

ST. STANISLAUS STAFF

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PARISH STAFF

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DIRECTORY

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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: 8:30 AM & 7:00 PM
 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

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME September 11, Wrzesnia, 2005

Sat	5:00 PM	+Edward & Helen Wisniewski
Sun	8:30 AM	+John Depta
	10:00 AM	+Lucian Szczepanski
	11:30 AM	+Ted Klimczak
Mon	Sep 12	Weekday (Holy Name of Mary)
	7:00 AM	+Helen E. Matia
	8:30 AM	+Katarzyna Pawlikowski & Helen Waler
Tue	Sep 13	St. John Chrysostom, bishop
	7:00 AM	+Jadwiga Prusinski
	8:30 AM	+Davis Family
Wed	Sep 14	Exaltation of the Holy Cross
	7:00 AM	+Robert Arko
	8:30 AM	+Wanda Galicki.
Thu	Sep 15	Our Lady of Sorrows
	7:00 AM	+Jan Boc
	8:30 AM	+Joe & Jean Dardzinski
Fri	Sep 16	St. Cornelius, pope & St. Cyprian, martyrs
	7:00 AM	+John Paul II
	8:30 AM	+Veronica Gnatowski
Sat	Sep 17	Weekday (Robert Bellarmine, bishop)
	8:30 AM	+Anthony Leciejewski
	11:00AM	Wedding of Carey Klug & Charleen Chips
	2:00PM	Wedding of Mathew Gresky & Erika Ventura

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME September 18, Wrzesnia, 2005

Sat	5:00 PM	+Alex & Louise Uminski
Sun	8:30 AM	+Elizabeth Runo
	10:00 AM	+Veronica Gnatowski
	11:30 AM	+Mary Szewczyk

Welcome Cleveland Central Catholic Homecoming Alumni

MUSIC – TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

ENGLISH MASS

Processional: In Christ There Is No East Or West #209
 Offertory: I Want To Walk #200
 Communion: Whatsoever You Do #223
 Recessional: They'll Know We Are Christians #211

POLSKA MSZA ĆWIĘTA

Procesja: Gwiazda Ćliczna #214
 Ofiarowanie: Pójdź do Jezusa #167
 Na Komunię: Jeden Chleb ##150
 Zakończenie: Pod Tw¹ obronę #299

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger and rich in compassion. Psalm 103

Mon 9:00 AM Avilas pray for vocations in church.
Tue 7:00 PM PTU meets in the social center.
Wed 4:00 PM Good Shepherd Open House in old convent chapel until 6PM
7:00 PM English Choir Rehearsal in Church
8:00 PM A.A. & Al-Anon in the social center.
Thu 3:30 PM Church Cleanup Crew works until 5:15, followed by fellowship
Sat 4:00 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation until 4:45.

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 130 years.



Timothy Harnet and Marie D'Amico (I)
 Carey Klug and Charleen Chips (II)

Great fun at the St. Stanislaus Polish Festival Oct. 7,8,9

In Christ There Is No East Or West

Once again during our collective pilgrimage we have seen the seeds of tragedy planted to sprout forth beauty. Just when life seems to be quietly moving along with our small personal crosses, humanity falls on its way up the hill, struggling under the weight of a new cross, a cross of water ... water from the hurricane and from tears... tears laden with loss and stress ...stress giving birth to words and words and words making the cross heavier and heavier and heavier.

The words became the nails on the cross, too often coming from people hundreds of miles away from the hurricane damage. Some of those nails were pounded by people right here in our own community. Words of hatred and blame and prejudice and cynicism were flowing pretty easily in some quarters.

All of this darkness was, once again, countered by light in the darkness. Many people quietly prayed. Many people shared resources that they really needed for themselves. Many people shared their energies to provide help for the homeless, the hungry, the sick, the aged. Prayers, money, clothing, food, trucks and the people who produced these lights multiplied steadily.

