

ST. STANISLAUS STAFF

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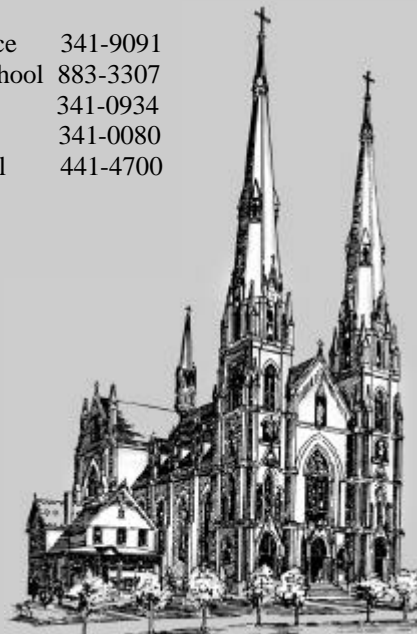
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www.ststanislaus.org

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

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 12 Września 2004

Sat 5:00 PM Sp Int. James & Loretta Horvath
Congratulations James & Loretta on your 50th Wedding Anniversary
Sun 8:30 AM +Sophie Shendel
10:00 AM +Allan Witowski
11:30 AM +Dorothy Lange
Congratulations to the 1954 Graduating Class of St. Stan's H.S. on the occasion of their 50 year reunion.

Mon Sept 13 *St. John Chrysostom*, bishop
7:00 AM +Witold Citko
8:30 AM +Sabol Family
Tue Sept 14 *Exaltation of the Holy Cross*
7:00 AM +Charles Choromanski
8:30 AM +Steve Pajka
Wed Sep 15 *Our Lady of Sorrows*
7:00 AM +Joseph & Jean Dardzinski
8:30 AM +John Vasko Sr.
Thu Sep 16 *St. Cornelius*, pope; *St. Cyprius*, Bp
7:00 AM +Eleanor Blados
8:30 AM +Joseph & Jean Dardzinski.
Fri Sep 17 *Stigmata of St. Francis of Assisi*
7:00 AM +Rosemary Trojanowski
8:30 AM +Anthony Leciejewski
Sat Sep 18 *St. Joseph of Cupertino*, friar /priest
8:30 AM +Peter & Alexandra Papa
2:00 PM Wedding of Kenneth Sulhan & Barbara Tripolsky

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 19 Września 2004

Sat 5:00 PM +Paul Kalinowski
Sun 8:30 AM +Joseph Malinak
10:00 AM +Wincenty Filipowicz
Sp. Int. for the people of St. John Kanty, Erie Pa.
11:30 AM +Stefan Dubaniewicz
1:00 PM Baptisms of Stephen & Victoria Rahna

MUSIC – TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ENGLISH MASS

Processional: All Are Welcome #193
 Offertory: O Breathe on Me, Breath of God #272
 Communion: Draw Near #237
 Recessional: Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven #194

POLSKA MSZA ŚWIĘTA

Procesja: Boże lud Twój #278
 Ofiarowanie: Syn marnotrawny #88
 Na Komunię: Jezu ufam Tobie #184
 Zakończenie: Pod Twą obronę #299

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

O Lord open my lips, and my mouth shall proclaim your praise! Psalm 51

Mon 9:00 AM Avilas pray for vocations in church.
6:45 PM Bingo in the social center.
Tues 7:00 PM PTU meets in the social center.
7:00 PM English Choir rehearses in the church.
Wed 6:00 PM Polish Choir at Harmonia Chopin Hall rehearsal
6:30 PM Youth Group meeting in the all purpose room.
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
7:00 PM Education Commission meets in the convectory.



Kenneth Sulhan and Barbara Tripolsky (II)
Raymond Shivey and Carol Kowalski (II)
Bryan Evans and Megan Orosz (II)

RECTORY COUNTDOWN

Days until we move back into the rectory:
 70

Amount still to be raised:
 \$128,722.01

To all who have made a donation or pledge to this vital project, thank you. If you have not yet made a commitment to our future by helping rebuild our parish house, please pray about whether and how you are called to help.

