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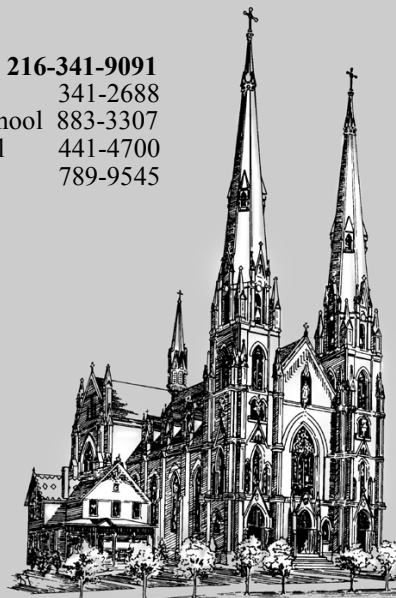
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The artist's sketch on the right depicts the original building with the spires. Corner Stone laid in 1886, and church dedicated in 1891.



## 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 Novena** 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



### HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS AND MARY

*December 28, Grudnia 2008*

<b>Sat</b>	<b>5:00 PM</b>	+Monica Krakowski
<b>Sun</b>	<b>8:30 AM</b>	+Salomea Stecki
	<b>10:00 AM</b>	+Teresa Swierczek
	<b>11:30 AM</b>	+Jacqueline Russo
	<b>1:00 PM Baptism of Gwendolyn Moira Wunderle</b>	
	<b>Baptism of Reagan Raelynn Renz</b>	
	<b>Tim Fabian Metting</b>	
	<b>2:00 PM Baptism of Gabriel Jacob Sherman</b>	
<b>Mon</b>	<b>Dec 29</b>	<b>Fifth Day in Octave of Christmas</b>
	<b>8:30 AM</b>	+Grace Thran
<b>Tue</b>	<b>Dec 30</b>	<b>Sixth Day in Octave of Christmas</b>
	<b>8:30 AM</b>	+Ben Benowski
<b>Wed</b>	<b>Dec 31</b>	<b>Seventh Day in Octave of Christmas (St. Sylvester)</b>
	<b>8:30 AM</b>	+Helen Kozlowski
<b>Thu</b>	<b>Jan 1</b>	<b>Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God</b>
	<b>10:30 AM</b>	+Peter & Alexandra Papa
<b>Fri</b>	<b>Jan 2</b>	<b>St. Basil the Great &amp; St. Gregory Nazianzen</b>
	<b>8:30 AM</b>	+Jean Dardzinski
<b>Sat</b>	<b>Jan 3</b>	<b>Christmas Weekday (Holy Name of Jesus)</b>
	<b>8:30 AM</b>	+Genowefa Malaczewska

### THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

*January 4 Stycznia 2009*

<b>Sat</b>	<b>5:00 PM</b>	+Joseph Michael Szoliosi
<b>Sun</b>	<b>8:30 AM</b>	+Joseph Ziegler
	<b>10:00 AM</b>	+Karen Buryanek
	<b>11:30 AM</b>	Sp. Int. Parishioners of St. Stanislaus

## MUSIC – FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

### ENGLISH MASS

Processional Hark! The Herald Angels Sing #274  
Offertory: Come, Sing a Home and Family #312  
Communion: Of the Father's Love Begotten #183  
Recessional: Angels We Have Heard on High #278

### POLSKA MSZA ŚWIĘTA

Procesja Bóg się rodzi  
Ofiarowanie: Śliczna Panienska  
Na Komunię: Nie było miejsce dla Ciebie  
Zakończenie Z narodzenia Pana

### *Seasonal Responsorial:*

**Sing to God with joyful hearts, praise the Lord forevermore, praise the Lord forevermore!**

**Śpiewajmy Panu radosnym sercem, chwalmy Pana na wieki, chwalmy Pana na wieki!**

## SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

**Wed 8:00 PM A.A. & Al-Anon** in the social center.  
**Thu HAPPY NEW YEAR**  
**Fri Office Closed**

PLEASE NOTE: There will be only **one** Mass on New Years Day. There will **NOT** be a vigil Mass on New Years Eve. Please plan accordingly.

### 2008 to 2009

*"As the sands in the hourglass....so are the days of our lives"*

Time is how we organize our lives. We need to understand when something begins and when it ends. Everything we do is contained within those two bookends. For us to hear that God has no beginning and has no end is not possible to understand. Well, it is at least less confusing to our minds than saying that there never was a beginning to anything and there will never be an end to anything. We need to believe in the bookends. Eternity is just not a concept we can grasp.