The light in the darkness grows brighter daily. That same light may even uncover all those same problems right here in our own city and neighborhood where all the same problems exist. The problem is always in sustaining the momentum. Negative words will always try to snuff out the light of that candle. Negative thoughts and hatred and prejudice will always try to extinguish its brilliance. Indifference will frequently try to blanket over everything.

In our light there is no darkness at all. In our light there is no East or West or North or South. The light of Christ continues to give us strength – strength to carry our crosses. *Deo Gratias!*

David Krakowski

SCHEDULE FOR MINISTERS

Twenty-Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time, September 18, Wrzesnia 2005

Sat 5:00 PM Lector — Rob Jagelewski
 Euch. Min — Jean Potter, Christine Wisniewski, Linda and Carmen Vincenzo
Sun 8:30 AM Lector — Jim Sadowski
 Euch. Min. — Adeline Nadolny, Ray Tegowski, Debbie Ziss, Alice Klafczynski
10:00 AM Lector — Ursula Skotnicka
 Euch. Min. — A. Jankowski, G. Markiewicz, Tom Monzell, R. Drewnowski
11:30 AM Lector — Richard Konisiewicz
 Euch. Min. — Angela Revay, William Bobowicz, David Simcox, Nancy Sontowski

PARISH SUPPORT

Last Sunday's Collection

5:00 PM.....\$1,423.01
 8:30 AM\$1,109.25
 10:00 AM.....\$1,166.82
 11:30 AM.....\$760.91
 Mailed in.....\$2,017.00
Total (428 envelopes) \$6,476.99
Children's Collection (3) \$4.00

THANK YOU



IT MAKES ALL THE DIFFERENCE

There's a great little story that goes around, about a little boy walking along a seashore. He noticed that the receding tide had left behind thousands of starfish that didn't get washed back into the sea. Knowing the delicate creatures would die before the next tide came in, he started picking them up

and tossing them back into the water. An older man came by and asked what he was doing, and the boy replied he was saving the starfish. The older man, much wiser by worldly standards, laughed and asked the boy, "There are thousands of starfish here! What difference can you possibly make?" The little boy calmly picked up another starfish, threw it into the sea, and answered, "It made all the difference to this starfish!"

When the images of the storm ravaged Gulf Coast came streaming into our homes last week, it was almost as if a flood had been released into our living rooms as well. In many ways,

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there was indeed a flood of our own — a flood of emotion. Sadness, anger, helplessness. Surely, it seemed, somebody ought to be doing something? Yet none of us commands an army, none of us is a millionaire, none of us owns a helicopter or a food warehouse.

But we all have hearts, and the hearts that were broken have also been revived by an outpouring of generosity. To combat the floods of water, we offer a flood of kindness. Our parishioners and friends have responded overwhelmingly to the call to help our neighbors to the south. It is also a concrete expression of Franciscan fraternity with Br. Andy, Fr. Greg, and Fr. Jim, friends of ours who are facing the sadness of broken lives daily.

We ourselves know what it means to have our lives broken, because there is a part of us that will never forget the horror and pain of December 7, 2002. We remember how an entire city poured out their hearts to us, how complete strangers embraced us and helped us. We know how the power of prayer sustained our faith and strengthened us in the hope of the Resurrection and new life experienced even now.

Some people have asked if the storm and its consequences were a sign from God. My first answer was "No," because the questioners always hinted that it must have been a sign of God's anger about something or at someone. God does not work that way, hasn't since the flood with Noah. But on reflection, perhaps there is something of God in all of this. It's not that God causes floods in order to make a point. Rather, God takes what happens and invites people to trust in the infinite power of goodness and charity, power that is in the end stronger than any darkness or despair. And God invites his children to demonstrate their faith by acting on its instincts, instincts that keep moving toward the horizons of life until we are exhausted in loving surrender to God's infinite love and mercy.

All of that in a can of soup, a bottle of water, a bar of soap, a new set of clothes — boxed with love and sent with prayers to a little town of Greenwood, Mississippi, where each package, like the tossed starfish, makes all the difference to someone.

