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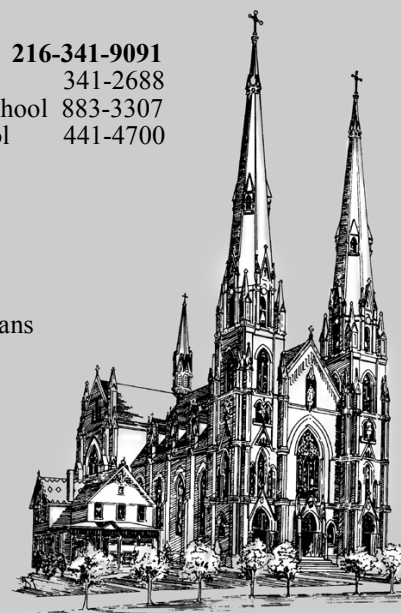
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www.picturetrail.com/saintstans

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 BAPTISM OF JESUS

January 10 (Stycznia), 2010

Sat 5:00 PM + Lottie Depta
Sun 8:30 AM + Jean Bell
10:00 AM + Dymitruk Family
11:30 AM Sp. Int. Parishioners

Mon Jan 11 Weekday in Ordinary Time

7:00 AM + Joseph Denczak
8:30 AM + Martin Boniar

Tue Jan 12 Weekday in Ordinary Time

7:00 AM + Clara Trojanowski
8:30 AM + James Szarwak

Wed Jan 13 St. Hilary

7:00 AM + Jeżewski Family
8:30 AM + Bernard & Mary Wisnowski

Thu Jan 14 Weekday in Ordinary Time

7:00 AM + Souls In Purgatory
8:30 AM + Sam Frankino

Fri Jan 15 Weekday in Ordinary Time

7:00 AM + Bernadine Lee
8:30 AM + Vincent & Apolonia Sklodowski

Sat Jan 16 Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM + Neil Krawczynski

2:00 PM Wedding Sean McNally & Meghan Barylak

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

January 17 (Stycznia), 2010

Sat 5:00 PM + Stefania & Benedict Wisniewski

Sun 8:30 AM + Daniel Sr., Jennie, Edward Sr.,
Edward Jr. Gresky

10:00 AM Sp. Int. Parishioners

11:30 AM + Julius Ray & Dr. David Zackowski



We pray for our faithful departed
 Anthony Zeszut, Jr.
 Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord.
 And let perpetual light shine upon him.



Bread and Wine Offering
 The eternal embrace of Christy Angel
 By our loving Savior Jesus Christ
 7-25-41 The Angel in my heart 12-24-38
 3-30-09

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

Sun	10:00 AM	RCIA
	11:00 AM	Dobry Pasterz - Good Shepherd. Katechizacja dzieci.
	12:30 AM	Church Undecorating
Mon	9:00 AM	Avilas prayer for vocations, in church.
Wed	8:00 PM	A.A. & Al-Anon meets, Social Center

Wedding Banns

Tomasz Herjan & Katarzyna Bulek (II)

My 14th Christmas (a reflection by altar server, Julia Halamek)

I stand in the small sacristy of the Shrine Church of St. Stanislaus. It's Christmas Eve, and the rectangular room is crowded with 15 other altar servers, girls and boys alike. They are all clothed in scarlet cassocks and snow white surplices used to celebrate special occasions—in this case, the long awaited birth of Christ. Many are younger than I, probably just having made their first Communion, lacking a few years of experience—and surely a bit nervous. Others are older than I, eighth graders, high school students, even one or two who are freshmen in college. Then there are a few kids who rest in between the two groups, having served for a few years, carrying out their duties with ease. Matt (my brother) and I belong to that middle group.

