

The Shrine Church of Saint Stanislaus Bishop & Martyr

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil 5:00 PM

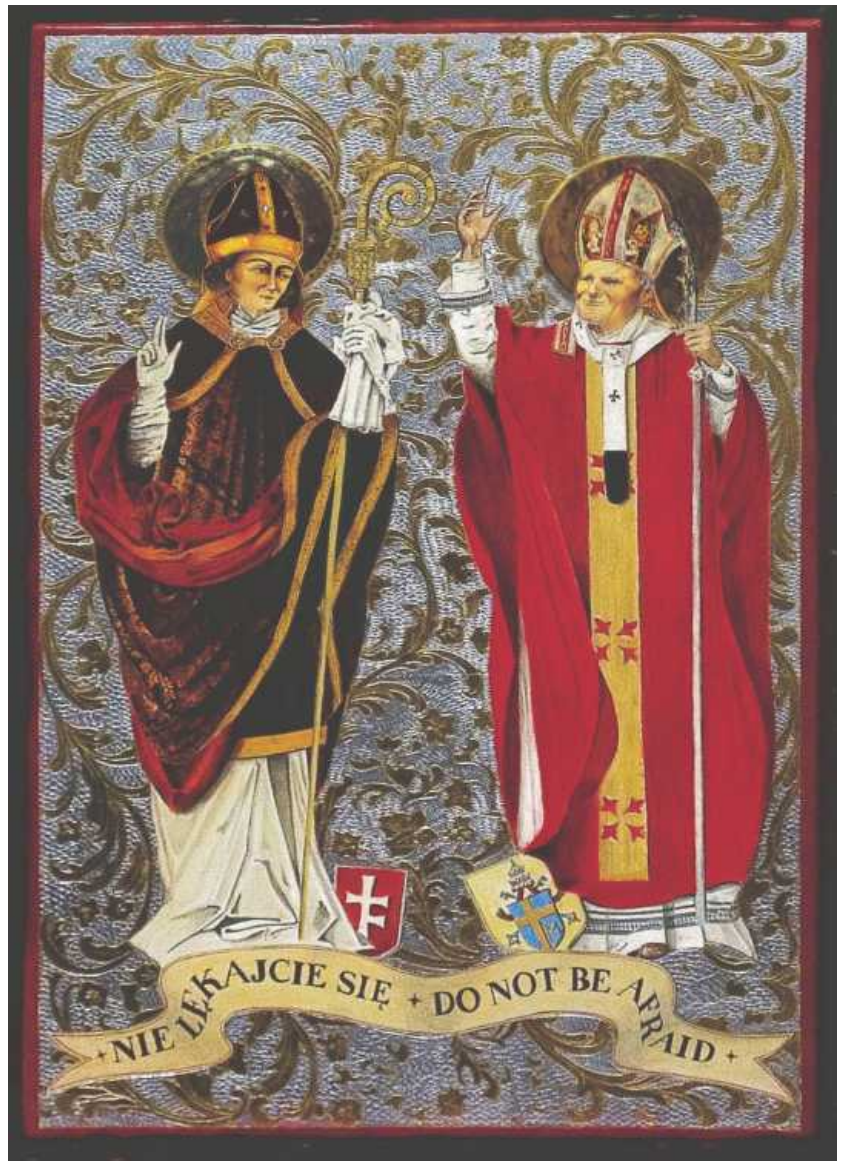
Sunday English Masses 8:30am, 11:30am

Niedziela po polsku 10:00am

Daily Masses

7:00am (except Saturday) and 8:30am

National Holidays 9:00am



Icon of Saint Stanislaus and Blessed John Paul II

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REGULAR SCHEDULE

DEVOTIONS

Daily Morning Prayer 8:00 AM (exc. Sunday)
Saint Anthony Novena Tuesdays after Mass
Rosary for Life Tuesdays and Fridays after 8:30 Mass

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.

