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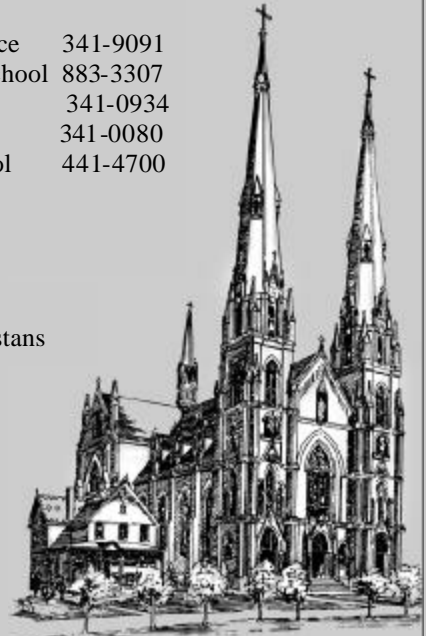
PARISH WEBSITE:

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



FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 30 (Marzec), 2003

Sat	5:00 PM	+Lawrence E. Gnatowski
Sun	8:30 AM	+Antoni Lambrecht
	10:00 AM	+Alicja Rylski
	11:30 AM	+Rose & Christian Hoffman

Mon	Mar 31	Lenten Weekday
	7:00 AM	+Frank Marszal
	8:30 AM	+Frank & Julia Bakula
Tue	Apr 1	Lenten Weekday
	7:00 AM	+Helen Zarko
	8:30 AM	+Sp. Int.
Wed	Apr 2	Lenten Weekday
	7:00 AM	+Fr. William Gulas OFM
	8:30 AM	+Lucille & Thomas Bobula
Thu	Apr 3	Lenten Weekday
	7:00 AM	+Edward Bartosik
	8:30 AM	+Stanley Krakowski
Fri	Apr 4	Lenten Weekday
	7:00 AM	+Carl Sper
	8:30 AM	+Anna Blazniak
Sat	Apr 5	Lenten Weekday
	8:30 AM	+Ralph Tracz

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

April 6 (Kwiecien), 2003

Sat	5:00 PM	+Patrick Horan
Sun	8:30 AM	+Rose Kubicki
	10:00 AM	+Ryszard Monka
	11:30 AM	+Catherine Kniola

MUSIC – FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

ENGLISH MASS

Offertory: Awake, O Sleeper #188
 Communion: Eat This Bread #225

POLSKA MSZA ŚWIĘTA

Ofiarowanie: Syn Marnotrawny #88
 Na Komunię: O Jezuu, Jezuu, ja proszę (w kładka)

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

Sun 11:30 AM **Second Scrutiny Liturgy for RCIA Candidates.**
 3:00 PM **Gorzkie Zale** (Lamentations in Polish).
 6:00 PM **Vespers** in church.

Mon 6:45 PM **Bingo** in our social center.
 7:00 PM **RCIA**— An overview of Church History in Art

Tue 8:00 PM **Dad's Club** meets in the social center.

Wed 5:30 PM **Gorzkie Zale** (Lamentations in Polish).
 6:00 PM **Próba chóru** w kościele.
 7:00 PM **English Choir** practice in church.
 7:00 PM **RCIA Team** meets in the convectory.
 8:00 PM **A.A. & Al-Anon** in the social center.

Thu 3:00 PM **Church Cleanup Crew** works until 5:15.

Fri 1:00 PM **School Stations of the Cross** in church (all are welcome).
 5:00 PM **Droga Krzyżowa** w kościele.
 7:00 PM **Stations of the Cross** in church.
 7:45 PM **Adult Faith Discussion Group** in the convent/rectory.

Sat 4:00 PM **Sacrament of Reconciliation** until 4:45.

Sun 11:30 AM **Third Scrutiny Liturgy for RCIA Candidates** at Mass.
 3:00 PM **Gorzkie Zale** (Lamentations in Polish).
 5:00 PM **Lil Bros** meet in convectory.
 6:00 PM **Vespers** in church.

Scrutiny Response

I once was blind, and now I see.

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*When we find ourselves at the banks
of autumn,
awe and love explode in a
contrary desire,
awe in a desire to return to what had
already been in existence
and still is yet -
love in a desire to go to Him, in
Whom being finds its whole future.*

John Paul II

Whose Church Is This Anyway?

