

January 15, 2012

The Shrine Church of Saint Stanislaus Bishop & Martyr

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The historic church in the heart of Slavic Village since 1873

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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



Last Sunday's 11:30 Epiphany and Farewell Mass for Fr. Mike had a full house...even more people than Midnight Mass! It was good to see so many parishioners and guests for the occasion. It would be nice to have a packed church more often!



Icon of Saint Stanislaus and Blessed John Paul II

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF CLEVELAND OHIO

Most. Rev. Richard G. Lennon, Bishop

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Mrs. Denise O'Reilly, Elementary School Secretary

Mr. Fred Mendat, Maintenance and Social Center Manager

Ms. Patricia Murray & Ms. Patricia Otloski, Parish Receptionists

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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 22, STYCZNIA 2012

Sat 5:00 PM Lector— Tom Krol
 Euch. Min. — S. Witczak & C. Wisniewski, Andy & Marge Flock
Sun 8:30 AM Lector — Jim Sadowski
 Euch. Min. — Sharon Kozak & Ray Tegowski,
 Don & Marcia Stech
10:00 AM Lector — Mieczyslaw Garncarek
 Euch. Min. — M. Śladewska, A. Jankowska,
 Teresa Cyranek & W. Sztalkoper
11:30 AM Lector — Mike Leahy
 Euch. Min. — Diane Bulanda & Angela Revay,
 Frank Greczanik & Stan Koch
Collection team: Gloria, Sophie, Celeste, Betty, Mary

MASS INTENTIONS



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
Mon	Jan. 16	Weekday
	7:00 AM	+ Richard Houska
	8:30 AM	+ Felicia Krawczynski
Tue	Jan. 17	St. Anthony, Abbot
	7:00 AM	+ Linda Pennington
	8:30 AM	+ Geraldine Suchocki
Wed	Jan. 18	Weekday
	7:00 AM	+ Cecelia Tegowski
	8:30 AM	+ Brenda Smith
Thu	Jan. 19	Weekday
	7:00 AM	+ Edward & Josephine Robakowski
	8:30 AM	+ Eddie J. Racut
	7:00 PM	Canonization of Bl. John Paul II
Fri	Jan. 20	Weekday
	7:00 AM	+ Mary Petric
	8:30 AM	+ Joseph Dardzinski
Sat	Jan. 21	St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr
	8:30 AM	+ Clara Trojanowski

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

January 22 *stycznia* 2012

Sat	5:00 PM	+ Elizabeth Stachniuk
Sun	8:30 AM	+ Louis & Ann Adler
	10:00 AM	Sp. Int. Parishioners
	11:30 AM	Sp. Int, 60th Wedding Anniversary, George & Nellie Tomaski

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

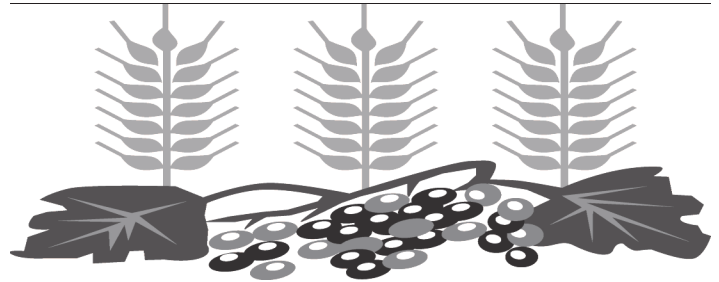
SUN	RCIA @ 10 AM IN RECTORY GOOD SHEPHERD @ 11:15 IN SOCIAL CENTER
TUE	CATECHISM @ 11:15 IN RECTORY
WED	PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL @ 7 PM IN RECTORY
THU	AA MEETING @ 8 PM IN SOCIAL CENTER
	MASS FOR THE CANONIZATION OF BL. JOHN PAUL II @ 7 PM
SUN	RCIA @ 10 AM IN RECTORY GOOD SHEPHERD @ 11:15 IN SOCIAL CENTER
	CATECHISM @ 11:15 IN RECTORY

*We pray for the soul of
Joanna Piotrowski & Stella Lesnicki;
May eternal light shine upon them!*

*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 (61).....	\$ 991.54
8:30 AM (73).....	1,506.00
10:00 AM (66).....	983.00
11:30 AM(162).....	4,227.55
Mailed in (36).....	904.00
Total.....	8,216.09



WHERE IS HE NOW?

