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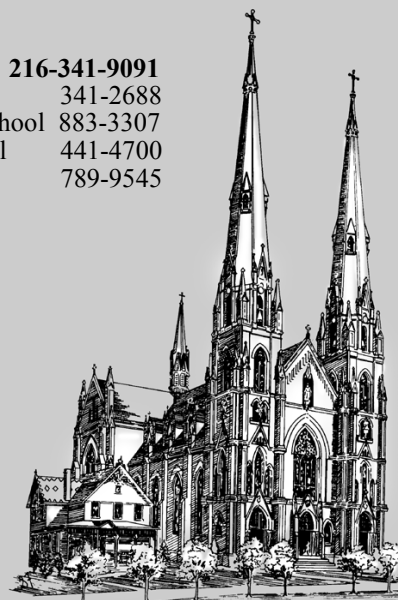
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The artist's sketch on the right depicts the original building with the spires. Corner Stone laid in 1886, and church dedicated in 1891.



SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

MASS SCHEDULE

Daily Masses: 7:00 AM & 8:30 AM (no 7:00 on Sat.)
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

DEVOTIONS

Daily Morning Prayer: 8:00 AM (exc. Sunday)
 Saint Anthony Devotion Tuesdays after Mass
 Rosary for Life Tuesdays and Fridays after Mass
 Avilas prayer for vocations, second Monday of the month

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 by appointment.

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 made through the funeral home.

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

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

August 31, Sierpnia 2008

Sat	5:00 PM	+Stephen Palka
Sun	8:30 AM	+Leo Iwucz
	10:00 AM	+Krystyna & Mieczysław Jach
	11:30 AM	+George Sheba
Mon	Sep 1	Weekday (LABOR DAY)
	9:00 AM	+Irene & Joe Rehay
Tue	Sep 2	Weekday
	7:00 AM	+Jan & Maria Majcher
	8:30 AM	+Peter Wozniak
Wed	Sep 3	St. Gregory the Great
	7:00 AM	+Veronica Gnatowski
	8:30 AM	+Franciszek Dziamski
Thu	Sep 4	Weekday
	7:00 AM	+Władysław & Stanisław Klik
	8:30 AM	+Mieczysław Wasiewicz
Fri	Sep 5	Weekday (Bl. Teresa of Calcutta)
	7:00 AM	+Edward Gnatowski
	8:30 AM	+Florence Galicki
	9:30 AM	Sp. Int. Students Cleve. Central Catholic
Sat	Sep 6	Weekday
	8:30 AM	+Thomas J. Bernas

3:00 PM Baptism of Victoria Maja Sierko

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

September 7, Wrzesnia 2008

Sat	5:00 PM	+Edward M. Martin
Sun	8:30 AM	+Adam & Sophie Szczepanik
	10:30 AM	+Jan Boc & Family
		+John Depta

Please note: 10:00 AM and 11:30 AM Mass have been combined for this Sunday to accommodate Parish Meeting at 11:30 AM

MUSIC – TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ENGLISH MASS

Processional: All People That On Earth Do Dwell #193
 Presentation: Eye Has Not Seen #206
 Communion: Jesus Christ, Bread of Life #192
 Recessional: In Christ There Is No East Or West #224

POLSKA MSZA ŚWIĘTA

Procesja: Kto się opiekę #52
 Ofiarowanie: (Boże Nutki)
 Na Komunię: (Boże Nutki)
 Zakończenie: My chcemy Boga #56

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

Sun	Masses	Second Collection for Saint Vincent DePaul.
Tue	8:00 PM	Dad's Club meets in the school all purpose room
Wed	3:30 PM	Groundbreaking for CCC Athletic Field, Baxter Avenue.
	8:00 PM	A.A. & Al-Anon in the social center.
Fri	9:30 AM	Cleveland Central Catholic Homecoming Mass in church.
	7:00 PM	CCC Home Coming Football Game at Collinwood Stadium
Thu	3:30 PM	Church Cleanup Crew until 5:15.
Fri		First Friday visits of the homebound.
Sun	11:30 AM	PARISH MEETING in the church immediately after Mass. (Mass schedule changed for today}



