

January 8, 2012

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



Thanks goes out to everyone who helped make our church so beautiful for this past Christmas season. We will disassemble things this week.



Icon of Saint Stanislaus and Blessed John Paul II

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF CLEVELAND OHIO

Most. Rev. Richard G. Lennon, Bishop

Staffed by Franciscan Friars

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Mrs. Denise O'Reilly, Elementary School Secretary

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Mrs. Aries Jones-Irizarry, Elementary School Receptionist

ORGANIZATIONS

Mr. Ron Zeszut, Pastoral Council Chairperson
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 Polish Festival
 Mrs. Sharon Kozak, Four Eagle Award
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 Ms. Betty Dabrowski, & Mrs. Viviane Buchanan,
 Web Site Editors

To contact Organizations: Send an e-mail to the parish, with the person you wish to contact named in the subject line.

REGULAR SCHEDULE

DEVOTIONS

Daily Morning Prayer 8:00 AM (exc. Sunday)

Saint Anthony Novena Tuesdays after 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.

CHURCH HOURS

Church is open daily 30 minutes before and after all Masses. For tours or private prayer call the rectory.

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY 15, STYCZNIA 2012

Sat 5:00 PM Lector— Marilyn Mosinski
 Euch. Min. — Mike Potter & Connie Aliff, S. Witczak & C. Wisniewski
Sun 8:30 AM Lector — Susan Halamek
 Euch. Min. — Alice Klafczynski & Chris Luboski,
 Felicia Greczanik & Ray Tegowski
10:00 AM Lector — Teresa Cyranek
 Euch. Min. — M. Śladewska, A. Jankowska,
 Teresa Cyranek & W. Sztalkoper
11:30 AM Lector — William Bobowicz
 Euch. Min. — Lawrence Welk & Nancy Sontowski
 Angela Revay & Marie Ostrowski
Collection team: Lois, Marie, Jack, Mike, Nancy

MASS INTENTIONS



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

January 8 stycznia 2012

Sat	5:00 PM	+ Sp. Int. Parishioners
Sun	8:30 AM	+ Cecelia Tegowski
	10:00 AM	Sp. Int. Maria Rudman
	11:30 AM	+ Stephen & Ello Sekula
Mon	Jan. 9	Baptism of Jesus
	7:00 AM	+ Dolores Czekalski
	8:30 AM	+ Frank Wisniewski
Tue	Jan. 10	Weekday
	7:00 AM	+ James Szarwark
	8:30 AM	+ Ralph & Genevieve Wisniewski
Wed	Jan. 11	Weekday
	7:00 AM	+ Zelis Family
	8:30 AM	+ Don Bogus
Thu	Jan. 12	Weekday
	7:00 AM	+ Kenzie Chester, Jerry Lacki & Bob Chester
	8:30 AM	+ Clara Trojanowski
Fri	Jan. 13	Weekday
	7:00 AM	+ Glowacki Family
	8:30 AM	+ Sophie Chrzanowski
Sat	Jan. 14	Weekday
	8:30 AM	+ Neill Krawczynski

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

January 15 stycznia 2012


Sat	5:00 PM	+ Bernice Jankowski
Sun	8:30 AM	Sp. Int. Parishioners
	10:00 AM	+ Maria Walczak
	11:30 AM	+ Lottie Depta


SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

SUN	RCIA @ 10 AM IN RECTORY GOOD SHEPHERD @ 11:15 IN SOCIAL CENTER CATECHISM @ 11:15 IN RECTORY FR. MIKE FAREWELL MASS @ 11:30 AM FOLLOWED BY A RECEPTION AT THE SOCIAL CENTER
WED	CHURCH 'UNDECORATING' THROUGHOUT THE DAY
TUE	PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL @ 7 PM IN RECTORY
WED	AA MEETING @ 8 PM IN SOCIAL CENTER
SUN	RCIA @ 10 AM IN RECTORY GOOD SHEPHERD @ 11:15 IN SOCIAL CENTER CATECHISM @ 11:15 IN RECTORY

HOLY NAME SOCIETY

Calling all men and women of St. Stanislaus! Would you like to be part of a group that is committed to helping its members grow in holiness through devotion to the most Holy Name of Jesus? If so, stay tuned for more details in upcoming bulletins.



We pray for the soul of
Bernard Lotka
May eternal light shine upon him!