As we move our scriptural/liturgical focus from that of the nativity to the ministerial life of Jesus we don't fully leave behind the former entirely. You will, in fact, see that we retain the central figures of the manger scene now placed in front of the Marian altar behind the pulpit. In keeping with Polish tradition, the season extends until the feast of the purification of Mary.

At the Polish Mass we continue the tradition of even including some carols during the next few weeks. One such carol sung last week was '*O gwiazdo Betlejemska*' - a carol a little less popular than the ones everyone seems to know—but a beautiful song nonetheless. One of its stanzas brings up the question: "Where did Jesus go? He's no longer in the manger!" To deal with this dilemma we are directed to the Word, i.e., the Gospel of Matthew 25:31-46:

**I was hungry and you gave me food.
I was thirsty and you gave me drink.
I was a stranger and you welcomed me.
I was naked and you clothed me.
I was ill and you cared for me.
I was in prison and you visited me.**

Did you see Jesus today? Did you see him on the way to church this morning? I remember this past Christmas Day, while driving to play the 8:30 AM Mass, I passed Him three times. The first time I saw him He was in a man running down Irma Avenue concealing something in his jacket....a probable robbery. He might be in prison now. Less than one minute later at the traffic light at Worley I saw Him walking the street as a prostitute. By the time I reached Fleet I saw Him in a drunk stumbling home. Merry Christmas! Welcome to the real world.

Take a look at the nativity tableau in front of the side altar today. You'll see the image of Jesus in the manger surrounded by Mary and Joseph. Don't stop there. Look at the pictures which surround him: the sick, the lonely, the imprisoned, the hungry, the outcasts and the helpless. These are where we will find Him. The same pictures lined the main aisle for our Eucharistic Day celebration. You HAD to see them as you processed toward the altar to receive Him in the Eucharist.

If we dare to receive the Eucharist we MUST endure the consequences of keeping that what was given to us as living bread alive. To accept this living bread we must keep it alive. To live the Eucharist is to honor Jesus and to respect His words. If we take this sacrament into our bodies and ignore His message of love for all of those in need we might as well pound one more nail into his hands and feet because that what was given to us as a living gift will be allowed to perish.

Respect life! Respect the life of the Eucharist! Do not abort the life put onto your tongue! Do not unplug the life support for selfish reasons! Do not withhold food from those who are starving! Do not shun the physically unattractive! Do not slam the door in the face of a needy stranger! Do not ignore the needs of the elderly, the sick, the mentally ill, the depressed! Do not allow someone to jump off a bridge or walk into oncoming traffic! RESPECT LIFE!

If we can't live the Word we are wasting our time here in church. If we can't share our resources, talents and finances with others we should lose up shop! If we can't see Jesus in the mirror and in the face of EVERY human being we should just end the charade and follow the 'culture of death' advocates who live for themselves.

As the star was the guide for the Magi, so the Eucharist must be the star for us. Don't be afraid to follow that star with passion. The cross is our compass, the Word is our map, the living Eucharist is our nourishment. We can have it all!

David Krakowski



**GOD SAYS TO US:
"THIS IS MY SON: LISTEN TO HIM!"**

We are now in Ordinary Time until Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on February 22nd. The main focus of this period is how to be a disciple of Jesus, and how to follow him and His ways. We read from the prophet Isaiah: "The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue, for me to know how to give a word of comfort to the weary. Morning by morning he makes my ear alert to listen like a disciple. The Lord has opened my ear and I have not resisted, I have not turned away." (Is 50:4-5)

This weekend's Scripture relates to the call of God, and our response to follow and live that call. God calls Samuel by name as Samuel slept in the temple. However Samuel believes it is Eli, the priest in the temple, who is calling him. At this time Samuel did not realize that God is extremely personal, personally involved and connected with his life, rather than distant and remote. After the third call, Eli realizes that it is God who is calling Samuel.

Samuel needed "an Eli" to awaken him to a personal God. When Samuel knew it was God who was calling him, his response was the perfect response of a disciple: "Speak Lord, your servant is listening."

The story of Samuel is our story too. If we want to listen to God we need to learn how to be careful listeners. There are so many voices bombarding us, so much noise that makes it hard to discern God's voice, God's call. But God provides "Eli(s) to help us to hear and better understand how God may be speaking to us. Clearly we need others and each other to help us to hear the voice of God, the promptings of the Spirit who is speaking to our hearts. God is persistent. God never gives up on us, and God knows each of us in such a radically personal way.

