

ST. STANISLAUS STAFF

PARISH STAFF

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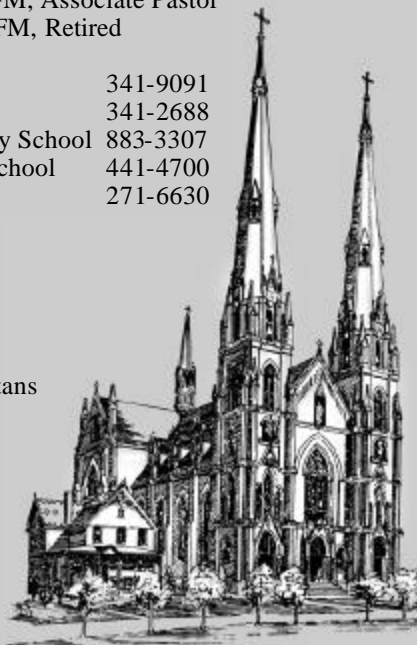
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PHOTO ALBUM

www.picturetrail.com/saintstans

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



SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

MASS SCHEDULE

Daily Masses: 7:00 AM & 8:30 AM (no 7:00 on Sat.)
 Daily Morning Prayer: 8:00 AM (exc. Sunday)
Sunday Vigil: Saturday 5:00 PM
Sunday English Masses: 8:30 AM & 11:30 AM
Sunday Polish Mass: 10:00 AM
 Holy Day English: Refer to Schedule
 Holy Day Polish: 5:30 PM
 National Holidays: 9:00 AM

OFFICE HOURS

The parish office is open from Monday through Friday, 7:30 AM to 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. 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.

GODPARENT AND SPONSOR CERTIFICATES

Those who wish to be sponsors for Baptism or Confirmation must be registered and practicing members of the Catholic Church. If you attend St. Stanislaus but you are not registered, please contact the parish office so that you can be listed as a parishioner here.

FUNERALS

Arrangements are usually made in coordination with the funeral home of your choice.

INQUIRY CLASSES

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

CHURCH HOURS

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

MASS INTENTIONS

MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD

NEW YEARS DAY

January 1 Stycznia, 2006

Sat	5:00 PM	+Veronica Gnatowski
Sun	8:30 AM	+Leona Raniszewski
	10:00 AM	+Wincenty Filipowicz
	11:30 AM	+Stella Lucas
Mon	Jan 2	St. Basil the Great & St. Gegory Nazianzen
	7:00 AM	+Matthew Kolik
	8:30 AM	+Jennie Galicki
Tue	Jan 3	Holy Name of Jesus
	7:00 AM	+John Paul II
	8:30 AM	+Jean Dardzinski
Wed	Jan 4	St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
	7:00 AM	+Clement Lepkowski
	8:30 AM	+Theresa Blaszak
Thu	Jan 5	St. John Neuman
	7:00 AM	+Veronica Gnatowski
	8:30 AM	Sp. Int. Golden Agers of Cyril & Methodius
Fri	Jan 6	Weekday (Bl. Andre Bessette)
	7:00 AM	+Joseph Jr. & Joseph Sr. Tyburski
	8:30 AM	+Czes ³ awa Mileska
Sat	Jan 7	Weekday (St. Raymond of Penafort)
	8:30 AM	+Sosnowski Family

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

January 8 Stycznia, 2006

Sat	5:00 PM	+Lottie Depta
Sun	8:30 AM	+Joseph Ziegler
	10:00 AM	+Jan Dzewic
	11:30 AM	+Sr. Mary Jo Terez

MUSIC – MARY MOTHER OF GOD — NEW YEARS DAY

ENGLISH MASS

Processional: Sing of Mary #276
Offertory: Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming #292
Communion: Of the Father's Love Begotten #179
Recessional: Stainless the Maiden #259

POLSKA MSZA ĆWIĘTA

Procesja: Ćliczna Panienska #69
Ofiarowanie: Dzisiaj w Betlejem #43
Na Komunię: Gdy Ćliczna Panna #45
Zakończenie: Nowy rok bieży #59



SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

WELCOME!

Happy New Year!

To all our friends visiting our church during this Joyous Christmas Season. The Parishioners of St. Stanislaus pride themselves in our outreach and service to our diverse neighborhood peoples. If you can find it in your means, 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 130 years.

Sun **NEW YEAR'S DAY**
Mon **Parish Offices Closed**
Tue **8:00 PM** **Dad's Club** meets in the social center
Wed **8:00 PM** **A.A. & Al-Anon** in the social center.
Thu **3:00 PM** **Church Cleanup Crew** works until 5:15.

