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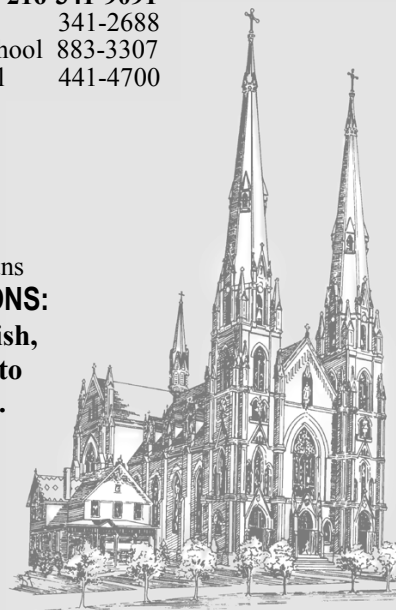
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TO CONTACT ORGANIZATIONS:

**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

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

March 7 (Marca), 2010

Sat 5:00 PM + Kenneth Krul
Sun 8:30 AM + Sandra Wintrich
10:00 AM + Jarosław Karwowski
11:30 AM Sp. Int. Parishioners
1:00 PM *Baptism for Ella Millard*



Mon Mar 8 Lenten Weekday
7:00 AM + Joseph Perczak
8:30 AM + Cecilia Tegowski
Tue Mar 9 Lenten Weekday
7:00 AM + Msgr. Wallace Filipowicz
8:30 AM + Genevieve Tarkowski
Wed Mar 10 Lenten Weekday
7:00 AM + Rev. Francis Szczepanski
8:30 AM Catherine Brzozowski
Thu Mar 11 Lenten Weekday
7:00 AM + Rev. Aloysius Dąbrowski
8:30 AM + Veronica Gawlowski
Fri Mar 12 Lenten Weekday
7:00 AM + Joe Nero
8:30 AM + Geraldine Suchocki
Sat Mar 13 Lenten Weekday
8:30 AM + William Thran

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

March 14 (Marca), 2010

Sat 5:00 PM + Jessica Gornik
Sun 8:30 AM Sp. Int. Parishioners
10:00 AM + Barbara Zyżniewska
11:30 AM + Walter Zavislan



Lent



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



Bread and Wine Offering
From Patricia and Marilyn Orzy in memory of
their mother, Julia, their father, Alfred
And their sister, Esther

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

Sun	10:00 AM RCIA 11:00 AM <i>Dobry Pasterz - Good Shepherd.</i> <i>Katechizacja dzieci</i> 1:00 PM Adult Faith Formation, Rectory. 3:00 PM Gorzkie zale 6:00 PM Vespers (Lil Bros, reflection)	Fri	1:30 PM Grade School Stations of the Cross 5:30 PM Droga Krzyzowa 6:30 PM Way of the Cross
Mon	9:00 AM Avilas Pray for Vocations	Sat	9AM -4PM Palm Weaving/Pisanki Class at Pol-Am Center on Lansing/65th
Wed	6:30 PM English Choir rehearsal for Holy Week 8:00 PM A.A. & Al-Anon meets, Social Center.	Sun	10:00 AM RCIA 11:00 AM <i>Dobry Pasterz - Good Shepherd.</i> <i>Katechizacja dzieci</i> 3:00 PM Gorzkie zale 6:00 PM English Vespers (Scott Pleschia, reflection)
Thu	2:00 PM Golden Agers meeting, Social Center. 3:00 PM Cleaning Crew in Church 7:00 PM Lenten Mission, Sacred Heart.		

March 1st



To most people, March 1st is just another day, for others it's a day of outstanding significance. The date has many levels of celebration and commemoration for me. Back in 1810 it was the date of Chopin's christening. In 1963 it was the date of my grandmother's death. It is the feast day of St. David of Wales and, this year, I decided to make it the feast day of my patron David, better known as 'King David,' of Old Testament fame!

Many people are named after Saints or after members of the family. Nowadays many people are named after all sorts of phenomena or have names which are more or less created by the parents. But everyone has the choice to choose a patron saint for themselves, someone who might seem especially close in terms of life experiences or occupation or vocation. In my case I always thought David was a great choice since he was regarded as a musician with his playing the harp and both writing (believed) and singing of the psalms. He certainly accomplished many more things during his lifetime, even making all the preparations for the building of the Temple in Jerusalem, a task which he was forbidden to take up, left rather to be executed by his son, Solomon.

