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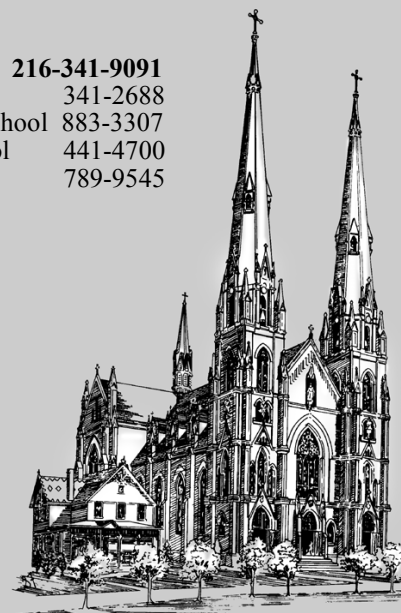
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The artist's sketch on the right depicts the original building with the spires. Corner Stone laid in 1886, and church dedicated in 1891.



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

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

March 8, Marca, 2009

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
Mon	Mar 9	Lenten Weekday
	7:00 AM	+Florence Bogacki
	8:30 AM	+Frances Sekula
Tue	Mar 10	Lenten Weekday
	7:00 AM	+Władysław & Stanisław Klik
	8:30 AM	+Kenneth Krul
Wed	Mar 11	Lenten Weekday
	7:00 AM	+Beth Ann Kucinich
	8:30 AM	+Zbigniew Małkewicz
Thu	Mar 12	Lenten Weekday
	7:00 AM	+Catherine Masterson
	8:30 AM	+Geraldine Blane
Fri	Mar 13	Lenten Weekday
	7:00 AM	+Cecelia Tegowski
	8:30 AM	+Loretta Sper
Sat	Mar 14	Lenten Weekday
	8:30 AM	+Edmund & Stanley Kobylinski
	3:00 PM	Baptism, Alexander Joseph Pizon

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

March 15, Marca, 2009

Sat	5:00 PM	+William Thran
Sun	8:30 AM	Sp. Int. Parishioners of St. Stanislaus
	10:00 AM	Aniela and Jan Bolek
	11:30 AM	+Loretta Sper

MUSIC – SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

ENGLISH MASS

Processional Kyrie eleison
 Offertory: The Glory of These 40 Days #184
 Communion: Agnus Dei
 Recessional: Lord Jesus Christ

POLSKA MSZA ŚWIĘTA

Procesja Kyrie eleison
 Ofiarowanie: W krzyżu cierpienie #106
 Na Komunię: Agnus Dei
 Zakończenie: Jezu Tyś jest światłością mej duszy

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

Sun	3:00 PM	Gorzkie Żale (Lamentations in Polish)	7:30 PM	Adult Faith Sharing in the Rectory.
	6:00 PM	Vespers in church.	Sat	4:00 PM
Mon	9:00 PM	Avilas pray for vocations in church.		Sacrament of Reconciliation in church until 4:45.
Wed	6:30 PM	English Choir Rehearsal		
	8:00 PM	A.A. & Al-Anon in the social center.		
Thu	2:00 PM	Golden Agers meet in social center		
	3:00 PM	Church Cleanup Crew works until 5:15.		
Fri	5:30 PM	Droga Krzyżowa in church.		
	6:30 PM	Stations of The Cross		

GOLDEN AGERS MEETING

The Golden Agers will meet on Thursday March 12 at 2:00 PM in the Social Center. A light Lunch will be served after the meeting, along with a raffle, games and the collection of dues.

The Cleveland Roman Forum

I was watching channel 25 last Saturday (no, I don't spend my money on cable) and happened to catch one of those 'travel shows' highlighting some hot tourist spots in Europe. The travel guide was in Rome where he was showing the viewers shots of the vast and desolate Roman Forum. There stood the ruins, pillars and partial walls, all opened to the sky, previous grand floors now covered in weeds and grass. Once upon a time it was the center of the most powerful empire on earth, yet now it was deserted. The people who ruled within its walls were dispersed and all that remained were the laws and order for others to study and incorporate into their new cultures. Those fossils in the center of Rome now stand as a reminder of how things can and do change.

Fast forward to Cleveland in the 21st century. We too can visit sites scattered throughout the landscape reminding us of our much shorter past history and the movement and dispersal of our citizens. Now we see public and private buildings, churches and homes, some abandoned, some demolished, some awaiting the verdict. Some will survive because of their adaptability. Some will continue to function despite their age because of a vibrant and committed stewardship. Others will become memories.

