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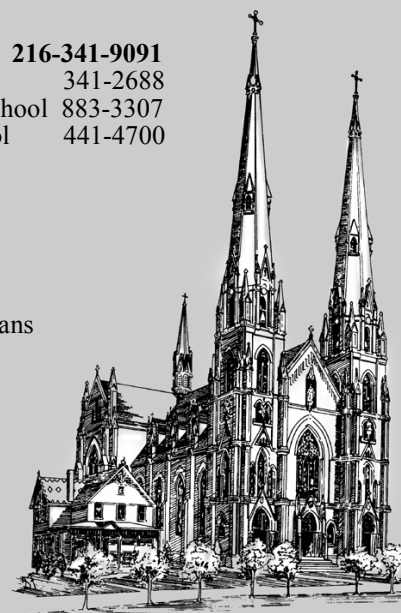
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TO CONTACT ORGANIZATIONS:

Send an e-mail to the parish with the person you wish to contact in the subject line.

The artist's sketch on the right depicts the original building with the spires. Corner Stone laid in 1886, 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, 9:00 AM to 4:00 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

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

December 27 (Grudnia), 2009

Sat 5:00 PM Sp. Int. Parishioners
Sun 8:30 AM + Donna Mabe
10:00 AM + Teresa Swierczek
11:30 AM + Lottie & Charlie Kenski
1:00 PM *Baptism Courtney & Montana Meadows*

Mon Dec 28 Holy Innocents

8:30 AM + Ben Benowski

Tue Dec 29 Fifth Day in Octave of Christmas

8:30 AM + Grace Thran

Wed Dec 30 Sixth Day in Octave of Christmas

8:30 AM + John Markowski

Thu Dec 31 Seventh Day in Octave of Christmas

8:30 AM + Sr. M. Alphonsine Kobylinski

New Years Day, Mary, Mother of God

10:30 AM + George A. Sheba

Sat Jan 2 St. Basil the Great/St. Gregory Nazianzen

8:30 AM + Peter & Aleksandra Papa

FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

January 3 (Stycznia), 2010

Sat 5:00 PM + Marek Lasota

Sun 8:30 AM + Maria Mania

10:00 AM + Jarosław Karwowski

11:30 AM + Florence Ulaszewski



We pray for our faithful departed
 Phyliss Czerpa
 Charlotte Jagoda
 Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.
 And let perpetual light shine upon them.



Bread and Wine Offering

The bread and wine used for all Masses during the month of December is donated in loving memory of **Stanly Wasielewski**

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

All Masses
Sun 10:00 AM
11:00 AM
Wed 8:00 PM
Thurs, Fri
Fri 10:30 AM
Sat 12:00 Noon

St. Vincent DePaul Collection.
NO RCIA this weekend.
Dobry Pasterz - Good Shepherd.
Katechizacja dzieci.
 A.A. & Al-Anon meets, Social Center
Parish Offices Closed.
ONE MASS ONLY, Polish/English
St. Stanislaus Girls Varsity Basketball Home Game, Social Center.



Wedding Banns
 Sean McNally & Meghan Barylak (II)

BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS

Before a family may schedule the celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism, parents must attend a class to prepare themselves. The next class will be held at Sacred Heart Church on Sunday, January 3, at 12:30 PM. Please call at 341-2828 if you plan to attend.



Is Everybody Happy?

“Sing to God with cheerful voice! Praise the Lord forevermore! Praise the Lord forevermore!”

Psalm xcix

There you have it, the words of our seasonal responsorial psalm, Psalm 99, also a psalm from Lauds in for Christmastime from the *Little Office of the Blessed Virgin Mary*. The words say it all—we are a happy bunch of people! We are loved! We are blessed!

Mary is blessed among women and we are blessed among humanity to have been embraced by the mercy of God. His gift of Jesus is God’s incarnate Mercy, the Word which breathes life into each opened heart, each quixotic dream. With God, all is possible, so we dream on!

“Come into His presence with exceeding joy! Know that the Lord is God! He made us! His we are!”

The happiness surrounds us! The joy is infectious! It seems to permeate the season, even for those who have experienced personal loss. Joy goes deeper into the heart than ephemeral happiness. It fuels our hearts when they are weighed down in sorrow. The joy given to the world is that which lightens our crosses.

“We are people, the sheep of His flock!”

