

ST. STANISLAUS STAFF

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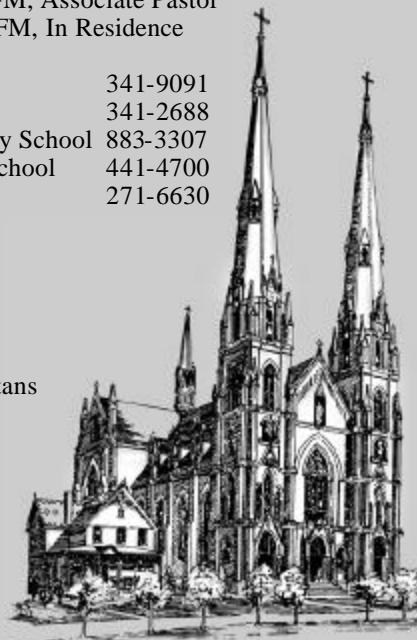
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The artist's sketch on the right depicts the original building with the spires. Corner Stone laid in 1886, and church dedicated in 1891.



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

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 26 Marca, 2006

Sat	5:00 PM	+Helen Hujarski
Sun	8:30 AM	+Glenn Moss
	10:00 AM	+Jan Boc
	11:30 AM	+Stella & Stanley Olbrys
	1:00 PM	<i>Baptism of Thomas Allen Wild III</i>
Mon	Mar 27	Lenten Weekday
	7:00 AM	+Kazimierz Mielczarek
	8:30 AM	+Joseph Bobowski
Tue	Mar 28	Lenten Weekday
	7:00 AM	+Stanley & Michael Blazniak
	8:30 AM	+Emily Jelenic
Wed	Mar 29	Lenten Weekday
	7:00 AM	+W ³ adys ³ aw Rzucio ³ o
	8:30 AM	+Daniel Nagorski
Thu	Mar 30	Lenten Weekday
	7:00 AM	+Sophie Miklovec
	8:30 AM	+Sabina Monzell
Fri	Mar 31	Lenten Weekday
	7:00 AM	+Sally Nowicki
	8:30 AM	+Beatrice Kubinski
Sat	Apr 1	Lenten Weekday
	8:30 AM	+Ralph Tkacz

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

April 2 Kwietnia, 2006

Sat	5:00 PM	+Joe & Sally Stryczny
Sun	8:30 AM	+Helen Sledz
	10:00 AM	+Pope John Paul II
	11:30 AM	+Alexandra Mari Roberto

MUSIC – FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

ENGLISH MASS

Processional: Kyrie eleison
 Presentation: Grant to Us, O Lord #182
 Communion: A Child of the Light #190
 Recessional: Crux Fidelis #196

POLSKA MSZA ĆWIĘTA

Procesja: Kyrie eleison
 Ofiarowanie: Krzyżu Ćwiety #96
 Na Komunię: W Krzyżu cierpeinie #1063
 Zakończenie: Zawitaj ukrzyżowany #107

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

Sun	10:00 AM	R.C.I.A. meets in the rectory
	3:00 PM	Gorzkie Zale (Lamentations in Polish)
	6:00 PM	Vespers in church
Tue	9:30 AM	Bible Study in the rectory.
	7:00 PM	Finance Council meets in the church
Wed	4:00 PM	Good Shepherd Preschool Religious Instr. in old convent
	5:30 PM	Gorzkie Zale (Lamentations in Polish)
	6&7 PM	Polish, then English Choir Rehearsals
	8:00 PM	A.A. & Al-Anon in the social center.
Thu	3:00 PM	Church Cleanup Crew —fellowship after work.
Fri	5:30 PM	Droga Krzyzowa in church.
	7:00 PM	Stations of the Cross in church.
	7:30 PM	Adult Faith Sharing in the rectory.
Sat	4:00 PM	Sacrament of Reconciliation in church until 4:45.
Sun	10:00 AM	R.C.I.A. meets in the rectory
	3:00 PM	Concert in Honor of Pope John Paul II