The closing of churches seems to stir up the most amount of passion. We've recently seen the demolition of St. Andrew's (pics were in the paper), and now we await the fate of others designated for closing. We see the 'wrecking ball' being used throughout our city and neighborhood, the result of the irresponsible lending practices and greed of some coupled with the deliberate choice of citizens to escape the world of opportunity and piety to a perceived world of security elsewhere.

In the case of both the neighborhood homes and churches, I see them meeting this fate because of an outstanding common failure—that of our dismal record at successful evangelization by those entrusted to preach the gospel from the top down. Evangelization goes way beyond people walking door to door trying to bring new members into a community. Evangelization should begin at baptism and continue to the grave. It is evidenced not only in catechism classes of grade schools, but in the daily activities of the greater church, from Rome to the cathedral to the seminary to the parish to the home. That so many, including our religious institutions, have already deserted the city speaks volumes as to the seriousness of commitment to the message of Jesus! And, yes, many who should have known better should be ashamed. How can we expect the Holy Spirit to get any work done in a ghost town without hands and feet and hearts? Yet, who can we blame other than ourselves for having set the stage for this new reality. We know rules and laws, but we don't know the Spirit. It is like a person who reads music perfectly, but cannot create music. Now as pews gather more dust, as fewer good committed priests and lay leaders answer the calling and as congregations choose complacency and bickering over vibrancy, the heartbeat of the Holy Spirit is deafened by the cacophony of a failed evangelization.

Imagine, if you will, this very church, with an exposed ceiling to the sky, without its stained glass windows, with grass growing where pews once stood. Even worse, imagine a single lost soul the result of our indifference. It can happen and, if it does, it will be us who are to blame for failing to evangelize successfully—first our own people, then beyond these walls. The journey of faith did not end at the First Communion party! It must continue throughout life. Don't think it is just the responsibility of popes and bishops and priests—it is the responsibility of every one of us as baptized Catholics.

David Krakowski

SCHEDULE FOR MINISTERS

Third Sunday in Lent, March 15, Marca 2009

Sat	5:00 PM	Lector — Rob Jagelewski Euch. Min. — Marilyn Mosinski, Connie Aliff, Marge & Andy Flock
Sun	8:30 AM	Lector — Jim Sadowski Euch. Min. — Ray Tegowski, Loretta Horvath, Nicole & Mark Kobylinski
	10:00 AM	Lector — Beata Cyraneck Euch. Min. — Ewelina Ejsmont, Marcie Sladewski, W. Sztalkoper, Tom Monzell
	11:30 AM	Lector — Bill Bobowicz Euch. Min. — Stanley Koch, Terry Kopania, Angela Revay, Larry Wilks

PARISH SUPPORT

Last Sunday's Collection

5:00 PM Vigil (87).....	\$1,349.05
8:30 AM (82).....	\$1,578.00
10:00 AM (86).....	\$1,034.00
11:30 AM (77).....	\$1,296.40
Mailed in (52).....	\$1,515.35
Total (384 envelopes)	\$6,785.40
Ash Wednesday (143)	\$1,093.00
St. Vincent DePaul	\$649.71

REBUILD MY CHURCH

Eight hundred years ago next month, Pope Innocent III approved the Franciscan Rule of Life. Thus was officially established the Franciscan Order, as Francis of Assisi was given approval to follow the Gospel of Jesus Christ along with his small band of enthusiastic, though somewhat disorganized, brother companions. In this

Centennial Jubilee Year of the Order, we will share some reflections on the founding of the Order and the meaning of Franciscan spirituality for today.

Looking back at those early years, we are reminded that Francis never set out to start an Order. He simply wanted to discover the meaning and direction of the deep though unclear call he had heard tugging at his heart. He was deeply disappointed with the direction his father had set for him, a path of life that had given him a childhood of indulgence, parties, song, chivalry, and friendship with the nobility. His father was an entrepreneur, what we would call today upper middle class. He wanted his oldest son Francis to carry on the family business and to aspire to the ranks of the noblemen, a nobility that Francis' father tried to acquire for him by sending him off to achieve glory in an unsuccessful war.

Returning to Assisi as a ransomed prisoner of war, Francis lost interest in his father's business, indeed his whole way of life. He disappointed his father, and spent time wandering the hills, caves, and abandoned chapels around the little mountainside town of Assisi — gasping the great prayer: “Who are you, Lord, and who am I?” The young Francis, disillusioned and searching, was seeking a sign from God.

