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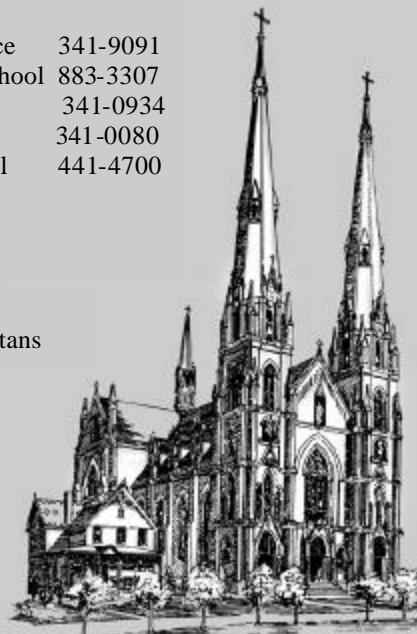
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www.ststanislaus.org

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www.picturetrail.com/saintstans

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

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

March 2 (Marzec), 2003

Sat	5:00 PM	+Helen Sledge
	1:00 PM	Baptism of Sara Kasia Bogielski
Sun	8:30 AM	+Maria & Marcin Lambrecht
	10:00 AM	+Helena Macznik
		Baptism of Brian Christopher Wegrzyn
	11:30 AM	+Allison Rose Kuczumski
		1:00 Baptism of Kennedy Marie Noar
		1:00 Baptism of Merideth Ann Grassi
		1:00 Baptism of Margot Suzanne Mearini
Mon	Mar 3	Weekday
	7:00 AM	+Sally Nowicki
	8:30 AM	+Alexandra & William Terez
Tue	Mar 4	St. Casimir
	7:00 AM	+Edward Bartosik
	8:30 AM	+Stanley & Kate Krysiak
Wed	Mar 5	Ash Wednesday
	7:00 AM	+Leo Surufka.
	8:30 AM	+Sharon Glnka
	5:00 PM	+Zbigniew Oltarzewski
	7:00 PM	+Elizabeth Lee
Thu	Mar 6	Lenten Weekday
	7:00 AM	+Fr. William OFM
	8:30 AM	+Walenti & Marianna Witczak
Fri	Mar 7	Lenten Weekday
	7:00 AM	+Patrick & Lena Antonmelli
	8:30 AM	+Dr. Eugene Patrick
Sat	Mar 8	Lenten Weekday
	8:30 AM	+Clara & Jerry Bauman

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

March 9 (Marzec), 2003

Sat	5:00 PM	+Antoni Lambrecht
Sun	8:30 AM	+Michael & Mary Kozłowski
	10:00 AM	+Fr. William Gulas OFM
	11:30 AM	Sp. Int. RCIA Candidates

MUSIC – EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ENGLISH MASS

Processional: Lord Of The Dance #225
 Offertory: Blest Are They #222
 Communion: One Communion Of Love #217
 Recessional: God's Blessing Sends Us Forth #287

POLSKA MSZA ŚWIĘTA

Procesja: Ojciec z niebios #295
 Ofiarowanie: Pan Jezus już się zbliża #163
 Na Komunię: Przyjdź Jezu mój #141
 Zakończenie: Pobłogosław Jezu drogi #190

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

“Merciful and gracious is the Lord, slow to anger and abounding in kindness.”

- Sun** 5:00 PM **Lil Bros** meet in the convent.
- Mon** 6:45 PM **Bingo** in our social center. Players and workers welcome.
 7:00 PM **RCIA**— “The Sacrament of Service,” Holy Orders will be presented by Fr. Michael.
- Tue** 8:00 PM **Dad’s Club** meets in the social center.
- Wed** **ASH WEDNESDAY—First day of Lent** see Mass schedule for Liturgies.
 1:30 PM **Prayer Service for CCC** in the chapel.
 6:30 PM **Youth Group** in the all purpose room.
 8:00 PM **A.A. & Al-Anon** in the social center.
- Thu** 3:00 PM **Church Cleanup Crew** works until 5:15.
- Fri** **First Friday visits to the Homebound.**
 5:00 PM **Droga Krzyżowa** w kościele.
 7:00 PM **Stations of the Cross** in church.
- Sat** 4:00 PM **Sacrament of Reconciliation** until 4:45.
 7:30 PM **Taize Concert** in church.
- Sun** 3:00 PM **Gorzkie Zale** (Lamentations in Polish)
 6:00 PM **Vespers** in church.