FAST AND ABSTINENCE IN LENT

Abstinence The law of abstinence requires a Catholic **14 years of age until death** to abstain from eating meat on **Ash Wednesday, Fridays and on Good Friday.**

Fasting The law of fasting requires a Catholic from the **18th Birthday to the 59th Birthday** to reduce the amount of food eaten from normal. The Church defines this as one meal a day, and two smaller meals which if added together would not exceed the main meal in quantity. **Such fasting is obligatory on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.**

LITTLE WHITE EASTER SEASON BOOKS AVAILABLE IN THE *SHRINE SHOPPE*

Golgotha of the U.S.A. III Jesus Falls the First Time

Dead man walking. He's carrying his Cross up to our front door. Your house. My house. Cleveland, Independence, Parma... where we all live. He falls. We hear the noise as he falls against the door. The weight of His Cross has caused the weakened Jesus as He stumbles to the ground. We listen. We should hear angels coming to his assistance helping to lift Him back up any time now. He can't just stay there on the porch.... Now He's moaning. Those angels better make it snappy and help Him. All the noise is deafening...not to mention what the neighbors will say if He disturbs them too.

We look out the window and see Him still there under the Cross. He lifts up His head and looks us straight in the eye...The curtains are quickly pulled back. We look out again and see a stranger there in His place...some bum! We look again and see a movie star!! We rub our eyes again and this time see our best friend!!! We open the front door and....look him straight in the face...now it's.....!!!!

We slam the door shut. The locks are secured. The drapes are pulled. The lights are off. He'll get up. Somebody will help Him. Who was that out there again? Why did He have to fall here? Now the porch will be dirty and the day is ruined...all this for what????!!

A dog is on the loose in the yard. He sees Jesus. He doesn't judge Him. He approaches Him and licks His face. Jesus smiles at the dog, then pets him. That little act of love gives Him strength to get up again and keep carrying the Cross. Jesus moves on. The dog sees the draperies move and barks...but still doesn't judge....he simply jumps off the porch and looks which way Jesus has gone. Before he can run away out comes the broom and the hose as the porch is cleaned....before the neighbors see... The dog watches briefly...then runs after Jesus, his new best friend!!

We adore You, O Christ, and we praise You....because...by.....???

The dog barks in the distance.

David Krakowski

SCHEDULE FOR MINISTERS

Fifth Sunday in Lent, April 2 Kwietnia 2005

Sat	5:00 PM	Lector — James Wilson
		Euch. Min. — Stan Witzak, Chris Wisniewski, Marge & Andy Flock
Sun	8:30 AM	Lector — Susan Halamek
		Euch. Min. — Lucille Patrick, Chris Luboski, Nicole & Mark Kobylinski
	10:00 AM	Lector — Kamila Bernas
		Euch. Min. — Tom Monzell, Matt Sladewski, A. Jankowski, W. Sztalkoper
	11:30 AM	Lector — James Seaman
		Euch. Min. — Diane Bulanda, Marie Ostrowski, Pat Young, Larry Wilks

PARISH SUPPORT

Last Sunday's Collection

5:00 PM.....	\$1,358.00
8:30 AM.....	\$1,220.00
10:00 AM.....	\$1,159.00
11:30 AM.....	\$1,104.16
Mailed in.....	\$987.50
Total (430 envelopes)	\$5,828.16
Children's Envelopes (10)	\$14.50

Thank you for your generosity!



Lent and Joy

The fourth Sunday of Lent is usually called the Sunday of JOY or Rejoicing. Rose- (not pink) colored vestments are permitted to be worn at Mass instead of the violet (reddish purple).

Usually Lent is associated with sadness in view of our sinfulness. However, Lenten Preface I states that Lent is a *“joyful season,”* which God gives us to prepare for the celebration of *“the*

Paschal mystery with mind and heart renewed.”

What, then, is JOY? Someone has described it as *“the intersection of the senses and the spirit, of pleasure and happiness.”* In other words, it has two dimensions: one is sensate, that is, belonging to the senses; the other is spiritual, belonging to the soul and spirit. Both are interrelated but different. One can be JOYful without **feeling** JOYful.