Wedding  **Banns James Camiola & Tina Bruno (I)**

Friends of Martha and Mary

Young and old; Well off and not so well off; Single or married; Families with children; People who someday might become a family; Lovebirds; A mom and a son who both once attended our schools but now live elsewhere; A Dad and two kids; A man who had given up on God but has found Him again; A working mom taking off from her job for a few hours; A working mom coming after work; A working mom on her vacation break; A few 'Woodrow the Woodsman' wannabees; A working dad taking time from his trade; Friends; Teenagers; Singles; Dudes; ...these are the people who helped decorate our Shrine (you all know who you are ☺).

Boxes of lights, garland, bulbs, trumpets, live trees and evergreens, artificial trees and flowers, statues, ribbons, bells, candles and a manger....the ingredients they used. A proud father of a bride; generous friends; parishioners who donated to the flower fund....these too were contributions to the final product.

So, why all the fuss? Perhaps the answer is in the eyes of Jesus as he gazed back at the Apostle for having complained about Mary's use of expensive oils to anoint his feet before His passion. Perhaps the answer is anchored in our faith. Perhaps a passion for tradition.

Whatever the reason, whatever the drive, the friends of Jesus and His 'crib' on Forman came through again. May God bless them all!

David Krakowski

SCHEDULE FOR MINISTERS

Epiphany, January 8 Stycznia 2005

Sat 5:00 PM Lector — Gabriella Trybus
Euch. Min. — Chris Wisniewski, Connie Aliff, Jean Potter, Stan Witczak
Sun 8:30 AM Lector — Jim Sadowski
Euch. Min. — Sharon Kozak, Lucille Patrick, Nicole & Mark Kobylinski
10:00 AM Lector — Teresa Cyranek
Euch. Min. — G. Markiewicz, R. Drownowski, A. Jankowski, M. Buczek
11:30 AM Lector — James Seaman
Euch. Min. — Joanne & Ron Grams, Stanley Koch, Bill Bobowicz

PARISH SUPPORT

Because of an early deadline for submitting the bulletin, and the extra time needed to finish counting the Christmas collection, the figures are not available for this week's bulletin. They will be printed next week.

THANK YOU
for your generosity during this
Christmas season!



PEACE AND GOOD

I'm the new friar-priest in the block and this is my first message to you. I greet all of you with the words which were dear to St. Francis of Assisi and are meaningful to all Franciscans.: Peace and Good! They are words which had been inspired by Jesus' command to his disciples that when they enter a house they are to say, "Peace be with you."

The first day of January has been designated as World Day of Peace. Reconciliation/peace is fundamental to the Christian life and to all human life regardless of religious beliefs. It's not basically a feeling of comfort or absence of something but rather a relational virtue, which involves one's relationship with other people. In his letter to the Galatians St. Paul mentions it as one of the fruits of the Holy Spirit. True peace or reconciliation is based on justice, which is due to each person by reason of being a human being. It is not based on whether a person deserves it as a reward for good deeds. Jesus brought about true peace/reconciliation through his suffering, death and resurrection. Consequently, there is no situation that cannot be reconciled or brought to a peaceful solution. There is no need of war or violence to achieve this.

On this same day, which is the octave day of Christmas, we honor liturgically Mary as the Mother of God (*theotokos*) The solemnity of Mary as Mother of God is the oldest of all Marian celebrations. Mary's motherhood of God is based on her motherhood of Jesus who is both God and human. In the alternate Opening Prayer for this solemnity we will be reminded: "Father, ... the virgin conceived and bore your Son who is called Wonderful God, Prince of Peace."

Finally, this day marks the beginning of the civil year. At the beginning of Advent we begin the liturgical year, a year of grace (*kairos*). On January first we begin the civil year which emphasizes time (*chronos*). For us humans time and grace go together. We experience God's grace in time. Time tests God's grace. What we do with and in time is important for eternity. Some people waste time and do not use the time God gives them to make a difference in their own or in other people's lives. Many people do not live significantly; they merely exist from hour to hour. It does not matter how much time we have or how long we live. What matters is that we, as sons and daughters of God, glorify the Triune God in all we say and do.

Since it is customary to make resolutions during the New Year, I recommend that we be mindful of the following throughout each day :

(1) we are sons and daughters of God, heirs of His incomparable Kingdom;

(2) we are commissioned to share the peace/reconciliation which Christ gave us as a gift;

(3) in whatever condition we find ourselves, we are to use the time allotted to us, to glorify our generous God;

(4) we are to deepen our devotion to Mary, the Mother of God and our mother.

