

# ST. STANISLAUS STAFF

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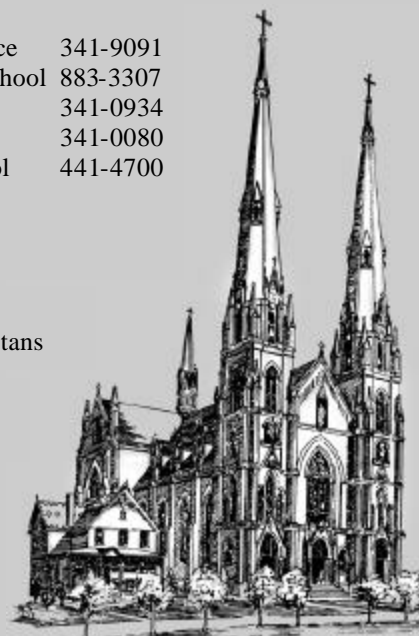
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The artist's sketch on the right depicts the original building with the spires. Corner Stone laid in 1886 and dedicated in 1891.



# SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

## MASS SCHEDULE:

Daily Masses: 7:00 AM & 8:30 AM  
 Sunday Vigil: Saturday 5:00 PM  
 Sunday English Masses: 8:30 AM & 11:30 AM  
 Sunday Polish Mass: 10:00 AM  
 Holy Day English: 8:30 AM & 7:00 PM  
 Holy Day Polish: 5:00 PM

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Saturday 4:00 to 4:45 PM or upon arrangement with any of the priests.

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Ordinarily on Sundays at 1:00 PM. Pre-Baptism instructions necessary in advance.

## SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

All arrangements must be made with one of the priests of the parish six months in advance.

## FUNERAL:

Please make arrangements at the rectory in advance of public announcement.

## INQUIRY CLASSES:

(R.C.I.A.): Contact any member of the Pastoral Team.

## OFFICE HOURS:

Weekday appointments with a member of the Pastoral Team may be scheduled between the hours of 9:30 AM to 4:00 PM. The office is open from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM for all ordinary business.

## CHURCH HOURS:

The church is open 1/2 hour before and after services. For tours or private prayer please call the rectory.

# MASS INTENTIONS



## FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT December 1, (Grudzien) 2002

<b>Sat</b>	<b>5:00 PM</b>	+Celia Kopec
<b>Sun</b>	<b>8:30 AM</b>	+Emilia Smolinski
	<b>10:00 AM</b>	+Stefania Jablonska
	<b>11:30 AM</b>	+Frank & Lottie Zackowski

*Congratulations to St. Stan's HS Class of '62 on their 40th Anniversary  
 1:00 PM Baptism of Alexia Marin Czerwien*

<b>Mon</b>	<b>Dec 2</b>	<b>Advent Weekday</b>
	<b>7:00 AM</b>	+Martha & Frank Pawlowski
	<b>8:30 AM</b>	+Helen Krajewski
<b>Tue</b>	<b>Dec 3</b>	<b>St. Francis Xavier, priest</b>
	<b>7:00 AM</b>	+Jeannette Aliff
	<b>8:30 AM</b>	+Ted Leciejewski
<b>Wed</b>	<b>Dec 4</b>	<b>Advent Weekday</b>
	<b>7:00 AM</b>	+Joseph J. Barret
	<b>8:30 AM</b>	+Josephine Garczewski
<b>Thu</b>	<b>Dec 5</b>	<b>Advent Weekday</b>
	<b>7:00 AM</b>	+Tadeusz Plutecki
	<b>8:30 AM</b>	+Antoinette Mielczarski
<b>Fri</b>	<b>Dec 6</b>	<b>St. Nicholas, bishop</b>
	<b>7:00 AM</b>	+Harry G. Ischay
	<b>8:30 AM</b>	+Boleslaw Orzel
<b>Sat</b>	<b>Dec 7</b>	<b>Advent Weekday</b>
	<b>8:30 AM</b>	+Maria Terefenko

## SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT December 8, (Grudzien) 2002

<b>Sat</b>	<b>5:00 PM</b>	+William Davis
<b>Sun</b>	<b>8:30 AM</b>	+Mary Zeliszewski
	<b>10:00 AM</b>	+Ryszard Monka
	<b>11:30 AM</b>	+Lottie Depta

# MUSIC – FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

## ENGLISH MASS

Processional: O Come, O Come Emmanuel vs. 1&2, #282  
 Offertory: Wake, O Wake and Sleep No Longer #180  
 Communion: In Remembrance of You #209  
 Recessional: When John Baptized by Jordan's River #200

## POLSKA MSZA ŚWIĘTA

Procesja: O, Przyjdź (chór)  
 Ofiarowanie: Mądrości która #21  
 Na Komunię: Bóg kiedyś stał się jednym nas #141  
 Zakończenie: Spuście nam na ziemskie niwy #26



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## SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

*“O Lord, you are our father; we are the clay and you the potter: we are all the work of your hands.”*

<b>Sun</b>	<b>11:30 AM</b>	<b>Acceptance of RCIA Candidates</b> at Mass.	<b>Wed</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>RCIA Team</b> meets in the rectory.
	<b>3:00 PM</b>	<b>Godzinki.</b>		<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>English Choir</b> meets in church.
	<b>6:00 PM</b>	<b>Solemn Vespers.</b>		<b>8:00 PM</b>	<b>A.A. &amp; Al-Anon</b> in the social center.
<b>Mon</b>	<b>6:45 PM</b>	<b>Bingo</b> in our social center. Players and workers welcome.	<b>Thu</b>	<b>3:00 PM</b>	<b>Church Cleanup Crew</b> works until 5:15.
	<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>RCIA</b> — Richard Konisiewicz will give an overview of Church History in Art from Early Christianity to the Medieval Ages.	<b>Fri</b>	<b>All Day</b>	<b>First Friday Pastoral Visits</b> of the homebound.
<b>Tue</b>	<b>8:00 PM</b>	<b>Dad's Club</b> meets in the social center.		<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>St. Stanislaus School Christmas Concert</b> in the social center.
<b>Wed</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>	<b>Confession for our School Children</b>	<b>Sat</b>	<b>4:00 PM</b>	<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b> until 4:45.
	<b>6:00 PM</b>	<b>Próba chóru</b> w kosciele.		<b>6:30 PM</b>	<b>Dad's Club Christmas Party</b> in the social center.
	<b>6:30 PM</b>	<b>Youth Group</b> meeting in the all purpose room.	<b>Sun</b>	<b>3:00 PM</b>	<b>Godzinki.</b>
				<b>6:00 PM</b>	<b>Solemn Vespers.</b>

### THE BEGINNING

*To You, my God, I lift up my soul, I trust in You; let me never come to shame.  
 Do not let my enemies laugh at me. No one who waits for You is ever put to shame.*

Those words of today's Introit usher us into the new liturgical year with the season of Advent, the season of preparation, anticipation, nurturing. As an expectant mother nurtures her child, so we prepare ourselves for the coming of Christ and, as people who wander in darkness, we seek the great light, which will come upon the earth in the form of the Savior, Emmanuel. This is the same God to Whom we lift up our soul, the same God in Whom we place our trust, the seed planted in the Blessed Virgin Mary. This season, we place special emphasis on Mary, the 'Vessel of Honor', the 'Cause of our Joy' inasmuch as her surrender to God's Angel was the key to our salvation. *Hail, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with Thee!* Her response: *My soul magnifies the Lord and My spirit rejoices in God, My Savior!*

Would not the words of today's Introit have flowed from her lips as easily? Here we have a young woman, a simple human being, impregnated, frightened, entrusted with the treasure of creation – the new Eve bearing the new Adam.