So, now that you've filled out that "vibrant parish life" questionnaire, what's next? One avenue could be to wait and see. In that scenario we operate in the mode which has everyone else "doing" while others just wait and watch. We could take the coward's path, the "well, I'll just leave and go to another church" mode of action, especially effective if your ideals are more in your mind than in your heart and hands. Then there are the grumblers who are experts at criticizing everything and everyone yet whose contributions, realized or imagined, don't amount to a hill of beans. Maybe some will take the "JFK" approach, not asking what your church can do for you, but what you can do for your church.

I don't know how everyone else maneuvered through the questionnaire, but what became evident to me throughout the entire process was how important the contributions of everyone are at this or any church. Whether an usher, a cantor, a worshipper, a celebrant – all are important contributors to the whole faith experience at St. Stanislaus. Every person that calls himself or herself a parishioner takes on a responsibility that is both full of joy as well as anxiety because none can function within a church as an island, but, out of necessity, as a link in a chain which unites all under Christ.

Back in the 90's, the community of St. Stanislaus was sent a steward, Fr. William, who, with the grace of God and the faith of his co-workers in the vineyard — which was once a potato field on Forman and 65th — worked together for the good of all and the glory of God. We should always remember that the road to good was often littered with some problems, some differences of opinion, of approach, of execution. Someday, when we are granted a new steward, things will be no different. We will still have differences, but, most importantly, we will still aggressively court God's grace to accomplish good. When I say "we" I mean all of us, not just the new pastor, or the Pastoral Council, or the Worship Commission or bread baker and candlestick maker – EVERYONE who is a parishioner of St. Stanislaus. Our community is outstanding now and will remain so as long as we always say what we mean and mean what we say: God is great! Amen!

David Krakowski

SCHEDULE FOR MINISTERS

Apr 6, (Kwiecien), 2003, Fourth Sunday in Lent

Sat 5:00 PM Lector— Beverly Togliatti
 Euch. Min. — Connie Aliff, Richard Drownowski, Rebecca O'Reilly, Sally Davis

Sun 8:30 AM Lector — Bob Potoma
 Euch. Min. — Yolanda Kane, Ray Szweda, Ray Tegowski, Sharon Kozak

10:00 AM Lector — Mieczyslaw Garncarek
 Euch. Min. — Aleksandra And Longin Jankowski

11:30 AM Lector — James Seaman
 Euch. Min. — David Simcox, Marilyn Mosinski, Ron and Joanne Grams

Sunday Collection, Mar 23, 2003

5:00 PM	\$1,510.25
8:30 AM	\$842.12
10:00 AM.....	\$926.50
11:30 AM.....	\$1,255.12
Mailed in.....	\$998.00
Total (461)	\$5,537.74
Children's Collection (18)	\$24.70
Church in Europe (44)	\$360.25
Indian Missions (39)	\$211.00
School Support (49)	\$202.05



MAN BORN BLIND

(N.B. In preparation for Baptism at Easter Vigil we are following the readings from Year A)

*Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
That saved and set me free!*

I once was lost, but now am found,

Was blind, but now I see!

There are many people in our world who are blind or as we say now, visually challenged. They are in that state either from birth or because of some sickness or accident later in life. Most often these people are an object of our compassion because there is no cure except for a very few of them but they may be helped in many ways to live in a world of people who can see. To help them to read there is Braille system which depends on touch or audio system which depends on hearing the text.

We use the term *blind* in metaphorical ways such as *blind* obedience, *blind* date, *blind* spot, *blind* chance or choice, *blind* alley or love is *blind*. We may be *blind* to our own faults and *blind* to the goodness of others.

Today's Gospel (Jn 9.1-41) speaks about blindness from a different perspective: physical blindness of a man born blind and spiritual blindness of the Pharisees. The physical blindness of the man is very straightforward but his cure is gradual or in stages proceeding from physical to spiritual cure or the recognition of Jesus as the Messiah.

On the other hand, in the case of the religious leaders, the Pharisees, the progression is in reverse order: they are physically able to see but end up spiritually blind. The forms of blindness diagnosed in the Gospel are many: a) the blindness of the faithful disciples who only wanted to see the glory they were promised but not the cross which had to come first; b) the blindness of neighbors and family who would not accept one of their own as Messiah and who would not be involved in the new vision out of fear and even as parents abandon their son to the hands of the Pharisees; c) the blindness of the religious leaders who could not see that anything could happen outside their established system of the Mosaic Law and the Temple worship. It is in the blindness of the man born blind who came to a complete healing that we see ourselves.