May the Holy Spirit of God give us the enlightenment and perseverance to accomplish this.

Fr. Cam, o.f.m.

MATKA BOGA - CZŁOWIEKA

Wielu ludzi przez całe wieki zastanawia się co jest sednem, istotą dziejów ludzkości. Goethe wypowiedział kiedyś wielkie zdanie: „Istotnym i najgłębszym tematem historii świata jest walka między wiarą i niewiarą.” Ale i ta wypowiedź nie ujmuje samej kwintesencji. Są ludzie, którzy w historii świata widzą tylko powtarzającą się walkę klas; dla innych jest ona ciągła walka narodów; jeszcze inni widzą w niej nieustanny proces mieszania się kwitnących, upadających i obumierających kultur.

Jednak dla człowieka wierzacego najważniejsza jest historia zbawienia; historia relacji między Bogiem a człowiekiem; historia przygotowania Królestwa Bożego i jego realizacji. W tej właśnie historii zbawczej szczególnie rolę przypada Najświętszej Maryi Pannie. To Ona w sposób szczególny oczekiwała wypełnienia się wiecznych obietnic mesjanskich. Oczekiwanie to miało cechy pokornej czujności i skupiało się całkowicie we wnętrzu Jej osobowości – w sercu. I dlatego mogła Maryja godnie przyjąć przychodzącego Boga, który jest duchem i nie mieszka w świątyniach zbudowanych ręką ludzką, i nie odbiera posługi z rąk ludzkich jak gdyby czegoś potrzebował, ale pragnie zamieszkać na stałe w samym wnętrzu człowieka. W jego żywym sercu, które kocha Boga i jest Mu posłuszne, pełniąc Jego wolę na każdy dzień. Takim właśnie było serce Maryi. I dlatego to Jej Bóg zwiastuje tak wielkie i niesłychane rzeczy. Maryja poznawszy wolę Bożą zgadza się zostać Matką Boga.

Nam po dwudziestu stuleciach nie wydaje się to już ani dziwne, ani niezwykłe, ale dla Niej wtedy w Nazarecie... Uwierzyć, że będzie Matką Syna Bożego – zapewne nie było łatwe i takie proste. Ona uwierzyła. Elżbieta, Jej krewna doceniła wielkość tego faktu, gdy błogosławi Maryję słowami: „Błogosławiona jesteś, któraś uwierzyła, że spełnia się słowa powiedziane Ci od Pana”.

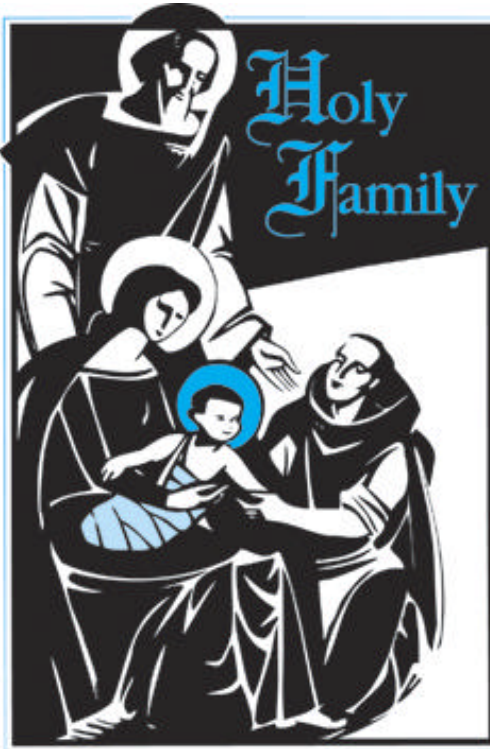
Widząc ją krzającą się w domu nikt zapewne nie przypuszczał, że wielkość Jej przewyższa wszystkie stworzenia. Prowadzi przecież tak zwyczajne, proste życie, jak inne kobiety w Nazarecie. Żadnych zachwycen, cudów; zawsze skromna, pełna czujnej miłości, wrażliwa na potrzeby innych ludzi jak to widzimy na godach w Kanie, czy gdy spieszy usłużyć Elżbiecie. Nikt nie domyślał się widząc Maryję, że spotyka Matkę Syna Bożego, Współodkupicielkę ludzi, kobietę pełną łaski.