SCHEDULE FOR MINISTERS

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 11 GRUDNIA, 2011

Sat 5:00 PM Lector — Tom Krol
 Euch. Min. — Andy & Marge Flock, Stan Witzcak & Connie Aliff
Sun 8:30 AM Lector — Jim Sadowski
 Euch. Min. — Mark & Nicole Kobylinski
 Alice Klafczynski & Sharon Kozak
10:00 AM Lector — Mieczyslaw Garncarek
 Euch. Min. — M. Śladewska, A. Jankowska,
 Teresa Cyranek & W. Sztalkoper
11:30 AM Lector — Jessica Alvarado
 Euch. Min. — Marie Ostrowski & Fran Greczanik
 Diane Bulanda & Nancy Sontowski

Collection team: Carmine, Rob, Sharon, Joe, Larry

MASS INTENTIONS

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 4 *grudnia* 2011

Sat 5:00 PM Sp. Int. Parishioners
Sun 8:30 AM + Anthony & Victoria Bentoske
10:00 AM + Barbara Żyzniewska
11:30 AM + Camryn & Olivia G. Shiban

Dedication of Infant of Prague Shrine at 11:30 Mass

Mon Dec. 5 **Advent Weekday**
7:00 AM + Franciszek Gręda
8:30 AM + Michalina Staszewska
Tue Dec. 6 **Advent Weekday**
7:00 AM + Charles Smiercina
8:30 AM + William J. Thran, Jr.
Wed Dec. 7 **Saint Ambrose**
7:00 AM + Joe Świętek
8:30 AM + Fr. William Gulas, OFM
Thu Dec. 8 **Immaculate Conception**
7:00 AM + Genowefa Małaczewska
8:30 AM + Cecelia Tegowski
5:30 PM *po Polsku* + Władysław Kobylinski
7:00 PM + Irene Świętek
Fri Dec. 9 **Advent Weekday**
7:00 AM + Joseph Januszewski
8:30 AM + Camryn E. Shiban & Olivia G. Shiban
Sat Dec. 10 **Advent Weekday**
8:30 AM + Stanley Mazur

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 11 *grudnia* 2011

Sat 5:00 PM + Victoria Bentkoske
Sun 8:30 AM + Hayden & Donna Mabe
10:00 AM + Dr. Jan Dzwigala
11:30 AM Sp. Int. Parishioners

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

SUN RCIA @ 10:00 AM IN THE RECTORY
 GOOD SHEPHERD CLASS @ 11:15 AM, SOCIAL CENTER
 CATECHISM @ 11:15 AM, RECTORY
 LIL BROS @ 5:00 PM
 VESPERS @ 6 PM
WED AA MEETING @ 8 PM IN SOCIAL CENTER
 ENGLISH CHOIR REHEARSAL @ 6:30 PM
THU IMMACULATE CONCEPTION—HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION
 GOLDEN AGERS MEETING & CHRISTMAS PARTY
 @ 2PM IN THE SOCIAL CENTER
SAT CITYMUSIC CLEVELAND CHRISTMAS CONCERT @ 8 PM
SUN RCIA @ 10:00 AM IN THE RECTORY
 GOOD SHEPHERD CLASS @ 11:15 AM, SOCIAL CENTER
 CATECHISM @ 11:15 AM, RECTORY
 VESPERS @ 6 PM
MON FR. BOB KONOPA, OFM, ARRIVES

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PARISH SUPPORT LAST WEEKEND



5:00 PM (90).....	\$1,405.70
8:30 AM (109).....	2,148.05
10:00 AM (89).....	979.63
11:30 AM(75).....	1,105.50
Mailed in (74).....	2,761.00
Total.....	8,399.88

November Special Collections

All Souls.....	\$2,243.00	Thanksgiving.....	781.00
All Saints.....	1,491.00	Eucharistic Day.....	877.00
Cpn. Human Dev.	316.00	Balance Budget.....	2,863.00
St. Vincent DePaul.....	611.87		

BREAD AND WINE OFFERING FOR DECEMBER

“In thanksgiving for all the living and deceased members of St. Hyacinth Parish”

In October, we were given a financial report that showed we need to increase our weekly collections from \$6,000 to \$7,000 per week, and that we need to use our Balance the Budget envelope as an extra week. In November, our collections averaged \$6,546 per week, which is a good step in the right direction but still short of the \$7,000. The Balance Budget collection was also better, but still short. If you have increased your offering, thank you. If not, please...

W październiku opublikowaliśmy raport finansowy, który pokazał potrzebę zwiększenia cotygodniowej kolektki z \$6.000 na \$7.000 oraz, że potrzeba, abyśmy kopertę z nadrukiem „Balance the Budget” („Wyrównanie Budżetu”) użyli jako dodatkową kolektkę. W listopadzie niedzielna kolektka wyniosła średnio \$6.456 tygodniowo. Stanowi to dobry krok w odpowiednim kierunku, lecz ciągle nie osiągnęliśmy planowanych \$7.000. Kolektka na wyrównanie budżetu również była lepsza, ale nie osiągnęła założonego celu. Jeśli zwiększyliście swoją cotygodniową ofiarę – dziękujemy. Jeśli – prosimy...