Fr. Michael

PRZEBACZANIE

Bardzo możliwe, że Szymon-Piotr ze względu na swój swój porywczy charakter wiele razy wchodził w mniejsze lub większe konflikty z innymi ludźmi. Stąd prawdopodobnie jego pytanie skierowane do Mistrza: „Panie, ile razy mam przebaczać, czy aż siedem razy?” Odpowiedz słyszy niezwykle



zaskakująca: **przebaczać siedemdziesiąt siedem razy**. Wobec takiego dictum, możemy przeżywać dramat lub odczuwać wielki spokój. Dramat, bo Jezus wymaga bardzo trudnego przebaczenia, a w nas wszystko buntuje się na te myśli. Spokój, ponieważ nasze życie płynie tak spokojnie, że zadanie Jezusa wydaje nam się łatwe; to oczywiste, że trzeba zawsze przebaczać. Wielu powie czysta teoria! Spójrzmy dokoła. Kto przebacza? Uważamy nawet, że przebaczenie stałoby się zachętą dla tych, którzy na przebaczenie nie zasługują: "W porządku, rób tak dalej, nie krepuj się!". A żeby być posłusznym Jezusowi, musimy dokonać rzeczywistego nawrócenia.

Rozważmy obydwie sytuacje. Jeśli przeżywam rozterki wobec przebaczenia „prawie niemożliwego” (takie wydaje się niemal każde przebaczenie), Jezus wzywa mnie, żebym przebaczył natychmiast, bez względu na moje zranienia i bunt. Zabijamy w sobie Ewangelię i zabijamy swoje życie, kiedy gramy na zwłokę, kiedy myślimy, że nie potrafimy zrobić tego, o co Jezus nas prosi. Uzgodnic nas, abysmy byli w stanie, to Jego sprawa, sprawa Jego Ducha. Do nas należy przyjąć wezwanie, błagając Jezusa: chce, ale nie potrafię, pomóż mi! Jeżeli nie mam problemu, wymaganie Jezusa jest doskonałą profilaktyką, stawiającą mnie pod prąd pysznego świata, który odmawia przebaczenia.

Przebaczenie bowiem, to walka z pychą, zawsze gotowa wyolbrzymiac zniewagi i wznosić przeszkody chęci pojednania. Pycha tak pięknie potrafi ubierać się w pozory honoru, zdrowego rozsądku, sprawiedliwości, prawa do samoobrony, troski, by nie dawać zachęty złu. Dlatego najpierw trzeba się jej pozbyć.

Dopiero wówczas, w tej oczyszczonej już trochę atmosferze, można zastanowić się nad sprawą złych przebaczeń. Kiedy zgadzam się uśmiechnąć i wyciągnąć reke, bo to załatwia moje problemy, to nie jest to przebaczenie, lecz chytrość. Kiedy uniewinniam domowego tyrana, który znęca się nad s labryzmi, nie jest to przebaczenie, lecz strach.

Natomiast jeśli chodzi o prawdziwe, pełnowartościowe przebaczenie, dwie rzeczy mogą nam wydatnie pomóc. Pierwszym sposobem jest przypomnienie sobie jakiegoś dobrze nam znanego człowieka, który nie potrafi przebaczyć; w jakim chaosie pogrążone jest jego życie, jak roztrzasa, rozpamiętuje tylko to co złe, jak zanudza szczegółami na temat krzywdy, która jego wyrządzona, na temat osoby, która ją obraziła albo zdradziła. Druga kwestia jest umiejętność osadzenia swego przebaczenia w przebaczeniu Boga: „Ojczy przebac mi, jak przebacza się dziecku, gdyż staram się, przebaczać, być Twoim dzieckiem”.

ks. Jerzy

Welcome to the Catholic Church!

*Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults
(RCIA)*

Are you interested in becoming a Roman Catholic? Do you know someone who has asked questions about the Catholic Church or wants to become a Catholic?

