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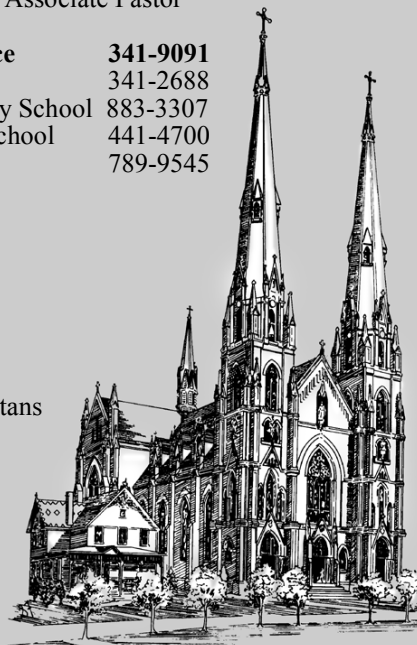
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The artist's sketch on the right depicts the original building with the spires. Corner Stone laid in 1886, and church dedicated in 1891.



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

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

February 24, Lutego 2008

Sat	5:00 PM	+Chester Kenzie
Sun	8:30 AM	+Bruce & Christine Carroll
	10:00 AM	+Stanisław Prokop
	11:30 AM	+Richard Grygorzewicz

Mon Feb 25 Lenten Weekday

7:00 AM +Ted Kolk
8:30 AM Sp. Int. Connie Grahek

Tue Feb 26 Lenten Weekday

7:00 AM +Bernard & Mary Wisniewski
8:30 AM +Teresa Swierczek

Wed Feb 27 Lenten Weekday

7:00 AM +William Shimelonis
8:30 AM +Edward Racut (grades 3,4,5)

Thu Feb 28 Lenten Weekday

Happy 75th Birthday, Fr. Cam!

7:00 AM +Melvin Kurtz
8:30 AM +Władysław & Stanisław Klik (grades K,1,2)

Fri Feb 29 Lenten Weekday

7:00 AM +Stanley Mazur
8:30 AM Sp. Int. Rick Krakowski (grades 6,7,8)

Sat March 1 Lenten Weekday

8:30 AM +Leo & Clare Nering

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 2, Marca 2008

Sat	5:00 PM	Sp. Int. Connie Grahek
Sun	8:30 AM	+Aleksandra Citko
	10:00 AM	+Jarślaw Karwowski
	11:30 AM	+Alex Zuchowski

Congratulations to Carmen and Linda Vincenzo—40th Anniversary

MUSIC – THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

ENGLISH MASS

Processional: Kyrie eleison
 Presentation: We Remember #230
 Communion: Agnus Dei qui tollis peccata mundi, d.n.p.
 Recessional: Crux fidelis #200

POLSKA MSZA ŚWIĘTA

Procesja: Kyrie eleison
 Ofiarowanie: Bądź mi litościw #79
 Na Komunię: Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, d.n.p.
 Zakończenie: O Krwi najdroższa #38

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

Sun	All Masses 3:00 PM 6:00 PM	St. Vincent DePaul Collection Gorzkie Żale (Lamentations in Polish). Vespers in the church.
Tue	9:00 AM 9:30 AM 7:00 PM	Rosary for respect for human life, in the church. Bible Study after the Rosary in the Shrine Shop café. Finance Council meets in the rectory.
Wed	7:00 PM 4:00 PM 5:30 PM 7:00 PM 8:00 PM	PART II Cluster Mission at St. Hyacinth (Mass) Good Shepherd catechesis in the grade school, until 6:00. Gorzkie Żale (Lamentations in Polish), then próba English Choir Rehearsal For Holy Week, Easter A.A. & Al-Anon in the social center.
Thu	4:00 PM	Church Cleanup Crew works until 5:15.
Fri	9:00 AM 1:30 PM 5:30 PM 7:00 PM	Rosary for respect for human life, in the church. Stations of the Cross by school students, in church. Droga Krzyzowa in church. Stations of the Cross in church.
Sat	7:30 PM 4:00 PM	Adult Faith Sharing in the Shrine Shoppe café, 65th Street. Sacrament of Reconciliation in church until 4:45.
Sun	8:00 PM 3:00 PM 6:00 PM	“Stabat Mater” Concert in church (Orchestra, Chorus) Gorzkie Żale (Lamentations in Polish) Vespers in church. Lil Bros meeting.