While teaching the grade school children this past week about the church I marveled at the prevalence of the hexagram, now referred to as the 'Star of David,' within the building, most notably in the Shrine area. The most obvious is that of the reliquary holding the relic of St. Stanislaus. One needn't look to much further than directly above the Shrine to see numerous hexagrams atop the crown of the icon of Our Lady of Czestochowa. While some might be surprised at the use of the symbol within our church, it really is not that unusual (after all, Jesus was a descendant from the royal line of David). The symbol itself, while currently associated most closely with the modern State of Israel, really is clouded in layers of symbolism which even the rabbis continue to discuss. A most popular one seems quite fitting, that the six points symbolize God's rule over the universe in all six directions: north, south, east, west, up and down. I think we can all live with that.

While we tend to initially explore the lives of our 'patrons' because of a singular trait, it's an adventure to delve deeper into their lives, discovering aspects which might have eluded us. As I mentioned to the children in explaining the use of statues in our church, they all represent something special to our faith as they are all friends of Jesus. Over the centuries his friends have taught us about their relationships with God each through their own paths. I hope you all enjoy discovering about your patron saints as well as they accompany us on our journey to eternity.

David Krakowski

SCHEDULE FOR MINISTERS

Fourth Sunday of Lent (14 Marca), 2010

Sat	5:00 PM Lector—Elzbieta Dabrowska Euch. Min. — Marge & Andy Flock, Chris Wisniewski & Connie Aliff
Sun	8:30 AM Lector—Nancy Mack Euch. Min. - Alicja Klafczyńska & Sharon Kozak, Nicole & Mark Kobylinski
	10:00 AM Lector — Teresa Cyranek Euch. Min.— M. Sladewska & W. Sztalkoper, E. Ejsmont & A. Jankowska
	11:30 AM Lector—Mike Leahy Euch. Min.—F. Greczanik & Terry Kopania, N. Sontowski & Marie Ostrowski

PARISH SUPPORT

Last Sunday's Collection

5:00 PM (74).....	\$1,410.50
8:30 AM(60).....	1,186.00
10:00 AM (66).....	766.00
11:30AM(55).....	792.25
Mailed in (39).....	1,621.00
Total (380).....	\$5,775.75
Church in Latin America(35)	198.00
Black/Indian Missions(25)	203.00
Monthly Budget(141)	1,936.00
St. Vincent dePaul	886.61

*Thank you for your continuing and generous support for the poor,
especially given these difficult times for all of us!*



You? Me? Fruitful or Fruitless?

In today's Gospel reading the parable of the fig tree includes a detail that will make sense to any gardener. If a tree or plant is not productive, it may benefit from having its roots stirred up and a little manure applied.

In the same way, if we have stopped producing and growing morally, we may need to examine our root motives, untangle our lives from dead habits and bad influences. Prayer is a time to stir up roots. And even our past failures can be a source of growth and insight. Just as old, decaying matter and manure nourish new plant growth, our old sins and past failures contain valuable insights and motivation for personal growth. Repentance acknowledges past failures and learns from them. Virtue that flows from experience is stronger than virtue that flows from simple innocence.

Usually a fig tree takes three years to mature and bear fruit. If it is not producing fruit by that time, it will most likely be cut down. The fig tree in the gospel reading had already been given twice the allotted number of years that it takes to produce fruit, for the vineyard owner had allowed three more years to pass in fruitless expectation.

The owner gives this tree one more chance. The vinedressers do some hoeing and manuring around it. Just maybe, the tree will produce once again.

This parable applies to each of us. Every Lent God gives us one more chance to produce fruit in our lives, to reform our lives. All of us need to change things in our lives: watching too much tv; smoking/ eating too much and the wrong foods; criticize too much; too impatient and/or demanding; wasting time; unwilling to do our assigned tasks.

Fr. Albert Cylwicki writes, "If year after year our lives are fruitless in personal growth, sterile in prayer and empty of good works, then, indeed, we are a barren fig tree. We can't blame accidents or sickness or other people for our condition. We have to take full responsibility for our own lives."

Our lives are destroyed by our reluctance to accept difficulties and overcome them. Just think about such people as: Dorothy Day; Helen Keller; Ted Kennedy Jr. I personally know of people who were terminally sick with cancer; people who were double amputees; even now priests and brother visit the blind and those unable to speak.