Bread and Wine Offering for January:
“In memory of the Zbikowski and Bell Families,
Fr. Clarence Korgie OFM, and Bl. John Paul II”

PARISH SUPPORT LAST WEEKEND

5:00 PM (41).....	\$ 639.25
8:30 AM (51).....	972.55
10:00 AM (56).....	794.51
11:30 AM(77).....	2,008.64
Mailed in	1,143.00
Total.....	5,557.95

Christmas Collection.....	\$ 27,819.38
Religious Retirement.....	832.00
St. Vincent de Paul.....	650.00
Balance the Budget.....	9,137.00

Thank you for sharing in the stewardship of our parish!

CHRISTMAS UNDECORATING

The season's over...it's time to call it a day....it's time to undecorate the church now.....well, what do you say? Will you be able to lend a helping hand? Pack a little? Sweep a little? Just hush up and dust a little? Please feel free to drop by and do any of the above...or haul down/out Christmas trees....pack things away for yet another year. If interested, call ahead or come by during the day, Mon, Tues, Wed or Thurs.

ST. STANISLAUS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Hey good lookin'What you got cookin? Why, it's CHILI! It must be time for the 'Golden Spoon Award Chili Cook-Off'!!!! On Saturday, January 28th, 2012, the Social Center will be filled with the aromas of al the contestants entries ready for the competition. Call Ingrid or Bob at 440-333-7827.

THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF EASTER AND THE MOVEABLE FEASTS

Know, dear brothers and sisters, that, as we have rejoiced at the Nativity of our Lord, Jesus Christ, so by leave of God's mercy we announce to you also the joy of His Resurrection, who is our Savior.

On the 22nd day of February will fall Ash Wednesday, and the beginning of the fast of the most sacred Lenten season.

On the 8th day of April you will celebrate with joy Easter Day, the Paschal feast of our Lord Jesus Christ.

On the 20th day of May will be the Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ.

On the 27th day of May, the feast of Pentecost.

On the 10th day of June, the feast of the most Holy Body and Blood of Christ.

On the 2nd day of December, the First Sunday of Advent of our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom is honor and glory for Ever and ever. Amen.



The above text is the official announcement made from the pulpit this weekend of the Epiphany. We all know that there are other important dates that relate specifically to our parish and we should keep in mind. Here are a few...

On the 4th day of May, the Four Eagles Banquet.

On the 6th day of May, crowning of Mary.

On the 8th day of May, the feast of our parish's patron, St. Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr.

On the 20th day of May, First Holy Communion.

On the 5th, 6th and 7th of October, the Polish Festival.

On the 22nd of October, the Memorial of Bl. John Paul II.

On the 25th of November, the feast of our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe,
the annual parish Eucharistic Day.

David Krakowski

Seasonal Responsorial Psalm:

Sing to God with joyful hearts! Praise the Lord forevermore!
Śpiewajmy Pana radosnym sercem! Chwalmy Pana na wieki!

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

"Epiphany" means "manifestation" or "Showing." In olden times, the word "epiphany" referred to the visit of a king to the people of his province.

As a solemn feast, epiphany draws attention to people considered as outsiders and/or unacceptable to God. This feast which emphasizes the glory of the Lord, is illustrated through a three-part series of events: the Baptism

of Jesus at the Jordan; the celebration of the wedding feast at Cana; and the coming of the Magi.

At the Baptism of Jesus, his glory is revealed by the voice of his heavenly Father and the descent and presence of the Holy Spirit. At Cana Jesus manifested his glorious power through the miracle of changing water into wine and thus relieving the embarrassment of the couple for not having enough wine for the guests. The coming of the Magi, wise men, and not of Jewish descent, stressed that Jesus, Son of God, became a human being for all peoples—Jewish and Gentiles for all time.

God showed Himself in Jesus for all people. In this gospel episode is revealed the contrast and irony in Gentile leaders who travelled hundreds of miles to honor Jesus, newly born Messiah, and Jewish leaders traveling but five miles away caring nothing for him.

The Magi saw and followed the Star that guided them to the place where the Child Jesus lay in the manger. Light is a very important symbol of God in the Old Testament. It represents the presence and contact of God with people. In the New Testament Jesus calls himself "the Light of the world" especially at the Transfiguration on Mount Tabor in the presence of his three disciples, Peter, James and John. Our faith in Christ is represented as "Light" - the One who guides us to eternal salvation and life in heaven forever.

The Word of God is the source of life, and this life, as found in Christ, brings light to the whole human family for all time. In many parts of the world, the feast of Epiphany is considered of greater importance than Christmas, because it represents the opening of salvation to all peoples of the world. This feast is not commercialized as in America. In Germany, this feast is a time of great rejoicing. Men are dressed as Three Kings - common throughout the country. Parents take pictures of their children sitting in the lap of the Kings; plenty of balloons and fireworks and presents. The Three Kings, not Santa Claus, bring the presents; and in church the Three Kings process to the manger, along with the people carrying lighted candles.