The Luminous Mysteries

This set of meditative mysteries was recently introduced by Pope John Paul II, some 900 years after having had the previous three sets of mysteries. They concentrate more on the events of Christ’s public life, beginning with *Jesus’ Baptism in the Jordan*. In fact, that event was the beginning of Jesus public life, his introduction given by the voice of His own Father along with the descent of the Holy Spirit.

We know from the Gospels that Mary was an active participant at the event of the next mystery, *Jesus’ self-manifestation at the Wedding Feast at Cana*. The first among believers, Mary, intervenes on behalf of her Son, the result being a very public act displaying a mystery greater than most present would comprehend.

In the mystery dealing with *The Proclamation of the Kingdom of God* we have an array of images, Jesus calling all to conversion, the forgiveness of sins, thus, one might say, the initiation of the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

The Transfiguration exhibits to the group of those gathered a sort of reinforcement of faith, with the Father commanding them to listen to His Son! Finally, a command from Jesus - “do this in memory of Me” – the final Luminous Mystery, *The Institution of the Eucharist*. The mystery of that event, the presence of Christ in the bread and wine, having become His Body and Blood, is a mystery contemplated and celebrated and proclaimed at each Mass. Its significance is in its essence, our salvation in its existence.

The Marian thread through these mysteries rests in the words of Christ’s Mother, herself: “Do whatever He tells you!” Her words echo those of God the Father, they mirror the direction of the Spirit, they prepare the foundation for the actions of her Son.

As we near the season of Lent, consider the Rosary as a companion during each of the forty days and, especially, during the final days of Holy Week. Try to see Christ through the eyes of His Mother. Try to feel her pain, her joy, her silence, her obedience, all in response to God’s invitation through the Angel: *Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with Thee!*

David Krakowski

SCHEDULE FOR MINISTERS

March 9 (Marzec), 2003

First Sunday in Lent

- Sat** 5:00 PM Lector— Beverly Togliatti
 Euch. Min. — Chris Wisniewski, Paul and Kim Trickett, Theresa Warosz
- Sun** 8:30 AM Lector — Susan Halamek
 Euch. Min. — Mrs. Yolanda Kane, Ray Szweda, Ray Tegowski, Sharon Kozak
- 10:00 AM Lector — Mieczyslaw Garncarek
 Euch. Min. — Longin and Aleksandra Jankowski
- 11:30 AM Lector — Richard Konisiewicz
 Euch. Min. — Frank Greczanik, Nancy Sontowski, Pat Young, Stanley Koch

PARISH SUPPORT

Sunday Collection, Feb 23, 2003

5:00 PM	\$1,363.50
8:30 AM	\$715.00
10:00 AM.....	\$431.00
11:30 AM.....	\$812.45
Mailed in.....	\$1,421.00
Total (325)	\$4,763.65
Children’s Collection (16)	\$20.70

Thank You

WHAT THE MONKS TAUGHT THE FRIAR

Last week was a time of grace and peace for me as the Benedictine Monks of Conception Abbey in Missouri welcomed me for a week of retreat. What a marvelous opportunity to disconnect from the frenzy of daily life and to reconnect with the deeper spiritual impulses calling out ever since the awful events of last December 7. I sincerely feel that the friar who returned to St. Stan's last week is a better man than the one who left the week before!

Conception Abbey is no stranger to violence and shock. Last June 10, a 71 year old man walked into the monastery armed with two powerful rifles and began shooting monks at random. Two monks were killed in the monastery hallway: Fr. Philip Schuster, OSB (84 years old) and Br. Damian Larson, OSB (62 years old). Two other monks were critically wounded: Fr. Kenneth Reichert, OSB and Fr. Norbert Schappler, OSB. The gunman, Mr. Lloyd Jeffress, took his own life in a pew at the back of the Abbey Basilica, leaving carnage and questions behind.

A few days after violence came upon us at St. Stan's, Br. Frowin from Conception Abbey sent a compassionate email promising a prayerful solidarity between the monks and our parish community. This was part of the amazing cloud of prayer that kept us all lifted close to the loving heart of God, who knew our sorrow even more deeply than we ourselves could have grasped.

The monks also extended an invitation, saying that they too know what it means to suffer violence from within. The week of quiet, prayer, and rest was truly a balm for this tired and wounded soul. And the gentle faithfulness of the monks, who shared their journeys through pain, healing, and forgiveness, was a steady witness to the power of grace which prevails in spite of every darkness.

I want to share two insights that were offered by Fr. Kenneth, the prior and one of the wounded monks who was my retreat guide. I had told him that the two toughest things for me to deal with are anger and the difficult path to forgiveness.