In our Gospel passage for this weekend, when the two disciples heard John the Baptist declare, "Behold the Lamb of God" when Jesus walked by, the two disciples followed Jesus. Jesus turned and said to them, "What are you looking for?" In other words, "What do you really want out of life?" How many of us would relish this question put to us by God, "What do you want?" This would seem like an opportunity of a lifetime! God is asking you, "What do you want?" Might our answer be something like: "I want a different job, or I want any job; I want to be healthy and wealthy, at least not have to worry about how to pay my bills; or I would really like to win a lottery because I never win anything in my life!"

The disciples don't have a ready-made answer; they just know they want and need to be close to Jesus. The response given by the two disciples sounds strange at first. They responded, "Where are you staying?" By this response, the disciples were not asking Jesus to geographically describe where He was physically staying, for example at a Holiday Inn? Are you staying at a Ramada or a Hampton Inn? It will be more than enough if they go and spend time in His presence, just to be with Him where they hope to experience first hand what it means to be Jesus' disciples. Their response was the perfect response of a disciple because they were asking in effect: "Where are you living Jesus? What lives inside of you? What gives you so much life inside of you?" They will stay with Him and do what all disciples must first do, become listeners.

For your reflection: The disciples search out Jesus but are not sure what they want from Him. How would you answer if Jesus asked you, "What are you looking for?"

Bogurodzica (1/2)

Rozpoczęliśmy Nowy Rok 2012. Co nam przyniesie? Wszyscy zadajemy sobie to pytanie. Nadzieje i oczekiwanie łączą się z obawami i strachem. Poruszani tymi sprzecznymi pytaniami i uczuciami patrzymy na rozpoczęty Nowy Rok. Kościół poświęcając pierwszy dzień Nowego Roku Maryi - świętej Bożej Rodzicielce, pragnie, abyśmy ten nowy czas zaczęli z Matką Pana i naszą.

Boże macierzyństwo jest wielkim darem, największym z wszystkich, jakie otrzymała Maryja. Większy od Jej Niepokalanego Poczęcia. Maryja w cudowny sposób została zachowana od grzechu pierworodnego, aby stać się godnym mieszkaniem dla Boga. Bóg uczynił Maryję Niepokalaną, i w ten sposób uświęcił Ją i przygotował do Bożego macierzyństwa. Boże macierzyństwo jest to dar większy od wszystkich darów i łask, jakie jakiegokolwiek stworzenie otrzymało od Boga.

A jednak, pomimo takiego wyróżnienia, życie zewnętrzne Maryi wydaje się bardzo zwykłe, może nawet szare, podobnie jak życie milionów innych ludzi wypełnione radościami i cierpieniem. Przejdźmy teraz pokrótce Jej życie kierując się światłem rzucanym przez Ewangelię.

Natchniona przez Ducha Świętego Maryja złożyła Bogu ślub dziewictwa. Nie znajdziemy tego wyrażone w sposób wyraźny w biblijnym tekście, jednak taki jednak wniosek możemy wyciągnąć analizując scenę Zwiastowania, a zwłaszcza Jej pytanie: "*Jakże się to stanie, skoro nie znam męża?*" A przecież Maryja była już zaręczona z Józefem. Wkrótce mieli zamieszkać razem. Maryja wiedziała, że w małżeństwie przychodzą na świat dzieci. Jej pytanie nie ma sensu, jeśli wykluczmy ślub dziewictwa.

Nie była to praktyka powszechna w Izraelu. Raczej odwrotnie. Dziewictwo nie było wartością pozytywną w świadomości Izraelitów. Bezdzielnosc była uważana przez nich za znak Bożego przekleństwa i hańbę w oczach ludzi. Trzeba dodać, że w tym czasie w narodzie izraelskim obecne było bardzo żywe oczekiwanie Mesjasza. Każde dziecko płci męskiej było potencjalnym Mesjaszem, a jego matka matką Mesjasza.

Maryja o tym wiedziała. Wiedziała też, że sama z siebie nie miała nic, co mogłaby ofiarować Bogu, którego kochała ponad wszystko. Ślub dziewictwa, który Maryja złożyła Bogu, był ofiarowaniem Mu jedynej szansy, która miała. Była to szansa zostania matką. Jej ślub dziewictwa jest pochwałą małżeństwa i macierzyństwa. Bo Panu Bogu możemy składać ofiarę tylko z tego, co jest dobre. Dziewictwo nie jest wielkie samo z siebie. Ma znaczenie tylko wtedy, gdy podejmowane jest dla królestwa niebieskiego. Wielkie jest małżeństwo, ojcostwo i macierzyństwo. Maryja czując, że sama z siebie nie ma nic, co mogłaby złożyć Panu Bogu, ofiaruje Mu swoje pragnienie macierzyństwa i szansę zostania matką, w tym także matką Mesjasza.

