

ST. STANISLAUS STAFF

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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

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 21 (Wrzesień), 2003

Sat	5:00 PM	+Janet Szarwark
Sun	8:30 AM	Sp. Int. Frank & Elizabeth Zuchowski
		<i>Congratulations Frank & Elizabeth on your 63rd Anniversary</i>
	10:00 AM	Sp. Int. Stephania Monka
	11:30 AM	Sp. Int. John and Debbie Ziss
		<i>Congratulations, John & Debbie on your 25th Anniversary</i>
	1:00 PM	<i>Baptism of Samuel Winston Bascone</i>
	2:00 PM	Sp. Int. Cleveland Central HS Parents
Mon	Sep 22	Weekday
	7:00 AM	+Sophie Zerucha
	8:30 AM	+John Garczewski
Tue	Sep 23	Weekday
	7:00 AM	+Stanley Michalik
	8:30 AM	+Stanley Kolakowski
Wed	Sep 24	Weekday
	7:00 AM	+Stanley Szubski
	8:30 AM	+Helen Nemecc
Thu	Sep 25	Weekday
	7:00 AM	+Rose Modlinski
	8:30 AM	+Edward Wisniewski
Fri	Sep 26	Weekday (Ss. Cosmas and Damian)
	7:00 AM	+Ted Nadolny
	8:30 AM	+Michele Mamakos
Sat	Sep 27	St. Vincnet de Paul, priest
	8:30 AM	+Maryann Zdunczyk
	2:00 PM	<i>Wedding of Craig Slesinger & Karen Witt</i>

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 28 (Wrzesień), 2003

Sat	5:00 PM	+Paul Kalinowski
		<i>Congratulations to Eleanor & Jerome (Harry) Moczadlo on their 60th Anniversary</i>
Sun	8:30 AM	+Carl Sper
	10:00 AM	+Anna & Henryk Sulewski and Tatiana & Antoni Trzaska
	11:30 AM	+Roman Lesniak
	1:00 PM	<i>Baptisms of Tyler Joseph Fernandez and Maximilian John Muresan</i>

MUSIC – TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS

Processional We Gather Together #288
 Offertory: Here I am, Lord #212
 Communion: I Want to Walk #202
 Recessional: Open Wide the Doors to Christ #186

POLSKA MSZA ŚWIĘTA

Procesja Kiedy ranne wstają zorze #290
 Ofiarowanie: Kochajmy Pana #182
 Na Komunię: Jezu miłości Twej #180
 Zakończenie Weź w Swą opiekę #249

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

Mon 6:45 PM Bingo in the social center — air-conditioned.
Tue 7:00 PM Finance Council meets in convectory.
Wed 6:00 PM Próba chóru w koscielie.
6:30 PM Youth Group meeting in the all purpose room.
7:00 PM English Choir Rehearsal
8:00 PM A.A. & Al-Anon in the social center.
Thu 2:00 PM Festival cooking—Kielbasa & Kraut in the social center.
3:30 PM Church Cleanup Crew works until 5:15.
Fri 9:00 AM Cleveland Central Catholic Fall Festival in school until 2:00PM
2:00 PM Festival cooking—Kielbasa & Kraut in the social center.
Sat 4:00 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation until 4:45.
Sun 6:00 PM WERE 1300AM till 8:00PM Rich Krzynowek's Polka radio program with promo's of the festival

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.

September

...That's the title of one of the songs from my favorite song cycle, Richard Strauss's *Vier letzte Lieder (Four Last Songs)*. The composer set four beautiful poems to music, three by Herman Hesse, the last by Joseph von Eichendorff. Hesse wrote the poem *September* around the time of World War I.

Strauss wrote the musical accompaniment to those words shortly after World War II. There are people in our midst who experienced the horror of both those wars. Who, including any one of them, be they soldier or civilian, would ever have imagined beauty to be able to flower out of the same animal kingdom that destroyed life so easily? And, yet, it did. The world which abandoned God and yet, proclaimed like a big baby, that He abandoned the world, continues to recover from each tantrum of evil in its undivine comedy.

God could never abandon humanity. Even Jesus, hanging on the Cross, showed His humanity when He actually uttered those words of despair before His final breath. In the end, His will joined that of His Father. In the end, the Spirit triumphed.

The Spirit is what transforms all the suffering into beauty, all the pain into truth, all the feelings of abandonment into those of joy. So we have the creation of something from nothing every second of time.

God's presence is constant just as the Cross is constant. Of course He was at the World Trade Center. Of course He was at Auschwitz. Of course He was in the rectory last December 7th. His action of creation is as constant as His act of being. Truth and beauty will always grow into infinity while suffering will be only a point in time. The closing words of *September* proclaim this reality so lyrically:

*Long by the roses still
 it (Summer) tarries, yearns for rest,
 slowly closes its (great)
 weary eyes.*

After bombs, torture, starvation and murder, still the Spirit soars.

