is revealed here, and we came to adore. For married couples, it was: I love you, and I want to share my whole life with you. For Saint Francis of Assisi, it was reading the Gospel and realizing: This is what I want to do with all my heart.

What is the "Aha!" waiting for you?

Fr. Michael

"Nennolina"

Dopuszczcie dzieci i nie przeszkadzajcie im przyjsc do Mnie; do takich bowiem należy królestwo niebieskie» - te słowa Jezus czytamy w Ewangelii według św. Mateusza. Jesteśmy wciąż w czasie, w którym świętujemy przyjscie Boga na świat. Bóg stał się Człowiekiem i jak każdy z nas, narodził się jako Dziecko. Przed tym Dzieckiem klekają pasterze i

Magowie, oddając Mu część jaką należna jest Bogu. Choć jest mały, w Nim zawarte jest całe Bóstwo i cała moc Boża.

Czasem Bóg daje łaskę dojrzałości duchowej dzieciom już we wczesnym okresie ich rozwoju. Na przykład takim dzieckiem była święta Mała Tereska od Dzieciatka Jezus, której pamiec sięgała czasów, kiedy miała 2 lata.

17 grudnia tego roku Ojciec św. podpisał dekret stwierdzający heroiczną cnotę Antonietty Meo. Stanowi to otwarcie drogi do jej beatyfikacji. Kiedy się ona odbedzie? - jeszcze nie wiemy. Ale już wiemy, że jeśli się tak stanie, będzie to najmłodsze w historii dziecko wyniesione na ołtarze, które nie zginęło śmiercią męczenniczką. Oto informacja, jaka podaje o niej Katolicka Agencja Informacyjna:

Antonietta urodziła się 15 grudnia 1930 w Rzymie, w rodzinie o solidnych zasadach moralnych i religijnych, jak czytamy w jej życiorysie przygotowanym w czasie procesu beatyfikacyjnego. Któregoś dnia w przedszkolu uderzyła się kolanem o kamień. Ból nie przechodził i rodzice poszli z dzieckiem do lekarza, który wydał wyrok: rak. Kiedy niedługo potem amputowano jej nóżkę, Antonietta jako jedyna przyjęła to nie jako tragedię, lecz sposobność do tego, aby cierpieć za świat i grzeszników. O jej mistycznym wręcz stosunku do choroby mówiła liczne listy, jakie pisała do Pana Jezusa i Matki Bożej, do Boga i Ducha Świętego. Prosiła Jezusa, by jeśli zechce "zwrócił jej nóżkę", ale była przygotowana na niespełnienie jej prośby. "Jeśli nie chcesz, niech się dzieje Twoja wola", pisała w jednym z ostatnich listów. Zmarła 3 lipca 1937 roku. Pochowana została na rzymskim cmentarzu Verano, a jej trumne przeniesiono do bazyliki Świętego Krzyża Jerozolimskiego, gdzie została ochrzczona i przyjęła I Komunię św. W Rzymie znana jest jako "Nennolina". Tak zdrobniając imię Antonietta nazywano ją w domu. Jej proces beatyfikacyjny, rozpoczęty już w 1942 roku dzięki staraniom Akcji Katolickiej, do której dziewczynka należała, zakończył się trzydzieści lat później. Wtedy jednak Kościół nie dopuszczał beatyfikacji dzieci, które nie zmarły męczenniczką śmiercią. Sytuacja zmieniła się, gdy w 1981 roku Kongregacja Spraw Kanonizacyjnych uchyliła ten nieformalny zakaz.

I słusznie, bowiem „Nennolina” odznaczała się dojrzałością duchową pomimo swojego młodego wieku. W jednym ze swoich listów adresowanych do Pana Boga, napisanym 4 września 1936 roku, pisała: *Bardzo się ciesze, że zesłałeś mi to cierpienie, ponieważ w ten sposób jestem Twoją wybranką.* Takie słowa u 6-letniego dziecka! Albo inne jej słowa: *Jezu, przyjdź szybko do serca mego, abym Cię mogła mocno uściskać i ucałować* - pisała przed przyspieszoną pierwszą Komunią Świętą. Czyż nie jest Bóg przedziwny w swoich Świętych?

o. Placyd



SUPERBOWL PARTY

The Father William Gulas Scholarship Fund Super Bowl Party will be on Sunday, February 3rd at 4:00 in the Social Center. A \$50.00 donation includes a square on the main board, a chance to win a TV, dinner, snacks, beer and pop. Only 100 tickets sold! Over \$2000.00 in cash & prizes! For more information or tickets call Rick Sutich 216-883-4904, Denise Siemborski 216-398-5764, Frank Greczanik 216-441-0552 or John Heyink 216-341-2019.

ST. STAN'S HISTORICAL FACT by Rob Jagelewski.

The year was 1886. Leo XIII was Pope, Grover Cleveland was President of the United States, Apache Chief, Geronimo was captured ending the last U.S.– Indian War, Coca– Cola was served for the first time in Atlanta, Georgia, the Statue of Liberty was dedicated in New York, the St. Louis Browns won the World Series, and construction on our present church building began. The architect was William H. Dunn. There was no envelope system for Parish contributions. Pastor Father Anton Kolaszewski went house to house for parish donations and for contributions to build the church. This was a church built on the nickels, dimes, and pennies of the parishioners. Many parishioners worked a twelve hour shift at the steel mill and then came to work on building the church. One of the poorest parishes in the Diocese of Cleveland built one of the most beautiful churches of our time. The church was finished in 1891 at a cost of \$250,000.