Triumph of the Cross

9/11

To You, O Lord, I lift up my soul. O God, in You, I trust. Jezu ufam Tobie.

The refugees of Sudan.

In You I hope all day long. Your mercy and love are eternal.

The Russian Schoolchildren.

Lead me in Your truth and teach me for You are God, my Savior.

The fallen Palestinians and the fallen Israelis

All Yahweh's paths are love and truth for those who keep His covenant and His decrees.

The cross casts its shadow over Psalm 25 as that same shadow embraces the suffering of the world.

People jumping from tower one saw the same shadow as the crack dealer who fell on Fleet. The latest dust encrusted child from Sudan dying from starvation was in the same shadow as the 3 month old 'unborn' child from Shaker Heights. The mother caught in the crossfire in Russia was in the same shadow as the homeless woman raped, beaten and left to die in some alley of New York. The two young Palestinian and Israeli boys who may have become friends didn't get the chance because of the 'cause' of terrorists. They were both in that shadow as well, probably together playing, possibly praying to the same God.

Lord Jesus Christ, Your light shines within us. Let not my doubts or my darkness speak to me.

Lord Jesus Christ, Your light shines within us. Let my heart always welcome Your love.

Jesus, I trust in You! Jezu, ufam Tobie!

David Krakowski

SCHEDULE FOR MINISTERS

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, September 19 Września 2004

Sat 5:00 PM Lector — Emily Galish
 Euch. Min. — Jean Potter, Chris Wisniewski, Linda & Carmen Vincenzo
Sun 8:30 AM Lector — Jim Sadowski
 Euch. Min. — Adeline Nadonly, Ray Tegowski, Debbie Ziss, Loretta Horvath
10:00 AM Lector — Teresa Cyranek
 Euch. Min. — Sr. Jane Frances, Gertrude Markiewicz, Alexandra & Longin Jankowski
11:30 AM Lector — Michael Leahy
 Euch. Min. — Angela Revay, Hollie Revay, David Simcox, Nancy Sontowski

PARISH SUPPORT

Last Sunday's Collection
 5:00 PM.....\$1,180.00
 8:30 AM.....\$1,338.00
 10:00 A.M.....\$965.00
 11:30 AM.....\$1,236.00
 Mailed in.....\$1,498.00
Total (437 envelopes) \$6,219.00
Children's Collection (7) \$8.50

THANK YOU

Receiving Mercy and Grace

“But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.” 1 Timothy 1:13b-14

Do you experience joy in your relationship with God? Not just feeling “good” or “comfortable” — but real joy. The kind of joy that the author of

this epistle expresses when he reflects upon his past life in sin and his new life in Jesus.

I wonder sometimes as I meet people, listen to folks, minister among different congregations — do we know the joy of the Lord? The joy of the New Testament?

Today’s second reading is a rather personal testimony, ascribed to St. Paul the Apostle (*this may have been a personal letter with later additions*), and in this part of the letter is overflowing with the author’s profound joy at having experienced the Lord’s mercy.

Have you encountered the mercy of Jesus Christ?

Like grace, mercy is unearned. We cannot buy it. We can’t even afford it! That’s why its *mercy* — like a condemned criminal on death row who receives the governor’s pardon and is spared the death penalty — so we stand before the Most High as sinners, like St. Paul, only able to *receive* mercy.

It seems like there’s something inside us that rebels at the very notion of mercy and grace. Maybe that’s because it is out of our control. Mercy cannot be manipulated; it can only be received. Like a beggar who may seethe with resentment at the very idea of needing a handout from someone else, maybe we bristle at our need for mercy and grace. But, yes, we *need* mercy and grace.

Unlike the experience of many who stand in unemployment lines or welfare lines, the Lord does not treat us without dignity. Just the opposite. He wants us to admit our humanity and thereby open ourselves to receive his mercy. Like St. Paul the Apostle did. The result of such an admission is not shame — it’s joy! Yes, joy! Why? Because we admit the truth. We need mercy; we need grace; we need Jesus. And so we arrive at freedom. The Lord confers his own dignity, his righteousness upon us. That’s his mercy and grace.