I look out the stained-glass window to my right at the dark sky. It's not even 5:00 in the evening yet, but the sky is already turning an inky blue-black. You can't really tell with stained glass, but it doesn't appear to be snowing. *Isn't it supposed to snow on Christmas?* I find myself thinking as I fiddle with the topmost snap on my cassock. *Oh well! The church will look beautiful, especially when it gets completely dark, snow or no snow.*

It's about five o'clock now and it's time for Mass to start. Our priest has assigned everyone their jobs, as well as given a few last minute directions to clear some things up. The 16 servers form a line – more or less – and walk out the sacristy door. The younger kids have been whispering quietly to one another, but as soon as they step out into the dim light of the church all the hissing fires are extinguished at once. Perhaps for them, it's because of the distinct silence among the people—and the church is nearly full—but for me, it's something else: the beauty all around me.

All around the Nativity Scene and the main altar are deep green pine trees, some live and some artificial, but all taller than I am. They are strung with golden lights that seem to shimmer in the light of the servers' candles as they pass, and the ones at the base of the altar are enhanced by snowflake-shaped paper ornaments made and colored by the St. Stanislaus students.

At the Nativity are statues so lifelike that as we walk by, their unmoving eyes nevertheless seem to stare deep into our souls. My attention is drawn particularly to the figure of a girl, Rachel, probably a few years older than I, holding a woven basket of fruit. She must be bringing her gift of food to the baby Jesus in the manger. And it is also she, more than any of the others, who appears to have her eyes locked right onto my heart...does she know I'm planning to sing 'O come all ye faithful' in Latin whether the choir does or not? Probably! Near her is an old man called Mordecai, hair and short beard snow-white and his body clothed in orange garments. In his outstretched hand is a long pole with an old-fashioned lantern dangling from the end. A small flickering flame inside the lantern dances up and down as if it can sense the excitement in the air and is rejoicing.

Before we pass the Nativity scene, I throw one last glance over my shoulder at it. I catch a glimpse of the baby Jesus in His manger of hay, reaching His little hands up toward a lamb standing near Him. Coming around a corner, seemingly out of the pine trees are the three Kings: Caspar, Melchior and Balthazar. They are all draped in robes of deep, rich hues as befits their royal status and are bearing their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. Then the flame in Mordecai's lantern flickers enthusiastically, and I am heartened. Now is the time, the time we've been waiting for through four weeks of Advent. There is not a moment, not a reason, to be nervous now. My server companions and I have become part of something much bigger and much more sacred than any of us knows. *(to be continued)*

SCHEDULE FOR MINISTERS

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (17 Stycznia), 2010

Sat	5:00 PM	Lector —Elizabeth Dąbrowska Euch. Min. — Mike Potter & Connie Aliff, Chris Wiśniewska & Stan Witzak
Sun	8:30 AM	Lector —Nancy Mack Euch. Min. —Ron Grams & Alicja Klafczyńska, Marcia & Don Stech
	10:00 AM	Lector — Teresa Cyranek Euch. Min.— E. Ejsmont & Witold Sztalkoper, Tomasz Monzell & A. Jankowska
	11:30 AM	Lector—Marie Therese Stephens Euch. Min.—L. Wilks & N. Sontowska, Angela Revay & Marie Ostrowski

PARISH SUPPORT

Last Sunday's Collection

5:00 PM (70).....	\$1,932.35
8:30 AM(64).....	1,184.00
10:00 AM (73).....	792.00
11:30AM(64).....	1,060.45
Mailed in (43).....	1,416.00
Total (314)	\$6,384.80
January 1 (161)	2,254.25
Christmas Charities (79)	878.00
Religious Retirement Fund (51)	730.00

The average donation last week was over \$20.00 per envelope. Thank you!

**WHEW!**

This weekend we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord and the end of the Christmas season. After the last Mass on Sunday, we will put the decorations into boxes until next year and cart the trees out to the yard. Monday morning will be ordinary time.