With faith we state *“the Lord is my shepherd. I shall not want. In verdant pastures He gives me repose. Beside restful waters He leads me. He refreshes my soul. Only goodness and kindness follow me all the days of my life, and I shall praise the Lord for all the days to come!”*

“Enter His gates with thanksgiving. Enter his court with hymns of praise!”

“O come all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant!” When we open our mouths in song this season, it’s not difficult to get a little verklempt. Each word is stuffed with memories and dreams and dreams that are retired. Yet each word is full of hope in the Word. Each word is scarred with tear-filled vision. Each word silently whispers our past and makes us thirst for our future...with the Word.

Is everybody happy (as famed clarinetist Ted Lewis was known to ask)? We try to be happy and God wants us to be happy. We’re into celebrating during this season, not mourning. Yes, even those of us who experience loss can still celebrate the memories of the past. God allowed each of us to share in forms of His beauty in the past and is always ready to share more of it along the way. As the psalm concludes:

“Let us praise God’s name for He is gracious, His mercy is everlasting!”

David Krakowski

SCHEDULE FOR MINISTERS

Feast of the Epiphany (3 Stycznia), 2009

Sat 5:00 PM Lector —Marilyn Mosinski
 Euch. Min. — Mike Potter & Connie Aliff, Chris Wisniewski & Stan Witzczak

Sun 8:30 AM Lector —Ron Zeszut
 Euch. Min. —Marcia & Don Stech, Ron Grams & Alice Klafczynski

10:00 AM Lector — Asia Sychla
 Euch. Min.— E. Ejsmont & W. Sztalkoper, A. Jankowski & Tom Monzell

11:30 AM Lector—Don Pieniak
 Euch. Min.—Diane Bulanda & F. Greczanik, Marie Ostrowski & Terry Kopania

PARISH SUPPORT

Last Sunday’s Collection
 5:00 PM (78).....\$1,171.00
 8:30 AM (88).....1,604.15
 10:00 AM (76).....1,019.00
 11:30AM (73).....1,013.00
Mailed in (46).....2,116.00
Total (361) \$6,923.15
Christmas Flowers (46) 387.00



A Memorable Christmas

At this time of year, I'm sure that many of you look back and reflect upon Christmases past. For some people, it might be a special Christmas they remember from when they were a child. For others it might be the first Christmas they spent away from home, perhaps in the military. Others might remember the first Christmas they spent together as a newly married couple, or a first Christmas with a new baby. For still others, it might be the last Christmas celebrated with a family member who passed away in the following year. If we look back on our lives, whether we are older or still young, we can probably identify some Christmases that were "special" to us for one reason or another.

I remember a Christmas when I was in 4th grade and first began to really appreciate the traditions and the deeper significance of Christmas beyond dreaming of what Santa might bring from the Sears "Wish Book." I experienced something that Christmas Day night that has stayed with me ever since. I consider it rather personal, so I won't describe it here, but it was something that I still remember as a "special" Christmas experience.

I also think back upon Christmases when my grandmothers were still living. I remember a Christmas when I was 14 years old when we had two huge Christmas meals at people's houses on the same day. First we had a gargantuan meal at my mom's friend's house and later that night we went to Grandma Kelly's house for a Christmas dinner. We felt already full before we even began that meal of lasagna and then it was all topped off by my dad's favorite dessert of grandma's, her plum pudding. It was heavy as a rock and I thought I'd burst! It was not the most pleasant of Christmas experiences.

I remember the last Christmas when my dad was still living. He had been diagnosed with brain cancer the summer previously and had undergone surgery and radiation and chemo-therapies. Realistically, I was aware that it was likely to be our last Christmas with him present among us. Our Christmas was kept simple and focused on the present and the "presence" of each other. It was a quietly happy and peaceful Christmas.

Finally, I remember an unusual Christmas in far South Texas where I was living at a parish in 2004. An unusual weather pattern caused cold Canadian air to descend down to the very bottom of South Texas. We had an ice storm on Christmas Eve that knocked out our power for hours. However, the power came back on at the very moment our Christmas Eve Mass was to begin (which we were prepared to cancel if any people did show up). The next morning, we woke up to about 4" of snow on the ground. There was snow on the palm trees and cactuses. It was the first "white Christmas" in recorded South Texas history! Most people had never seen snow in their lives and even the adults were acting like children enjoying the experience! I still think there must have been some child in a hospital down there praying for snow on Christmas!

I hope that this has been a memorable Christmas for you—it certainly has been for me—and remember, if it hasn't been special for you yet, it's still Christmas Season!