What makes our lives fruitless are not their circumstances or limitations, but our refusal to give it one more try and hoe our ground for one more year.

God allows us the season of Lent, a time of grace; a time of forgiveness; a time of reconciliation. We must make the necessary changes now—without delay. We have no guarantee that we will be here to observe Lent next year.

Take time to pray, to pray, to pray. Look at all the time we spend in doing things not beneficial to our physical and spiritual welfare. Time to think about the poor, the victims of the recent earthquakes, the victims of AIDS; think of all the families destroyed and dissolved by a legal system that lacks compassion—*"I was a stranger, and you welcomed me."*

Lord, help me to become a fruitful fig tree!

Fr. Len

Nawrócenie i ufanie

Jeśli się nie nawrócicie, wszyscy podobnie zginiecie. Słowa te, wypowiedziane dwukrotnie przez Pana, słyszymy w dzisiejszej Ewangelii. *Podobnie* - to znaczy tak, jak zginęli ci, których zamordował Piłat, i *podobnie* - to znaczy, jak ci, na których zwała się wieża w Siloam. Gwałtowna śmierć w obu przypadkach, ale różna ich przyczyna: raz jest to śmierć zadana przez człowieka; drugim razem jest to śmierć na skutek wypadku nie spowodowanego bezpośrednio przez człowieka. Ale w jednym i w drugim przypadku te same słowa ostrzeżenia Zbawiciela: *Jeśli się nie nawrócicie, wszyscy podobnie zginiecie.*

Na pewno można wyciągnąć z tych słów wiele wniosków, ale pewnie nie popełnimy błędu, jeśli powiemy, że pierwszym wnioskiem jest napomnienie Pana, żeby nie osądzać tych, którzy stali się ofiarami katastrofy naturalnej lub złośliwości człowieka. Nie osądzać ich, ale siebie samych. I odczytywać to jako Bożą mowę - wezwanie do nawrócenia.

Po tragicznym w skutkach trzęsieniu ziemi w Haiti dały się słyszeć głosy, że Pan Bóg pokarał to państwo z powodu jego paktu z diabłem zawartego w przeszłości. Sam czytałem kilka lat temu, że kapłani Woodoo poświęcili Haiti diabłu. Tak, jak chrześcijanie oddają siebie Panu Bogu, często przez pośrednictwo Matki Boskiej, tak kapłani tego kultu ofiarowali swój kraj szatanowi. Na pewno oddawanie siebie czy innych diabłu jest złe, niezależnie od tego, czy trzęsienie ziemi i inne nieszczęścia spotykające to biedne państwo, są tego następstwem czy też nie. Zło tego aktu leży w nim samym, a nie w tym, że jest powodem innych nieszczęść, które są jego następstwem. Podobnie jest z każdym grzechem: grzech jest zły sam przez się, a nie tylko z powodu jakiś tragicznych jego skutków. Czy więc trzęsienie ziemi w Haiti było Bożą karą za pakt z diabłem czy też poświęcenie tego kraju szatanowi? Tego nie wiemy i nie do nas należy ocenianie. Na pewno jednak nie zblądzimy, jeśli powiemy, że pakt z szatanem jest czymś złym i że oddawanie siebie czy innych szatanowi jest czymś złym. Na pewno nie zblądzimy, jeśli lekcją, jaką wyciągniemy z tego wydarzenia, będzie postanowienie osobistego nawrócenia.

Wszystkie takie kataklizmy i nieszczęścia są ogromną próbą wiary. Taką próbą wiary dla Żydów był obóz zagłady w Oświęcimiu. Miliony ludzi błagało Boga o cudowną interwencję, a ona nie przysłała. To pytanie o Bożą obecność nie jest obce również dla chrześcijan. W bardzo ostrej formie pojawiło się na Kalwarii, kiedy Boży Syn, doskonały i niewinny wołał głośnym głosem: *Boże mój, Boże mój, czemuś Mnie opuścił* (Mk 15, 34). W tym pytaniu są zawarte pytania wszystkich niewinnie cierpiących ludzi. A jednak nie takie były ostatnie słowa wypowiedziane przez umierającego Pana. Ostatnie słowa wypowiedziane przez boskiego Zbawiciela zapisane w Ewangelii według św. Łukasza są inne: *Ojcze, w Twoje ręce powierzam ducha mojego* (Łk 23, 46). Ewangelista dodaje w tym samym zdaniu, że *po tych słowach wyzionął ducha*.