Our two and a half weeks of non-stop intense Christmas was a wonderful experience for so many. Fr. Placyd was reflecting on his experience of this Christmas and said that this year, more than many, felt very balanced. It was this way for me too. In my own family, the economy forced us to back off on the gift-giving a bit, making it less stressful and more people-centered. The friar community here was able to have time to relax with each other as well — as much as we enjoy opening the friary to parishioners and other guests, it's also our home, and we need to relax in it as well as work in it. The many parishioners who volunteered in decorating, in the choirs, and in special charities all cooperated well and never really felt swamped.

Another wonderful phenomenon was the response by the People of God who gathered over these weeks to pray together at Mass. We always get plenty of visitors during Christmas, but this year there seemed to be more. The Reconciliation Services draw more and more each season. For the first time since the Christmas after the church renovation eleven years ago, Midnight Mass was filled beyond capacity — all the seats were filled tight, and people were standing in the rear aisles and vestibule. In spite of bad weather, the Epiphany Mass at 11:30 (when we traditionally celebrate again with the trumpets and drums) was quite full with parishioners and visitors. Over the season, four more households responded to the invitation to join the parish. And we are almost done counting the biggest Christmas collection anyone here can remember.

As I've shared these observations with others over the past week, they would usually ask what I think the reason might be for such a strong response. I'd like to say it is from the consistently amazing preaching (!!!), but that's probably not it. Rather, I think a big part of it might have to do with the awareness throughout the diocese that urban parishes still have much to offer, and their future is always tenuous. The downsizing we are experiencing throughout the diocese, especially in the city, drives home the point that none of this happens automatically. It is indeed possible to lose all this.

Even more so, I believe there remains among many people a great sense of hunger for an authentic experience of God. As pastor, I get to receive the many compliments of our visitors. This year, though, there were more than just compliments — there were tears. Many people came and said they experienced something they hadn't in a very long time. Abundant, genuine tears from women and men, old and young, that flowed uncontrollably from the joy of encountering the Living God.

Here.

Christmas is gone, but God is not.

Fr. Michael

Wdzięczność za Chrztów św.

Niedziela Chrztu Pańskiego stoi na przełomie okresu Bożego Narodzenia i Okresu Zwykłego. Liturgicznie patrząc ta niedziela zamyka okres Bożego Narodzenia i jednocześnie otwiera czas zwykły w ciągu roku. Jeśli jeszcze śpiewamy kolędy po niedzieli Chrztu Pańskiego aż do święta Matki Bożej Gromnicznej, czyli do Ofiarowania Pańskiego, czynimy to raczej ze zwyczaju czy tradycji polskiej kochającej Boże Narodzenie i kolędy, niż w zgodzie z kalendarzem liturgicznym.

W Nowy Rok, czyli w uroczystość Matki Bożej Rodzicielki usłyszeliśmy Ewangelię o obrzezaniu Pana i nadaniu Mu imienia Jezus. Maryja i Józef wypełnili wobec Niego nakaz Prawa Mojżeszowego, które mówiło, że każde dziecko płci męskiej miało być obrzezane w ósmy dzień po narodzeniu. Natomiast w święto Chrztu Pańskiego słyszymy Ewangelię, która mówi o chrzcie Pana Jezusa w wieku ok. 30 lat według tradycji.

Pan Jezus przyjmując chrzest uczynił coś, do czego nie był zobowiązany Prawem Mojżeszowym. Chrzest Pański wyznacza okres publicznej działalności w życiu Pana. On nauczał, że nie przyszedł po to, aby znieść Prawo, lecz aby je wypełnić (zob. Mt 5, 17). Warto się zastanowić nad tym, co to oznacza w kontekście dzisiejszego święta.

Czym było obrzezanie? Nakazem Prawa - był to znak Przymierza ludu wybranego Starego Przymierza z Panem Bogiem. Obrzezany wchodził w przymierze z Bogiem. Jako obrzezany miał później prawo udziału w spożywaniu Paschy. Jeśli ktoś spoza Izraela chciał uczestniczyć w Passze i spożywać ją, musiał się poddać obrzezaniu.

