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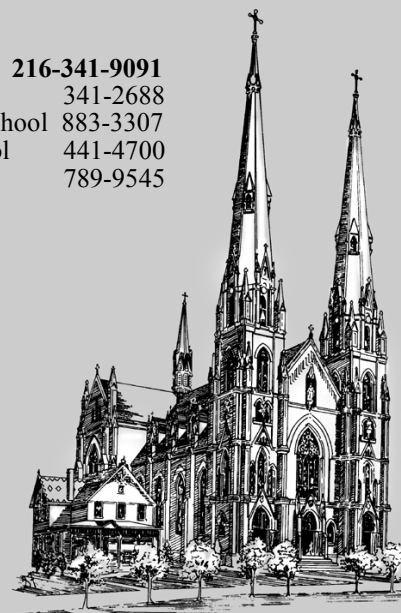
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The artist's sketch on the right depicts the original building with the spires. Corner Stone laid in 1886, and church dedicated in 1891.



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

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT March 1, Marca, 2009

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| Sat | 5:00 PM | Sp. Int. St. Stanislaus Parishioners |
| Sun | 8:30 AM | +Walter & Harriet Rosinski |
| | 10:00 AM | +Janina Stifanik |
| | 11:30 AM | +Nancy & Wincenty Filipowicz |
| Mon | Mar 2 | Lenten Weekday |
| | 7:00 AM | Sp. Int. of Pauline Kikta |
| | 8:30 AM | Sp. Int. of Rebecca Norton |
| Tue | Mar 3 | Lenten Weekday |
| | 7:00 AM | +Kunegunda Macek |
| | 8:30 AM | +Fr. Humbert Korgie |
| Wed | Mar 4 | Lenten Weekday |
| | 7:00 AM | +Beth Ann Kucinich |
| | 8:30 AM | +Cecelia Tegowski |
| Thu | Mar 5 | Lenten Weekday |
| | 7:00 AM | +James Texler |
| | 8:30 AM | +Władysław & Wincenty Kawecki |
| Fri | Mar 6 | Lenten Weekday |
| | 7:00 AM | +Rose Delewski |
| | 8:30 AM | +Florence Bogacki |
| Sat | Mar 7 | Lenten Weekday (Ss. Perpetua & Felicity) |
| | 8:30 AM | +Michael Soltis |

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT March 8, Marca, 2009

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| Sat | 5:00 PM | +Kenneth Krul & Nelson Dailey |
| Sun | 8:30 AM | +Joann Janiszewski |
| | 10:00 AM | Sp. Int. Parishioners of St. Stanislaus |
| | 11:30 AM | +Irene Stecki |

MUSIC – FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

ENGLISH MASS

Processional: Kyrie eleison
 Offertory: Forty Days and Forty Nights #182
 Communion: Agnus Dei
 Recessional: Lord Jesus Christ

POLSKA MSZA ŚWIĘTA

Procesja: Kyrie eleison
 Ofiarowanie: Bliskie jest Królestwo Boże #92
 Na Komunię: Agnus Dei
 Zakończenie: Jezu Tyś jest światłością mej duszy

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

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| Sun | 11:30 AM | Rite of Sending at Mass in church. | Thu | 3:00 PM | Church Cleanup Crew works until 5:15. |
| | 5:30 PM | Rite of Election at Cathedral. | Fri | 5:30 PM | Droga Krzyżowa in church. |
| | 3:00 PM | Gorzkie Żale (Lamentations in Polish) | | 6:30 PM | Stations of The Cross |
| | 6:00 PM | Vespers in church. | | 7:30 PM | Adult Faith Sharing in the Rectory. |
| Mon | 9:00 AM | Demolition of convent begins | Sat | 4:00 PM | Sacrament of Reconciliation in church until 4:45. |
| Tue | 8:00 PM | Dads Club meets in the school | Sun | 3:00 PM | Gorzkie Żale (Lamentations in Polish) |
| Wed | 6:30 PM | English Choir Rehearsal | | 6:00 PM | Vespers in church. |
| | 8:00 PM | A.A. & Al-Anon in the social center. | | | |

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS MARCH 8, 2009. Don't forget to turn your clocks AHEAD 1 hour next Sunday
The Little Black Lenten books will be available in the vestibule—donation \$1.00. Thank you!

Spiritual Exercises for a Healthy Heart

With Lent now upon us we all enter our season of more intense spiritual exercises, trying just a little more to be better people, more loving people to God and his creatures. The sacrifices made by both artists and athletes result in the improved product. So, too, spiritual exercises provide the same benefit for our hearts. As we sing throughout this season “*Create in me a clean heart, O God*” we grow closer to Him as the result of simple exercises.