The man born blind did not know who Jesus was or where he was and it was Jesus who finds him and confronts him with the need to make a personal decision and a personal commitment of faith in the one who gives him sight and a new vision. The man born blind received more than physical sight; he also received a new vision of life.

But before we feel too judgmental and comfortable with comparing ourselves with the disciples, the Pharisees or the family of the blind man we must realize and admit that we are all born blind, and it is only by washing in the pool of Siloam that is symbolic of the baptismal font that we are able to see. The point of the Gospel story is that Jesus can work with those who know that they are blind but he can do nothing for those who insist that they need no healing. Let us not take our inner vision or faith for granted. It is only when we are aware of our need that we can look to Jesus to be our light. But if we feel we have all we need or want in life, that we have all the answers, then we become too content with our own vision and not that of Jesus. ***I was blind but now I see.*** **Fr John**

POSZUKIWANIA WIARY

Przedziwna jest nasza ludzka natura: wiele sytuacji, w których logika pokazuje najprostsze rozwiązania, człowiek "musi" uczynić skomplikowanymi. Czyż nie tak było z bohaterem dzisiejszej Ewangelii? Zamiast przyjść wprost do Jezusa i zapytać w interesujących go kwestiach, to najpierw walczy sam ze swoimi myślami, później przychodzi do Mistrza nocą i prowadzi z Nim długie rozmowy. Jak można się domyślać, w efekcie tych "kradzionych" spotkań sukcesem wieńczy swoją mękę poszukiwań - znajduje wiarę.

Przez wieki chrześcijaństwa iluż przewinęło się takich Nikodemów? Ilu jest we współczesnym świecie? A ile z Nikodema jest w każdym z nas? Człowiek "nie lubi" prostych rozwiązań. Zamiast przyjąć łaskę wiary otrzymaną w sakramencie chrztu i umacnianą kolejnymi sakramentami, to poszukuje, walczy, koniecznie chce sprawdzić - wręcz żąda dowodów... Aż zmęczony "przychodzi do Mistrza nocą" na rozmowy. Szkoda tylko, że nie każdy chce wytrwać na tej drodze, czasami do dość odległego końca.

Austriacki kardynał König w jednej ze swych książek dokładnie opisuje te zmagania człowieka: "Wiara w Jezusa Chrystusa wymaga pokory. Polega ona na tym, że poznajemy i doświadczamy, jak mali jesteśmy, my ludzie. Właśnie wtedy, gdy człowiek zabiega o prawdę, zrozumienie, piękniejsze życie, własny pogląd, przekonuje się, że nie da temu wszystkiemu rady! Nasz mózg potrafi wprawdzie wyprodukować bomby atomowe, niemal doskonałe maszyny, ale istotnych i rozstrzygających pytań my - ludzie rozwiązać nie potrafimy: Jaki jest sens życia? Czy istnieje rzeczywiście sprawiedliwość i zapłata za wszystko dobro, o które zabiegamy? Istnieje rzeczywiście życie wieczne? Istnieje przebaczenie i możliwość rozpoczęcia nowego życia po życiu przegranych? Czy istnieje świat pozagrobowy? Jaka jest właściwa droga? /.../ W tłoczącym się potopie dzisiejszych mniemań, nie jesteśmy w stanie powyższych pytań rozpracować, przetrwać. Jesteśmy uwikłani w twierdzenia i przeczenia, w filozofie i ideologie, w niezliczone poglądy na świat. A przy tym wszystkim jesteśmy sami, skazani na siebie. Kto wskaże nam drogę? Z pewnością sami też zdobyliśmy głębokie przemyślenia, ale zdarza się to rzadko; zostają one zdławione codziennością, wypłukane zmęczeniem, hałasem, zwątpieniem.

Do tego dochodzi jeszcze wielkie milczenie Boga. /.../ On milczy tak często, nie ingeruje... A my mamy odważyć się całe nasze życie postawić na Jego kartę? Kto po twardym poszukiwaniu i zmaganiu się doszedł do takich wniosków, musi sobie powiedzieć: "Sam nie znajdę właściwej drogi; potrzebuję kogoś, kto się orientuje, mędrca, kto te sprawy zna".