What makes Lent a season of JOY? God. The source of JOY is God, the giver of all good gifts. God shares the gift of who He is. Every God-given gift is meant for each and all members of the Church. JOY is needful to fulfill the ministry and mission of the Church, namely, the salvation of the world.

This Sunday's readings remind us that God's MERCY is the source of our JOY. **The first reading** from the 2nd book of Chronicles reminds us that the people and the priests *“added infidelity to infidelity, practicing all the abominations of the nations and polluting the Lord's temple ...the Lord, our God. However God ... had compassion (Mercy) on his people.”* God even *“inspired Cyrus, king of Persia,”* a pagan, *“to fulfill the word of the Lord ... to build a house in Jerusalem.”* There is no doubt in this reading that God's MERCY is surely a source of JOY! **The responsorial Psalm (137)** associates Jerusalem, the place of God's presence, with JOY, with these words: *“If I place not Jerusalem ahead of my JOY, may my tongue cleave to my palate.”* **The second reading** is very clear also: *“God is rich in mercy; because of his great love for us he brought us to life with Christ, when we were dead to sin.”* God displayed *“the great wealth of his favor, manifested by his kindness to us in Christ Jesus, so that salvation is ours through faith.”* *“It is God's gift.”* Again, God's unmerited favor and kindness shown toward us are the source of our JOY! **The gospel** also gives evidence that God's MERCIFUL LOVE is the source of our JOY when we hear that *“God so loved the world that he gave His only Son, that whoever believes in him may not die but may have eternal life.”*

Does this mean that all believers—even sinners—can experience through the senses and in the spirit this God-given gift of JOY? Yes. Sinners however, need to acknowledge and free themselves from their sins before God and accept the JOY that God has ready for them. Does this mean that already in Lent penitents can experience JOY and don't need to wait for Easter? Yes. Lent contains Easter and Easter contains Lent. Reconciliation is an Easter Sacrament, which in view of the Paschal mystery—the death and resurrection of Jesus—all who receive this sacrament can experience JOY. In the past when you went to the Sacrament of Reconciliation (MERCY), confessed your sins, and received absolution, did you not you feel JOY in your senses and experienced JOY in your spirit? If you have, you know what it is and thank God. If you haven't, talk to someone who has.

Fr. Cam Peace and Good

MIŁOSC PRZEZ KRZYŻ

„Tak Bóg umiłował świat, że Syna swego Jednorodzonego dał”. Ta

piękna i głęboka prawda o miłości Boga wyrażona w dzisiejszej Ewangelii św. Jana jest istotna do zrozumienia Boga i świata. Przyjście i zrozumienie tej prawdy prowadzi bezpośrednio do wzrostu i umocnienia wiary. Ta bowiem najlepiej odradza się i wzrasta, gdy człowiek wierzy w miłość. Jeśli wierzy, że Bóg kocha świat, wszystkich ludzi i każdego z osobna, nawet wówczas, gdy człowiek pogubi się i wejdzie na drogę grzechu. Bóg „bogaty w miłosierdzie” nie przeczy sobie samemu. Nie może On obejść się bez nieustannego okazywania ludziom swej wielkiej i bezgranicznej miłości, która silniejsza jest od największych zdrad. To miłość Boża jest najlepszym klimatem do budzenia i wzrastania wiary w człowieku.

Warto dzisiaj zapytać siebie: Czy budujemy swoją duchowość na świadomości, że jesteśmy kochani? Czy też bliższa jest nam raczej myśl, że to my kochamy: Panie, Kocham Cię, chce Cię kochać. A tymczasem taka miłość jest wtórna. Powinnismy wszystko budować na tym, co jest pierwsze, na pewności, że Bóg nas kocha, że Bóg mnie kocha; najpierw.