Throughout this period of preparation we will watch growth in our midst, the maturing narcissus bulbs placed throughout the church. They will bloom as Christmas and the Epiphany come upon us adding to the festive decorations planned for the celebration of the birth of Jesus. It was Mary's total abandonment to God that permitted this sacred mystery to have occurred as our total abandonment to that same God might, likewise, produce miracles. *Ave Maria!*

*David B. Krakowski*

## SCHEDULE FOR MINISTERS

*December 8, (Grudzien), 2002*

*Second Sunday in Advent*

**Sat 5:00 PM** Lector— Brad Hudson  
 Euch. Min. — Allen Guisinger, Chris Wisniewski, Carmine and Linda Vincenzo

**Sun 8:30 AM** Lector — James Sadowski  
 Euch. Min. — Yolanda Kane, Ray Szweda, Ray Tegowski, Sharon Kozak

**10:00 AM** Lector — Justine Prezydent  
 Euch. Min. — Sr. Jane Frances

**11:30 AM** Lector — Don Pieniak  
 Euch. Min. — Art Sprungle, Diane Bulanda, Larry Wilks, Marie Ostrowski

## PARISH SUPPORT

**Sunday Collection, Nov. 24, 2002**

5:00 PM .....	\$947.00
8:30 AM .....	\$1,079.50
10:00 AM.....	\$948.00
11:30 AM.....	\$1,631.45
Mailed in.....	\$1,115.00
Total	\$5,720.95
<b>Children's Collection</b>	<b>\$32.80</b>
<b>Flowers</b>	<b>\$727.00</b>
<b>Eucharistic Celebration</b>	<b>\$547.00</b>



## HAPPY NEW YEAR'S, CATHOLICS!

Almost every year at this time, social commentators and some preachers agonize that Christmas, the Feast of the Birth of Jesus Christ, has become too commercialized and bereft of its religious significance. This past week I heard the same complaint by a Jewish commentator about Hannukah, the Festival of Lights. Religious people — Christian and Jewish — have their work set out for them to keep the spiritual import of these great feasts uppermost in their congregations.

Most people of faith have about given up trying to resurrect the religious significance of January 1st, the Octave of Christmas. We Catholics celebrate it as a holy-day of obligation, but the secular aspects of the day get the most attention. Its Eve is celebrated as an evening of revelry (and the day itself as a day of recovery from excess celebration). For sports lovers, it is a day of sitting in front of the television over-doing on football Bowl games. TV channels who lost out on the football contracts spend hours reviewing the highlights of the previous year. One bright spot is that the day is promoted as a day to make “New Year’s Resolutions.”

We Catholics—who liturgically celebrate significant feasts according to our own calendar—are fortunate to have *our* “New Year’s Day,” the First Sunday of Advent, untainted by commercialization. Even the greeting card industry has not yet discovered this religious celebration!

Thank God! For now we can celebrate the meaning of a new year in a way that has religious and spiritual meaning. And if we don’t, we have no one to blame but ourselves.

The origin of Advent is lost in ancient Christian history. Easter—with its celebration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ—was uppermost in the minds of Christians. In due time, the “manifestation” of Jesus was celebrated on January 6th, bringing to mind the Epiphany of Jesus, the Adoration of the Magi and Baptism of Jesus. Just as Lent was a preparation for Easter, Advent became a preparation for these manifestations. Both seasons ended with baptisms of new converts. And for centuries Advent looked like a mini-Lent, with days of fast and penance. Now it has taken on its true meaning of “waiting” for the coming of the Lord. Themes of new life (pregnancy), waiting and growth are emphasized. We start all over again on the First Sunday of Advent, our New Year’s Day, to consecrate ourselves for God’s work and to be Christ to the world. How happy are we that we can do so without commercial pressure. Happy New Year’s!