The journey of the Magi is full of symbolism; it symbolizes our journey of life. Their journey was not without difficulty, neither is ours. Many people, including ourselves endure lots of difficulties in our journey toward God; all the more reason why we should be more sympathetic towards those whose journey is extremely difficult.

Harold A. Buetow, author of the book *All Things Made New* writes: 'The Magi wondered about the road they should take, and some, like Herod, taking no chances themselves, thought the Magi ridiculous for taking their road; many voices invite us to take other roads, and some ridicule us for taking the road to Jesus. The Magi recognized Jesus in the rising of a star; we recognize him in the breaking of bread. They returned to their own country filled with delight at having met the Infant King of the Jews; we return to our homes ready to bring the Lord we have received to those we meet.'

We are so fortunate and blessed that we can offer our gifts of time, talent and treasure to our loving God together with the Body and Blood of Jesus his Son at each and every Eucharistic liturgy—the Mass. "It is in giving that we receive," reminds us St. Francis of Assisi." Who knows better than he? Please take his advice ... very seriously.



Dzisiaj Kościół Katolicki obchodzi uroczystość Objawienia Pańskiego. To jedno z najstarszych świąt chrześcijańskich. Boże Narodzenie koncentruje się na uniżeniu Jezusa, a Objawienie Pańskie wskazuje na Boską wielkość Nowonarodzonego Dziecięcia. Bóstwo Chrystusa uznali Mędrcy ze Wschodu, padając przed Nim na twarz, oddając Mu pokłon i ofiarując dary. To samo Bóstwo obwieścił głos Ojca z nieba w momencie Chrztu Chrystusa w wodach Jordanu. Swe Bóstwo okazał wobec Apostołów sam Jezus, gdy dokonał pierwszego cudu przemiany wody w wino, aby "objawić swoją chwałę i by uwierzyli w Niego Jego uczniowie". W mędrcach – "reprezentantach wyznawców sąsiednich religii zbawienia. Objawienie Pańskie było znane już w III w. Tego właśnie dnia Kościół grecki obchodził święto Bożego Narodzenia. Na Zachodzie uroczystość Objawienia Pańskiego obchodzi się od IV w. Chociaż uroczystość Objawienia Pańskiego powszechnie jest nazywana świętem Trzech Króli, jednak Ewangelie nie nazywają Mędrców Królami, ani też nie podają ich liczby. O trzech mędrcach – w związku z ich symbolicznymi ten Melchior, Baltazar pojawiły się w średniowieczu. Magowie, którzy przybyli do Betlejem złożyli Jezusowi swoje dary – złoto, kadzidło i mirrę. Od XV/XVI w. w kościołach poświęca się kadzidło i kredę. Kredą oznaczamy drzwi na znak, że w naszym mieszkaniu przyjęliśmy Wcielonego Syna Bożego. Piszemy na drzwiach litery K+M+B, które mają oznaczać imiona Mędrców, lub też mogą być pierwszymi literami łacińskiego zdania: Christus mansionem benedicat (Niech) Chrystus błogosławi mieszkanie. Zwykle dodajemy jeszcze aktualny rok. W Polsce dzień ten obchodzony jest jako dzień modlitw w intencji polskich misjonarzy, którzy jak Trzej Królowie zostawili swoje domy i poszli głosić Ewangelię "aż po krańce świata".



GOOD BYE

Well, I can't believe it's really here. I am leaving Saint Stanislaus. After 21 years of friendship, and 15 years of service, it is time to "take my talents elsewhere," to paraphrase a more famous former Clevelander. And what a run it has been!

Although I'm not a very athletic person, when we take our annual Lil Bros retreat to northern Wisconsin, I very much enjoy taking some of the kids on the river to try to water ski. The boat has a small motor, so only the smaller kids really stand a chance of getting up on the skis and making a run of it. Since these kids don't ski any other time, the first time they try it is a real workout. It's hard to get the moves just right in order to pop out of the water and stand up straight. And I love making waves and running the skiers across them, creating fun challenges along the way. And they like to show off a little, too.

When I became pastor of Saint Stanislaus, in hindsight it was a bit like being a first time skier. I was under water — the water of grief and desolation. But there was something, someone, stronger than me ready to pull me out and help me stand up again. There were many stumbles along the way, but the Boatmaster never let me slip too far away. He always came around and picked me up when I got too tired to hold on.