Myślę, że przypomnienie tych faktów pokazuje już, że obrzezaniu odpowiada Chrzest św. To chrzest bowiem włącza nas w przymierze z Bogiem, włącza ochrzczonych do Ludu Bożego Nowego Przymierza, czyli do Kościoła. To chrzest czyni nas dziećmi Bożymi. To chrzest uzdalnia nas do uczestniczenia we Mszy św. i przyjmowania Eucharystii - Ciała i Krwi Pana, który stał się naszą Paschą (por. 1 Kor 5, 7).

Innym podobieństwem pomiędzy obrzezaniem, a chrztem jest to, że udzielany jest głównie niemowlętom. Większość z nas była ochrzczona jako dzieci w wieku niemowlęcym i dlatego nie mamy żadnych wspomnień z tym związanych. To nasi rodzice podjęli za nas decyzję. To oni wyznali za nas wiarę i zobowiązali się nas w tej wierze wychować. Dopiero po dojściu do wieku dojrzałego mamy możliwość potwierdzenia tej decyzji rodziców. Większość z nas jest wdzięczna rodzicom za chrzest i przekazaną wiarę. Jednak i dla nas, którzy jesteśmy Bogu wdzięczni za rodziców, którzy zanieśli nas do chrztu i wychowali w wierze, potrzebny jest wysiłek, aby świadomie podziękować Bogu za wielkość daru, który został nas dany w dniu Chrztu świętego.

Ojciec Pio, stygmatyzowany kapucyn włoski, płakał któregoś dnia. Kiedy bracia pytali się, co jest powodem jego łez, odpowiedział, że do tej pory nigdy nie dziękował Bogu za chrzest, przez co dopuścił się wielkiego grzechu. Na pewno nie było to grzechem w sensie ścisłym, jednak Święty wyrzucał sobie, że nie okazał Bogu wdzięczności za ten wielki dar. Zrozumiał bowiem, jak wielkim darem jest chrzest.



o. Placyd

Shrine Church of ST. STANISLAUS

New Parishioner Registration

Do you attend St. Stanislaus but are not yet registered in your own name? Are you looking for a parish to call your own? If you are an adult Catholic (18 or older) and are not registered at any parish, or if you are registered at another parish but regularly attend here as well, please consider formally registering as a parishioner of the Shrine Church of St. Stanislaus. Registration forms (Polish/English) are always available at the parish office, from Manna volunteers, and online at www.ststanislaus.org. Simply fill one out and return it to the parish office!

Easier still, members of the Parish Pastoral Council will have registration forms available at all Masses this weekend, January 9-10, and will try to answer any and all questions you might have. Just fill one out and we will take care of the rest!

Zapisy do parafii

Może uczestniczysz w niedzielnych Mszach św., a nie jesteś jeszcze zarejestrowanym członkiem parafii? Może szukasz parafii, o której chcesz mówić, że jest twoja? Jeśli jesteś dorosłym katolikiem (18 lat lub starszym) i jeszcze nie jesteś zarejestrowany w żadnej parafii, lub może należysz do innej parafii, ale regularnie uczestniczysz w nabożeństwach w naszym kościele, prosimy o rozważanie możliwości formalnego zapisania się jako członek parafii św. Stanisława. Formularze rejestracji można otrzymać w biurze parafialnym, przy wyjściu z kościoła u tych, którzy sprzedają karty 'Manna', i także można ściągnąć je z internetu www.ststanislaus.org, wypełnić i złożyć w biurze parafialnym.