*Fr. William*

## OCZEKIWANIE

Czekanie. Jakżeż częste to zjawisko w naszym życiu. Czekamy długo i z niepokojem, na wiadomość, na znak życia, na list, na spełnienie naszych marzeń i zamierzeń, na ukochaną osobę. To, czego oczekujemy, może być radosne, a więc potrafimy czekać z radością i tęsknotą. Ale bywa czekanie pełne lęku i niepokojem. Niekiedy dłuży się ono nadmiernie, wprost ponad ludzką wytrzymałość; zwłaszcza gdy jesteśmy bezradni, gdy nie da się przyspieszyć wyniku. Zaś czekanie na kogoś bywa pełne emocji, niepokojem, czasem lęku. Na ogół bowiem czekamy na osoby bliskie; bywa jednak, że trzeba czekać długo: godzinami, dniami, a nawet latami.

Nie zawsze jednak zdajemy sobie sprawę, jak ważne jest to, że możemy czekać, że mamy na kogo czekać. Czekaniu zawsze towarzyszy nadzieja. Bowiem, gdy przestajemy czekać, stajemy się najbardziej nieszczęśliwymi ludźmi na ziemi. Czy potrafi ktoś z zewnątrz odczuć smutek dziecka z sierocińca, które w dniu odwiedzin nie oczekuje nikogo, bo już i jeszcze nie ma bliskich? Albo smutek starego człowieka w szpitalu, który nie oczekuje bliskich, bo już ich nie ma, albo - jeszcze gorzej - o nim “zapomnieli”?

Czekanie jest człowiekowi potrzebne - jak chleb, jak powietrze. Ktoś opowiadał kiedyś o kobiecie czekającej na powrót z wojny swego jedynego syna. Czekala całe lata, choć wszyscy wiedzieli, że on nie wróci. Ona czekała, bo miała nadzieję. Gdy, po wielu, wielu latach straciła nadzieję, a nie znalazła innej na tej ziemi, odeszła na zawsze pogrążona w rozpacz.

Dziś zaczynamy kolejny Adwent, czyli czas oczekiwania na Chrystusa przychodzącego na świat. Teksty dzisiejszej liturgii przepelnione są treścią oczekiwania i gorliwą zachętą do czuwania: *Uważajcie i czuwajcie, bo nie wiecie, kiedy czas ten nadejdzie /.../ Czuwajcie więc, bo nie wiecie, kiedy Pan domu przyjdzie.*

Słowa Chrystusa z dzisiejszej Ewangelii kładą nacisk na nieokreśloność czasu czekania na Jego ostateczne przyjście. Ten czas zna jedynie Wszechmocny. Stąd potrzeba wielkiej cierpliwości w tym oczekiwaniu na Jego przyjście. Sama świadomość oczekiwania daje nadzieję, która w wielu sytuacjach jest zasadniczym motorem napędowym dla życia.

Nikomu nie trzeba tłumaczyć, że życie człowieka na ziemi nie jest lekkie. Często, słabemu człowiekowi grozi zagubienie; ale przyjmuje ono tylko wówczas katastrofalne rozmiary, gdy człowiek straci nadzieję. Tylko ufna wiara w Boga jest w stanie temu zapobiec.

Ewangeliczna zachęta do czujnego i cierpliwego oczekiwania na przyjście Chrystusa dotyczy życia człowieka we wszystkich jego obszarach, mimo, piętrzących się czasami, trudności.

Konieczność cierpliwości i wytrwałego czekania staje przed każdym z nas codziennie i zbędne jest potwierdzanie tego przykładami. Natomiast istotne jest, byśmy umieli nasze ziemskie oczekiwania włączyć w oczekiwanie na przyjście Chrystusa.