Br. David

Stać się jak dziecko...

Boże Narodzenie. Jakie jest nasze pierwsze skojarzenie, kiedy słyszymy te słowa? Myślę, że dla większości z nas bardzo pozytywne. Bowiem świętowanie narodzin Pana Jezusa przypomina nam rodzinę, dzieciństwo, radość bycia razem, słowem, nasze najlepsze wspomnienia... Z biegiem czasu może zdarzyć się nawet, że stają się one wyidealizowane, piękniejsze niż rzeczywiście były.

Zastanawiałem się, jakie jest najważniejsze przesłanie tego, że wszechmogący Bóg stał się w Jezusie Chrystusie człowiekiem i narodził się jako bezbronne, słabe dziecko wymagające opieki. Sądzę, że najważniejszym przesłaniem tego faktu jest zachęta skierowana do nas, abyśmy przyszli do Pana Boga, tacy jacy jesteśmy. On nie chce nas przerazić, ale zachęcić do ufności. Każdy może przyjść taki, jaki jest, bo On kocha nas takimi, jacy jesteśmy, każdego z osobna i wszystkich razem. Ale kocha nas za bardzo, aby pozwolił nam zostać takimi, jacy jesteśmy. On wzywa nas do przemiany naszego myślenia.

Pierwszą zmianę, jakiej On oczekuje od nas jest pewnie to, żebyśmy zrewidowali nasz obraz Boga. Pan Bóg nie jest mściwym i złośliwym Sędzią, który tylko czeka, aby nas za coś ukarać. Kim jest Pan Bóg - objawia nam Jego Syn najbardziej w tajemnicy swego człowieczeństwa - w Jego narodzeniu i ukrzyżowaniu. Zarówno Dziecię Jezus leżące w żłóbku, jak i Ukrzyżowany objawiają bezbronność, pokorę, posłuszeństwo woli Ojca, a w tym wszystkim - miłość Pana Boga do ludzi.

Pan Bóg stał się człowiekiem, dziećciem. I to jest wzór dla nas. Pan Jezus powiedział: *Jeśli się nie odmienicie i nie staniecie jak dzieci, nie wejdziecie do królestwa niebieskiego* (Mt 18, 3). Musimy odmienić się, jeśli chcemy wejść do królestwa niebieskiego. Pan Jezus dał nam tego przykład.

Jak to zastosować do naszego życia? Każdy musi znaleźć odpowiedź jemu właściwą. Myślę, że jakaś podpowiedzią jest historia, którą niedawno otrzymałem w e-mailu. Zwykle nie posyłam dalej takich e-mailu i lądują one w koszu, ale ponieważ ta (prawdziwa, jak sądzę) historia wzruszyła mnie i zrobiła na mnie duże wrażenie, chcę się nią podzielić z czytelnikami tego biuletynu.

Na olimpiadzie niepełnosprawnych umysłowo i fizycznie w Seattle, dziewięciu uczestników stanęło na starcie sprintu na dystansie 100 m. Po sygnale startowym bieg się zaczął. Nie wszyscy biegli, ale każdy chciał uczestniczyć i zwyciężyć. W pewnym momencie jeden z chłopców potknął się i upadł, następnie zaczął płakać. Pozostali usłyszeli jego płacz, zwolnili i odwrócili się, aby zobaczyć, co się stało. Zatrzymali się i wszyscy bez wyjątku wrócili do leżącego na ziemi. Dziewczyna z syndromem Downa usiadła obok niego, objęła go i spytała: „ Czy teraz czujesz się lepiej?” Następnie wszyscy razem przemaszerowali ramię w ramię pozostały odcinek do mety. Widownia wstała i uczciła to bardzo długą owacją...

Czy coś takiego byłoby możliwe w świecie „normalnych” - tzn. pełnosprawnych, zdrowych i zdolnych? Wątpię. W każdym razie trudno mi to sobie wyobrazić. Myślę, że właśnie ci niepełnosprawni pomagają nam zrozumieć sens Bożego Narodzenia i tego, co to znaczy, „stać się jak dziecko”.

o. Placyd



Shrine Church of ST. STANISLAUS



Reverend Bartley from the Village Grace Mission Church, along with his many helpers, helped Santa bring shoebox presents and Christmas happiness to all of the students of Saint Stanislaus School. Gloves and hats and toys and candy canes were received with squeals of gratitude and joy for this annual event.