Bogu podoba się ta ofiara i przyjmuje ją. Zwiastowanie jest potwierdzeniem Jej ślubu dziewictwa i odpowiedzią na Jej pragnienie macierzyństwa. Bóg zachowując dziewictwo Maryi czyni Ją matką.

SHRINE CHURCH OF ST. STANISLAUS

HOLY NAME SOCIETY

Men and women of St. Stanislaus, would you like to be part of a group whose primary purpose is to promote love, honor and respect for the Holy Name of Jesus, and its members represent Catholic values and keep them alive by living according to the Holy Name pledge? If yes, please check next week's bulletin for further details!



THANK YOU

Thanks goes out to the very many who helped decorate the church during this past Christmas season as well as to the very few who killed themselves cleaning up the mess!

We received many compliments from the hundreds of guests who came to visit our parish over the holidays. Now we will leave the remaining flowers and images in place until February 2nd, Candlemas Day, in keeping with the Polish tradition.

Also, thanks to everyone who contributed financially to allow us to decorate as we did. **Bóg zapłać!**

ST. STANS HISTORICAL FACT

by Rob Jagelewski.

We have recently received an interesting artifact for our Parish Historical Archives. A program from a September 17, 1965 football game between the St. Stanislaus High School Panthers against Ashtabula St. John at Garfield Heights high school field. The Panthers of the class of 1966 would go on to a season record of 6 wins and 3 losses. They would be champions of the North Central Conference. St. Stan's would defeat Erie St. Mark, 22-0, Lorain St. Mary, 28-14, Elyria Catholic, 6-0, Lourdes, 28-6, St. John Cantius, 28-0, and Byzantine Catholic, 20-0. The Panthers would drop three games to Ashtabula St. John, 30-18, Chanel, 24-14, and Padua, 14-12. Television reporter, Carl Monday's brother, Dale Styliniski was a senior lineman on this team. Ashtabula St. John is the Alma Mater of Urban Meyer, the new Head Football Coach of The Ohio State University.



GIVING TREE GIFT THANK YOU NOTES

The 'giving tree' from which many of you had taken ornaments designating gifts for children of our school grades K-4 is now laden with many thank you notes from those same children. The children's faces were illuminated as they each received the gifts which you procured for them! Thank you for helping make them feel special.

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 all the contestants entries ready for the competition. To participate or have questions answered call Ingrid or Bob at 440-333-7827.



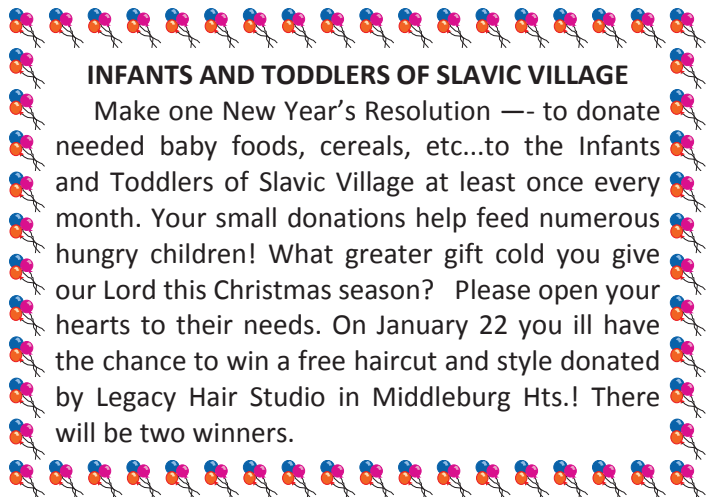
DON'T FORGET YOUR GIFT CARDS

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 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.





...a few pics of last weekend's farewell activities taken by professional photographer, Don Pieniak. Those who had their pictures taken with Fr. Mike at the reception (e.g. the little girl at the top of the page) after Sunday's 11:30 Mass can view and/or purchase their pictures at <http://www.bpieniakphoto.com/St-Stanislaus-Album/Pictures-with-Fr-Mike>. You can also access these pictures and others taken over the weekend from the "Photo Album Link" on the church web-site www.StStanislaus.org.