Andrew Hewitt & Elizabeth Sliwinski (III)
Walter Sarnowski & Lisa Soukup (II)
Damian Henri & Laura Rightnour (II)
Brian D'Anza & Gabrielle Sopko (II)
Paul Guadalupe & Jennifer Hornacek (II)

Attn. Eucharistic Ministers: Mass schedules are available for you in the Sacristy

Black Madonna'....Part II

So, what happened in 1430 that affected the icon? The monastery was attacked by a group of Hussites (Protestant followers of John Huss) who not only plundered the sanctuary but also tried to destroy the icon. The slashes which are now painted on every version of this icon date from this attack. The damage to the icon was quite extensive, so much so that it was necessary to have it undergo its first of many restorations. The temporary repairs to the icon proved inadequate, thus by 1433 the monks sought the expertise of court painters who were acquainted with the Byzantine-Macedonian and Byzantine-Ruthenian styles of painting. Their attempts at restoration having proved to be unsuccessful, the work was then assigned to the 'imperial' artists who restored the painting.

What was involved in this restoration? The original planks were preserved, but needed to be mended. To these original planks a canvas was added and covered in gesso. Then the artists copied the images of Mary and Jesus from the damaged original. The end result was a departure from the pure Byzantine linear/two dimensional style to a more tender, less severe style influenced by the contemporary styles of the mid-15th century. The newer look contained half-tints and softer outlines. At that point the icon took on a look which combined the cultures of the East and the West, a result quite reflective of the culture and history of the country in general.

Future restorations occurred over the centuries, but the icon basically remained the same, its painted slashes and colors only slightly altered. The 'blackness' sometimes more obvious on copies of the icon than on the 'original.' Take for example the version in our own shrine—it is much darker than the one at Częstochowa, but it was actually painted that dark in the first place. Somehow, the idea of that darker image seemed to appeal to some artists. After all, Mary's and Jesus' skin would have been olive hued based on the geographical location of the Holy Land. Neither would have been white (as in northern European) or black (as in central African). That songs have been written highlighting a natural blemish might be somewhat confusing but, alas, they exist.

When was the last time you knelt in front of our icon of Mary and Jesus? What do you see when you look into their faces? Do you look at both of them? Did you ever notice where He is looking? Do you only focus on the scars? Do you feel her eyes burning into your heart? Does Mary seem strong? Is she happy with you? Does she seem mother-like? Does her look indicate that she will whisper your prayers into the ear of her Son? Does she look like the Mother of Mercy? Do you feel the prayers from the surrounding relics of Stanislaus and John Paul sending petitions to her constantly as the venerate her and worship her Son? Do you sense a presence in that part of the shrine church that defies words? Are you afraid to hear what she might say to you? Stanislaus and John Paul are nudging you with the words beneath their own feet... *'don't be afraid'*

David Krakowski

SCHEDULE FOR MINISTERS

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time September 7, Wrzesnia 2008

Sat	5:00 PM	Lector — Rob Jagelewski
		Euch. Min. — Mike Potter, Connie Aliff, Chris Wisniewski, Mike Wilks
Sun	8:30 AM	Lector — Susan Halamek
		Euch. Min. — Alice Klafczynski, Chris Luboski, Sharon Kozak, Adeline Nadolny
	10:00 AM	Lector — Asia Sychla
		Euch. Min. — Ewelina Ejsmont, Tom Monzell, A. Jankowski, Marcie Sladewski
	11:30 AM	Lector — Mary Therese Stephens
		Euch. Min. — Joanne & Ron Grams, Diane Bulanda, Frank Greczanik

PARISH SUPPORT

Last Sunday's Collection

5:00 PM Vigil (74).....	\$1,217.00
8:30 AM (85).....	\$1,138.12
10:00 AM (75).....	\$770.00
11:30 AM (66).....	\$1,122.21
Mailed in (29).....	\$980.00
Total (329 envelopes)	\$5,227.33

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY



God's Gift To Us ... Old Age

Oftentimes, people speak about age—old age. They remark about the blessings as well as the unfavorable aspects of old age.