2008 MASS Dates still available

We still have many available Weekday Mass Dates for the latter part of 2008. You may mail your Mass intentions or drop them into the collection basket along with the customary stipend and your requested dates. Office Hours are from 9:00AM to 5:00 PM.

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.

A Comfortable Place

You walk into the house and are assaulted with images—things you see, hear, smell, taste, honor. Some things bring back happy memories. Other things conjure up sad times. Your visit to this ‘space’ can transport you to the near or distant past as easily as it can point you to the future and make you aware of the present. Yet its level of comfort is what makes it unique. You see photographs and figurines, plants and books. You see a lot of old, worn things and an occasional newer item. Everything in this ‘space’ has meaning and everything has history.

You might think I’m talking about a special home, perhaps the home of a parent or a grandparent! After all, would I be wrong to say that all these things happen when one walks into that kind of ‘space’? Memories, dreams, disappointments, hopes, laughter, tears, private conversations, pleading, arguments, reconciliation, love, kindness, missed opportunities, secrets...

No, I wasn’t thinking about your home, your parents’ home or your grandparents’ home—I was thinking of this church. It contains all those things I already mentioned. When you walk into this place you see, smell, taste, remember so many things which make you feel comfortable...why else would you keep coming back? You love the place when it’s in tip top shape and you love it when the paint is peeling. You sort of ‘get used to it’ and don’t notice the peeling wallpaper or the soggy wood floor...things like that *should* be taken care of, but perhaps they must wait until the money is available—or the interest, concern or energy. Just like the homes of our parents and grandparents—and, perhaps, our own.

Our church is very comfortable with its images and pictures of friends, the pleasing ‘old-fashioned’ warm colors and decorations, the smells of incense, flowers, garlic and kielbasa, the voices of friends and the cries of children, the laughter and tears of many lifetimes (including our own). We walk in here and talk to Jesus, His mother, his friends, our friends, living and deceased, and we visit. We become comfortable as the music soothes, as the images speak back to us, as the dreams and hopes and fears all seem to *find* their place as if mom just made us our favorite soup and ‘everything will be all right.’ At the end of our visit we leave knowing we are always welcome to return.

The heavenly home on earth which is our church provides us with this feeling of comfort as much as it is physically able. You know you are always welcome here whether you need to be alone or want to be with friends. There’s no place like *this* home.

David Krakowski

SCHEDULE FOR MINISTERS

Fourth Sunday in Lent, March 1, Marca, 2008

Sat	5:00 PM	Lector — Tom Kroll Euch. Min. — Stan Witczak, Chris Wisniewski, Mike Potter, Marilyn Mosinski
Sun	8:30 AM	Lector — Nancy Mack Euch. Min. — Chris Luboski, Adeline Nadolny, Yolanda Kane, Alice Klafczynski
	10:00 AM	Lector — Teresa Cyraneck Euch. Min. — W. Sztalkoper, Ewalina Ejsmont, Marcy Sladewski, A. Jankowski
	11:30 AM	Lector — Bill Bobowicz Euch. Min. — Terry Kopia, Marie Ostrowski, Angela Revay, Larry Wilks

PARISH SUPPORT

5:00 PM (104).....	\$1,220.77
8:30 AM (77).....	\$1,262.00
10:00 AM (107).....	\$1,393.00
11:30 AM (63).....	\$849.70
Mailed in (47).....	\$1,284.00
Total (398)	\$6,008.77

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY



SCRUTINIZED

This weekend begins an intensification of the final weeks of preparation for the Elect in the RCIA. The Elect, who are preparing for Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation at the Easter Vigil, are accorded special prayers, called "scrutinies," during the masses of the next three weeks. Although the prayers are specially intended for the Elect,

there is also a special meaning for the rest of us as well. The following is a description of this period of time, taken from the official ritual book of the RCIA:

The scrutinies, which are solemnly celebrated on Sundays and are reinforced by an exorcism, are rites for self-searching and repentance and have above all a spiritual purpose. The scrutinies are meant to uncover, then heal all that is weak, defective, or sinful in the hearts of the elect; to bring out, then strengthen all that is upright, strong, and good. For the scrutinies are celebrated in order to deliver the elect from the power of sin and Satan, to protect them against temptation, and to give them strength in Christ, who is the way, the truth, and the life. These rites, therefore, should complete the conversions of the elect and deepen their resolve to hold fast to Christ and to carry out their decision to love God above all.