The fruit of all this is the Lord’s peace. Peace is the deep sense of integration that comes to us when we accept, when we receive the goodness of our God. As has been stated elsewhere, this is not a fatalistic resignation — this is an active acceptance. The author of today’s second reading experienced this very thing. That is why he is overflowing with joy. Because the sister of peace is joy.

St. Paul finally surrendered the struggle of trying to win God’s favor through obedience to the Law of Moses. He stopped fighting and found peace in the risen Lord Jesus Christ, as he writes in another place in First Timothy. He had persecuted the Church, but by God’s favor and mercy found *“faith and love that are in Christ Jesus”*. We obey God’s Word out of love, not out of fear — that’s mercy!

If God could do that for someone like St. Paul, God can do that for you and me. Let’s open ourselves to God and willingly accept his mercy and grace so we can know his peace and joy. *Peace, Fr. Joachim C. Studwell, ofm*

WSKRZESZANIE MIŁOŚCI

Wszystkie trzy przypowieści z dzisiejszej ewangelii obrazują w pełni ogrom miłości Boga do człowieka, ale też wskazują wielką rolę i zakres wolności, jaką Stwórca obdarza istotę “stworzoną na swój obraz i podobieństwo”. Dwie pierwsze pokazują, że Bóg poszukuje nieustannie zagubionych, ale dopiero trzecia daje obraz ogromnej wolności człowieka. Bog nieustannie podąża za człowiekiem zagubionym, jak dobry pasterz czy kobieta konsekwentnie poszukująca drachmy. On chodzi drogami słabego człowieka, choć ten jest nawet zupełnie bierny. Ale przy spotkaniu Kochający Ojciec niczego nie czyni na siłę. Decyzja należy do człowieka. Miłość potrafi być cierpliwa, a Bóg jest samą Miłością. Czeką cierpliwie na powrót marnotrawnego syna.

Tajemnicę grzechu i nawrócenia, łatwiej jest zrozumieć komuś, kto przeżył obumieranie prawdziwej miłości i podjął trud jej wskrzeszenia. Wówczas to, człowiek doświadcza najboleśniejszego przeżycia na ziemi. Sięga ono najgłębszych warstw ludzkiego serca. Temu kto prawdziwie kocha nie jest łatwo obserwować, jak osoba kochana oddala się od niego i wchodzi na swoje prywatne ścieżki, po których nie mogą wędrować razem. Jeśli zaś odkryje, że osoba kochana oddaje się w ręce innej miłości, że jego miejsce zajmuje ktoś inny, zatrzymuje się zupełnie bezradny. Ponieważ prawdziwie kocha, nie może zrezygnować z tej osoby, nie pozostaje mu nic innego, jak tylko czekać na jej powrót.

Bóg prawdziwie kocha i wciąż szuka każdego, kto “zapomniał” o Jego miłości. Szuka wytrwale. Gdy jednak znajdzie i odkryje, że ktoś z nas zatopił się w innych miłościach, dobrowolnie oddał swe serce bogactwu, zaspokajaniu chorych ambicji, karmieniu pożądliwością czy wygodnictwu - zatrzymuje się, staje niemal bezradny. Szanując wolność nie wyrwa nas z naszych miłości, mimo iż boleje, widząc jak one nas niszczą. Prawdziwa miłość jest oparta na dobrowolnej decyzji, na wyborze podyktowanym przez serce. Gdyby nawet Bóg zniszczył wartości ukochane przez nas, nie pozyskałby tym samym naszych serc dla siebie. Taka droga na pewno nie prowadzi do wskrzeszenia obumierającej miłości. Wręcz przeciwnie, jest odczytywana jako krzywda wyrządzona temu, kto tym wartościom uległ. Stąd, bardzo rzadko Bóg interweniuje ponadnaturalnie niszcząc wartości umiłowane przez człowieka, choć zawsze ma taką moc. On czeka.