We all know and understand that old age is the last segment of our earthly life. We know that the English word “adult” is derived from the Latin words “ad ultimum”

= “towards the last” (phase in life).

We must be thankful to God for every moment of our life—whether that moment is filled with the highest quality and quantity of health, happiness, peace or not. We shouldn't be surprised at this because Jesus reminds us in no uncertain terms that “we must take up the cross and follow him.” Many of us have outlived, or have lived longer than many others. Length of life is a precious gift from God. We oftentimes wonder why seemingly healthy people are summoned back to God, and why seemingly very sick and worn out folks simple exist in the various nursing homes.

Sacred Scripture has many citations wherein old age is mentioned as a precious gift from God; how old age was never an obstacle for people to be included as major players in the eternal plan of salvation drawn up by God. We look at some of the following examples:

Genesis 21:2— Sarah became pregnant and bore Abraham a son in his old age.

Genesis 24:1— Abraham had now reached a ripe old age, and the Lord blessed him in every way.

Genesis 37:3 — Israel loved Joseph best of all, for he was the child of his old age.

I Samuel 8:1 — In his old age Samuel appointed his sons judges over Israel.

Psalms 92:15 — They shall bear fruit even in old age, always vigorous and sturdy.

Job 12:12 — So with old age is wisdom, and with length of days understanding.

Luke 1:36 — And, behold, Elizabeth, your relative, has also conceived a son in her old age, and this is the sixth month for her.

Of course, we can also view the “benefits” and the “drawbacks” through the medium of humor—without being disrespectful to God or to those in advanced stages of life. You are definitely among the old...

... when everything hurts, and what doesn't hurt, doesn't work.

... when your friends congratulate you on your new alligator shoes and you're barefoot.

... when your knees buckle, but your belt won't.

... when you sit in a rocking chair and can't get it going.

... when your idea of weight lifting is standing up.

... when you sink your teeth into a steak, and they stay there.

... when you know all the answers, but nobody asks you the questions.

... when you're asleep, and others think you're dead.

... when you run out of breath walking DOWN a flight of stairs.

It is always right and just to thank God for the gift of life—enjoy it. It's too short even if it reaches “old age”.

Fr. Len

Boże drogi

W Ewangelii, którą Kościół czytał w czasie Mszy św. w ostatnią niedzielę, słyszeliśmy wielką pochwałę Pana skierowaną do Piotra: *Na to Jezus mu rzekł: Błogosławiony jesteś, Szymonie, synu Jony. Albowiem nie objawiły ci tego ciało i krew, lecz Ojciec mój, który jest w niebie* (Mt 16, 17). I jakby ta pochwała była jeszcze za mała, Pan dodaje: *Otóż i Ja tobie powiadam: Ty jesteś Piotr [czyli Skala], i na tej Skale zbuduję Kościół mój, a bramy piekielne go nie przemogą. I tobie dam klucze królestwa niebieskiego; cokolwiek zwiążesz na ziemi, będzie związane w niebie, a co rozwiążesz na ziemi, będzie rozwiązane w niebie* (Mt 16, 18-19).