PARISH HISTORY FOLLOW-UP Fr. Michael

Almost the entire parish campus was built with borrowed money. (The budget for the church construction was \$60,000, the pastor spent over four times that!) When the Franciscans took responsibility for the parish in 1906, they had to pledge a large portion of their salary toward parish debt reduction. While still in debt, the parish built the grade school (1907), rebuilt the church (1909), the rectory (1913), the convent (1917), and the high school (1921). The mortgage was finally burned in 1941. Although times were tough, the parish often borrowed money when it had to in order to keep its mission alive and flourishing.

Vibrant Parish Life

CLEVELAND SOUTHEAST CLUSTER 1

Our Lady of Lourdes Saint Casimir Saint Hyacinth Saint Stanislaus

Your Cluster Planning and Coordination Team met on December 10, 2007 at St. Hyacinth. We met early this month so we could work around the busy Christmas season. We are now discussing the mission of our individual parishes. How we worship, how we come together as a community, how we are reaching out and spreading the gospel to the surrounding community and how this can all be done better. In our next meeting we will begin discussing our mission as a cluster. We are encouraging everyone in our cluster to watch the church bulletins for upcoming events we can all share. Our next meeting is scheduled for January 21st. We hope everyone had a joyful Christmas and a Happy New Year!

A Prayer of Hope

Let us pray that strength and courage abundant be given to all who work for a world of reason and understanding. That the good that lies in each of our hearts may day by day be magnified. That we will come to see more clearly not that which divides us, but that which unites us. That each hour may bring us closer to a final victory, not of nation over nation, but of ourselves over our own evils and weaknesses. That the true spirit of this Christmas season – its joy, its beauty, its hope and above all its abiding faith – may live among us. That the blessings of peace be ours – the peace to build and grow, to live in harmony and sympathy with others, and to plan for the future with confidence. Amen

2008 MASS BOOK IS OPEN

Those who wish to reserve Masses for wedding anniversaries, anniversaries of deaths, or other special intentions in 2008 can do so in person in the rectory from 9:30 AM until 4:30 PM. You may also mail your Mass intentions or drop them into the collection basket along with the customary stipend and your requested dates.

BLESSING OF HOMES

Fr. Michael, Fr Placyd and Fr. Camillus are available to bless your homes during the season of Epiphany. Please call the rectory anytime during business hours, 9:00-5:00 PM to schedule a visit. Keep in mind that any head of household or adult family member may bless their home without the presence of a priest. Packets containing chalk, incense and a blessing prayer will be available next week in the church. If you already have chalk, you may use the following prayer and ritual to bless your own home:

All: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. AMEN

Leader: Let us praise God, who fills our hearts and homes with peace.

All: Blessed be God for ever.

Scripture Reading

Luke 19:1-8 or Psalm 72 or Psalm 127:1-8

Leader: The Son of God made his home among us. With thanks and praise let us call upon him.

ALL: Stay with us Lord!

Leader: Lord, Jesus Christ, the Magi presented their gifts to You in praise and adoration. Grant that those living in this house may use their talents and abilities to your greater glory. We pray in Jesus name, now and forever. AMEN.

Leader: May Christ Jesus dwell with us, keep us from all harm, and make us one in mind and heart, now and forever. AMEN

Mark the door tops or frame with the blessed chalk:

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The numerals consecrate the new year, the initials remind us of the legendary names of the Magi—Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar.

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Tel: 216-206-4947

Saturday 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM

Sunday 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

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Spotkania Komitetu **"Ewangelia Zycia"** beda odbywac sie w kazdy pierwszy czwartek miesiaca, poczawszy od 6 grudnia. Poczatek 6:00 wieczorem. Zapraszamy wszystkich zainteresowanych!

**MANNA CARDS
ARE AVAILABLE
AFTER MASS**

BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS.
The next class will be at Holy Name Church on January 6, 2008 at 1:00 PM. Call 216-271-4242 for more information.



Judy Krajewski and Barbara Broski — Santa's helpers, decorating for the beautiful Christmas season. Please consider helping out next when we take down our decorations.

TIME TO UNDECORATE

It seems as if we just finished decorating our beautiful church, and now it's time to take the Christmas decorations down and store them until next year

Monday, January 14th, throughout the day, we will begin (and hopefully, end) the undecorating of our church. That means taking down all the little bulbs and ribbons etc... and packing them away for next year. Finally, the tree shedders will do their thing, the brooms will be out en masse and we'll be back to "Ordinary Time." If you have any spare time, your help would be deeply appreciated.

St. Stanislaus Alumni Association

Celebrate Catholic Schools' Week —Saturday, January 26th 2008

5:00 p.m. Mass at the Shrine Church of St. Stanislaus

6:00 p.m. Dinner at the Grade School, first floor

PLEASE BRING A DESSERT TO SHARE!

Invite other alumni to attend. No RSVP required.

Questions? Call Rita at 330-649-3778 or email: alumniststanislaus@yahoo.com

HARMONIA CONCERT

Sunday afternoon, January 27, 3:00 PM

The Cleveland Music School Settlement

University Circle

1125 Magnolia Drive

Cleveland, OH 44016

For information contact call 216.421.5806 or visit

<http://www.thecmss.org/>

***** FREE ADMISSION! *****

Note: A demonstration and question and answer period will follow this concert
About HARMONIA:

HARMONIA presents the traditional folk music of Eastern Europe, ranging from the Danube to the Carpathians. Its repertoire reflects the cultures of the region: Hungarian, Ukrainian, Slovak, Carpatho-Rusyn, Romanian, Croatian, Serbian and Gypsy (Rom). Performing on authentic folk instruments, Harmonia's music is drawn from both village and urban traditions of Eastern Europe. The ensemble's performances evoke the full range of human emotions; interspersing fiery, passionate virtuosity with soulful melancholy and nostalgic yearning