W przypowieści o synu marnotrawnym ojciec nie szuka syna, choć dobrze wie co się z nim dzieje. Cierpliwie czeka, aż dojrzeje w synu decyzja o powrocie. Dopiero kiedy ten powraca i prosi o prawo wejścia do ojcowskiego domu, następuje wzruszające spotkanie.

Bóg nigdy nie zrezygnuje z tego kogo kocha; On wie, że żadne inne miłości nie są w stanie uszczęśliwić człowieka.

Tylko ten, kto przeżył radość z wskrzeszenia obumarłej miłości, może dobrze zrozumieć wymowę dzisiejszej ewangelii i słowa Chrystusa o wielkiej radości w niebie.

Uniwersalizm przypowieści polega na tym, że może ją zastosować w swoim życiu również człowiek, który chce odbudować tylko ludzką miłość, ale pełna wymowa tej przypowieści znajduje swoje zastosowanie w relacji Bóg – człowiek.

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POLISH FESTIVAL NEWS

Less than 17 days until the Polish Festival! October 1st, 2nd and 3rd

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 in the sacristy and parish office. Our sweepstake raffle is the major part of the financial success of our festival!

COOKING SCHEDULE: We have heated up the ovens and are ready to start cooking!

Beef Roll-Ups: September 16th and 17th cooking begins at 2 pm.

Cabbage and Noodles : During the week of the Festival September 28th and September 29th cooking begins 3:00pm

Please mark your calendars, take some time off work and join in on the fun! We always need a clean up crew which starts at 3:00pm on the 10am cooking times and 6:00pm on the 3:00pm cooking day! For information, call Joe Calamante 271-0832.

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! Our guests coming back each year for our home made treats. 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 1st and through out the festival weekend.

VOLUNTEERS. We will need volunteers to help with the setup and breakdown of the festival. If you want to get your name on the list ahead of the signup weekend please contact Diane at 440-439-7323. **WE LOVE OUR VOLUNTEERS!!!!**

PRIZES: We are also looking for donations for raffle prizes. Children and adult prizes are needed to help with our raffle games. If you have new stuffed animals or adult prizes please bring them to the rectory.

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 2004-2005 this September. Please keep your eyes and ears peeled! For further information, please call Fr. Kim Studwell, OFM at the parish offices: 216-341-9091.

NEW ST. STANISLAUS STATUE

St. Rocco has a new companion in the Rectory Peace Garden. A statue of St. Stanislaus was gifted to our church from the Sisters of St. Joseph 3rd order of St. Francis of the Marymount Convent. Stanley Witzcak, who maintains the garden looks upon the statue entrusted to his care .



**GOOD SHEPHERD OPEN HOUSE 9/22,
FIRST DAY OF CLASSES 9/29**

The Good Shepherd Catechesis will host an Open House for parents and children on Wednesday, Sept. 22, 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 convectory (2nd floor, enter from the rear of the building).

The Good Shepherd Catechesis for children ages 3 and 4 will begin classes on Wednesday, Sept. 29, in the chapel of the convectory. Classes start at 4:00 PM, and will build up to two hours.

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 aged 3 to 6), but this year the pilot program is open to only a small number of 3- and 4-year-olds, so register soon. Tuition for the nine-month program is \$45.00; scholarships are available. Registration forms are in the vestibule of the church.

Please pray for everyone who is helping to prepare this sacred space for the children. Contact Jane Bobula (440-443-3900, ext. 105, janeEbobula@aol.com) or Gloria Prevenslik (216-351-8712) for information on the program, including volunteer opportunities.