Niemal jak komentarz do dzisiejszej Ewangelii brzmią słowa wspaniałego kapłana-poety, niedawno zmarłego ks. Jana Twardowskiego: „Pytają czasem: Dlaczego Jezus nas kocha? Dlaczego umarł na krzyżu za grzesznych, paskudnych, wstretnych, obrzydliwych i niewiernych? Dlaczego umarł za każdego z szesciu miliardów?”

Jeżeli jesteśmy tym zdziwieni, to dziwimy się miłości Bożej jako takiej. Urokiem miłości Bożej, jakiej człowiek nigdy nie pojmie, jest właśnie to, że się jej nie rozumie. Weźmy na przykład świat naszej ludzkiej miłości. Jeżeli ktoś kocha kogoś pięknego - kocha urodę. Miłość nieprawdziwa. Jeżeli kocha kogoś mądrego - kocha jego mądrość. To szacunek, nie miłość. Jeżeli kocha kogoś bogatego, to trochę na coś liczy. Wyrachowanie. Jest jednak miłość prawdziwa, która jest wyjątkowo dziwna, bo dotyczy grzesznego, złego, niedoleźnego, dokuczającego. Nie wiadomo skąd się wzięła. Pojawia się nagle i kocha kogoś dla samego niego. To jest właśnie miłość podobna do miłości Bożej. Miłość tajemnicza, której nie trzeba ani odgadywać, ani zrozumieć. W tym tkwi jej urok”.

A znakiem i mocą tej miłości jest krzyż, krzyż Chrystusa, na którym – jak mówi liturgia - zawisło zbawienie świata. Jak kiedyś wiara w miedzianego weza uratowała od śmierci ukaszonych przez jadowite węże Izraelitów, tak dziś ta sama wiara i miłość, nas współczesnych ludzi, codziennie dreczonych różnymi „ukaszzeniami” grzechu, niewiary, pogubienia, może uratować od wiecznej śmierci i pomóc znaleźć się w otwartych ramionach miłującego Ojca.

Miłość Ojca to dla nas, słabych, „kaszonych” wielki dar, który jednak łączy się z koniecznością wyborów. O tym wspomina w dzisiejszym drugim czytaniu św. Paweł: abysmy pełnili *„dobre czyny, które Bóg z góry przygotował”.* Dzięki dobrym czynom udaje się rozsiewać wśród ludzi, jak świetlany znak, tego Boga, który *„tak bardzo umiłował świat”.* I zaświadczać, że On nadal nie przestaje go miłować.

Człowiek, to przecież odbicie Boga, Szczytem naszego człowieczeństwa jest odbicie w nas miłości Bożej, które najlepiej wyraża się w czynach.

ks. Jerzy



LENTEN AND EASTER SCHEDULE

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 5:30PM, in English at 7:00PM.

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

Morning Bible Study — Tuesday mornings after Mass in the rectory dining room.

April 2—5, Polish “rekolekcje wielkopostne”

April 10, Monday — RCIA Communal Penance Service, 7:00PM.

April 12, Wednesday — Parish Communal Penance Service, 7:00PM

April 13, 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 14, 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 15, 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 9:00PM.

April 16, 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 23, Sunday — Easter Octave Mass for the Parish Homebound at 2:00PM.

ST. STANS HISTORICAL FACT

St. Barbara is the statue on the second to last pillar on the rectory side of the main aisle. The legend of St. Barbara states that her father was a rich pagan. He carefully guarded his daughter and kept her shut up in a tower in order to preserve her from the outside world. St. Barbara acknowledged to her father that she was a Christian. He took her before the authorities. St. Barbara was tortured and condemned to death by beheading. The tower is shown along with the statue.



**JOHN PAUL II
CONCERT**

A Concert in Memory of John Paul II will be presented by the Master Singers Inc. Chorale of Northeast Ohio and Chamber Singers Inc. at 3:00 PM, April 2, 2006 in our church. Tickets are \$10. This will be a concert of Sacred Music commemorating the first anniversary of Pope John Paul II's return home to his Father. For information call 330- 688- 4886. His **Mitre** will also be shown for the veneration of the faithful.

2006 MASS DATES OPEN

There are still many weekday dates open in the months of August thru December. 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.