In order to inspire in the elect a desire for purification and redemption by Christ, three Scrutinies are celebrated. By this means, first of all, the elect are instructed gradually about the mystery of sin, from which the whole world and every person longs to be delivered and thus saved from its present and future consequences. Second, their spirit is filled with Christ the Redeemer, who is the living water (gospel of the Samaritan woman in the first Scrutiny), the light of the world (gospel of the man born blind in the second scrutiny), the resurrection and the life (gospel of Lazarus in the third scrutiny). From the first to the final scrutiny the elect should progress in their perception of sin and their desire for salvation.

In the rite of exorcism, the elect, who have already learned from the church as their mother the mystery of deliverance from sin by Christ, are freed from the effects of sin and from the influence of the devil. They receive new strength in the midst of their spiritual journey and they open their hearts to receive the gifts of the Savior.

It is unfortunate for those attending the other Masses that we only celebrate these prayers at the 11:30 Mass, where the RCIA candidates come together. Let us all hold them close in our prayers as they make these final weeks in their journey to Easter. Let us also pray for each other, all our parishioners, and all the baptized. We who have been chosen by Christ to be his disciples have long ago been set free from the power of sin and darkness. Still, though, we are drawn to their attractions. The effects of evil are still around us, even if we ourselves have not participated in bringing them about. We can be drawn into its grasp — and we need a higher power to hold us. That higher power is Christ. Let us allow Christ to strengthen his hold on us all as together we approach the most sacred days.

Fr. Michael

Umrzj zanim umrzesz!

Także w tą niedzielę chcemy zatrzymać się nad modlitwą Jezusa w Ogrójcu: „Ojcie mój, jeśli to możliwe, niech Mnie ominie ten kielich! Wszakże nie jak Ja chcę, ale jak Ty”. Dzisiaj jednak chcemy popatrzeć na zmaganie Pana z innej strony. Modląc się w Ogrójcu, Pan odczuwa już zbliżającą się mękę i śmierć. Ta trwoga powoduje krwawy pot. Pragnie odsunąć od siebie cierpienie, nie chce śmierci, ale bardziej ceni wypełnienie się w Nim woli Ojca: „Ale nie jak ja chcę, ale jak Ty”.

Życie Jezusa Chrystusa jest przykładem dla nas. Zbawiciel w Ogrójcu uczy modlitwy; uczy nas stawiania woli Bożej ponad wszystko. Oprócz tego pogrążony w udęce Jezus uczy nas akceptowania naszej śmiertelności. Tu możemy zapytać: „Jakie to ma znaczenie?” Odpowiem przykładem.

Pewien chorwacki kapłan dowiaduje się, że jest chory na raka. Więcej, lekarz mówi mu, że pozostało mu 2 miesiące życia, a w najlepszym przypadku trzy. Wiadomość ta jest dla niego kłęską. Jest młody, bo ma trzydzieści lat. Jest pełen ideałów, wizji, pomysłów. Pracuje z młodzieżą, udziela się w „Radiu Watykan”, przy czym studiuje i pisze pracę doktorską. Kiedy modli się, wydaje mu się, że Niebo jest głuche na jego modlitwy. Lekarz okazuje się bezradny. Znajomy ksiądz rozkłada ręce mówiąc, że nie może mu pomóc. Odpowiedź biskupa na jego list przynosi mu tylko rozczarowanie. Czuje się samotny, opuszczony przez Boga i ludzi.

W takim stanie ducha sięga po Pismo św. i otwiera na stronie Ewangelii: „Jeśli kto pragnie zachować swoje życie, straci je, a kto straci swe życie z Mego powodu, ten je zachowa”. Zatrzymuje się nad tymi słowami i po chwili odczuwa głęboki pokój. „Dobrze więc, Panie Boże, jeśli chcesz, abym za 2 miesiące przyszedł do Ciebie - zgadzam się”.