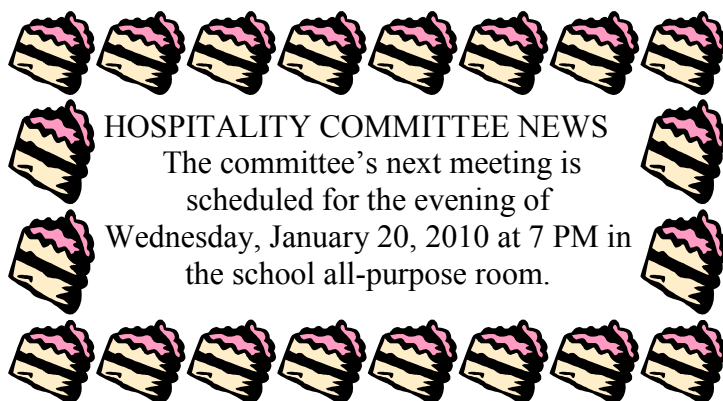
Jeszcze łatwiej będzie można to uczynić w sobotę wieczorem i niedzielę 9-10 stycznia przed lub po wszystkich Mszach św. Wtedy członkowie Rady Parafialnej będą do dyspozycji, aby pomóc i odpowiedzieć na ewentualne pytania.

Eucharistic Minister Schedules

Attention! Attention! All extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist! Please pick up your new schedules for 2010 in the sacristy after Masses this weekend! The re-commissioning of ministers will take place throughout the month of January. Those ministers who have yet to attend the workshop regarding changes will do so with Fr. Placyd during the month of January as well.