*ks. Jerzy*



**WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS RETREAT**

The Community Life Commission is sponsoring a Women's Retreat on December 14, 2002, the retreat will be held at the Sisters, convent. The morning will include Mass at 9:00 AM, breakfast and a lecture by Sr. Donna Marie Wilhelm, former teacher at Cleveland Central Catholic and Pastoral Minister at St. Agnes/Our Lady of Fatima Parish in Cleveland. Come spend the morning together with other women of the parish as we prepare ourselves for our Christmas celebration. Please contact Marilyn Mosinski at 216-641-9932 or the rectory at 216-341-9091 to make your reservations. We are limited to 60 women, so call early with your reservation.

**CUT YOUR OWN CHRISTMAS TREE AT HERITAGE FARMS.**

Heritage Farms in Peninsula, Ohio, have supplied St. Stanislaus Church with live Christmas Trees at a reduced price for the last few years. If you plan to purchase a live Christmas tree for your home, we encourage you to patronize Heritage Farms. Either cut your own or purchase one that has been freshly cut and have a fun-filled holiday experience too. Heritage Farms is located on 6050 Riverview Rd., just South of Route 303. Phone (330) 657-2384 and be sure to thank them for their donation to our church.

**SCHOOL PROJECT TO HELP THE NEEDY**

The students of St. Stanislaus School will be decorating our annual giving tree. We have asked our students each year to donate hats, gloves, scarves, socks and underwear in children's and adult sizes. Unfortunately, the need for these items keep growing. We are asking parishioners to help us decorate our giving tree this year with the above mentioned items. Donations may be brought to church; a box will be set up in the vestibule or you may bring any donations directly to the school during the hours of 8:00AM and 3:00PM, Monday through Friday. We will begin taking donations Monday, December 2, through Wednesday, December 18. If you have any questions, please call Mrs. O'Reilly at 883-3307. Thank you and have a blessed holiday season

**WEDDING BANNERS**

**Andrzej Baranski & Atiya Ahmad (II)**  
**William Scullin & Aimee Mullikin (I)**

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING****NOVEMBER 19, 2002**

**Worship Commission**—Eucharistic Day (Nov. 24) was discussed. Candidates for First Communion and Confirmation will take part in the procession, along with Mass Servers, Eucharistic Ministers, guest Priests, Deacons and Sisters and members of the congregation. Eucharistic Ministers will meet prior to Holy Hour to deal with ongoing responsibilities of ministers and procedures for administering the Sacrament to the homebound. Godzinki, at 3 PM, and Vespers, at 6 PM, will be celebrated each Sunday of Advent. The church decorations of the Advent season will emphasize the pregnancy/waiting/growing aspect of the season. The Holy Father has declared the year from October 2002 to October 2003 the Year of the Rosary. Discussion touched on scheduling the praying of the rosary during the year.

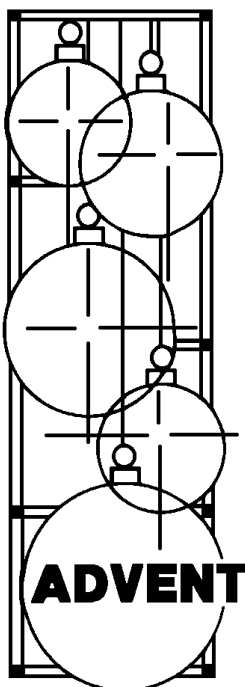
**Education Commission**—The Little Blue Books are available for Advent. Others will be ordered for Lent and Easter. Other activities were discussed to involve parish members in seasonal projects, such as palm weaving, and family-type activities for the holidays. Bulletin inserts were considered as a means of offering instruction and reflection on points of religion. Sponsors will be sought to fund the cost. A speaker and a prayer service is being considered to focus on the pro-life theme in January.

**Evangelization**—Twelve candidates of the RCIA program will be blessed at an Acceptance Rite at the 11:30 AM Mass on Sunday, December 1st.