**AND WE'RE OFF!!!**

Last Sunday we finally had the chance to hear the new Mass in its entirety. It was pretty neat after having waited for so many months prior to the official date wondering exactly what it would sound like and how different it would be. It helped that we at St. Stanislaus were somewhat prepared (as opposed to many other parishes which chose to resist the inevitable). All of the waiting and speculation and discussion and worries seemed to be put aside once we actually experienced the event.

Now we have to get accustomed to a few more new things! The missalettes are heavier, bulkier, a little difficult to manage for some people. The new Mass setting (found at the end of each pew on the white sheets) includes the music AND new words. I would ask that you especially pay attention to the new ‘mystery of faith’ acclamation. In total there are three acclamations we are allowed to use. I chose the one on those sheets because of its adaptability to the thematic melody we are using for the season of Advent. When Christmas comes we will return to use the “Save us, Savior of the world” acclamation. Then in Lent we will go with the third acclamation. God enjoys hearing us say things differently! As the year proceeds we will introduce some new hymns (the new missalette has many with which we are not familiar) and other Mass settings. Yes, it will take time to get used to all the new stuff, but, hey, it keeps us young!

The church looked so fresh last Sunday with all the flickering candles! The wreath even managed to stay in place after having fallen three times prior to us buying sturdier chains. All the preparations were done to welcome the new liturgical year. This season is one of joyful anticipation. As Fr. Artur said in his homily last Sunday, it's like waiting for the baby to be born. The whole house is full of anticipatory joy just hoping and praying that the baby will be well, that the mother will be healthy too, that all the pain and labor preceding the event will be forgotten as the baby makes its first big cry!

As a parish we now enter into another period of waiting and wondering. It's all a part of life. There will be new faces, new ideas, new hurdles, new challenges—and under the watchful care of God and all the saints and angels, by golly, we will get used to all that will be put onto our plates. The next month and year will be one full of change for us, full of tests and full of opportunities to deepen our faith. As a congregation we will together confront the changes and see what God might now be asking of us in their light. Can we do it? SURE! Nothing is impossible with God's help and guidance. We have St. Stanislaus and Bl. John Paul to help us and give us energy. Mary is staring out at us as well from all over this church! Let's place our cares and concerns at her feet and let her help. We are not orphans or abandoned or lost. For every door that is closed, God opens another.

Let's go forward in joy as we live the Eucharist. The world needs us and the same Jesus that was in the faces of the poor, the depressed, the lonely and the sick is still there for us today as much as yesterday and tomorrow. We have work to do—don't put down your guard. Let's all pray for courage and guidance as we walk from the manger up to Calvary and continue on up to heaven! We are a living church, and with life comes constant challenge and room for growth. Look at Jesus—he waits with opened arms on the Cross and extends them again in his resurrection.

David Krakowski



**STOP, LOOK, LISTEN:
THEN GET GOING!**

The holy liturgical season of Advent offers to each of us ample opportunity to reflect on the progress—or the lack thereof—in our lives.

One of my teachers at Cathedral Latin was discussing the tragic course of events as regarding the cruise ship name the *Titanic*. We reviewed the tragedy in detail. We know that the cruise ship hit an iceberg on the night of April 15, 1912. More than 1500 passengers lost their lives. After our discussion, the teacher asked us the question: If you would have been one of the passengers on the sinking *Titanic*—would you have rearranged the deck chairs?

This was an odd question, pretty much self-explanatory, but it was a challenging one. We discovered the value and validity to this question by applying it to our world. As we view our world and all the calamities confronting it, many people remain calm and try to “rearrange the deck chairs.” Am I all wrapped up in my own little world, oblivious of what goes on elsewhere in the bigger world? Worse yet do I forget that I am God’s creature and property destined for a specific mission here on earth? Am I pretending to be “happy and successful on the outside” while my spirit is sinking in the ocean of pride and selfishness. Death is approaching each of us; there isn’t much time on a sinking ship to change our lives and become prepared to meet the Savior-Judge.

It is time to stop, look and listen; time to stop pretending all is well when it isn’t. Let’s ask ourselves a few questions: how much progress have I made in my spiritual since last Advent? Do I really make that “firm purpose of amendment” after each Confession? Do I even go to Confession? Has the participation at weekend liturgy and the reception of Holy Communion filled my life with peace? Am I still clinging to that addiction of being unchaste with myself – desecrating my body—the Temple of the Holy Spirit?