First, when Fr. Kenneth was asked if he has forgiven the one who violated the peace and life of the monastery, he said that he forgives a little bit each day. But we should not expect forgiveness to come all at once, like a big flash. Instead, it comes in small measures each day we seek it. Yet forgiveness does not mean forgetting. He and the monastery will never be the same — and neither will we at St. Stan's be the same.

Second, he remarked how so many people showered him and the other monks with love beyond telling. He knows that they cannot let their anger — as real as it is — overpower the love that continues to be revealed to them. We do not confront evil directly, he said, but we overpower it with good.

In spite of the tremendous violence that has come upon us at St. Stan's, there is an even greater measure of grace-filled goodness that continues to pour forth from the hearts of our parishioners and friends. May the great season of Lent open our hearts to the love that surrounds us, that we may know a measure of healing and peace from the compassionate heart of God..

Fr. Michael



NOWE PRAWO POSTU

Ani spostrzeżliśmy się a już upłynął karnawał (w tym roku wyjątkowo długi) i za najbliższym zakrętem czasu widać Środę Popielcową a wraz z nią Wielki Post. Nieprzypadkowo więc tematem liturgii ostatniej niedzieli przed tym okresem jest post.

W Starym Testamencie post traktowano jako umartwienie, czasami bardzo ostre i surowe. W nowotestamentalnym nauczaniu Jezusa zagadnienie postów pojawia się w połączeniu z jałmużną i modlitwą.

Teolog Leon Dufour pisze: "Pościć - to znaczy "uniżyć swoją duszę", czyli przyjmować postawę zależności względem Boga. Człowiek pości więc po to, by przygotować się na spotkanie z Bogiem, by dać wyraz swemu ubolewaniu, by wyprosić sobie jakieś doborodziejstwo, przebaczenie kolektywne lub indywidualne, światłość Bożą, zwłaszcza przed podjęciem jakiejś misji".

W świetle powyższego tekstu łatwiej jest zrozumieć posty Żydów, a tym bardziej post Jana Chrzciciela czy samego Chrystusa na pustyni.

Kapłani żydowscy pościli dwa razy w tygodniu - w poniedziałki i czwartki. Czasami te formy pokutne były bardzo restrykcyjne i uciążliwe. Na przykład praktyki postne Żydów zakładały powstrzymanie się od kąpieli, co w tamtejszym klimacie było ogromnie dokuczliwe, zarówno dla poszczącego jak i dla otoczenia. Tamten post zakładał także wstrzemięźliwość seksualną. W wymiarze pozytywnym oznaczał okazywanie szczególnej miłości ubogim. Motywy postu były zawsze natury religijnej, choć często ulegały deformacji, a bywało, że zamieniały się w teatralną ostentację.

W nauczaniu i praktyce Jezusa można wyróżnić post fizyczny i post duchowy, choć występują też nierozłącznie. Chrystus nie potępia pierwszego, ale główny akcent kładzie na rolę i znaczenie postu duchowego; trzeba od razu dodać, że trudniejszego do określenia i praktykowania.

W tym właśnie kierunku rozwijał się konflikt w dzisiejszej Ewangelii pomiędzy uczniami Jana i faryzeuszów a Jezusem i apostołami. Jezus dość jasno wytłumaczył swój punkt widzenia, uciekając się nawet do przypowieści i porównań. Chciał w ten sposób przekonać swoich słuchaczy, że należy mocno przewietrzyć pojęcie postu i poszukać jego najgłębszego sensu; koniecznym jest odejście od skostniałych przepisów, które stały się sztuką dla sztuki.

W kościele chrześcijańskim post był od samego początku praktyką znaną i uznawaną. Symbolizował postawę oczekiwania na ponowne przyjście Pana.

Post jest szczególnie skuteczny i ważny wtedy, gdy płynie z potrzeby skruszonego i oddanego Bogu serca. Poprzez post to serce musi przejść całkowitą przemianę. Pościć, według Jezusa, to stale się przemieniać, ulepszać swoje serce i w konsekwencji życie.

Nie ulega wątpliwości, że współcześnie pojęcie postu rozmywa się. Był okres (chyba nawet dalej trwa), że bardziej podkreślano zdrowotny charakter postu, niż jego wymiar religijny.

Post nie może być celem samym w sobie. Jest środkiem do celu. Celem jest miłość Boga i uświęcenie człowieka. Na pewno postem nie jest zastępowanie schabowego lososiem.