When you are planning to drive to church on a snowy day, why not call up a friend or parishioner who might be stuck at home and offer them a ride?

When you get home why not call up someone and see how they are? Maybe they need something? Maybe they just had a bad day? Maybe they just want to know they aren't alone. Kind words are good for better circulation.

When you drive into our parking lot, why not leave that prime parking spot for someone who might have trouble walking? The extra walk will do your heart some good.

When you enter the church, why not visit one of the many shrines and light a candle for someone who might need a little light in their life...the arm movement prevents plaque build-up in those arteries.

When the Mass begins, why not join in the singing a bit more? The fresh air you'll breathe in after singing will help keep your oxygen levels higher.

When the basket comes by for the second collection, why not add half of what you were thinking of spending at the next local fish fry to help the St. Vincent de Paul Society distribute some food to the hungry. After all, how many pierogi does one need during this period of fasting? Cholesterol count....

By the end of Lent you might just become addicted to this new, healthy life style. Your heart will be stronger, your life will be happier, you will feel better. So, let's pump up and get healthier together.



David Krakowski

SCHEDULE FOR MINISTERS

Second Sunday in Lent, March 8, March 2009

Sat 5:00 PM Lector — Betty Dabrowski
 Euch. Min. — Michael Wilks, Connie Aliff, Marge & Andy Flock
Sun 8:30 AM Lector — Karen Neuman
 Euch. Min. — Marcia & Don Stech, Sharon Kozak, Alice Klafczynski
10:00 AM Lector — Asia Sychla
 Euch. Min. — Ewelina Ejsmont, A. Jankowski, W. Sztalkoper, Tom Monzell
11:30 AM Lector — Mary Therese Stevens
 Euch. Min. — Stanley Koch, Diane Bulanda, Angela Revay, Ron Grams

PARISH SUPPORT

Last Sunday's Collection

5:00 PM Vigil (68).....\$1,152.37
 8:30 AM (63).....\$1,084.00
 10:00 AM (69).....\$658.00
 11:30 AM (62).....\$1,296.40
 Mailed in (35).....\$1,212.03
Total (297 envelopes) \$5,403.17
Church in Latin America (21) \$146.00
Monthly Budget (143) \$2,365.00



SOME THOUGHTS FOR LENT

On Ash Wednesday at Mass we heard the words of the prophet Joel: *“Yet, even now, says the Lord, return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping and with mourning, and rend your hearts and not your garments. Return to the Lord, your God, for He is gracious and merciful...”*

We are reminded that we are dust, and to dust we shall return. Despite

this reminder we sometimes forget that without God we are nothing. Our loving God wants us to detach ourselves from the things of the earth and return to him—to abandon sin and approach the fount of life and joy: Jesus, his Son, who is the most sublime grace of the whole of Lent. It is He who presents himself to us in all the wonderful simplicity of the Gospel.

We are commanded to rend our hearts, to open them up completely and allow God to see all the spiritual festering that goes on in them. Of course, I speak for myself! External practices of fasting, prayer and almsgiving sometimes have no effect on our internal spiritual disposition and on our struggle to be more intimately united with God through Jesus. Do we really experience a conversion of heart and life after Lent comes to an end? Does Easter renew us completely in our dealings with God and with every neighbor of ours?

That’s why rending one’s heart means to change our attitude towards Scripture and all that is connected with it. We must become more acquainted with the Scriptures, read them often, cherish its meaning and application for us in our daily life. That’s why we often feel that homilies are “boring, lack meaning, non-applicable, irrelevant, etc.” If we entertain such an attitude, then we have plenty to work on. When people say to the homilist, “That was a great sermon,” (they really mean—homily) what are they saying?

Every homilist has the grave obligation to prepare well for the presentation of the homily. That means—content, voice, gestures, pace, length, simplicity. It is difficult to deliver homilies—even for the most gifted and versed of orators. And, nowadays, we ought to thank God that we have a homilist at Mass. Many priests are older and physically limited. The laity is oftentimes quick to criticize homilists, and yet it is so difficult to get them to become Lectors at Mass! I won’t go into the lengthy litany of deficiencies that resides among the laity at Mass, but you have a pretty good idea.

Lent is a time to open hearts to welcome the Bible Word of God—regardless of who the messenger (homilist). It’s the message that counts—not the one who delivers it. Perhaps, our lukewarm spiritual life expects a homily to bring about our conversion in one easy sitting, so as to lessen or remove greater effort on our part to live the Gospel more seriously.

It is most important that we read the Scriptures, the Sunday Gospel selection before we come to Mass. If we are not prepared to hear the Word of God, little wonder that the Readings and homilies at Mass become “boring.” Rend your hearts.