The Christmas presents and gifts that I will give to others—are they merely external manifestations of deceit? Do we really include ourselves in the exchange of gifts? Will our gifts to others be filled with tons of unconditional forgiveness?

Will my children—younger or older—continue to see in me a pillar of strength, a tower of truth, a cornerstone of compassion, and a heart overflowing with happiness?

With the increase of every new advent in our lives, there also comes a decrease of time and opportunity to prepare well for our own *advent into heaven*. We have a tendency to put off doing things that we must do— as Christ demands: When was the last time I responded generously to a person that had no food, no drink, shabby clothing, no shelter? Do I pray for those imprisoned? Without a country? We can’t be cheerful on the outside if we are not clean on the inside.

God is present to us always and everywhere. I remember reading this little story recently: A teacher (perhaps, at St. Stanislaus?) took the children in an orderly fashion to the lunch room. Up front on the serving table was a large pile of apples.

W czasie adwentowego oczekiwania na przyjście Pana obchodzimy Uroczystość Niepokalanego Poczęcia NMP. Wiara Kościoła w prawdę Niepokalanego Poczęcia wyrażana jest słowami: “O Maryjo bez grzechu poczęta módl się za nami, którzy się do Ciebie uciekamy.” Na Wschodzie Uroczystość tę znano już w VIII wieku. Na Zachodzie w IX wieku. Wielu świętych teologów na przestrzeni lat stara się zgłębić tę prawdę z różnym skutkiem. Wielkie zasługi w tej sprawie mają duchowi synowie św. Franciszka z Asyżu, a szczególnie błogosławiony Jan Duns ze Szkocji. Doktor Maryjny(subtelny) na paryskiej Sorbonie uznaje naukę o Niepokalanym Poczęciu Maryi. Błogosławiony Jan stał się męczennikiem Niepokalanej. W swojej tezie ukazał specjalną misję Maryi.: “Jeżeli nie sprzeciwia się to autorytetowi Kościoła i autorytetowi Pisma św. należy przypisać Maryi to co jest wznioślejsze.” Po tylu stuleciach 8 grudnia 1854 r. papież Pius IX określił i podał do wierzenia prawdę o Niepokalanym Poczęciu NMP – Dziewicy jako dogmat wiary katolickiej. W 1858 r. w Lourdes Maryja objawia się w grocie masabielskiej Bernadecie Soubirous. Treścią orędzia Maryi jest wezwanie grzeszników do nawrócenia, a całego Kościoła do modlitwy i pokuty. Piętnaście dni trwały Objawienia w Lourdes. Na pytanie Bernadety - Kim jesteś Pani? Maryja odpowiada – Jestem Niepokalanym Poczęciem. Wpatrzeni w postać Niepokalanej Dziewicy Maryi starajmy się dobrze przygotować na spotkanie z Panem.



O. Artur, OFM

This teacher wrote a note, and posted it on the apple tray: “Take only one. God is watching.” As the children proceeded in line to get their food, they noticed a large pile of chocolate cookies on the other end of the table. Some “smart” kid wrote a note: “Take all you want. God is watching the apples”. Our loving God watches us every moment—good times and bad, happy and sad, laughing and crying. Nothing escapes the notice of God. Let us not pretend that God is limited to outer space, in heaven. God is most easily found present in difficult situations, in Christ who experienced a real rough and tough life. God never abandons us.

Let us make real effort to get to know Christ, to apply his commandment of love for others; the commandment of being grateful to God for our very being. Please get to confession, do a little more praying, be more aware of the presence of God.

Advent is a time for a complete “spiritual overhaul” - don’t put it off! Stop! Look! Listen! Get going!!!!

Fr Len

SHRINE CHURCH OF ST. STANISLAUS

KOMISJA POSŁUGI PRZY PARAFII ŚW. STANISŁAWA.... *Modląc się wspólnie w tym okresie nadziei, spójrzmy wstecz na rok liturgiczny, który właśnie się zakończył. Przygotowujemy się na przyjęcie najwspanialszego prezentu świątecznego – Bożego Syna. Za Maryją – doskonałą nauczycielką, staramy się staramy się odpowiedzieć jeszcze raz „tak” na Boży plan wobec nas. Niech ten okres umocni nasze postanowienia bycia dobrym w posłudze poprzez delikatne zadbanie o każdy dar w naszym życiu oraz hojne dzielenie się naszymi talentami i dobrami. Jeśli wciąż posiadasz Formularz Rady Posługi, proszę wypełnij go i złóż podczas następnej Mszy Św. w koszyku na kolektę. Nie chcielibyśmy wysłać przypomnień i dodatkowych formularzy do tych, którzy już je wypełnili i do nas przestali.*