Nikodem po długiej walce skapitulował. zawierzył Jezusowi. Poprzez to odnalazł wewnętrzny spokój i cywilną odwagę. Co najważniejsze odnalazł sens życia, gdyż napełnił się wiarą; zaufał Jezusowi.

Przykładów znanych jak I anonimowych, podobnych Nikodemowi można znaleźć w historii i w życiu współczesnym wiele.

Człowiek ciągle poszukuje, zмага się, próbuje różnych rozwiązań. Jednak dopóki nie zakorzeni w Chrystusie, w jego sercu nie zagości spokój - wynik zawierzenia Mistrzowi.

ks. Jerzy



ACCEPTING NOMINATIONS FOR THE PASTORAL COUNCIL

Positions in the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) will be open this spring. Won't you please consider being a part of this leadership team or nominating someone you think would do a good job? The purpose of the PPC is to promote the spiritual growth of the parish community and to plan ways for the parish to carry out the mission of the church. The PPC also acts as a consultative body to the Pastor on matters concerning the life and pastoral ministry of the parish. You are eligible to run for this council if you are a registered member of the parish for at least 2 years, attend parish liturgies on Sundays and Holy Days of obligation, be at least 18 years of age, and are willing to participate in parish activities. The PPC requires approximately two meetings per month, but no meetings in the summer! There will be a PPC committee member at the back of the church at each of the Masses this weekend and next. Sign up today!

SPECIAL COLLECTION

This week's special collection will be the Annual Bishops Overseas Appeal. Please be generous and help our brothers and sister and all those in need overseas.

LENTEN AND EASTER SCHEDULE

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.

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 April 10 -13.

PALM BRAIDERS WANTED On April 6, anyone interested in learning or sharing how to braid palms is invited to the school all purpose room. The sharing sessions will be held immediately following each Mass on that Sunday. Come join us!

March 25, 2003

Dear brothers and sisters of St. Stanislaus Parish,

Grace and peace be yours in Christ Jesus our Lord.

I write to you this day to thank all of you for the most cordial and warm welcome extended to the friars of the Assumption Province when we gathered at St. Stan's parish to reflect and pray, as a community, at the site of Fr. William's tragic death.

Our gathering proved to be beneficial in many ways. It gave us the time and space we needed to allow the healing hand of God to touch us in a very special way. It provided us with an opportunity to celebrate and thank God for the gift Fr. William was to St. Stan's and to our community. And it gave us the chance to reclaim the goodness and holiness of this sacred space for the honor and glory of God.

Thank you for making all this possible for us. Thank you for being with us throughout the difficult times of these past few months. Thank you, especially, for walking with us while we were in your midst. We felt the powerful presence of your support. You have been most kind and generous.

Our bond of friendship has certainly been strengthened by a caring and loving God who has drawn us closer to each other through the powerful intercession of Fr. William. As we journey together into the future, let us continue to support and hold up each other in prayer.

Peace be with you.

Sincerely yours in Christ and St. Francis,
Fr. Thomas Luczak, OFM.
Provincial Minister

CYO SOFTBALL/BASEBALL PANCAKE BREAKFAST THIS WEEKEND ON SUNDAY
at the Social Center, Tickets can be bought at the door: Adults \$4.00, Children \$2.50.
Please help support our teams and enjoy the breakfast!

WHERE TO GO FOR LENTEN FISH FRIES:

Holy Name Church, 8328 Broadway. Dinners served from 3:00 PM to 8:00 PM.
Fish — Shrimp, Cabbage/Noodle, and Rigatoni Dinners. Dinners start at \$4.95. Takeouts available 216-341-9469.

Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, E. 71st and Kazimier Ave. Fish, Shrimp, Pierogi, Fishermans platter dinners served from 11:00 AM to 7:00 PM. Prices start at \$4.75 for a complete fish dinner. Takeouts are available. 216-341-9480.

St. Leo's Church 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 are available.

GOLDEN AGERS MEETING. The next meeting of the St. Stanislaus Golden Agers will be held on April 10 at 2:00 PM. Blood pressure screening will be available at this time. A light lunch will be served and games will be played. For those individuals who are going on the trip on April 8, please note that the bus will leave at 7:00 AM from in front of the Social Center. New members are always welcome.