Juz w pierwszej chwili swego poczęcia ze względu na przyszłe zasługi Chrystusa została całkowicie zachowana od wszelkiej zmyły grzechu pierworodnego. Z faktu Bożego macierzyństwa Maryi, co było największą Jej łaską – dana tylko jednemu człowiekowi – wypłynęła też pełnia łaski uswiecającej i związanych z nią darów, a w przyszłości wzięcie z duszą i ciałem do nieba. Otrzymała od Boga tyle łask, ile już żaden człowiek nigdy nie zdobędzie.

Dzięki tym darom oraz dzięki temu, że Jej Syn jest Królem przysługuje Maryi godność Królewska. Nie jest to tytuł honorowy, ale uczestnictwo we władzy królewskiej Chrystusa; tytuł wysłużony współudziałem Maryi w tajemnicy odkupienia rodzaju ludzkiego. Władza ta znajduje swój wyraz w oredownictwie Maryi u Chrystusa i w świadczeniu dobra i miłosierdzia.

Bedac najbliższa Bogu i zawsze ku Niemu zwrócona w nienaruszonej świętości – tym więcej wyprosić nam może. I rzeczywiście wyprasza bez przerwy łaski całemu Kościołowi i każdemu z osobna. bo jest Matką Boga ale i naszą. *ks. Jerzy*





HAPPY NEW YEAR & THANK YOU

To all who have been so generous to our Church and School. To all our volunteers who have given their time and talent, and to all our parishioners and friends who contribute in so many ways to our faith community — May God bless all of you and keep you safe and healthy during this coming year.

BÓG ZAPLAC!

Serdeczne podziękowania dla wszystkich, którzy przyczynili się do wspaniałego przeżycia Świąt Narodzenia Pańskiego. Za głęboką modlitwę, piękne dekoracje kościoła, śpiew koled, obsługę uroczystości przez wszystkie służby, także za świąteczne donacje. Dla wszystkich Parafian i Gości - serdeczne Bóg zapłać! Wraz ze słowami podziękowania płyną serdeczne życzenia: Radosci i Pokoju, Dobra i Pomysłowości na Świąteczny Okres Bożego Narodzenia i Nowy 2006 rok!

SZCZÊLIWEGO NOWEGO ROKU!



ST. STANS HISTORICAL FACT.

The year 2006 is the 100th Anniversary of the Franciscans at St. Stanislaus. The first Franciscan that cared for our community was Father Wolfgang Janietz OFM of the Sacred Heart Province in 1879 before we had a church building. In those years our parishioners worshiped at the side chapel of St. Joseph Church on Woodland Avenue. The 100 year continuous presence of the Franciscans here at St. Stanislaus began in April of 1906 with the Friars of the Sacred Heart Province. This Province of Franciscans cared for our Parishioners until 1989 when the care of the St. Stanislaus community was given to the Franciscan Friars of the Assumption Province.

IT'S A BIG ONE

Our largest Christmas tree ever! Over 21 ft. high it was donated by John and Debbie Heyink from their yard. Thank You!

2006 MASS DATES FILLING UP

There are still many weekday dates open in the months of February, March, April and May. Some Sunday Masses are still available later in the year. Stop by the rectory office during normal business hours 9:00AM to 5:00 PM on Thursdays or Fridays. You may also mail your Mass intentions or drop them into the collection basket along with the customary stipend and your requested dates. *Please do not phone your reservations.* We will make every effort to reserve the dates you choose. If your requested date is not available, we will meet your request with the closest date possible.

BLESSING OF HOMES

Fr. Michael, Fr. George and Fr. Camillus are available to bless your homes during the season of Epiphany. Please call the rectory anytime during business hours, 9:00-5:00 PM to schedule a visit. Keep in mind that any head of household or adult family member may bless their home without the presence of a priest. Packets containing chalk, incense and a blessing prayer are available in the church. If you already have chalk, you may use the following prayer and ritual to bless your own home:

All: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. AMEN

Leader: Let us praise God, who fills our hearts and homes with peace.

All: Blessed be God for ever.

Scripture Reading

Luke 19:1-8 or Psalm 72 or Psalm 127:1-8

Leader: The Son of God made his home among us. With thanks and praise let us call upon him.

ALL: Stay with us Lord!

Leader: Lord, Jesus Christ, the Magi presented their gifts to You in praise and adoration. Grant that those living in this house may use their talents and abilities to your greater glory. We pray in Jesus name, now and forever. AMEN.

Leader: May Christ Jesus dwell with us, keep us from all harm, and make us one in mind and heart, now and forever. AMEN

Mark the door tops or frame with the blessed chalk:

20+C+M+B+06

The numerals consecrate the new year, the initials remind us of the legendary names of the Magi—Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar.