FROM THE STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE – As we pray together in this season of hope, we review the liturgical year that just ended. We prepare ourselves to accept the greatest Christmas gift – God’s own Son. With Mary as our perfect teacher, we strive to say our own “yes” once again to God’s plan for us. May this season strengthen our resolve to be good stewards by tenderly caring for every gift in our lives and generously sharing our talents and treasures. If any of you still have your Stewardship Commitment form, please complete them and put them in the collection basket in the next week or so. We will try not to send reminders and additional forms to all those of you who have already sent one in.

MORE STEWARDS IN OUR CHURCH

Last weekend we featured parishioner Charlotte Kotek in the bulletin. She is a great example of a parishioner who is a steward of her parish. She gives generously of her time to make sure the house of God is ready for worship each day.

There are many other parishioners who are good stewards as well. Do you know of any? We would like to feature more of our people in the bulletin and acknowledge their example as stewards. The parish staff knows of so many, but maybe it is a good challenge for you, too, to look around and identify who else is doing their part for your church! Send nominations to the parish office via e-mail or phone.

OPLATKI

Your family is encouraged to take part in the annual Polish Christmas tradition of breaking the *opłatki* (Christmas wafers) at your Christmas dinner. Usually done at the Wigilja (Vigil) dinner, families will say the blessing, then go to each person at the table and wish a Merry Christmas. While each holds their own wafer, the person you greet breaks off a small piece from yours — and you from theirs. If there is any need for reconciliation between you, it happens then and there. Then you eat the small piece of wafer and exchange a hug or other sign of peace.

The *opłatki* will be available in the vestibule of the church and in the rectory office. The requested donation is \$2, but more is welcome, as it goes to the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth. Get your *opłatki* early, because when they run out, that’s it.

SZKODA, ALE...

Wiele osób jest dumnych z faktu, że nasza parafia kontynuuje tradycyjne polskie nabożeństwa. Aczkolwiek, bardzo niewiele z nich faktycznie bierze w tych nabożeństwach udział. Ostatniej niedzieli zarówno Ojciec Artur, jak i David Krakowski zarezerwowali czas w niedzielne popołudnie, aby być w kościele na godz. 3 popołudniu. Oprócz nich przysłała tylko jedna osoba. Ponieważ nie ma zainteresowania parafian śpiewaniem Godzinek w niedziele Adwentu, pozostałe nabożeństwa są odwołane. Proszę nie przychodzić na Godzinki w adwentowe niedziele. Nie mogą prosić naszego księdza i organistę, żeby czekali w kościele na ludzi, którzy i tak nie przychodzą.



FROM THE PRINCIPAL... Frequently, I have parents in my office. Sometimes they are there to talk about their child. Sometimes, they visit me to share information about programs of which they have heard. And yes, sometimes they even pop in to say hello and thank you. The Monday after Thanksgiving break, a mom came to me to share a good thing she had seen one of our students do. The conversation migrated to educating non-Catholics in a Catholic school. For this mom, she understood the value of our faith, our traditions, our beliefs. She could make the transfer from her own Baptist practices to ours. As I listened to her, I thought to myself that this is what we are all about. Our children and families may not be Catholic, but we are. Our mission of evangelization is alive and strong. Mom continued to talk about how much she loves our school, how she appreciates the safe, Christian environment, etc. And then, as my mind was admittedly beginning to wander to lunch duty and phone calls, the words of this mother stopped me. She asked me the following question, "We celebrate His birthday. We mourn His death. What do we do with the 33 years in between?"

And in the most unexpected moments, God speaks...



THANK YOU

Of course, knowing the generosity of our parishioners, it was no surprise that practically all of the name tags were claimed from our "Giving Tree" by the end of Masses last weekend. Thank you in advance for all the smiles you will be bringing to our young school children! Some of our families struggle financially, others not so much. But all will know how good are the generous hearts of our parishioners!

THIS FRIDAY IS THE LAST DAY

TO HELP OUR SCHOOL WIN A NEW PLAYGROUND!
GET YOUR FRIENDS TO HELP — IT COSTS NOTHING BUT TIME!