Another minute has run by since you began reading this article. By the time you ring in the new year days will have passed. Perhaps someone reading this article will never live to see the new year. Perhaps some of us will live to see 2010. Some of us might live to ring in 2011. None of us will be here in 2109. None of this should come as a surprise to any of us. Life on earth is finite.

Each day we awake and breathe and do things as the day rushes by, leaving memories behind us and dreams in the foreground. We believe our actions in this life will determine our place in time beyond this life. We act, we think, we live and we move from point A to point B.

Now we are in the midst of celebrating the birth of Jesus, a point in the history of time which provided to humanity and to all of creation an alternative to the simple 'bookend' view of existence. God's free intervention into the universe and our free acceptance of that divine act of mercy liberates creation from those bookends as nothing else could. We see God's action at the point of Jesus' birth because we only understand God in terms we can comprehend. God's entry into our 'time' is what we see, what we can love.

Because of that Love our days, months and years are emancipated. That Love, i.e., *the Word Made Flesh*, lifts us beyond that which we only see to a plateau from which everything is renewed. *"Lord, send out Your Spirit and renew the face of the earth!"*

When we celebrate the Epiphany of Jesus Christ next Sunday and then His Baptism on the following Sunday, ending the Christmas Season for this liturgical year, we see that Spirit smashing the hourglass which controls our minds and hearts and lighting the way to that eternal life previously lost in the bite of that Apple in creation's primordial infancy. At Jesus' baptism we experience that Spirit of mercy in time and space, well on its way to lifting the bookends of time for once and for all. At our baptism each of us was graced with that same Spirit.

As 2009 begins on our calendars, it may as well be 2119 or 3000 to those immersed in the waters of salvation. Now we move in the Spirit of God's mercy, no longer within the constraints of the clock. We are free!

*David Krakowski*

## SCHEDULE FOR MINISTERS

### *The Feast of the Epiphany January 4, Stycznia 2008*

**Sat 5:00 PM** Lector — Betty Dabrowski  
Euch. Min. — Michael Wilks, Marge & Andy Flock, Stan Witezak  
**Sun 8:30 AM** Lector — Nancy Mack  
Euch. Min. — Nicole & Mark Kobylinski, Marilyn Mosinski, Loretta Horvath  
**10:00 AM** Lector — Teresa Cyraneck  
Euch. Min. — A. Jankowski, Marcie Sladewski, Tom Monzell, Ewelina Ejsmont  
**11:30 AM** Lector — Mike Leahy  
Euch. Min. — Terry Kopania, Angela Revay, Marie Ostrowski, Diane Bulanda

## PARISH SUPPORT

### Last Sunday's Collection

5:00 PM Vigil (101).....\$1,375.45  
8:30 AM (97).....\$1,360.00  
10:00 AM (90).....\$1,006.00  
11:30 AM (69).....\$1,192.12  
Mailed in (37).....\$1,394.00  
**Total (394 envelopes) \$6,327.57**  
Christmas Flowers.....\$1,455.00

**Thank you for your generosity**



### GATE OF HEAVEN

This coming Thursday, January 1st, we will celebrate the national holiday: New Year's Day; and the special feast in the Catholic Church entitled the Solemnity of the Mother of God.

In the secular world we thank God for the arrival of a new year, for the gift of continued life for each of us, for the hope of being able to

enjoy a higher level of freedom, security and peace. The secular world rings in the new year with parties—tables laden with food and drink; people dressed in expensive (and sometimes, outlandish) style of apparel, music of all sorts blaring amidst the alcohol-influenced of “social conversation.”

But many folks stay at home, in the quiet surroundings of their living room, gathered with family around the Christmas tree and sharing a laugh or two, or even tears, as they reminisce about the holidays of yesteryear.

The Church invites us to celebrate this wonderful, special day in honoring Mary, the Mother of God. Mary, you know, the beautiful maiden that helped change the course of all human history forever. That moment was not simply midnight ringing in a new year; no, it was the moment that uttered her “Fiat” to the Angel sent by God. “Let it be done according to your word.” She welcomed the Son of God, Jesus, as member of the human family. That same Mary that replaced the Temple of Old as the exclusive dwelling place of God. Through Mary’s “fiat” Jesus becomes the new temple—in which we are all co-disciples and members with the Virgin Mary. No wonder the Scribes and the Pharisees were so upset when Jesus said that he would destroy the Temple (in Jerusalem) and raise it up again on Easter Sunday (the Temple of his Body of faithful people).

“Time waits for no one, and eternity awaits everyone.” With each passing moment—each ticking second on the clock—by that much is a life span shortened and our days of preparation lessened.

So, the New Year has arrived—what will be different about this year? Will I simply repeat the same promised resolutions that I have so consistently failed to fulfill in years past? Do I still lack the courage to mend the broken relationships that have plagued me over the years? Do I exercise my privilege and obligation to forgive others unconditionally as Jesus commands?