Each year, throughout the Catholic Church in the world, people from all different kinds of backgrounds and faith traditions seek to enter the Catholic Church through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). Our parish joyfully participates in this very rich and rewarding experience every year.

Who can participate? Anyone who wants to seriously follow Jesus Christ as a member of his Body, the Church! We welcome those who are not baptized, those baptized in other Christian communions and Catholic adults who have not completed their sacraments of initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and first Holy Communion).

St. Stanislaus Parish will begin the annual RCIA preparation for 2005-2006 this September. Please keep your eyes and ears peeled! For further information, please call the parish offices: 216-341-9091.

PEACE GARDEN PAVERS

The latest batch of pavers with your memorials have been installed in the Fr. William Gulas Memorial Garden between the rectory and the church. Check it out! If you purchased a brick before the end of June! We are taking Paver orders for the next installation. Pick up an order form at the rectory office or download it from www.ststanislaus.org.

ST. STANS HISTORICAL FACT.

Beginning in 1912 under the direction on Father Sigismund Masalski, dramatic performances were performed on the stage in the elementary school's fourth floor auditorium. The plays presented were religious or historical in nature. The auditorium was filled on Sunday afternoons and evenings even in the hottest weather

ST. STANISLAUS POLISH FESTIVAL NEWS!!!!

Less than 25 days until the Polish Festival! October 7th, 8th and 9th

VOLUNTEERS: Diane Bulanda, our volunteer coordinator, will be in the vestibule after all masses this weekend signing up volunteers to work the festival. We also will need volunteers to help with the setup starting on Monday, October 3rd at 6:00pm and continue that entire week, if you can't help the weekend please come down to help us setup the hall for the weekend. We especially need workers on Thursday, October 6th starting at 5:00pm until we get it all together! We need a group of volunteers to breakdown the decorations starting at 5:30pm on October 9th. If you have any questions or could not sign up after the masses please contact Diane at 440-439-7323. (Also, see cut-out below and drop it in the collection basket or drop it off at the rectory and Diane will then contact you.)

WE LOVE OUR VOLUNTEERS!!!!

RAFFLE TICKETS: Please remember to return your **SOLD** raffle tickets either in the collection basket, drop them off at the rectory during office hours or put them in the mail. There are additional raffle tickets available to purchase or sell, please see one of the priests after mass or stop by the rectory. Our sweepstake raffle is the major part of the financial success of our festival!

COOKING SCHEDULE: We are in the FINAL rounds of cooking!!!! The world-famous Beef Roll-Ups are next, we will be cooking on September 22nd and 23rd starting at 2:00pm. Again, we always need a clean up crew which starts 5:00pm! Call Joe Calamante at 216-271-0832 if you have any questions or concerns.

BAKERY NEEDED! Start finding those recipe cards for those fabulous pastries that we sell at our festival. Our bakers are the best from East to West! This is one thing that keeps our guests coming back each year. We can use any type of cake, strudels, pies, bread, cookies you are willing to donate. Please contact Linda Vincenzo at 216-271-2090 if you have questions of what bakery is the big hit at the booth! Bakery can be dropped off at the Social Center anytime on Friday, October 7th and through out the festival weekend.

BASKETS, BASKETS! There are still a few empty baskets to be taken and filled. Please remember to start bringing in your filled baskets to the rectory or bring them and give them to either the ushers or priests after mass. We need all filled baskets by September 30th to use them for this years festival.

PRIZES: We are also looking for donations for raffle prize. Children prizes (small and large), afghans are still needed to help with our raffle games. Please bring them to the rectory by September 30th.

Polish Festival Adult Volunteer Sign up

Name: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Day(s) that you can volunteer: _____

Hours that you can volunteer: _____

Specific area you would like to volunteer: _____

MARK YOUR CALENDARS, "Night at the Races" Saturday Nov. 12, Sponsored by the St. Stan's Dads Club. More info to follow.