**Community Life Commission**—Four dozen cookbooks are still available for sale at \$10 each. The Annual Women's Retreat will be Sat., Dec. 14, 8:30 AM to Noon, at the convent. Sr. Donna Wilhelm will be the speaker. Registrations may be made at the Rectory. A Men's Retreat is scheduled for the evening of Jan. 18. Fr. Ted Marszal will be the speaker.

**Parish Organizations**—PTU: The PTU is helping the Dad's Club with food drive for Thanksgiving. Thanks to all for a successful Halloween Party. **GOLDEN AGERS:** A donation of \$1,000 for the elevator fund was noted. Fall social was a success. **DAD'S CLUB:** Memorial cards for prayer service were sponsored by Golubski Funeral Home. Discussion of the future of raffle ticket sales ensued after the announcement of the retirement of Francis Olszewski, high-ticket seller. Christmas party is Dec. 7. Recognition of Dan Kane for front page Neighborhood News coverage on the naming of the new Garden on E. 65th St. in his name. Donations were for ad in bulletin, organ music, Thanksgiving baskets, and candles.

**Youth Group**—Donut sale profits will be used for the Cologne trip. The Lil Bros are considering having a sale of religious items prior to Christmas.

**MEMORIALS FOR THE CONTINUED IMPROVEMENT OF ST. STAN'S****St. Stanislaus Renovation Fund***In Memory of Dolores Stefanski*

Funeral Memorials — \$885.00

*In Memory of Mildred Zoldak*

Family and Friends — \$300.00

*In Memory of Anne Kindl*

Funeral Memorials — \$725.00

*In Memory of Theodore L. Reklinski*

Family — \$25.00

*In Memory of Christine Sliwinski*

Joseph Kocab — \$25.00

*In Appreciation for Maintaining a Beautiful Church*

Visitors and Tours — \$288.00

**Social Center Elevator Fund**

St. Stanislaus Golden Agers — \$1,000.00

**Fr. William Gulas Scholarship Fund**

Cleveland Society of Poles

John S. Wolanin, President — \$1,000.00

**Scholarship Grants to Recent Polish Immigrants**

Cleveland Society of Poles

John S. Wolanin, President — \$1,500.00

**GODZINKI**—Poczynając od najbliższej niedzieli, czyli od 1 grudnia będziemy modlić się tradycyjną polską modlitwą zwaną **Godzinkami**. Nabożeństwo to będziemy śpiewać w niedzielne popołudnie o godz. 3:00. Advent to czas oczekiwania, refleksji i przygotowania się na Święta Bożego Narodzenia. Maryjna modlitwa **Godzinek** spełnia wszystkie te warunki. Stąd też postaramy się choćby raz w tym Adwencie włączyć się w tę modlitwę w naszym kościele.

**GODZINA RÓŻAŃCOWA** to wieloletnia tradycja modlitwy różańcowej i rozważań przez radio. W Cleveland możemy włączać się w tę modlitwę w każdą niedzielę o godz. 9:00 rano znajdując stację WELW 1330 na falach AM. Pamiętajmy o sile modlitwy różańcowej, tym bardziej, że papież Jan Paweł II niedawno ogłosił czas od października tego roku do października roku 2003 **rokiem różańca**.

**KIERMASZ KSIĄŻKI, MUZYKI i FILMU**. W sobotę i w niedzielę, 30 listopada i 1 grudnia, w sali parafialnej przy kościele Niepokalanego Serca NMP przy 6700 Lansing Ave. odbywa się polski kiermasz książki, muzyki i filmu. W sobotę kiermasz otwarty jest od godz. 11:00 do 6:00 po południu, zaś w niedzielę od godz. 9:00 rano do 5:00 po południu. Podczas kiermaszu można zakupić najnowsze nagrania z Polski i Europy na kasetach i CD's, także polskie filmy na VHS oraz video CD i DVD.

**ST. STANS DAD'S CLUB CHRISTMAS DINNER** Saturday December 7, 2002, at St. Stans' Social Center. Doors open at 6:00 dinner at 7:00, cost is \$10 per person. Please RSVP to Patrick Rodriguez: 440-877-0792 & John Sklodowski: 216-641-7624 by Dec. 1st.