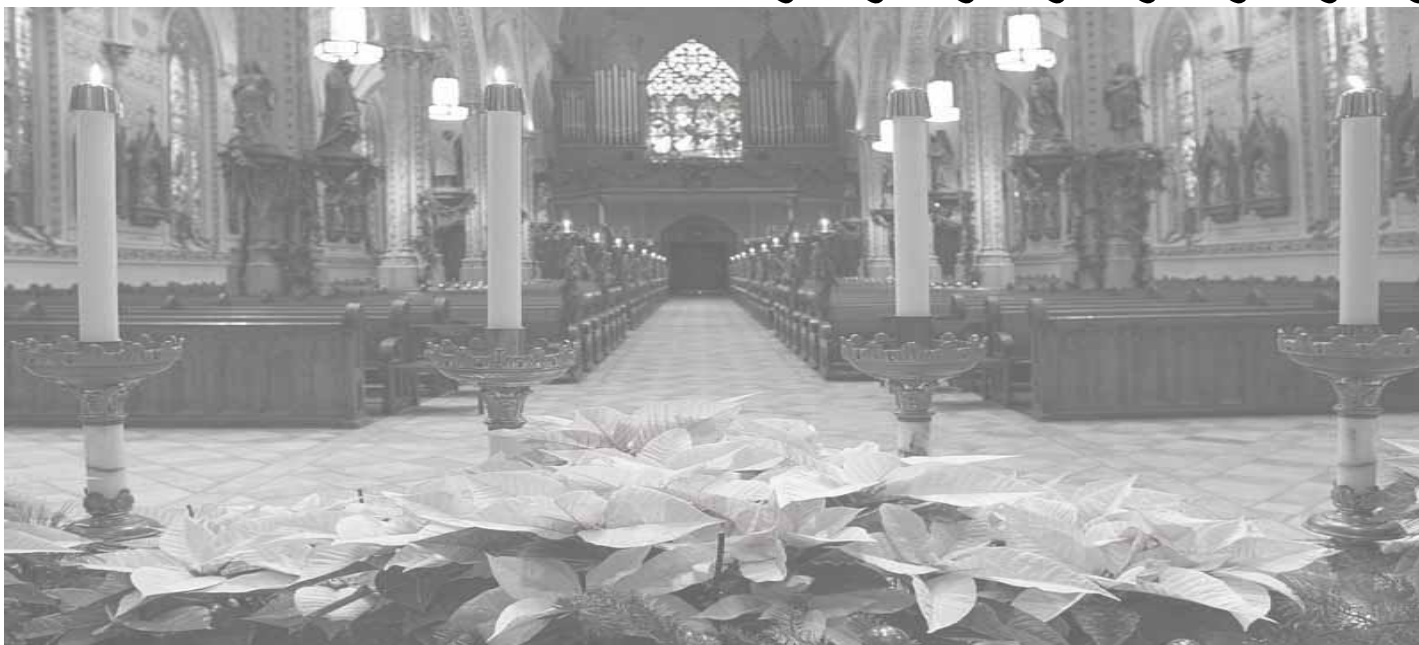
Plany dla szafarzy Eucharystii

Uwaga! Uwaga! Wszyscy nadzwyczajni szafarze Eucharystii! Nowe plany dla szafarzy Eucharystii na rok 2010 są gotowe i można je odebrać w zakrystii po, lub przed Mszami w najbliższą sobotę i niedzielę! Są pewne zmiany w tej posłudze i ks. Biskup wymaga, aby każdy nadzwyczajny szafarz Eucharystii przeszedł szkolenie w tym zakresie. Ci szafarze Eucharystii, którzy nie uczestniczyli w szkoleniu organizowanym przez diecezję w ostatnich miesiącach, mogą uzupełnić to wymagane przez diecezję szkolenie w miesiącu styczniu. Będzie ono prowadzone przez o. Placyda. Czas zostanie podany później.



HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE NEWS

The committee's next meeting is scheduled for the evening of Wednesday, January 20, 2010 at 7 PM in the school all-purpose room.



DON'T FORGET YOUR MANNA CARDS

Catholic Schools Awareness

Ohio Catholic Federal Credit Union has partnered with the Diocese of Cleveland and the Office of Catholic Education to inform Northeast Ohio residents about the value of a Catholic Education. Watch for TV commercials on WJW FOX8 and visit their mini website, which highlights unique attributes for each school within the diocese www.fox8.com/catholicschools.

Catholic Schools Week is the annual celebration that focuses attention on the good work done by the nation's Catholic schools. It will be observed from January 31 through February 6, 2010. The Catholic Schools Week theme for 2010 is "Catholic Schools – Dividends for Life." During Catholic Schools Week Randy Trimm, CEO of Ohio Catholic Federal Credit Union will appear on That's Life with Robin Swoboda to promote the values of Catholic Education.

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION MASS AND RECEPTION

The weekend kick-off to Catholic Schools Week begins at Saint Stanislaus on Saturday, January 30, with the annual Alumni Mass and Reception. Mass is at 5:00 PM, followed by a light supper in the Social Center. Tell your alumni friends, young and not-so-young, who attended either St. Stanislaus Grade School or High School. It doesn't matter when they attended, or even if they attended here and graduated somewhere else. It's great to reconnect with old friends and see that ol' "Saints" is still going strong!

BREAD AND WINE OFFERING

Parishioners and friends are invited to share in daily Mass in a special way by donating the bread and wine used at the altar for an entire month. The donor can dedicate the donation in memory of someone, or for some special intention. The dedication will appear in the bulletin each week of the donated month. Call the rectory if you would like to make a dedication for a given month. DEDICATIONS ARE STILL AVAILABLE FOR APRIL, JUNE, AUGUST, AND THE REST OF 2010.

Zapraszamy parafian i przyjaciół do udziału w Ofierze codziennej Mszy św. w szczególny sposób poprzez ofiarowanie chleba i wina dla używanego w czasie Mszy św. w ciągu całego miesiąca. Ofiarodawca może uczynić to dla uczczenia dowolnej osoby, czy też w innej szczególnej intencji. Intencja ukaże się w biuletynie. Prosimy o telefon, jeśli chcesz uczynić taką donację.

ST. STANS HISTORICAL FACT by Rob Jagelewski.