He received that sign from the Lord Himself in a most unexpected way. There was a small abandoned chapel on the road outside of Assisi, named after St. Damian (in Italian, *San Damiano*), that was crumbling from disrepair. In the midst of the rubble was an old Byzantine style crucifix. One day while he was praying, Francis heard the Lord himself speak to him from that crucifix, saying, “Francis, rebuild my Church, which you see is falling into ruins about you.”

Francis immediately set about getting the materials to reconstruct the chapel. (He even stole from his father to buy some of this, but that is another story...) Most people thought he was crazy, but soon some of his companions discovered that he was onto something, and they wanted to be part of it. When Francis saw that people wanted to join him, he realized that he needed the permission of the Pope to continue.

This early experience of Francis, which led to the founding of the Order, is so meaningful to us today. For Francis discovered later on what the true meaning of Jesus' instruction was. The Lord was not calling him to reassemble the stones of the chapel (although that chapel still stands outside of Assisi today, regarded as one of the holiest places in Christendom). The Lord was calling Francis to rebuild the spirit of the Church, which had been in shambles for some time in much of Europe.

For Francis, what began as a building project turned into a spiritual renewal that changed European history forever. As we go about sharing in rebuilding the Diocese of Cleveland, let us focus less on stones, wood, and glass, and more on the Spirit of the Lord and his holy working.

Fr. Michael

Próba i nagroda

Pierwszemu czytaniu dzisiejszej niedzieli wziętemu z Księgi Rodzaju możemy dać tytuł: „Próba Abrahama”. Pan Bóg wystawia Abrahama na próbę: «Weź twego syna jedynego, którego miłujesz, Izaaka, idź do kraju Moria i tam złóż go w ofierze na jednym z pagórków, jakie ci wskażę» (Rdz 22, 2).

Wiemy, jak ta próba się skończyła. Ostatecznie Pan Bóg powstrzymał Abrahama, dosłownie w ostatnim momencie, przed złożeniem ofiary z Izaaka. Bibliści mówią nam, że ten tekst jest potwierdzeniem, że Pan Bóg nie chce ofiar z ludzi. Myślę jednak, że to stwierdzenie nie wyczerpuje znaczenia tej biblijnej historii. Bo gdyby tak było, to w dzisiejszych czasach moglibyśmy sobie podarować to czytanie, bowiem nikt o zdrowych zmysłach nie chce składać Panu Bogu ofiar z ludzi.

Tymczasem ten fragment z Księgi Rodzaju ma dzisiaj swoje znaczenie, może większe niż kiedykolwiek. Bowiem w gruncie rzeczy chodzi tu o przykazanie miłości Boga. Właśnie dzisiaj, o wiele częściej niż w przeszłości, głosi się horyzontalne przeżywanie przykazania miłości, tzn. próbuje się zamknąć to przykazanie w stosunkach międzyludzkich, zapominając o wymiarze wertykalnym, czyli skierowanym do Pana Boga. W ten sposób w świadomości wielu wierzących, miłość do Pana Boga znajduje się w cieniu miłości bliźniego. Tymczasem miłość do hobby, zawodu, wykonywanej pracy, do drugiego człowieka nie może przewyższać miłości do Pana Boga.

Nie chodzi jednak o uczucie. Czasem zdarza się, że ludzie oskarżają się, że kiedyś to coś odczuwali na modlitwie, a teraz to nic, tylko oschłość; wcześniej ktoś odczuwał radość modląc się, a teraz wydaje się, że jego modlitwa nie ma wartości. Na podstawie takich doświadczeń dochodzą do wniosków, że nie kochają Pana Boga. Jednakże nie odczucia są decydujące.

Możemy tylko domyślać się, co odczuwał Abraham idąc z Izaakiem na górę Moria. Możemy tylko przeczuwać, co odczuwało jego ojcowskie serce, kiedy jego syn zapytał go: «Ojciec mój! Oto ogień i drwa, a gdzie jest jagnię na całopalenie?» (Rdz 22, 7). A przecież Izaak to jego umiłowany syn, obiecany przez Boga, na którego tak długo czekał. I oto ten, który został mu dany w jego starości, oto teraz ma być złożony w ofierze. Wielka była miłość Abrahama do syna, ale jeszcze większa była jego miłość do Boga. Była to miłość, która wyraziła się posłuszeństwem: skoro Pan Bóg kazał go złożyć w ofierze, Abraham czyni to. Wielkie było zaufanie Abrahama do Boga, bo wierzył w to, że może On go wskrześlić z martwych.