PERMANENT MEMORIAL GIFT

Why not give a gift that will last as St. Stanislaus Church is here? 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 or download the order form from our website. We need at least 50 bricks before we can have them engraved and installed. As of this writing we have about 26.

POLISH MISSION ‘REKOLEKCJA BEGINS APRIL 2, 7:00 PM

PRAKTYKI WIELKOPOSTNE

Okres Wielkiego Postu to czas wzmożonej modlitwy, refleksji i pokuty. Dobra okazja do tego są praktyki wielkopostne. Nasze tradycyjne nabożeństwa wielkopostne celebrowamy w następującym porządku: **Gorzkie Zale**, dwa razy w tygodniu - w każdą niedzielę o godz. 3:00 po południu (z wystawieniem Najświętszego Sakramentu) oraz we środę o godz. 5:30 wieczorem; **Droga Krzyżowa** w języku polskim - w każdy piątek o godz. 5:30 wieczorem. Nasze **rekolekcje wielkopostne** przeprowadzone zostaną w dniach **od 2 do 5 kwietnia**. Poprowadzi je ks. **Dr Janusz Lekan**, profesor Katolickiego Uniwersytetu Lubelskiego.

PROGRAM REKOLEKCJI

Niedziela, 2 kwietnia, 7:00 PM - Gorzkie Zale

Poniedziałek, 3 kwietnia, 5:30 PM—Msza św.

**Wtorek, 4 kwietnia, 4:00 - 6:00 PM - Spowiedź
6:00 PM - Msza św.**

Środa, 5 kwietnia, 5:30 Gorzkie Zale i Msza Św. Błogosławieństwo Najświętszym Sakramentem, Zakonczenie

Spowiedzi wielkopostne w innych parafiach odbędzie się w następującym porządku: Niedziela-2 kwietnia, od godz. 5:00 po południu - w parafii świętych Piotra i Pawła (Garfield Hts.), w czwartek-6 kwietnia od godz. 4:00 do 7:00 wieczorem - w parafii Niepokal. Serca Maryi (Lansing Ave.) oraz w piątek-7 kwietnia, od 10:00 do 11:00 rano i w sobotę od 9:00 do 10:00 rano w parafii Sw. Jana Kantego. W ostatnim tygodniu przed Wielkanocą¹, w Wielki Piątek wieczorem, odprawimy w naszej parafii Sw. Stanisława uroczystą Drogię Krzyżową¹ ze świecami, na zewnętrznych kociołkach. Biorąc udział w praktykach wielkopostnych wykorzystajmy dobrze swój czas na przygotowanie się do Świąt Zmartwychwstania Pańskiego.

FOUR EAGLE AWARD PRESENTATION



This weekend you will be receiving an invitation to the Fourth Annual Four Eagle Award Dinner to be held on Friday, May 5, 2006. This year's recipients will be the Franciscan Friars who will be honored for their 100 years of service to the St. Stanislaus community. This event supports the continued advancement of the Spiritual, Educational, and Cultural

Mission of the shrine parish. Please plan on attending to show your appreciation to the Franciscans for all they do (and have done) for our own parish and community at large. If you have any questions, please contact Betty Dabrowski, Sharon Kozak, or the parish office.

PIERWSZA ROCZNICA SMIERCI PAPIEZA-POLAKA

W następną niedzielę 2 kwietnia, przypada pierwsza rocznica śmierci naszego umiłowanego Papieża-Polaka. W tym dniu chcemy modlić się w łączności z całym światem za Jana Pawła II. Najpierw będziemy celebrować Msze św. o godz. 10:00, w języku polskim, która ofiarujemy w Jego intencji. Także Gorkie Zale celebrowane o godz. 7:00 wieczorem dedykujemy pamięci Papieża-Polaka, który na pewno utozsamiał się z tym nabożeństwem podczas swoich ostatnich dni i godzin w ubiegłorocznym Wielkim Tygodniu. Naszym uroczystościom będzie przewodniczył ks. dr Janusz Lekan, profesor Katolickiego Uniwersytetu Lubelskiego, w którym kardynał Karol Wojtyła był wykładowcą ponad 25 lat. Również wspomnianym wydarzeniem dedykowanym papieżowi Janowi Pawłowi II będzie koncert muzyczny, który rozpocznie się w naszej świątyni o godz. 3:00 po południu w tę samą niedzielę, 2 kwietnia. Wykonawcami będą artyści z Master Singers Chorale of Northeast Ohio. Będą oni prezentować zarówno muzykę sakralną jak i współczesną, wśród której warto wyróżnić utwory „Missa Brevis” czy „Litany of Loreto”.