Important dates in the history of the Diocese of Cleveland from 1873–1916. *The Catholic Universe* newspaper is begun by Bishop Richard Gilmour in 1874. In 1926 it will combine with *The Catholic Bulletin* to form *The Catholic Universe Bulletin*. In 1880 many new immigrants from Eastern Europe arrive in Cleveland. In 1886 St. Ignatius College is established. In 1935 the college will move to University Heights and will be known as John Carroll University. The first Diocesan School Board is appointed in 1887. The present St. Stanislaus Church building is dedicated in 1891. In 1892 Bishop Ignatius Horstman becomes the third Bishop of this diocese. In 1910 the Diocese of Toledo is created. This new diocese embraces nineteen counties in northwest Ohio which previously had been a part of the Cleveland Diocese. In 1916 land is purchased at the site of the present Severance Hall for the construction of a new Cathedral. This land is later sold when the decision is made to keep the Cathedral at East 9 Street and Superior Avenue.

NOW HIRING

The U.S. Census Bureau is opening an office in our area and will begin operations for conducting the 2010 census. This is an exciting opportunity to enhance your job skills, further your career and improve your community! Bi-lingual applicants are encouraged to apply. Wages range from \$8.25 to \$19.50 per hour. Call toll-free at 1-866-861-2010, or go to www.census.gov/detroit for information on how to apply.

GOOD NEWS! HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE (HEAP)

The parish office has application forms for the Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP), which offers financial help in paying for their utilities. Ohioans who did not qualify last year may be eligible for assistance this year. The eligibility guidelines have been increased to 200% of the federal poverty level. To apply, you can get a form at the rectory, or call 216-420-6830. Applications are accepted through May 31, 2010.

HEAP, E-HEAP, AND WEATHERIZATION GUIDELINES

<u>Household Size</u>	<u>Total Household Annual Income</u>
1	up to \$21,600
2	up to \$29,140
3	up to \$36,620
4	up to \$44,100
5	up to \$51,580
6	up to \$59,060

Mass for the Beatification of Venerable John Paul the Great

Please remember to mark your calendars for January 21, 2010 @ 7 PM when we will have our next Mass for the Beatification of now Venerable John Paul the Great. As you may have heard, the Vatican elevated our Holy Father John Paul to the level of 'Venerable,' the necessary step in proceeding forward to official beatification! See, our prayers are being answered!! All the petitions you have placed at his relic are placed before the altar during that Mass as his intercession on our behalf continues. He loves us!

Prosimy zaznaczyć sobie w kalendarzu datę 21 stycznia 2010 roku o godz. 7:00 wieczorem, kiedy to przypada nasza następna Msza św. w intencji o beatyfikację Sługi Bożego Jana Pawła Wielkiego. Jak podała prasa, Watykan ogłosił heroiczną cnotę Ojca św. Jana Pawła II. Jest to kolejny, konieczny krok na drodze do wyniesienia go na ołtarze jako Błogosławionego. Jest to znak, że nasze modlitwy są wysłuchane zachęta, aby nie ustawać w modlitwie.

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.



Infants/Toddlers of Slavic Village

Christian = "Christ-Like." Be Christ-like, remember those who are hungry and cold. Help fill our baskets for the Infants and Toddlers of Slavic Village. Enter our drawing for two Morti's strudels of your choices, fresh or frozen. Drawing January 24th.



PROJECT RACHEL

What is Project Rachel?

A post abortion ministry for women and men suffering from the trauma of abortion who are offered a context of faith and ritualization of God's loving mercy and call to forgiveness. In the Catholic context, priests who are specially trained journey with the person through the healing process by way of an innovative development of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, linking together psychological counseling, reconciliation, and pastoral support in the process. Project Rachel is the Church's way of saying to people suffering from the aftermath of an abortion, "Welcome Home!"

What is Project Rachel's foundation?

Jeremiah 31: 15-17

*Thus says the Lord:
In Ramah is heard the sound of moaning,
of bitter weeping!
Rachel mourns her children,
she refuses to be consoled
because her children are no more.
Thus says the Lord:
Cease your cries of mourning,
wipe the tears from your eyes.
The sorrow you have shown shall have its reward,
says the Lord,
they shall return from the enemy's land.
There is hope for your future,
says the Lord;
Your children shall return to their own borders.*

Faith in the Lord's forgiveness and hope in the future. Offering them hope rooted in God's forgiveness is the first step to healing. The important spiritual component is the walk to the forgiveness of God.