Jądro chrześcijańskiego wezwania do świętości stanowi postawa i praktyka bazująca na takich pojęciach, jak: rezygnacja, wyrzucenie, uwolnienie, wyrzeczenie czy umartwienie ze względu na To jest nowe-stare Jezusowe prawo postu.

ks. Jerzy



PRAKTYKI WIELKOPOSTNE

Już w tym tygodniu rozpoczyna się Wielki Post, czas na pogłębioną refleksję nad sensem naszej wiary i naszego życia. Jest to również czas wzmożonych praktyk religijnych. Jak poprzednimi laty, w tym okresie będziemy mieli okazję uczestniczyć zarówno w nabożeństwie Gorzkich Żali jak i Drogi Krzyżowej. To typowo polskie nabożeństwo, jakim są **Gorzkie Żale**, będziemy śpiewać dwa razy w tygodniu: w każdą niedzielę o godz. 3:00 po południu i w każdą środę o godz. 5:30 wieczorem. Zaś **Drogę Krzyżową** w języku polskim będziemy rozważali w każdy piątek o godz. 5:00 wieczorem. Zaś na początku kwietnia, już w końcowym okresie Wielkiego Postu, będziemy mieli okazję uczestniczyć w polskich rekolekcjach wielkopostnych, które poprowadzi kanclerz diecezji Zamojsko-Lubaczowskiej z zamościa ks. dr Adam Firosz. Ale najpierw przed nami Środa Popielcowa. W ten dzień Mszę św. w języku polskim, z posypaniem głów popiołem, będziemy celebrować o godz. 5:00 wieczorem.

PARISH LENTEN MISSION

Coinciding with the visit of the Assumption Province Friars. We will host a Parish Lenten Mission at 7:00 PM March 12-14, in the church. The format will be a simple vespers along with a spiritual talk. **The Friday service will be preceded by a simple fish or potato pancake dinner** open only to parishioners and friars. Dinner tickets are \$5.00 and will be available at the rectory 341-9091 or Joe Calamante 271-0832.

LENTEN AND
EASTER SCHEDULE**March 5, Ash Wednesday**

Masses 7:00AM, 8:30AM, Ashes only at Noon, 5:00 PM Mass in Polish, 7:00PM in English, Ashes distributed at all Masses.

March 8, Saturday

TAIZE Concert Prayer Service 7:30 PM

March 12, 13, 14, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday

Parish Mission 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM, with Franciscan Friars of the Assumption BVM Province joining with the parish in prayer on Friday evening.

March 13, 14, 15, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday

Gathering of the Franciscan Friars of the Assumption BVM Province.

Gorzkie Zale—(Polish Lamentation Service) —Every Wednesday 5:30PM and Sunday 3:00PM (except Palm Sunday.)

Solemn Vesper Service—Every Sunday 6:00PM

Stations of the Cross — Friday, in Polish at 5:00PM, in English at 7:00PM.

Adult Faith Discussion Group — Friday evenings after Stations, in the convent.

Polish Mission to be held prior to Holy Week.

April 13, Palm Sunday — Concert 3:00PM, Gabriel Faure's *Requiem*, Brecksville-Broadview Hts. High School Combined Choirs and Orchestra.

April 16, Wednesday — Communal Penance Service, 7:00PM

April 17, Holy Thursday — Morning Prayer at 8:30AM; Liturgy of Our Lord's Last Supper at 7:00 PM, followed by Procession to the Repository with Adoration until Midnight.

April 18, Good Friday — Morning Prayer at 8:30AM; Stations of the Cross at Noon; Liturgy of the Lord's Passion at 2:00PM; Outdoor candlelight Stations of the Cross in Polish at 8:30PM.

April 19, Holy Saturday — Morning Prayer at 8:30 AM; Blessing of Food Baskets at 10:00AM, 11:00AM, Noon, 1:00PM, and 2:00PM; Easter Vigil Mass at 8:30PM.

April 20, Easter Sunday — Resurrection Mass with Procession at 6:30 AM in Polish; Mass in English at 8:30AM and 11:30AM; Mass in Polish at 10:00AM.

April 27, Sunday — Easter Octave Mass for the Parish Homebound at 2:00PM.

SUPPORT THE CHURCH IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN
EUROPE

This week the second collection will go to aid the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. In this part of the world the Church is emerging from 70 years of communist rule and is vigorously involved in rebuilding the faith of its people. Proceeds from the collection, sponsored by the Bishops of the United States, are used for providing religious education programs, training seminarians, expanding social ministries to those in need, and rebuilding ruined churches, convents, and schools. Your generosity can help provide the resources so that their faith and that of their children can continue to grow and be nourished.