Opuszcza szpital i wraca do klasztoru. Przestaje studiować, bo rozumie, że studia w obliczu śmierci nie mają znaczenia, a wolny czas poświęca na poznawanie, czy jak mówi „studiowanie” Rzymu. Po dwóch miesiącach wciąż żyje, mało tego, przybyło mu 5 kilo wagi, którą wcześniej stracił z powodu choroby. Minęły następne miesiące i lata, dzisiaj już ponad 20 lat, a on wciąż jest przy życiu. Kończy studia, podejmuje pracę, głosi liczne rekolekcje, pisze książki. Dzisiaj daje świadectwo o swoich doświadczeniach. Szczególnie wymowne są jego słowa, kiedy mówi, że nigdy wcześniej ani później nie odczuł tak głębokiego pokoju i radości, jak w tym dniu, kiedy zgodził na śmierć. Ta zgoda zaowocowała nie tylko tym głębokim odczuciem pokoju i radości, ale pewnie też nie będzie błędem powiedzieć, że również uzdrowienie z raka.

Każdy z nas wie, że kiedyś umrze. Jednak akceptacja własnej śmiertelności to coś więcej - to zgoda na śmierć. Właściwie to powinno być zbędne, ale dla jednoznaczności dodam, że nie chodzi tu o taką zgodę, jak czynią to samobójcy. Ta zgoda nie wynika z nienawiści do życia. Paradoksalnie właśnie wtedy, kiedy zaakceptujemy własną śmiertelność, życie nabiera innej wartości. Każdy nowy dzień jest darem, a przeżyty powodem do wdzięczności.



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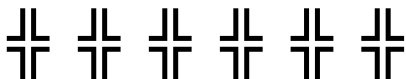
STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays

1:30 PM for School Kids

Po Polsku at 5:30PM

English at 7:00PM.

**SPECIAL LENTEN EVENTS AT SAINT STANISLAUS**

Along with the regular schedule of Mass and devotions, Please try to take part in some of the added opportunities available at saint Stanislaus for Lent.

- ◆ **Stations** of the Cross, three times each Friday.
- ◆ Adult **Faith Sharing** every Friday after Stations, Shrine Shoppe café.
- ◆ **Rosary** for the respect of human life every Tuesday and Friday after morning Mass.
- ◆ **Bible Study** every Tuesday after the rosary, Shrine Shoppe café.
- ◆ Solemn **Vespers** every Sunday.
- ◆ **Holy Week** services.
- ◆ Communal **Penance** with individual confessions Wednesday of Holy Week.

**FRIDAY FAITH SHARING
DURING LENT**

Because of the popularity of this Lenten program last year, Fr. Michael will continue it for the Lenten season this year. After the Stations of the Cross at 7:00 PM Fridays in Lent, all are invited to the **Shrine Shop** for adult faith sharing. This year we will discuss the U.S. Bishops' teaching on political responsibility in this election year. The sharing should be done n about an hour.

**ST. STAN'S HISTORICAL FACT
by Rob Jagelewski**

St. Stanislaus Parish had the first Polish school in Cleveland in 1881. The school was in the same building as the church. This was a two-story structure that had a school on one floor and a church on the other floor. The first teacher was a Mr. Idzikowski. His assistant was a Mr. Konkolewski. They were aided by three Franciscan sisters, who lived in a rear portion of the school. When the new church was built, the two story structure was cut in two and moved across the street. In order to replace the school, the parishioners bought a nearby house and lot and remodeled it to use as a school.

**BEGIN FAITH INSTRUCTION
FOR YOUR PRE-SCHOOLERS.**

The second semester of the Good Shepherd program for children aged 3 to 6 prepares them for participation in the full church community by introducing them to scripture and the elements of the Mass.

Classes are held on Wednesdays from 4:15 p.m. until 6:15. Located in Room 303 of St. Stan's School. Contact Gloria Prevenslik (216-351-8712) or Jane Bobula (440-443-3900, ext. 105, janeE-bobula@aol.com) for information on the program. Scholarships are available.

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES PLEDGE DRIVE**

This weekend we are asking that each household that was not able to complete a pledge form last weekend or by mail, do so today. We want to thank all of those who have responded by mail or during our in-pew solicitation last weekend.

PARISH MISSION**Presented by Fr. Mark Latcovich, PH. D.**

Vice President/Vice Rector/Academic Dean—Saint Mary Seminary

Tuesday, February 26, 2008 7:00PM

Eucharistic Celebration

Theme: Becoming a Reconciling Community
St. Hyacinth Parish, 6114 Francis Avenue

Monday, March 3, 2008 7:00PM

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with Benediction

Theme: Becoming a Community of Disciples
Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, 3395 E. 53rd St.