CAMP CHRISTOPHER REGISTRATION. You can now register for Camp Christopher's Summer Programs. Resident camp is for those age 6- 16. Special Populations Camp is for those with disabilities. Day Camp for ages 5- 12 and Senior Adult Camp all have available openings. An early bird registration special (save \$10 per registration) exists for the Resident and Special Populations Camps and is in effect until May 2. For a brochure and further information including financial aid call CYO at 330- 376- 2267 or 800- CYO- CAMP.

CLEVELAND CENTRAL CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL PARENTS CLUB SPAGHETTI DINNER SUNDAY, April 6, Noon to 3:00 PM, St. Stanislaus Social Center, 6601 Baxter Ave. Cleveland, OH. \$5.00 for Adults, \$3.50 for Children and Seniors over 60. For Information call Judy Manzeo (216) 961-1389.

POETYCKA REFLEKSJA O KRZYŻU

W sobotę, 5 kwietnia o godz. 6:30 wieczorem w Polsko-Amerykańskim Centrum Kultury (6501 Lansing Ave) Grupa "Patria" zaprezentuje program poetycki na Wielki Post. Będzie to zmuszająca do głębokich przemyśleń refleksja o Męce Pańskiej. To spotkanie człowiek wierzący może potraktować jako minirekolekcje - taką możliwość daje wybór tekstów w tym programie, prezentujący óżnorakość ludzkich postaw wobec Krzyża, Grobu i samego Jezusa Chrystusa.

REKOLEKCJE WIELKOPOSTNE 2003

Tegoroczne polskie rekolekcje wielkopostne w naszej parafii św. Stanisława odbędą się w dniach od 10 do 13 kwietnia. Rozpoczniemy je Mszą św. o godz. 6:00 wieczorem w czwartek - 10 kwietnia. Następnego dnia, 11 kwietnia ksiądz rekolekcionista poprowadzi Drogę Krzyżową o godz. 5:00 wieczorem, zaś spowiednicy będą służyć w konfesjonatach od godz. 5:00 do 7:00 wieczorem oraz w kolejny dzień czyli sobotę - 12 kwietnia od godz. 10:00 do 12:00 w południe. Tego dnia w południe zostanie odprawiona Msza św. Zakończenie naszych rekolekcji nastąpi w Niedzielę Palmową podczas Mszy św. o godz. 10:00 rano. Rekolekcje poprowadzi kanclerz diecezji Zamorsko-Lubaczowskiej z Polski ks. dr Adam Firosz.

SPOWIED WIELKOPOSTNA (w języku polskim)

- Parafia Niepok. Serca NMP (Lansing Ave)**
- 10 kwietnia: od 4:00 do 7:00 wieczorem
Parafia św. Jana Kantego (Professor Ave.)
- 11 kwietnia: od 10:00 do 11:00 rano
- 12 kwietnia: od 9:00 do 10:00 rano
Parafia św. Stanisława (E. 65 th Str.)
- 11 kwietnia: od 5:00 do 7:00 wieczorem
- 12 kwietnia: od 10:00 do 12:00 w południe
Parafia św. św. Piotra i Pawła (Turney Rd.)



HM2 Lisa Marie Murray, US Navy Hospital Corpsman, serving at this time in Kuwait, is a St. Stanislaus school graduate (class of '82) and CCC Graduate (class of '86). Her mom, Patricia Murray is a parishioner and asks that we keep Lisa in our prayers so that she may come back safe. If anyone would like to write to Lisa her address is :
HM2 Lisa Murray USN
CSSG-15 HSB Alpha Surgical Co.
UIC 42387
FPO-AP 96426-2387

PRAYER REQUESTS — Parishioners of St. Stanislaus or their immediate family who are serving in combat areas overseas will be listed in future bulletins. Please call the rectory 341-3091 to be added to the list.

ST. STANISLAUS SCHOOL BASKETBALL CHAMPS! Congratulations to the St. Stanislaus third and fourth grade girls basketball team and Coach Sheddelle Austin on being champions in their division. The girls defeated Valley View Rec Center, 19-16 in an exciting championship game. Congratulations to third graders, Briana Bendycki, Tierra Lynch, Paige Mascari and fourth graders, Kayla and Kassandra Miklavic, Jazmine Treece and Kristen Delphia. The girls received a trophy for their efforts.

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