Pani Jezu, wzmocnij nasze zaufanie do Boga i pomóż nam nawracać się każdego dnia na nowo.

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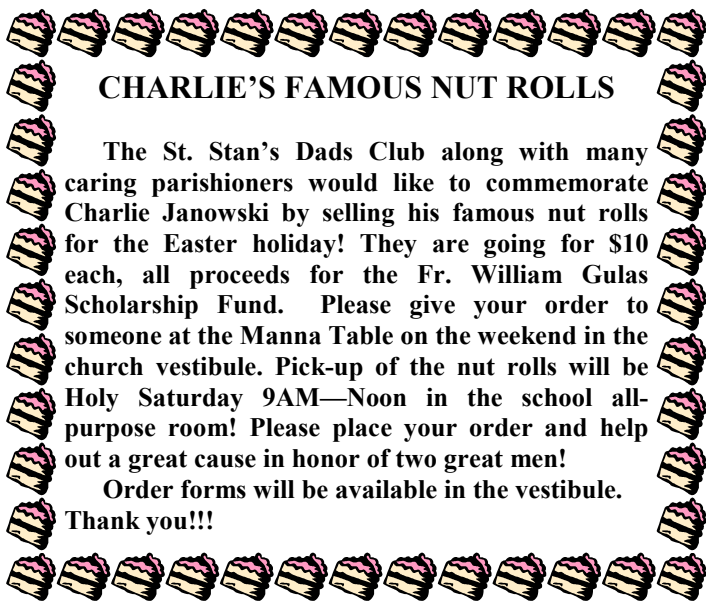


Shrine Church of ST. STANISLAUS

Mass for the Beatification of Venerable John Paul the Great

Please remember to mark your calendars for Thursday, March 18, 2010 @ 7 PM when we will have our 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 18 marca 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 śmierć 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.



CHARLIE'S FAMOUS NUT ROLLS

The St. Stan's Dads Club along with many caring parishioners would like to commemorate Charlie Janowski by selling his famous nut rolls for the Easter holiday! They are going for \$10 each, all proceeds for the Fr. William Gulas Scholarship Fund. Please give your order to someone at the Manna Table on the weekend in the church vestibule. Pick-up of the nut rolls will be Holy Saturday 9AM—Noon in the school all-purpose room! Please place your order and help out a great cause in honor of two great men!

Order forms will be available in the vestibule.
Thank you!!!

ST. STANS HISTORICAL FACT by *Rob Jagelewski*. The last two decades of the nineteenth century saw a growing number of Polish immigrants migrate from the area around St. Stanislaus Church to Marcelline Avenue (East 71). The increased number of parishioners at St. Stanislaus and the difficulties of traversing the area's numerous gullies to get to St. Stan's brought about the formation of Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish. Bishop Richard Gilmour appointed St. Stanislaus Pastor, Reverend Anton Kolaszewski to supervise the construction of the first Church for the Sacred Heart community in 1889. A combined church and school building was dedicated in 1890. The community remained a mission of St. Stanislaus until August 6, 1891. The first pastor was Father Felix Orzechowski. The parish broke ground for a new church in 1900. Financial conditions only allowed for the construction of a basement church. The present church was dedicated on May 6, 1951. Our daughter parish, Sacred Heart of Jesus is scheduled to close in May of this year.

SENIOR CORNER

Please join us this Thursday March 11th at 2PM for our Golden Agers Meeting. If you need a ride please call Diana at the parish office: 216-341-9091. All are Welcome!

Last year 30 homes of Cleveland seniors or adults with disability were painted by volunteers from Teams to the Nations during the 2009 Fresh Coat Cleveland painting season. This is a collaborative project with the Department of Aging, which takes applications and determines eligibility, the Department of Community Development, which provides the paint, and the Department of Public Health which trains the volunteers regarding proper paint removal practices through the Lead Safe Living Healthy Homes Program. If you would like an application or know someone who would benefit from this program this year call the Department of Aging at 216-664-2833 To request an applications.

SEE EVERYONE ON THURSDAY AT THE GOLDEN AGERS MEETING!!!