We celebrate a new beginning - Jesus comes into our midst. As Dostoyevsky once said, “Love is a harsh and dreadful thing.” “Harsh is being born among the scum of the earth, and dreadful is dying naked on a cross with holes in your body,” as Fr Bill Bausch writes.

Mary, the Mother of God, though free from sin, was not spared hardship and suffering. Our Christmas nativity scene is not accurately portrayed. It was anything and everything but tinsel, light, sweet and gentle carols, a beautiful, clean cave, with all the necessary items for a newly born babe. Mary and Joseph repelled at the inn, forced to journey under dark to Egypt—there to live as strangers and rejects—and these people being none other than Jesus, the Son of God and Mary, his Mother. Mary had a very tough life: “... and a sword shall pierce your heart,” uttered Simeon. How’s that for welcoming a New Year??

Fr. Len

### Matka Boża

Dzisiaj, 28 grudnia 2008 roku, przeżywamy Niedzielę świętej Rodziny, czyli Jezusa, Maryi i Józefa. Ponieważ jednak w tym tygodniu, we czwartek, rozpoczynamy Nowy Rok 2009, i ponieważ pierwszy dzień stycznia jest Uroczystością Świętej Bożej Rodzicielki, Maryi, to rozważanie chciałbym poświęcić Matce Boga i naszej.



Czy można nazywać Maryję „Bożą Matką”? Protestanci, trzymający się literalnej wypowiedzi Pisma św., uważają, że jest to niesłuszne. Nie ma bowiem w Biblii określenia „Matka Boża” w odniesieniu do Niej. Pismo św. nazywa Maryję „Matką Pana” (Łk 1, 43). Jest jakąś ironią, że nie zauważają oni, że greckie słowo „Pan” z Łk 1, 43 jest tym samym słowem, które żydowski tłumaczenie Starego Testamentu na język grecki używa tłumacząc najświętsze dla Żydów określenie Boga, czyli „Jahwe”. Z szacunku do tego słowa Żydzi nie wypowiadają go, zastępując je słowem „Adonai” lub „Ha-szem”.

Protestanci argumentują, że nie można nazywać Maryi „Matką Boga”, bo to określenie sugeruje jakoby Ona była Tą, która dała początek bóstwu Chrystusa. W jednym trzeba się z protestantami zgodzić: Maryja nie jest Tą, która jest źródłem bóstwa Pana. Kościół nigdy nie rozumiał tego w ten sposób. Nie dlatego Jezus jest Bogiem, ponieważ Jego Matką jest Maryja, ale odwrotnie. Ponieważ Jezus jest prawdziwym Bogiem, Jego Matka jest „Matką Boga”.

Niektórzy zaprzeczają prawdzie o Bożym macierzyństwie Maryi argumentując, że określenie „Matka Boża” sugeruje, że jest Ona „starsza” od swego Syna, czyli z konieczności trzeba odrzucić naukę o bóstwie Jej Syna, albo uznać odwieczność Matki. Na pozór jest to słuszne, ale takie argumenty pokazują nieznajomość nauki Kościoła o bosko-ludzkiej naturze Jezusa.

Oczywiście każde odrzucenie dogmatu o Maryi w praktyce uderza w Jezusa, gdyż musi być zaprzeczeniem tego, Kim On jest. To prawda, że Jezus jest Bogiem. W Credo co niedzielę recytujemy: *Wierzę [...]w jednego Pana Jezusa Chrystusa, Syna Bożego Jednorodzonego, który z Ojca jest zrodzony przed wszystkimi wiekami. Bóg z Boga, Światłość ze Światłości, Bóg prawdziwy z Boga prawdziwego, Zrodzony, a nie stworzony, współistotny Ojcu, a przez Niego wszystko się stało. Nie ma wątpliwości, Jezus jest odwieczny i jako Taki, jest współistotny Ojcu. Nie jest stworzony. Wszystko się stało przez Niego, a więc musiał być „przed wszystkim”. Ale w następnym akapicie mówimy: On to dla nas ludzi i dla naszego zbawienia zstąpił z nieba. I za sprawą Ducha Świętego przyjął ciało z Maryi Dziewicy i stał się człowiekiem. Co to znaczy? Otóż ten przedwieczny Bóg, Stworzyciel Nieba i Ziemi w pewnym momencie historii stał się Człowiekiem. Odrzucenie prawdy o Bożym macierzyństwie Maryi godzi w samego Jezusa, a dokładnie w prawdę, że jest On prawdziwym Bogiem i prawdziwym Człowiekiem, i że Jego bóstwo i człowieczeństwo są nierozdzielne. Paradoksalnie okazuje się, że próba odrzucenia dogmatu o Bożym macierzyństwie Maryi, podejmowana z „troski” o chwałę Bożego Syna, godzi ... właśnie w Niego, a dokładnie mówiąc, w dogmat o Jezusie, jako prawdziwym Bogu i prawdziwym Człowieku.*