A dzisiaj jakże odmienne, twarde słowa nagany: *On odwrócił się i rzekł do Piotra: Zejdź Mi z oczu, szatanie! Jesteś Mi zawadą, bo myślisz nie na sposób Boży, lecz na ludzki* (Mt 16, 23). Aż trudno uwierzyć, że te słowa wypowiada „ten sam” Jezus do „tego samego” Piotra, i jeśli zajrzemy do Ewangelii według św. Mateusza, zobaczymy, że dzisiejszy fragment to kontynuacja fragmentu, który słyszeliśmy tydzień temu. I na dodatek łatwo jest zobaczyć, że Piotr ma dobre intencje. Oto Pan mówi, że musi iść do Jerozolimy i będzie musiał wycierpieć zniewagi, okrutną mękę i śmierć, ale dodaje też, że zmartwychwstanie. Piotr chce „wyperswadować” to swojemu Mistrzowi, którego kocha i nie chce Jego cierpienia: *Panie, niech Cię Bóg broni! Nie przyjdzie to nigdy na Ciebie* (Mt 16, 22).

Dlaczego tak surowe upomnienie? Co mówi Jezus? On zarzuca Piotrowi nie złe intencje, ale myślenie „czysto ludzkie”. Nie takie, jak chce Bóg. To myślenie „czysto ludzkie” tak nie podoba się Panu, że nazywa tego, kto go wypowiada, „szatanem”.

Jakie praktyczne wnioski możemy wyciągnąć dla naszego codziennego życia?

1. Myślenie „czysto ludzkie”, czyli takie bez pytania, co o tym myśli Bóg, tak naprawdę nie rozwiązuje żadnych ludzkich problemów. Taki rodzaj myślenia bez pytania Pana o zdanie okazuje się ostatecznie „myśleniem szatańskim”.

2. Piotr nie rozumiał Bożej logiki, gdzie w życie ludzkie Chrystusa i w nasze życie również, jest wpisany krzyż. Także i nam nie raz jest bardzo trudno zrozumieć Boże drogi i Jego sposób myślenia. Blais Pascal napisał, że „Ostatnim zadaniem umysłu jest uznanie swoich ograniczeń”. Kiedy ktoś pragnie przy pomocy własnego rozumu sądzić o Bożych drogach i Jego planie dla nas, popełnia błąd logiczny. Gdyby zaś „udało” nam się przy pomocy naszego rozumu zrozumieć Boży plan, to wtedy taki „bóg” nie byłby Bogiem, którego objawił nam Jezus Chrystus.

3. Co nam pozostaje? Tam, gdzie ludzki rozum napotyka granice swoich możliwości, tam właśnie jest miejsce na wiarę i zaufanie.

Prośmy zatem naszego Pana z ufnością: Boże, nasz Ojciec, prowadź nas Twoją drogą, nawet gdy nie rozumiemy Twojego prowadzenia. Umocnij naszą nadzieję, szczególnie w godzinach ciemności, i daj nam niezachwianą wiarę, że dla tych, którzy Cię miłują, wszystko służy dla ich dobra.

o. Placyd



ST. STANISLAUS POLISH FESTIVAL

OCTOBER 3, 4, 5

Less than **33 days** until the Polish Festival!

RAFFLE TICKETS: Thank you to those of you that have sent back your SOLD raffle tickets! Do you need more raffle tickets? Didn't receive them? No problem just stop one of the ushers or priests and any of the masses, or you can also stop by or call the rectory and they will be happy to send you out additional tickets. Our raffle ticket sales are the major part of the financial success of our festival!

PRIZES: We are still eager to accept donations for raffle prize. Children and adult prizes are needed to help with our raffle games. If you have new or already "loved" stuffed animals, afghans, children or adult prizes please bring them to the rectory.

BASKETS, BASKETS! There are still a few empty baskets to be taken and filled. Please remember to start bringing in your filled baskets to the rectory or bring them and give them to either the ushers or priests after Mass. We will need all donated prizes and filled baskets to the rectory by Monday September 29th so we can use them for this festival.

BAKERS NEEDED! Start finding those recipe cards for those fabulous pastries that we sell at our festival. Our bakers are the best from East to West! This is one thing that keeps our guests coming back each year. We can use any type of cake, strudels, pies, bread, cookies you are willing to donate. Bakery can be dropped off at the Social Center anytime on Friday, October 3rd and through out the festival weekend.