JUZ ZA KILKANAŚCIE DNI ... Rozpocznie się nasz parafialny Festiwal (każdego roku odbywa się on w pierwszy weekend października). W tym roku będą to pierwsze trzy dni miesiąca. 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 golabki i wiele innych smacznych potraw. Potrzebujemy jeszcze wolontariuszy, którzy poświęciliby choćby dwie, trzy godziny na pracę na rzecz Festiwalu. **Liczymy bardzo na wspaniałe umiejętności naszych pań przy wypieku ciast i różnych słodkości.** Pomyslny o fantach, które możemy przygotować na losowanie w czasie loterii, także o różnych robótkach ręcznych. Każda inicjatywa, każdy 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 wszelaką pomoc. Sukces może być tylko we wspólnym działaniu.

RELIGIA DLA NAJMŁODSZYCH W dzisiejszą niedzielę, 12 września rozpoczynamy spotkania katechetyczne dla najmłodszych w języku polskim. Religia, jak w poprzednich latach, odbywać się będzie w każdą niedzielę po polskiej Mszy św. w budynku tymczasowej plebanii. Dzisiaj po Mszy św. spotkanie organizacyjne z dziećmi i rodzicami.

BUS TRIP TO HOLY FAMILY OF NAZARETH FESTIVAL

The annual fall festival for our Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth, is on Sunday, October 17th, in Bellevue, PA. (just outside of Pittsburgh) This festival benefits the elderly Sisters. Each year St. Stanislaus sends a bus of parishioners and friends. The bus would leave after 8:30 am Mass and return to Cleveland around 6:00pm that day. It is a fun filled day of food, games of chance and fellowship. Take the trip to enjoy the beautiful grounds of the Manor.

If you are interested in going please contact the rectory at 216-341-9091 to register. We need a minimum of 25 people for the bus to make the trip. Cost of the trip is \$30.00 and includes a continental breakfast. Book early! Reservations must be in by October 5.

**CONGRATULATIONS AGNES FRONCHOWIAK ON
YOUR 90TH BIRTHDAY SEPT 4
PRESIDENT OF THE ST. STANISLAUS
GOLDEN AGERS!**

MEMORIAL BRICKS are still available for \$100.00 each by contacting the rectory office. Some of those already donated have already been installed and can be seen in the Peace Garden. Others will be added to the garden as requests are submitted.

BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS. The next class will be Oct 3, 1:00 PM, at Holy Name Church, If you are planning to baptize your child, call 216-271-4242 to register.

VOTER REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Please take advantage of the opportunity to register to vote or fill out an absentee ballot application the weekend of 9/25 & 9/26 after Mass.

You must register to vote if:

1. You changed your address
2. You changed your name
3. You will be 18 years old on or before Nov 2, 2004

Applications for absentee ballots are required if:

1. You will be out of town on election day.
2. You are 62 years or older.
3. You have a personal illness or physical disability.
4. You are away at college.

Oct. 4 Voter registration ends for the General Election

Oct. 25 Absentee ballot applications are due to the Board of Election.

November 2 — General Election Day.

FAITHFUL CITIZENSHIP 2004

As we approach the elections of 2004, we renew our call for a new kind of politics—focused on moral principals not on the latest polls, on the needs of the poor and vulnerable not the contributions of the rich and powerful, and on the pursuit of the common good not the demands of special interest.

St. Stan's Dads Club

Fifth Annual Clam Bake

Saturday, September 18, 2004

Location: St. Stan's Social Center.

Tickets will be sold by

Pat Rodriguez @ 440-877-0792, John Sklodowski @ 216-641-7624, John Heynik @ 216-341-2019, Archie Mosinski 641-9932.

Ticket prices are: Chicken & Clams \$20. Chicken only \$15. Steak and Clams \$26. Steak only \$21. Extra clams (doz.) \$7.

Each meal also receives a potato, chowder, salad, rolls, and dessert. Children under 10, with a paying adult, will receive a free hot dog and bag of chips. Also there will be free pop all evening. With every full dinner ticket you will receive one (1) free can of beer.

Doors will open @ 5PM and dinners will be served from 5:30 to 7:30PM. There will be a full bar available and no outside food or drinks are permitted. There will be NO tickets sold at the door. A DJ will provide music. A limited number of tickets will be sold. Order your tickets early. Cut off date is Monday, September 13.