Na powyższe wydarzenia rocznicowe zapraszamy serdecznie zarówno parafian, jak i ich przyjaciół i gości oraz wszystkich ludzi dobrej woli. W szczególny sposób ofiarujemy ten dzień – 2 kwietnia 2006 r. naszemu umiłowanemu Papieżowi-Polakowi Janowi Pawłowi II w pierwszą rocznicę Jego śmierci.

LENTEN ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK AT NEIGHBORING PARISHES

Holy Name Church, 8329 Broadway Ave.

March 26,27,28 7:00PM —Fr. Mark Dinardo from St. Timothy's to speak on The Eucharist. Soup supper on Tuesday March 28th at 6:30PM. Fish Fry every Friday during lent. Call 271-4242 for more information

Saint John Nepomucene — Soup Supper — March 28, 6:30 PM.

St. Hyacinth Parish — Tetelestai—Musical Passion Hay Saturday day. March 25, at 8:00PM, Sunday, March 26th at 3:00PM. Call 641-3944 for more information

THE BULGARIAN CONNECTION

Last Sunday our church served as the host site for the Cleveland Museum of Art's "VIVA Concert Series" presentation of the group *Les Mysteres Voix de Bulgares*, a chorus of Bulgarian Women. The event was an outstanding success with a fully packed church, 90% of the guests having never set foot within it before in their lives. It was impossible to obtain tickets as the performance date approached, but we did get a phone call from a Bulgarian Orthodox priest, Fr. Vladimir, asking us for assistance securing him two tickets. To make a long story short, it wasn't going to happen—the Museum told us they were not available.

Sunday afternoon, Fr. Vladimir showed up with his lovely bride. It was impossible to turn them away—here were two Bulgarians who were willing to do anything to be able to hear this beautiful choir. Well, they ended up receiving two of the best seats in the house. I took them up to the choir loft (truly, the best place for listening to music in the entire church) and gave them the two best seats. The joy these two wonderful people experienced was too much for words. They cried from the experience. Then, to add to their joy, Fr. Michael and Fr. Cam invited them over to the small private reception which the Museum hosted for the choir in the Rectory after the performance. They mingled with the Bulgarian women and could barely contain their happiness.

Our two guests were in heaven, and so were we. Here in our very church was a visible sign of what John Paul II had worked tirelessly toward— a human dialogue and friendship between the Western and Eastern churches. A spirit of beauty united the Orthodox and Catholic people, if only for a brief but important moment.

The language of music brought us together, but it was the spirit of Jesus which allowed it all to happen. He brought them to our church. He opened our hearts to them. He showed us that the way to his banquet is not much different. Reconciliation. Openness. Love. Just imitating Him. We are so blessed to have at our disposal our beautiful church which affords this ministry and allows this kind of beauty to flourish in our city. John Paul II must have been at that concert too. Hopefully, we'll see the same kind of little miracles take place when we have the concert in his memory on April 2nd. I hope you can attend and share in the beauty God has bestowed on our Shrine...allow God to open your hearts and speak to you through the beauty of music and art.

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ST. STAN'S DAD'S CLUB

will present "A Night At the Races" at St. Stan's Social Center on Saturday, April 22. Doors will open at 6:30 PM, dinner will be served at 7:00PM and the first of 12 great races will begin at 7:30 PM. There will be a featured Auction Race after the regular races. Tickets are



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