St. Stanislaus School has participating in a contest sponsored by Clorox where the winning school will receive up to \$50,000 for a project. Our school's proposal to build a playground has been accepted, but in order to get the grant we need everyone's help to vote for us! The project with the most votes wins! You can vote once a day and ask your friends, family, co-workers, and other Slavic village supporters to do the same. With luck and a little hard work, we might just be able to bring one more exciting new initiative to our neighborhood! Please forward this information as much as you can, and consider posting it on your website. Facebook page, Twitter feed, etc...to those you think might be supportive. To vote, just register one time and go to:

<http://www.powerabrightfuture.com/gallery/>

Search under KEYWORD "Stan" and vote for us PLEASE! OR you can text your vote! Text **clorox2664 to 44144**. The more help we get...the better our chances at winning.

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CITYMUSIC CLEVELAND CHRISTMAS CONCERT

This coming Saturday at 8 PM (please note this time change) our favorite chamber orchestra is back to fill the church with beautiful music. The program will be as follows:

- CORELLI 'Christmas Concerto'
- DVORAK 'Serenade for Strings'
- MOZART 'Violin Concerto No.3'

Plus some favorite Christmas Carols for all to sing!

As always, the concerts are free and very well attended. Please consider coming to enjoy the evening and bring along some friends. The place should be nicely packed, so plan on getting here early for some of the better seats.

As many of you already know, CityMusic Cleveland provides music classes for the children of our neighborhood as they continue to build our Slavic Village Youth Orchestra. Students from adjacent schools meet together at St. Stanislaus for classes twice a week. The classes are funded through the generosity of some local foundations as well as the donations received at the concerts.

DON'T FORGET YOUR GIFT CARDS

As Christmas approaches, make your shopping easier by visiting our vestibule vendors to purchase some gift cards! The sale of these cards directly benefits our parish. Thank you!!!



WELCOME, FR. BOB!

On December 12, we will welcome one of our friars, Fr. Bob Knopa, OFM, to the Saint Stanislaus community. Fr. Bob as ordained the same day as Fr. Mike, having been classmates together for five years in Chicago. Fr. Bob also worked with Fr. Len in Saginaw, Michigan for fourteen years together. Fr. Bob is a well-read preacher, a gentle and compassionate soul, and a kind and patient

pastoral presence. He will serve as administrator of Saint Stanislaus effective December 15, until the end of June 2012.

JESUS IS IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD!
INFANTS/TODDLERS OF SLAVIC VILLAGE

Soon we will be seeing many different images of the Baby Jesus — wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger, held in Mary's arms, etc. What about the face of Jesus as seen in the faces of the poor children in our neighborhood? Their faces won't appear on any Christmas cards, but they are the living Christmas cards all around us. *"Baby Jesus, pa-rumpum-pum-pum... I am a poor boy too, pa-rumpum-pum-pum..."*

It is so easy to give a gift of love to the needy children of Slavic Village — jars of baby food, boxes of cereal, canned goods, peanut butter or boxes of mac & cheese! Put Christ into your Christmas by being Christ-like!

Drawing on December 18th will be a surprise gift basket for you and your family. Please open your hearts to the hungry children—fill our baskets! Donate and enter the drawing.

...You are helping to make the Eucharist living and real in our world!

ST. STANS HISTORICAL FACT by Rob Jagelewski.

Father Carl Ciprian, a former pastor of St. Stanislaus Parish, passed away on November 21, 2011. Father Carl was pastor of our parish from 1982– 1983. Prior to coming to St. Stanislaus, Father Carl was at Holy Trinity Parish in Barberton, Ohio and at Our Lady of Angels Parish in Cleveland. Father Carl was a Franciscan from the Sacred Heart Province. He later became a diocesan priest in the Cleveland Diocese and returned to Holy Trinity as Pastor. After his retirement in 2007 Father Carl served as chaplain for the Incarnate Word Sisters. While at St. Stanislaus, Father Carl continued to raise funds for the church renovation. During his one year tenure as pastor the parish adopted a Polish exile family, who were escaping martial law in Poland. This family lived upstairs in the boiler building. Father Carl was succeeded by Father John Kent Burzynski OFM. Father Carl was 78 years old.

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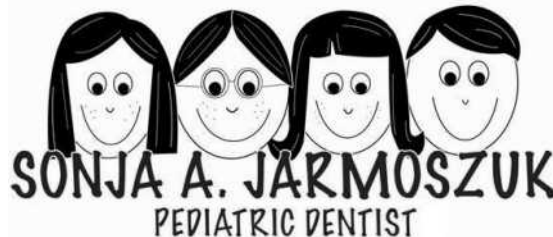
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