Best of all, we did this together — thousands of you, and me. To those whom I have hurt along the way, please accept my apology and forgive me. To those whom I may have helped along the way, thank you for the gift of knowing God through you.

Chances are, I will probably never be a parish priest again. Most Franciscans are not in parish ministry. When I first entered, I did not want to be a parish priest. When Fr. Willy (Provincial at the time) asked the students whether we should take over St. Stanislaus in Cleveland, and if we would personally be willing to go there, I answered "no" to each of those.

But God had a different plan, one that would wrap your lives and my life around each other in a way that is unrepeatable. To God be the glory! As St. Francis of Assisi said before he left this earth, "I have done what was mine to do. May Christ show you what is yours." As my heart bursts with loving sadness, know that I will remember and love you always.

Fr. Michael

ST. STANISLAUS HISTORICAL FACT

Fr. Michael Surufka, O.F.M., will depart the parish this Monday, January 9, 2012, after 21 years of relationship with the Saint Stanislaus community. The Assumption B.V.M. Province assumed leadership of the parish in 1989, and "Brother Michael" arrived at the end of December 1990 to serve for six months as a deacon under the direction of Fr. Alcuin Mikulanic, O.F.M. He remained as a newly ordained priest until the summer of 1993; he then was assigned to the United Nations project of the Franciscans and was moved to New York; in 1996 he was sent to teach Freshman Religion at Archbishop Ryan High School in Philadelphia. When Fr. Alcuin passed away in April 1999, Fr. Mike commuted from Philadelphia to Cleveland on weekends to help Fr. William Gulas, O.F.M., who had become pastor in 1993. During the summer of 1999 he was reassigned to St. Stanislaus as the assistant to Fr. William. Fr. William was murdered at the hands of a Franciscan formation student on December 7, 2002, and the rectory was set afire. Fr. Mike immediately was given leadership of the parish, first as administrator, then as pastor the following Spring.

Among the accomplishments during his pastorate, Fr. Mike led the restoration of the rectory, which reopened in November 2004; established a Peace Garden between the church and rectory; oversaw the demolition of the convent and completion of Nazareth Park in its place; sustained the finances of the parish and school; oversaw capital improvements in the school (including the reopening of the fourth floor); co-founded the Pulaski Franciscan Community Development Corporation; collaborated in the expansion of Cleveland Central Catholic High School; welcomed parishioners from parishes closed during diocesan clustering and placed statues from St. Hyacinth and Sacred Heart parishes into the church; committed the parish to a vigorous presence in the arts community; built a relationship with the Polish Franciscans in Krakow; facilitated the elevation of the parish to a Shrine; returned to the parish with a gift of the miter of Blessed John Paul II; led the completion of the Shrine Transept; inaugurated parish activities like the Alumni and Development Association, Lil Bros Club, Four Eagle Award, Garden Club, Hospitality Committee, and the Stewardship and Evangelization Initiatives; and sustained the time-honored Polish religious and cultural traditions beloved by generations.

In the summer of 2011 Fr. Mike was elected to the Provincial Council of his Franciscan community, and he was also assigned by the Franciscans to serve as Director of Vocation Recruitment and to coordinate the Offices of Communications and Development. He will reside at a small friary in a revitalizing neighborhood in his native Chicago.

INFANTS AND TODDLERS OF SLAVIC VILLAGE

Make one New Year's Resolution — to donate needed baby foods, cereals, etc...to the Infants and Toddlers of Slavic Village at least once every month. Your small donations help feed numerous hungry children! What greater gift could you give our Lord this Christmas season? Please open your hearts to their needs. On January 22 you will have the chance to win a free haircut and style donated by Legacy Hair Studio in Middleburg Hts.! There will be two winners.

FR. MICHAEL'S FAREWELL GATHERING

This Sunday, January 8th Fr. Michael will be celebrating his last Mass at 11:30 AM followed by a dessert and coffee reception hosted by the parents of St. Stanislaus and Central Catholic High School. If you would like to bake for this event it would be greatly appreciated. Someone will be down at the hall starting at 10:00 AM to receive your bakery. All are welcome to come down for fellowship and farewell.

8 stycznia, podczas mszy o godzinie 10 i 11:30, odbędzie się oficjalne pożegnanie Fr. Michael. Zapraszamy serdecznie wszystkich do Social Center na kawę i ciasto już o godzinie 11, ale możliwość spotkania i rozmowy z księdzem proboszczem będzie dopiero po godzinie 12:30. Bardzo prosimy o pomoc w zorganizowaniu przyjęcia pożegnawego, WYPIEK CIAST lub przygotowanie KANAPEK.

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