HURRICANE RELIEF AT SAINT STANISLAUS. Our parishioner, Lamont Williams, brings us a skid load of batteries from the Energizer Co. in Westlake—one of many corporate donors. Pat Calamante organizes donations for our truck shipment to Mississippi.

GOOD SHEPHERD OPEN HOUSE 9/14, FIRST DAY OF CLASSES 9/21

The Good Shepherd Catechesis will host an Open House for parents and children on Wednesday, Sept. 14, from 4:00 p.m. until 6:00. Everyone interested in learning more about the program is invited to come to the chapel of the old convent (2nd floor, enter from the rear of the building). Good Shepherd classes for children ages 3 and 4 will begin on Wednesday, Sept. 21, in the chapel. Classes start at 4:00, and will build up to two hours after a few weeks. *The aim of the Good Shepherd Catechesis is to help children build their relationship with Jesus through Scripture and Liturgy. This is a three-year program for children ages 3 to 6. Registrations will be accepted for new students who will be 3 by Dec. 31 or are already 3 or 4 years old.*

Tuition for the nine-month program is \$45.00. Scholarships are available. Printed information and registration forms are in the vestibule of the church. *Space is limited, so register soon.* Please pray for everyone involved with what the children call "Jesus School." Contact Gloria Prevenslik (216-351-8712) or Jane Bobula (440-443-3900, ext. 105, janeEbobula@aol.com) for further information, including volunteer opportunities. You may visit www.cgsusa.org to learn more.

LITERACY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED. Seeds of Literacy provides a basic education and G.E.D. preparation to the adult population in Cuyahoga County **free of charge**. Our one to one tutoring allows students at all academic levels to participate in our program. Readers are needed! Become a tutor! Orientation will be held on October 3 from 6—7:30 PM and on November 7 from 6- 7:30 PM. For more information contact Angela Eldredge at 216-651-4302. In 1997 the Sisters of the Congregation of St. Joseph initiated the Seeds of Literacy Project. Last year the project served over 450 students with the assistance of over 125 dedicated volunteer tutors.

RELIGIA DLA NAJMŁODSZYCH

W dzisiejsz¹ niedzielę, 11 września rozpoczynamy spotkania katechetyczne dla najmłodszych w języku polskim. Religia, jak w poprzednich latach, odbywać się będzie w każd¹ niedzielę po polskiej Mszy św. w byłym Konwencie Sióstr Nazaretanek. Dzisiejsze pierwsze spotkanie z rodzicami i dziećmi odbędzie się w kościele i będzie miało charakter organizacyjny, a rozpocznie się bezpośrednio po polskiej Mszy św

JUZ ZA KILKADZIESCIA DNI ... Rozpocznie się nasz parafialny Festiwal (każdego roku odbywa się on w pierwszy pełny weekend października). W tym roku będ¹ to 7, 8 i 9 października. Mamy nadzieję, że nasi parafianie zaopatrzyli się już w bilety na loterie losowana w czasie Festiwalu. Jeżeli ktoś jeszcze tego nie uczynił, może kupić bilet na plebanii. Przygotowane są już pierogi, zrobione gołabki i wiele innych smacznych potraw. Potrzebujemy jeszcze wolontariuszy, którzy poświęciłiby choćby dwie, trzy godziny na pracę na rzecz Festiwalu. **Liczmy bardzo na wspieraniu umiejętności naszych pań przy wypieku ciast i różnych s¹odkoci.** Pomyślny o fantach, które możemy przygotować na losowanie w czasie loterii, także o różnych robótkach ręcznych. Każda inicjatywa, każde rece, każdy dobry pomysł może być cennym wkładem w dobrą organizację Festiwalu. Wszystkim nam zależy na jak najlepszych jego owocach. Również w tym miejscu bardzo serdecznie dziękujemy za już okazaną wszelką pomoc. Sukces może być tylko we wspólnym działaniu.

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 and Senior Airman **Christopher Bobak** being deployed to Baghdad on Sept. 5th.