Sometimes we don’t like a homily because it challenges us to change, to forgive others, to make restitution, to start taking life more seriously and the truth that we are dust and unto dust we shall return. Homilies are not meant to entertain. They should make the “comfortable uncomfortable”

Fr. Len

Przymierze z Bogiem

Zaczęliśmy nowy okres liturgiczny - Wielki Post. To czas, który kojarzy się nam z pokutą i jej przejawami: popiołem, Gorzkimi Żalami, Drogą Krzyżową, rekolekcjami, spowiedzią. I słusznie: w ten bowiem sposób Kościół nas mobilizuje i pomaga nam w nawróceniu. Nawrócenie jednak najczęściej rozumiemy tylko jako jednorazową zmianę swego postępowania – na przykład z okazji Wielkiego Postu, spowiedzi św. czy rekolekcji. Tymczasem nawrócenie jest programem nie tylko na ten rozpoczynający się czas 40 dni pokuty, ale na całe życie.

Nasze życie jest życiem przymierza zawartego na chrzcie św. Przymierze to coś więcej niż kontrakt. Kontrakt jest umową polegającą na wymianie dóbr: sprzedawca samochodu zobowiązuje się dostarczyć samochód w zamian za pieniądze. Kupujący zobowiązuje się płacić w ratach czy gotówce, sprzedawca zobowiązuje się do dostarczenia auta i świadczenia napraw gwarancyjnych. Z przymierzem jest inaczej: jest to wymiana osób. Tak dzieje się w małżeństwie: mąż oddaje się całej żonie, żona oddaje się całemu mężowi. Jest to nie wymiana dóbr czy usług, ale osób.

Przymierze małżeńskie jest obrazem przymierza Boga z ludźmi. Na przestrzeni historii zbawienia Bóg wielokrotnie zawierał przymierze z ludźmi. W dzisiejszym pierwszym czytaniu mamy opis zawarcia przymierza pomiędzy Bogiem a Noem: *Tak rzekł Bóg do Noego i do jego synów: Oto Ja zawieram przymierze z wami i z waszym potomstwem, które po was będzie; z wszelką istotą żywą, która jest z wami: z plectwem, ze zwierzętami domowymi i polnymi, jakie są przy was, ze wszystkimi, które wyszły z arki, z wszelkim zwierzęciem na ziemi. Zawieram z wami przymierze, tak iż nigdy już nie zostanie zglądzona wodami potopu żadna istota żywa i już nigdy nie będzie potopu niszczącego ziemię* (Księga Rodzaju 9, 8-11). Bóg stał się Bogiem Noego i jego potomków; oni stali się Jego ludem.

Wyjaśnienie teologiczne potopu znajdujemy w drugim czytaniu dzisiejszej Mszy św. wziętym z Pierwszego Listu św. Piotra. Tak jak woda potopu przyniosła śmierć grzesznikom, tak woda chrztu niszczy grzech; jak arka przyniosła ocalenie Noemu i jego rodzinie, tak Krzyż Chrystusa ratuje nas przed Bożym gniewem. Chrzest przyłącza nas do Bożej Rodziny - Kościoła; przez chrzest zostaliśmy zanurzeni w śmierć Chrystusa i w Jego zmartwychwstanie.

Zaczynając czas Wielkiego Postu czynimy pokutę, nawracamy się. Pierwszym motywem dla nas powinno być pragnienie, aby odnowić w nas przymierze chrztu św. Zostaliśmy ochrzczeni raz na zawsze. Chrztu nie można powtarzać, ale można, a nawet powiedziałbym, trzeba odnawiać łaskę wiary, nadziei i miłości otrzymanych na chrzcie św. Modlitwa, post, jałmużna są tymi tradycyjnymi wyrazami pokuty, wyrazem naszego pragnienia nawrócenia, czyli odnowienia czy umocnienia naszych relacji z Panem Bogiem.

Panie Jezu, oto stajemy przed Tobą na początku Wielkiego Postu. Pomóż nam tak go przeżyć, aby ten pokuta i umartwienia, oczyściły nasze serca, zbliżyły do Ciebie i przygotowały na świętowanie Twojego zmartwychwstania. Amen.

o. Placyd



LENTEN AND EASTER SCHEDULE

Gorzkie Zale (Polish Lamentation Service) — Every Wednesday 5:30PM and Sunday 3:00PM (except Palm Sunday.)

Solemn Vesper Service—Every Sunday 6:00PM

Stations of the Cross — Friday, in Polish at 5:30PM, in English at 6:30PM.

Adult Faith Discussion Group — Friday evenings after Stations, in the rectory.