Post abortion guilt is totally unrelated to religious belief. Agnostics and the unchurched have no less guilt about their abortions than their church peers. Further, grief and anger are equally crucial components of post abortion trauma.

Overwhelming research evidence calls for similar ministry in every faith tradition. Post abortion syndrome is not a uniquely Catholic problem.

Working relationships can be established with individual clergy and counselors in other religions. Each faith tradition offers a method for ritualizing forgiveness.

Professional counseling linked to spiritual reconciliation knows no denominational boundaries, but the counseling must respect and understand the faith of the client in order to speed healing.

Within the Cleveland Diocese, there are priests and lay ecclesial ministers trained and willing to serve in Project Rachel counseling for post-abortive men and women. The Diocese also has a professional clinical counselors list for those who need their expertise. Call 216-334-2966 and ask for Peggy.

www.hopeafterabortion.com

It is normal to grieve after an abortion. This site provides information and resources to help those who are hurting psychologically. Also, locate any Project Rachel program in the United States.

www.noparh.org

There is a wide variety of symptoms of abortion's aftermath, ranging from mild grief to profound reactions which may include Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder. This Office provides a national "800" referral line for those seeking assistance in reconciling an abortion experience.

Protect the Right to Life!

MASS FOR LIFE

Bethesda the House of Mercy announces a Solemn Mass for Life at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, East 9 St. & Superior Avenue, Cleveland, on Friday, January 22, at 7:00 PM. Come to this special evening of remembrance and repentance on the 37th anniversary of Roe v. Wade and pray for healing and for full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life. The Bishop of Cleveland, Most Reverend Richard G. Lennon, will be the celebrant and homilist. For further information, please call Bethesda the House of Mercy at 1.330.887.5150 or 1.800.482.4100.

A Special Word from Venerable John Paul II

I would now like to say a special word to women who have had an abortion. The church is aware of the many factors which may have influenced your decision. And she does not doubt that in many cases it was a painful and even shattering decision. The wound in your heart may not yet have healed. Certainly what happened was and remains terribly wrong. But do not give in to discouragement and do not lose hope. Try rather to understand what happened and face it honestly. If you have not already done so, give yourselves over with humility and trust to repentance. The Father of Mercies is ready to give you his forgiveness and his peace in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. You will come to understand that nothing is definitively lost and you will be able to ask forgiveness from your child, who is now living in the Lord...

Pope John Paul II, The Gospel of Life

RECLAIMING FATHERHOOD

There is an excellent website specifically for men who are dealing with their role in abortion and then come to see a need for understanding, healing and reconciliation. (<http://www.menandabortion.info/index.html>) Vincent Rue, Ph.D., pioneer researcher in the field of men and abortion, wrote in an article, *The Effects of Abortion on Men*, that "men do grieve following abortion, but they are more likely to deny their grief or internalize their feelings of loss rather than openly express them . . . When men do express their grief, they try to do so in culturally prescribed 'masculine' ways, i.e. anger, aggressiveness, control. Men typically grieve in a private way following an abortion. Because of this, men's requests for help may often go unrecognized and unheeded by those around them."

DID YOU KNOW... that parishioners pray the rosary together twice a week in church for the protection of life? Tuesdays and Fridays, after 8:30 AM Mass.

RESOURCES

For more resources on these and many other pro-life concerns, check out the Diocese of Cleveland Pro-Life Office web site: <http://128.121.193.56/prolife/> The Pro Life Office proclaims the sanctity and value of human life as a gift from God and the foundation of human dignity, and works to ensure the quality of life at all stages of existence. Our ministry encourages a Consistent Ethic of Life approach in promoting reverence for life, which is rooted in the Gospel and teachings of the Church.