NEVER FINISHED... Or at least, so it seems, with the downspout and gutter at the ramp entrance. Ice build-up and melting over the years has affected the plaster on the inside by the window, and previous attempts to control ice and melting have not worked. Last week, workers installed a heavier gauge seamless downspout, soldered the joints, and placed a heated electric coil into the downspout, gutter, and along the roof edge to prevent ice formation. Let's hope this works!

"THANK YOU" FROM HEAD START

Dear Saint Stanislaus Parish,

The children of our Head Start program wish to thank all of the kind hearted people who have donated toys and other items to us. We were so excited to see all the beautiful wrappings and bows on them.

Your kindness will always be appreciated. Our parents are pleased. May God bless you on this special holiday.

Sincerely,
St. Stanislaus Head Start Staff and Children



O Holy Night

**PEŁNYCH DOBRA, POKOJU,
RADOŚCI I MIŁOŚCI
ORAZ PRZEPEŁNIONYCH
RODZINNYM CIEPŁEM ŚWIĄT
BOŻEGO NARODZENIA
ORAZ WSZELKIEJ POMYŚLNOŚCI
NA CAŁY NADCHODZĄCY ROK 2010
PARAFIANOM I GOŚCIOM ŻYCZA
DUSZPASTERZE ŚW. STANISŁAWA**

*Merry Christmas to All Our
Friends and Parishioners!*

YARDS OF YARN

GOOD YARN URGENTLY NEEDED

The St. Vincent DePaul Society Warmup America Group needs orlon or acrylic yarn for making afghans for the needy. If you can help, please take yarn to the rectory, labeled "Warmup America." To join the group for any questions, call Donna at 216-398-9653.

If you wonder what happens with all of this year, and whether your yarn donation makes any difference, consider that in 2009 this local Warmup America group made 349 afghans (full size and lap), 46 baby afghans, 42 booties, 127 scarves, 2 hats, and 2 shawls — all donated to the poor in our community.



Making a joyful noise!

At least, that was the intention last week with the first recital of the CityMusic Cleveland — Slavic Village Youth Orchestra. This is a wonderful collaboration between Saint Stanislaus School, the Third Federal Foundation, Slavic Village Development, Neighborhood Connections, and CityMusic Cleveland, the renowned orchestra that performs regularly at Saint Stanislaus. This excellent music education program is open to all children from Slavic Village and provides free music instruction after school. This Spring will be the debut performance of the Youth Orchestra at a “real” concert along with CityMusic. Watch the bulletin and web site for information!



ST. STANS HISTORICAL FACT by *Rob Jagelewski*. The Christmas Season brings to mind memories of Brother Fidelis Veselak, OFM longtime sacristan at St. Stanislaus Church. Many current and former parishioners have warm memories of Brother Fidelis. “Brother,” as he was affectionately called by parishioners, served here from 1941 until he passed away in 1980. Brother opened the church in the early morning hours everyday, he got things ready for Mass, and he knew every inch of the church even though he was blinded by glaucoma in his later years. The designs of wheat, grapes, and angels around the main tabernacle were crafted by Brother from silver from old spent flashbulbs garnered from wedding photographers. Many parishioners spent a lot of time with Brother making the hosts for communion. As a reward they usually got a bag of scraps from the making of the hosts. Brother would set up the Christmas crib. In 1980 Brother set up the crib, went to his room, went to sleep, and went to spend Christmas with Jesus. Brother is a large figure in the history of this parish. Our sacristy is dedicated to his memory.

CHRISTMAS “UNIQUE-BOUTIQUE” SUCCESS!

Many thanks to Pat Murray and the other volunteers who made Christmas shopping easier for parishioners seeking unique St. Stanislaus-themed gift items. The vestibule “marketplace” set up during Advent featured custom ornaments, CDs, and other interesting gifts. Their hard work earned \$1,059.00 for the parish!

Infants/Toddlers of Slavic Village

Peace and Joy to all who shared with those less fortunate. Peace and Joy for all those who received your generous gifts of food, clothing, toys etc. What a joyous holiday for all. Anna Lesniak has a Christmas wreath hanging on her front door thanks to her donation. Please continue to remember those children who need our help. Place your donations in the baskets and fill in an entry form with each donation. The next drawing will be Jan. 24th. Chance to win two strudels-fresh or frozen, your choice of fillings from Merti’s Strudel Shoppe. Let’s start the New Year off right. Give and you shall receive.