VOLUNTEERS: Sharon Kozak, our volunteer coordinator, will be in the vestibule after all Masses starting September 13th. She will be there to sign up volunteers to work the festival. We also will need volunteers to help with the setup starting on Monday, September 29th at 6:00pm and continue that entire week. If you can't help during the festival weekend, please come down to help us set up the hall before the weekend. We especially need workers on Thursday, October 2nd starting at 5:00pm until we get it all together! We need a group of volunteers to breakdown the decorations starting at 5:30pm on October 5th. If you have any questions or would like to get your 1st choice of volunteer jobs you can contact Sharon at 330/467-8532 or email her at sharonkozak@yahoo.com . You can also use the coupon below and drop it in the basket after any of the Masses.

If you have any further questions regarding the festival please feel free to call Marilyn Mosinski at 216-441-1533 or the rectory at 216/441-1533.

WE LOVE OUR VOLUNTEERS!!!!

Polish Festival Adult Volunteer Sign up

Name: _____

Telephone Number _____

Times you can volunteer:

Day _____ Hours _____

Day _____ Hours _____

Day _____ Hours _____

Day _____ Hours _____

Specific area you would like to volunteer: _____

Saint JOHN CANTIUS Polish Festival This Weekend

906 College Ave. Cleveland 781-9095 Saturday 4-11:00 PM Sunday 4:30 to 10:00PM – Dancing, Food, Free Admission

Next Sunday September 7

A VERY IMPORTANT

Parish Meeting About the Clustering Proposal

NO MASS at 10:00 or 11:30!

10:30 Mass in Polish and English.

11:30 Meeting in church.

All Parishioners should attend!



A NEVER ENDING STORY

We have been entrusted with a historically important and beautiful landmark, our church, our place of worship and the center of our spiritual life. We are constantly repairing and maintaining our buildings and property. This past week we repaired the steps of the entrance to the Sacristy parking lot side at a cost of \$675.

CLEVELAND CENTRAL CATHOLIC HOMECOMING GAME

Friday, September 5, 7:00 PM — CCC H.S. vs Brooklyn H.S.
Collinwood H.S. Stadium E. 152nd St. Cleveland Ohio

ST. STAN'S HISTORICAL FACT by Rob Jagelewski

High school football teams have started their new seasons. St. Stanislaus High School and Cleveland Central Catholic own a proud football tradition. One of the greatest high school coaches in the history of Cleveland was right here at St. Stanislaus High School from 1948– 1968. Len Janiak was a football star at South High School. Janiak went on to play football at Ohio University where he became one of the state's top scorers and is a member of Ohio University's Athletic Hall of Fame. Professionally, Janiak went on to play for the Brooklyn Dodgers in 1939 and the Cleveland Rams in 1940–42. Janiak became the head football coach at St. Stanislaus High School in 1948. His twenty year record of coaching the St. Stanislaus Panthers was 103 wins, 64 losses, and 6 ties. Janiak was named the first Athletic Director of Cleveland Central Catholic High School in 1969.



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Sunday 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

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CLEVELAND SENIOR WALK

Thursday, Sept 18th, 2008
CLEVELAND CITY HALL-MALL C
601 Lakes side Ave.

8:45AM Registration and Health Screenings

9:45AM Welcome

10:00AM Warm up and walk begins.

Bring comfortable shoes and come down for this FREE one or two mile fun walk. Begin taking steps on the road to good health, People who are physically active and who eat healthy are more likely to live longer and feel better. Participants will receive a t-shirt, a pedometer, healthy snacks, and other helpful information. This event will be held RAIN or SHINE. If it rains we will walk laps in Public Hall.

Walkers are encouraged to carpool and park in the Municipal Lot for \$3.00. Free shuttles will be available from the Municipal lot to take walkers to City Hall. For more info call 216-664-2833