MANNA RESUMES IN 2006

There will be no Manna sales the weekends of Christmas and New Years. Be ready with your order forms for the weekend of January 7 and 8—any orders placed before Christmas will be available for pick up, and new orders may be placed at that time. Start your new year off right with a pocket full of Manna cards for all your shopping and dining needs!

MANNA PROGRAM

Od pewnego czasu w naszej parafii funkcjonuje tak zwany **Manna Program**. Polega on na tym, że nasza parafia Sw. Stanisława współpracuje z wieloma instytucjami handlowymi typu sklepy, restauracje czy stacje paliwowe itp.. Współpraca ta jest bardzo korzystna dla parafii, ponieważ od każdego zakupu dokonanego w tych jednostkach handlowych do parafii trafia procent od wydanej sumy pieniędzy. Jednak, aby tak się stawało konieczny jest jeden warunek: przy dokonywaniu zakupu musimy posługiwać się specjalną kartą, zakupioną w naszej parafii. Taka karta możemy nabyć w każdą niedzielę po Mszy św. przy wyjściu z kościoła lub w tygodniu w kancelarii parafialnej. Czyli krótko: wystarczy czek lub gotówka przeznaczona na zakupy zamienić na kartę oferowaną w naszej parafii, a przyniesie to wymierną korzyść dla parafialnego budżetu.

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY The following parishioners are serving our country and ask for your prayers. **Paul Trickett** is with the National Guard serving in Baghdad, **Kevin Preseren** is serving with the Navy, Senior Airman **Christopher Bobak** is serving in Baghdad and **HM1 Lisa Murray-Baldenegro** is serving with the Navy.

PERMANENT MEMORIAL GIFT

Why not give a gift that will last beyond the Christmas season? Have a Memorial Brick engraved to honor someone you love, living or deceased, and placed in our Peace Garden this spring. To place your order, come to the rectory during business hours 9:00 to 5:00 PM Monday thru Friday.

HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Brrrr... It's been cold, and our heating bills confirm how cold it has been these last few weeks. Forecasters say that we are in for a cold winter! In times like these, energy assistance becomes critical to families in Cuyahoga County who cannot afford the higher cost of fuel. **The Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP)** is the federally funded program that can offer assistance with your winter heating bill. HEAP is available to homeowners and renters of all ages who meet specific income guidelines. Completed applications must be accompanied by proof of income for the last 12 months and a copy of your most recent utility bills. Deadline for filing energy assistance applications is March 31, 2006. If you need an application or request eligibility information, call the County Auditor's Community Services Dept. 216-443-7050

OHIO BOY CHOIR AUDITIONS. Auditions are now being held for the Ohio Boychoir 2005-06 season. Membership is open to boys ages third grade through voice change for the concert choir and to boys ages 7-8 for the training choir. No previous choral experience is necessary. Rehearsals are held weekly in Parma. Contact Music Director, Jon Simsic at 216-556-2222 for more information or visit at www.ohioboychoir.org.

ATTENTION ST. STANISLAUS ALUMNI! We are interested in starting an alumni chapter of all those people who graduated from St. Stanislaus Grade School. If you graduated from St. Stanislaus Grade School, no matter the year, please contact the rectory at 216-341-9091, email ststans@ameritech.net, or drop a note in the collection basket with your name, contact information, and year of graduation. Our first alumni event will be held on Saturday, January 28, 2006, to celebrate Catholic Schools Week. It will begin with a 5:00 p.m. celebration of Mass. Immediately following Mass, there will be a reception in the grade school. Please pass the word to family and friends.

SUPERBOWL PARTY The Fr. William Gulas Scholarship Fund Committee is planning a Super Bowl Party in the Social Center Sunday, February 5, 2006. The party will feature a \$2000.00 main board. Only 100 tickets will be sold at \$50.00. Your donation will include a square on the Main Board, dinner, snacks and pop. You may also get a dinner only ticket for a \$25.00 donation. For tickets and more information call: Kevin & Denise Siemborski 216-398-5764, John Heyink 216-341-2019, or Frank Greczanik 216-441-0552.

BEATYFIKACJA JANA PAWLA II

Wiemy, że trwa proces beatyfikacyjny naszego papieża Jana Pawła II. Informacja: <http://www.vicariatusurbis.org/Beatificazione/>

BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS. The next class is on January 8, 12:30 PM, at St John Nepomucene, Call 641-8444 to register.