March 29, 30, 31

Parish Lenten Mission with Fr. Roch

April 2, 3, 4

Polish “Rekolekcje Wielkopostne”

April 8, Wednesday — Parish Communal Penance Service, 7:00PM. MANY PRIESTS AVAILABLE, Polish & English

April 9, Holy Thursday — Morning Prayer at 8:30AM; Liturgy of Our Lord’s Last Supper at 7:00 PM, followed by Procession to the Repository with Adoration until Midnight.

April 10, Good Friday — Morning Prayer at 8:30AM; Stations of the Cross at Noon; Liturgy of the Lord’s Passion at 2:00PM; Outdoor candlelight Stations of the Cross in Polish at 7:00PM.

April 11, Holy Saturday — Morning Prayer at 8:30 AM; Blessing of Food Baskets at 10:00AM, 11:00AM, 12:00 Noon, 1:00PM, and 2:00PM; Easter Vigil Mass at 9:00PM.

April 12, Easter Sunday — Resurrection Mass with Procession at 6:30 AM in Polish; Mass in English at 8:30AM and 11:30AM; Mass in Polish at 10:00AM.

April 19, Sunday — Easter Octave Mass for anointing the Parish Homebound at 2:00PM.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR 2009

Mass intentions are filling up for the first half of 2009. There are no more Sunday Masses or Saturday Vigils available for the year. WE STILL HAVE MANY OPEN WEEKDAY MASSES FOR MAY, JUNE AND JULY as well as the other months of the year.

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. If you have a special intention or would like to remember a deceased relative or loved one, contact the rectory to reserve a date.

FRIDAY FAITH SHARING DURING LENT

Because of the popularity of this Lenten program, Fr. Michael will continue it for the Lenten season this year. After the Stations of the Cross at 6:30 PM Fridays in Lent, all are invited to the **Rectory** for adult faith sharing. This year we will discuss the life and teachings of St. Paul the Apostle during this millennium celebration. The sharing should be done in about an hour.

ST. STAN’S HISTORICAL FACT

by Rob Jagelewski

Father Sigismund Masalski OFM had three tours of duty with the people of St. Stanislaus Parish. He was here as an Assistant to the Pastor from 1912–1923 and from 1946–1950. During his stay here between the years 1929–1939, Father Masalski was appointed Pastor from 1936–1939. He succeeded as Pastor by Father Raymond Micek OFM. Father Masalski was a gifted actor. He instituted dramatic stage performances in the fourth floor auditorium of the elementary school. These events brought parishioners together in an atmosphere of culture and entertainment. These plays were of a religious or historical nature. The auditorium was filled on Sunday afternoons and evenings in the hottest weather. As Pastor, Father Masalski began the envelope system for Sunday collections. Prior to the envelope system, the priests would go house to house in the parish at intervals to collect money to support the parish.



Fr. Sigismund Masalski OFM

INFANTS AND TODDLERS OF SLAVIC VILLAGE —

Borrowing words from Fr. Michael’s Pastoral Message “Our people continue to be extraordinarily generous to the monthly St. Vincent DePaul collection, which is testament to the charitable instinct of our people.” Truer words never spoken—just look into the baskets in the rear vestibule and see for yourself the generosity of our parishioners! To take it a step further, Nancy and Mike Sipko have not only re-donated their winning Manna Gift Card but have matched it! Making our next drawing, after March 22nd. — two Manna Gift Cards! What more can be said — God truly is alive in the hearts of St. Stanislaus Parishioners! Look into your heart... bring in your donation... continue to fill our hearts for those who are in need. They are the children of God!

SAVE THE DATE SAVE THE DATE SAVE THE DATE SAVE THE DATE

Are you doing anything on Friday, May 8, 2009? That's the date for our Sixth Annual Four Eagle Award dinner and silent auction. Join family and friends in attending this event where we recognize the outstanding commitment of individuals or groups in the St. Stanislaus community. So, mark your calendar and plan to attend. It will be so much fun that you'll want to attend every year!

HOLY NAME CHURCH CONCERT

In celebration of their 150th Anniversary

On **SATURDAY MARCH 14 AT 5:15 PM** The **SINGERS CLUB** of Cleveland with guest conductor **David W. Gilson** will present a concert- **"REFLECTIONS"**

Songs of work and struggle, complemented by nostalgic songs of "Hope", "Fun" and "Deliverance". A free will offering for the **Hunger Center** will be taken. A Reception will follow in the rear of the church. For more info call 216-271-4242.

CONVENT DEMOLITION BEGINS THIS MONDAY

After all the delays, inspections and permits. The asbestos abatement is completed. We are now clear to start demolition of the convent on Monday March 2.

In order to provide a solemn farewell to this grand old building, we will begin with a Mass at 8:30 AM followed by a short prayer service to bless the work and honor the history of the convent and its former occupants. Please join us for this occasion.



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phone (home) _____ (mobile) _____

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