For more information call Diana Lipford 216-641-2829

**DAD'S CLUB NIGHT AT THE RACES
MARCH 29, 2008**

This will be a 10-race event with 10 horses in each race. Admission cost will be \$15 and to purchase a horse will be \$10 for one horse. You can purchase as many horses as you want. You pick the name for each horse you buy. You can call John Sklodowski @ 641-7624 or John Heyink @ 341-2019.

MUSIC BEAUTIFUL BEYOND MEASURE

On Saturday March 1, 8:00PM **Opera Circle** will present a concert with The Cleveland Woman's Orchestra and the Westshore Chorale.

Stabat Mater op 53 by *Karol Szymanowski* and **Requiem** by *W.A. Mozart* will be performed in our church. Tickets are \$55.00 for Reserved Sponsor Seats, \$15.00 General Admission and \$5.00 for students. Contact Opera Circle at 216-441-2822 operacircle@yahoo.com. Tickets will also be available at the door

ST. VINCENT DePAUL CLOTHING COLLECTION

Please remember—Lent is a time for alms giving—hopefully you will continue to respond to the needs of the infants and toddlers of Slavic Village by bringing in items of food and clothing, etc. The Baskets are in the rear vestibule. Please place your items in the Basket and fill out an entry form (Name and Phone Number) and deposit it in the entry box.

The next drawing will be on Palm Sunday, March 16th at 1:00. Each donation you bring will get you a FREE ENTRY, a chance to win one of THREE...yes! THREE!

\$20.00 Gift Certificates to Seven Roses Deli

There will be three winners thanks to the kindness and generosity of Tina, from Seven Roses. Please match her generosity with your donations.



Congratulations to the Boys' Varsity Basketball team upon defeating St. Angel 43-33 to win the Our Lady of Mount Carmel Tournament. Alex Olbrys was named MVP for the game. For the first time, both the boys team and the girls team won the same tournament.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR ST. STANISLAUS SCHOLARS

Congratulations to the following high school students from Saint Stanislaus Parish who have achieved academic honors. We are proud of you!

Cleveland Central Catholic High School

Summa Cum Laude—Tomasz A. Ejsmont, Cortney Milczewski

Magna Cum Laude—Ashley Butch, Emilia Ejsmont, Brittany Milczewski, Kayla Zavage

Cum Laude—Angelica Kance

In addition to the above Student Parishioners receiving honors—22 Graduates of St. Stanislaus Grade School who are not parishioners also received honors.

Benedictine High School

“Man of Benedictine” Academic Honors—Douglas Mahnke

Magnificat High School

First Honors—Brittany Djukic

THE EARNED INCOME CREDIT IS A SPECIAL TAX BENEFIT FOR WORKING PEOPLE

The earned Income Tax Credit (ETTC) is a refundable tax credit available to working adults without children earning up to \$14,120.00 through families with at least two children earning as much as \$38,348.00. The credit can be as large as \$4,536.00. The average credit in Cuyahoga County in 2002 was \$1,763.00. It is estimated that 15 to 20 percent of those eligible for this credit do not claim it. The tax benefit is available for qualified workers, but they must file a tax return. You qualify if you worked full or part time in 2007, had children living with you and earned less than \$38,000.00. If you have no children and earn less than \$13,000 you also qualify. Call 216-939-3841 for more information.

The Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) is the federally funded program that can offer assistance with your winter heating bill. HEAP is available to homeowners and renters of all ages who meet specific income guidelines. Completed applications must be accompanied by proof of income for the last 12 months and a copy of your most recent utility bills. Deadline for filing energy assistance applications is March 31, Applications are available at the rectory.

ST. STANISLAUS SHRINE SHOPPE

Tel: 216-206-4947

Saturday 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM

Sunday 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

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after Mass —
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TRANSFIGURATION SCHOLARSHIP — DEADLINE MARCH 1

Families of Eastern European ethnic heritage (i.e. Bohemian, Hungarian, Polish, Slovak, etc.) may be eligible for a *Transfiguration Scholarship* for their children attending a Catholic elementary, high school, or college in the 2008-2009 school year. Families must be parishioners of Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, or St. Stanislaus Parish. Scholarship applications are available in the rectory office if you are interested in applying.

MANNA CARDS
ARE AVAILABLE
AFTER MASS

BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS.

The next class will be at Sacred Heart on March 2, 2008 at 1:00 PM. Call 216-341-2828 for more information.