## St. Nicholas (Dec. 6)

**SCHOOL CHRISTMAS CONCERT.** What is more traditional and family-oriented than the traditional grade school Christmas pageant? Come see our school children sing their hearts out! Friday, December 6, at 7:00 PM in the Social Center gym. Free of charge.

**DIVORCED, SEPARATED AND WIDOWED MEN AND WOMEN** of all ages are encouraged to attend a weekend designed for those who wish to let go of the painful past and create a more peace-filled future. Presented by people who have "been there" and offer their support. The next BEGINNING EXPERIENCE weekend will be held on Feb. 14-16 at St. Joseph Christian Life Center in Cleveland. Call Joyce 440-546-9192 or Loren 330-920-0943 for information on this weekend of hope and healing. Deadline for registration is January 27th, 2003.

**BAPTISM PREPARATION**—Remember that if you intend to have your child baptized, both parents need to have attended a preparation session beforehand. The next scheduled date in Slavic Village is 1:00 PM, January 5, at Holy Name Church.

**WELCOME** St. Stanislaus is reaching out in service to our diverse neighborhood peoples. Please be generous in your support of the many good works of our Parish. St. Stanislaus depends upon the regular support of its membership and the generosity of those who visit here. Please look upon your financial gift or sacrifice as a way of giving praise to God along with the many from earlier generations who have worshiped and prayed here for 129 years.

**VIBRANT PARISH LIFE** "Vibrant Parish Life" is a diocesan initiative designed to evaluate all parishes of the diocese based on the views and beliefs of parish members in areas such as celebrating, evangelizing, caring, teaching, and participating. Parish life is central to our well being at St. Stanislaus as we fulfill our mission to reach others through Christ. What are our strengths as a parish family? What can we do better? When can we join with other neighboring parish families in community prayer and activities? In the next few weeks, this initiative will take the form of a survey to gauge our vibrancy as a parish and a future town hall meeting. Please watch for further details in this bulletin, along with presentations by our parish priests and the Vibrant Parish Life Committee members. A copy of the survey, which parishioners will be asked to fill out during December, can be found on the bulletin board at the back of the church for your preview.

**YOU CAN STILL HELP CATHOLIC CHARITIES!** Catholic Charities in our Diocese strives to help those in need while always working toward a more just and compassionate society. As of this month, only 14.8% of St. Stanislaus' parishioners have participated in the Annual Appeal. In this time of Thanksgiving, please remember the need to support the programs in our area that benefit parishes, children, families, elderly, the disabled, and working poor. Please donate by December 31, — call 800-869-6525 ext. 1049, or visit [www.cleveland.com/hope](http://www.cleveland.com/hope).

**RELIGIOUS RETIREMENT FUND.** Last year the people of the Diocese responded very generously (\$650,000) to the appeal for the Retirement Fund for the Religious. The funds collected were distributed to the religious communities of our Diocese and to others across the country. It is important that we offer our Promise, Commitment, and Impact to support this appeal to alleviate the retirement needs of our Religious. The collection this year will be taken up on the weekend of December 7-8.

**GOLDEN AGERS CHRISTMAS PARTY.** The biggest bash of the season is put on by the St. Stanislaus Golden Agers! Sunday, December 15, at 1:00 PM in the Social Center. Cost is \$10.00 per person and all tickets must be purchased in advance. Call Agnes Fronckowiak (341-4092) for reservations.

**SLAVIC VILLAGE BOOK AVAILABLE.** "Slavic Village: Coming Home to the City," an exciting new publication with over 150 color photos of businesses, schools and families of Slavic Village. Cost is \$10.00 per copy and is available at the rectory. You can also still pick up a copy of the St. Stanislaus Cookbook at the rectory.



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