OPERATION RICE BOWL

In the 40 days of Lent, we will participate in Operation Rice Bowl, Catholic Relief Service's Lenten Program. This year, Operation Rice Bowl asks each one of us, "Who is your neighbor?" and challenges us as individuals and as a faith community to think in new ways about solidarity. Throughout Lent, we will pray, fast, learn, and give in solidarity with our brothers and sisters overseas and in our own diocese. You can pick-up your rice bowl in the church vestibule.



HEALTH & WELLNESS. St. Leo's Health and Wellness Ministry is proud to present, "A Better You" - alternative ways for health care, on March 10 at 7 PM, in the Parish Center at 4940 Broadview Road. The event is free and open to the public.

50th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION. Reservations are now being accepted for couples, who have been married 50 years (married in 1953). Seating is limited at the Cathedral. The deadline for reservations is June 13, 2003. The celebration will take place at the Cathedral on July 27, 2003 at 2 PM. Call 216-696- 6626.

LENTEN FISH FRIES. Besides our area fish fries being offered at Sacred Heart and Holy Name on Fridays in Lent, a number of other parishes are holding fish fries. **St. Leo** Parish on Broadview Road in Cleveland offers two pieces of fish and a choice of french fries, baked potato, or pierogi for \$7. Other food combinations available are pizza, macaroni and cheese, cabbage and noodles, and clam chowder. Diners will be served from 4:30 PM to 7:30 PM. **St. John Nepomucene** Altar & Rosary Society is sponsoring a fish fry on Ash Wednesday, March 5 from 11:30 AM to 6:00 PM. An adult dinner costs \$6.50 and includes two pieces of fish, french fries, cole slaw, tartar sauce, roll and butter, drink, and cake. A child's dinner (under 12) costs \$4 and includes one piece of fish, french fries, cole slaw, roll and butter, drink, and cake. A Macaroni and cheese dinner costs \$4. Also available are cabbage and noodles, macaroni and cheese, and french fries all a la carte. Carry out is available.

LENTEN ADULT FAITH DISCUSSION GROUP will meet every Friday evening in Lent, after Stations, in the St. Stan's convent. Fr. Michael will lead the group through a "Retreat with St. Matthew," a small book written by Fr. Leslie Hoppe, OFM, a scripture scholar and friar from the Assumption BVM Province.



Producer Viviane Buchanan and Videographer Michael Kell get some background shots for the TV production.

SMART TV TO FEATURE WARSZAWA DISTRICT. Host Rose A. Zitiello, Esq. & Cuyahoga Community College will feature Fr. Michael Surufka and the Warszawa Historic District in a live broadcast on March 12 at 7:00 PM on Adelphia Cable, channel 24 and Cox Cable, channel 82. For program information call 216-235-3946 or e-mail rzitiello@aol.com.

ST. STANISLAUS BASKETBALL CARNIVAL This Sunday, March 2, our annual basketball carnival will be held at the Social Center featuring all of our teams and cheerleaders. The festivities will begin at 1:00 PM and will include a parent/coaches game, hot shot and three point contests. Refreshments will be sold. Admission will be \$1.00 for children, \$2.00 for adults. Please join us for the fun!



Fr. John Liczner enjoys lunch after Mass Sunday at the Polish-American Cultural Center on the corner of Lansing and E.65th St. Delicious Polish home cooked full course lunches are served from 11:00AM to 1:00PM on Sundays. For more information please call 216-883-2828 or log on at www.paccjpii.org.

TRANSFIGURATION SCHOLARSHIP — Families of Slavic European-Ethnic heritage, i.e. Bohemian, Hungarian, Polish, Slovak, etc. (but not British, Dutch, German, Irish, etc.) may be eligible for a Transfiguration Scholarship for their children attending a Catholic elementary, Catholic high school, or Catholic college in the 2003-2004 school year. Families must be parishioners of Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, or St. Stanislaus Parish (all in Cleveland); and financial need of the family must be assessed through the Private School Aid Service (PSAS) application available from the Catholic school principal or pastor. The student does not have to be a top scholar, but he/she must be in good academic standing. Transfiguration Scholarship applications are available in the rectory office (along with the PSAS applications) if you are interested in applying. Deadlines for applying are; Round 1/March 1; Round 2/May 1; Round 3/ July 1; Round 4/September 1, 2003. You are encouraged to apply early in order to have a better chance for a scholarship. Most of the available funds are expended in round 1.

BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS. The next class will be April 6, 1:30 PM, Immaculate Heart of Jesus, 216-341-2734

PHOTOS ON THE INTERNET
New On Line Pictures of the E65th Townhouse openhouse are available for viewing at www.picturetrail.com/saintstans.

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