Your Pastoral Associate, Diana Lipfird

ATTENTION ALL PARENTS



Do you have a child in the public school system that may need one of the Sacraments like Baptism, First Communion or Confirmation? We will be celebrating these Sacraments at St. Stanislaus Parish during the month of May. The Sacrament of First Communion will be on Sunday, May 16th and the Sacrament of Confirmation on Friday, May 14th. Please call Diana Lipfird at the parish office for more information; 216-341-9091.

LENTEN MISSION
at Sacred Heart of Jesus
 Thursdays of Lent
 7 PM, Mass and Mission Talk
 Led by Fr. Joe Mecir
 Mar. 11th: Protection from Evil
ALL ARE WELCOME!!

Q What is holy water and how do I explain the reason that it is placed at the entrances of churches to my non-Catholic friends?

A Holy water is a sacramental; a reminder of the life of the church expressed and celebrated through the sacraments. By blessing ourselves with holy water as we enter the church, we are reminded of our own baptism and our call to conversion. Much as we are baptized and then journey through life, we bless ourselves and move through the church, symbolizing again the guiding presence of the Lord, which comes to us through baptism. Remember, the church is sacramental, that is, God's grace is mediated through word and gesture (the outward signs). This comes to us through Jesus (instituted by Christ) as he entrusts to the church his saving mission (to give grace). In turn, the church, through sacraments, shares that grace and mission with us.

We especially use holy water during Easter when the priest sprinkles the people. It serves to remind us that we are indeed on a journey of faith that makes us one with Christ. So blessing ourselves not only reminds us that we are baptized into a community of faith, but also helps us renew our own baptismal promises to reject sin and to believe in God. It is the heart of Christian belief to turn from sin and toward God. Holy water and baptism make it a visible sign for all of us to follow.

 **Infants/Toddlers of Slavic Village** 
 Fill our baskets with needed food items for the infants and toddlers of Slavic Village and YOU have a chance to win an Easter basket of goodies for yourself... ham, sweet bread, jelly beans!! Drawing March 28th. Each donation entitles you to put an entry form in the box. Fill our baskets!
 Also, Linda McMahan won the coupon book for our February drawing! Thank you and congratulations!



Pisanki Class!!!

Come learn how to write/decorate Polish style Easter eggs (*pisanki*). This takes place at the Polish American Cultural Center on Saturday, March 13, 2010 at 1 PM until 4PM. For information please call Bernadette Zubel at 440-842-1592. Eggs (hollowed) will be provided, but you may bring more if desired. For who wish, their eggs will be included at Jesus' grave this year as part of the decorative theme! Please consider contributing an egg from your family to this tradition. There is a small \$10 charge to defray costs, but please register early while space is still available. Both Bernadette and Ray Vargas (of the 'Górale Folk Dance Ensemble') will lead the classes.

For those interested in palm weaving, the class for that craft/art will be held earlier the same day beginning at 9AM until Noon. Deposits are due no later than March 11.

Come and learn a few new things while enjoying the company of other creative people!

**Gość w dom, Bóg w dom—
 A guest in the House is like God in the House!**

The Hospitality Committee will meet in the School all purpose room on Tuesday, March 16th at 7:00PM. Even though this Committee is less than a year old, members have been involved in many significant Parish events - Hospitality Sundays, the Parish Picnic, the reception at St. Hyacinth's and the reception for Father David to mention a few. Many more exciting things are coming up in 2010. Any parishoners who might be interested in becoming a member of the Hospitality Committee are invited to attend the meeting on Tuesday, March 16th. Come and learn a little more about this active part of St. Stanislaus Parish.

Spotkanie Komitetu Gościnności odbędzie się w piwnicy szkoły we wtorek 16-go marca o godz. 7:00 wieczorem. Pomimo faktu, że Komitet ten działa przez tak krótki czas, bo jeszcze nie ma pełnego roku działalności, to już zaangażował się z sukcesem w wiele ważnych wydarzeń parafialnych takich jak niedziele z kawą i pączkiem, piknik parafialny, prymicje o. Dawida, przyjęcie w kościele św. Jacka... Inne ważne wydarzenia czekają na nas w roku 2010. Każdy parafianin, który zainteresowany jest zaangażowaniem się i chciałby zostać członkiem Komitetu Gościnności, jest proszony, aby przyszedł na spotkanie we wtorek 16 marca. Przyjdź i doświadczyć osobiście tej bardziej aktywnej części parafii św. Stanisława.

DON'T FORGET YOUR MANNA CARDS