o. Placyd



#### ST. STAN'S HISTORICAL FACT

*by Rob Jagelewski*

On August 28, 1907 thirteen Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth arrived to take up residence at St. Stanislaus Parish. On November 3, 1907 Bishop Ignatius Horstman blessed the new school building. The enrollment in the school in 1907 was 1,500 pupils. In the school year of 1914-15 the school had an enrollment of 1,668. In the peak enrollment year of 1933 the school population reached 2,686. There were 46 nuns teaching in the school at that time. When St. Stanislaus High School began in 1947 our Sisters added duties of teaching and administering in the secondary school. The Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth have been ministering in our Parish for over 100 years.



Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth circa 1930

#### MASS INTENTIONS FOR 2009

Every Mass is celebrated for the sake of the whole Church community, and each person attending brings his or her own prayerful intentions to Mass. The intention of the priest is listed publicly so that everyone else may also join in his intention as well. WE STILL HAVE MANY OPEN MASSES FOR JANUARY, FEBRUARY AND MARCH, as well as the other months of the year. If you have a special intention or would like to remember a deceased relative or loved one, contact the rectory to reserve a date.

#### JANUARY 1—A SPECIAL DAY

January 1, New Year's Day, has a number of liturgical names celebrating a variety of events.

January 1, New Year's Day, celebrates newness. Exactly eight days after Christmas, traditionally it celebrates Mary as the mother of God. The Greek word for Mary's motherhood is "Theotokos" meaning "God-bearer." Becoming official church teaching at the Council of Ephesus in 381, this is one of the most ancient and important titles given to Mary. Chapter VIII of the Vatican II document, Lumen Gentium, which addresses Mary's role in Christian life, refers to her by that title no less than 12 times.

Eight days after the birth of a Jewish male, circumcision was demanded by Jewish law. January 1 also commemorates the circumcision of Jesus. The Gospel reading for the day from Luke recounts the shepherds' visit, the completion of the eight days leading to circumcision, and naming the baby Jesus, according to the angel's direction previous to his conception.

Beginning in 1967, Pope Paul VI requested that this day be set aside as a day of prayer for world peace. For 40 years popes have issued a message encouraging prayer as well as action toward the establishment of world peace.

If we used today to be as loving to others as mothers are to their children, this might be the year that peace becomes a reality. That reality may move us all to renew our commitment to God symbolized by Jesus' circumcision. So maybe these various celebrations do link together. **Happy New Year!**

## **WELCOME! WITAMY!**

To all our friends visiting our church during this Joyous Christmas Season. The Parishioners of St. Stanislaus pride themselves in our outreach and service to our diverse neighborhood peoples. If you can find it in your means, please be generous in your support of the many good works of our Parish. St. Stanislaus depends upon the regular support of its membership and the generosity of those who visit here. Please look upon your financial gift or sacrifice as a way of giving praise to God along with the many from earlier generations who have worshiped and prayed here for 135 years.

### **THANK YOU!**

The entire parish community wishes to thank the many people who volunteered to decorate our church for Christmas. Even when there are no decorations, our church is magnificent. But when the Christmas season arrives, people come from miles around to see what's going on this year at Saint Stan's. Once again, this year our church has outdone itself! Much hard work, heavy lifting, and creative energy went into making it happen.

**INFANTS AND TODDLERS OF SLAVIC VILLAGE** — The baskets are in the back vestibule waiting for your kind donations. Please think of Our Lord and be generous! A drawing for "Lunch for Two" at Otto Moser's will take place on Dec. 21st and Jan. 18th. Just fill in an entry form when you place your gift items in the baskets. Thank You!



Santa Claus visited Saint Stanislaus Grade School during the last days of school before Christmas vacation, and what a blessing it was to our school children! He distributed 245 "Treasure Boxes" prepared for each student by members of the Village Grace Mission Center," located on Independence Road. God's blessings to Rev. Bartley, Pastor, and the entire congregation of generous Christians!

**HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM** — There is still time for families in Cuyahoga County who cannot afford the higher cost of fuel to obtain critically needed energy assistance. **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, 2005. If you need an application or request eligibility information, call the County Auditor's Community Services Dept. at 216-443-7050.

## **VISIT 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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**BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS.**  
Next Class will be on January 4, 2009  
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