Wiemy, że w ostatnim momencie Pan Bóg powstrzymał patriarchę. Zamiast syna, złożył on baranka w ofierze. Ten baranek wskazuje na Jezusa, Syna Bożego, który został złożony za nasze grzechy i dla naszego zbawienia.

Abraham otrzymał wspaniałą nagrodę w zamian za swoje posłuszeństwo. Była to obietnica, poparta przysięgą, że otrzyma potomstwo liczne jak gwiazdy na niebie; jego potomstwo zdobędzie warownie nieprzyjaciół, a wszystkie ludy ziemi będą sobie życzyć szczęścia takiego, jakie jest udziałem jego potomstwa, dlatego że usłuchał Bożego rozkazu.



o. Placyd

LENTEN SCHEDULE

Gorzkie Żale — Niedziela 3:00 PM (z wyjątkiem Niedzieli Palmowej)

Droga Krzyżowa — Piątek 5:30 PM

“Rekolekcje Wielkopostne”

O. Piotr Blajer, OFM

3 kwietnia, 5:30 PM

4 kwietnia, 2:00 PM

6 kwietnia, 6:30 PM

Stations of the Cross — Fridays at 6:30PM.

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

Solemn Vesper Service—Every Sunday 6:00PM

“Franciscan Parish Lenten Mission”

Fr. Roch Niemier, OFM

March 29, 6:00 PM

March 30, 7:00 PM

March 31, 7:00 PM

Communal Penance Service

Spowiedź Parafialna

April 8, Wednesday AT 7:00 PM

English, *i po polsku*

MANY PRIESTS AVAILABLE FOR CONFESSION

SAVE THE DATE

SIXTH ANNUAL FOUR EAGLE AWARD DINNER MAY 8, 2009

ST. STAN'S HISTORICAL FACT

by Rob Jagelewski

The Convent was built in 1917 to house increasing numbers of Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth, who taught the students first in the Elementary School and then in the High School as well. As a young boy the Convent was always that big building down the street from where I lived that was behind those walls. At one time there were so many nuns living in the building that a house next door to the Convent was utilized to house the overflow population. This house was connected to the Convent by a high walkway. In all of my eight years in the Elementary School, I only had one lay person as a teacher. The Sisters, who taught me were Sister Lucille, Sister Ceciliana, Sister Veronica, Sister Helene, Sister Liguori, Sister Joseph, and Sister Eucharia. The Principals of the Elementary School were Sister Amadea, Sister Fabiola, Sister Eugene, and Sister Emerita. The Convent has withstood the test of time and was used to its fullest. It was a lifeboat for the Parish in seas of turbulence during the time of and after Father William's death. Above all it was a home to the many nuns, who taught the Parish's children in religion and lay subjects.



The convent in happier days

SAYING “GOODBYE” TO A PIECE OF OUR HISTORY



On Monday after the 8:30 AM Mass, Fr. Michael presented to the sisters a segment of the altar that had been in the convent chapel. Sr. Maria, member of the Provincial Council of the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth, received the memento on behalf of the sisters. She had traveled from Pittsburgh for the prayer service, which began in the church and proceeded to the work site where Fr. Michael blessed the workers, the equipment, and the site before the first piece was taken from the building.



Bogdan Pieniak Photography



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Residents of Slavic Village were treated to ice sculptures, winter outdoor activities, and sample foods prepared by *The American Culinary Federation, Cleveland Chapter and the Culinary Arts Department from the TRI-C Metro Campus*. Slavic Village's first Snow and Ice Festival was held last weekend at Americana Coffee House, Dan Kane Garden and St. Stanislaus Church on E. 65th Street. DeNobile's Restaurant participated on Fleet Ave. The organizers wish to thank all those that took part.

DADS CLUB EASTER HAM GIVEAWAY

The St. Stan's Dads Club is having its first Easter Ham/Dave's Gift Certificate Raffle. Twenty (20) Gift certificates worth \$20.00 will be given away at Dave's Supermarket to the lucky winners.

You can get 3 tickets for a dollar from any Dads Club member. Call Ron Grams at 216-581-1943 for tickets, or stop at the rectory during normal business hours.

The drawing will be held at the Dads Club meeting on Tuesday April 7th.

BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS. Next Class will be on April 19, 2009 1:30PM PM at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church on Lansing Ave. call 341-2734.

INFANTS AND TODDLERS OF SLAVIC VILLAGE —

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!

SACRED TRIDUUM SCHEDULE

April 9, Holy Thursday — Morning Prayer at 8:30 AM; 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.