David Krakowski

SCHEDULE FOR MINISTERS

September 28 (Wrzesień), 2003 Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Sat 5:00 PM Lector— Rob Jagelewski
 Euch. Min. — Carmine and Linda Vincenzo, Andy and Marge Flock
Sun 8:30 AM Lector — Jim Sadowski
 Euch. Min. — Chris Luboski, Mark and Nicole Kobylinski, Sharon Kozak
10:00 AM Lector — Teresa Cyranek
 Euch. Min. — Sr. Jane Frances, Witold Szalkoper
11:30 AM Lector — Don Pieniak
 Euch. Min. — Jeanette Simcox, Marilyn Mosinski, Ron and Joanne Grams

PARISH SUPPORT

Last Sunday's Collection
 5:00 PM.....\$1,165.00
 8:30 AM \$1,161.00
 10:00 AM.....\$1,231.50
 11:30 AM.....\$1,076.00
 Mailed in.....\$895.00
 Total (428 envelopes) \$5,528.55
Children's Collection (12) \$19.00

THANK YOU!



“Where there is envy and selfish ambition there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy.”

James 5:16-17

Are we wise or are we foolish? No one likes to be considered a fool. In fact, we would very likely be insulted and even hurt if we were called foolish. Unfortunately, we human beings sometimes won't admit our own foolishness, and so we become even MORE foolish! Better to be honest and admit the truth.

The Letter of James is full of very practical wisdom for everyday life. It is a typical Jewish code of ethics common at the time of the New Testament which the Christian community (under James?) incorporated as its own, and *baptized* with specific Christian adaptations. In this lesson we learn that selfishness is foolishness.

Human foolishness results in sin. In this case, envy, selfish ambition, disorder and wickedness — all these are the fruit of self-preoccupation, which has its roots in giving into the fear of abandonment. Wisdom, coming from above (i.e. God), counteracts this fear by focusing outside of oneself onto the Other — God, and producing good fruit for the glory of God and the benefit of others. Hence, the two principal commandments are fulfilled, to love God with one's whole self and to love one's neighbor as oneself.

Many years ago I heard a parable, supposedly Buddhist, about someone who died and was given two choices — heaven or hell. He was given the opportunity to visit each and to make his decision accordingly (*obviously not the Christian perspective, but the story continues*). He visits hell and sees a banquet hall full of gourmet foods that are aromatic and succulent. People are gathered around the table to eat. There is one stipulation — they must eat with an enormously oversized spoon. All the folks around the table are miserable, starving and groaning in agony because each time they attempt to serve themselves with the super-sized spoon, the food falls from the spoon onto the floor and so they perpetually starve!

He next visits heaven — there he sees an identical table full of delicious foods with delightful aromas, and, of course, the huge spoons for feeding. Everyone is happy and there is great rejoicing and laughter, there is joy and people are well fed. Why? Our friend sees that the people in heaven have learned to use the enormous spoons to feed one another! Instead of feeding oneself, each person in heaven feeds another person. No food is spilled on the floor or wasted, but everyone enjoys the banquet and enjoys one another. They have learned to love their neighbor! Such is the wisdom from above.

The more I focus on myself the more miserable I become. Certainly I must take care of myself in a healthy manner. But when I become self-preoccupied and self-absorbed, I isolate myself from other people and become prone to envy and selfish ambition producing the bad fruit of *disorder and wickedness of every kind*. However, when I focus on the Lord and his infinite and eternal mercy, I find God's wisdom readily available because I am free — I live in the integrity of my baptism. Selfishness is a suffocating prison which separates me from God and other people. Generosity, a fruit of God's wisdom, is life-giving and liberating allowing me to love God and others.

Lord Jesus, change my foolish selfishness to wise generosity so that I may be peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and bear good fruit. Free me, Lord, to love as you love. Amen.

Peace, **Fr. Joachim Studwell, OFM**

POKORA DROGĄ WIELKOŚCI

Odnosząc się do tytułu dzisiejszej refleksji ktoś powie: to paradoks. Czy rzeczywiście? Za wyjaśnienie niech wystarczy przywołanie słów Chrystusa: **“Jeśli kto chce być pierwszym, niech będzie ostatnim ze wszystkich i sługą wszystkich”**. Jakżeż wielu z nas pamięta, i owszem, te słowa ale próbuje realizować tylko pierwszą ich część.



W mądrych opowieściach starych ojców zawartych jest wiele pouczających przykładów. Jedna z nich pasuje jak ulał do treści naszych rozważań. Oto Abba Arseusz opowiada taką historię: Pewien mędrzec, siedząc w swej celi, usłyszał mówiący do niego głos: Chodź, pokażę ci dzieła ludzkie. I zobaczył ów starzec świątynię, a przed nią dwóch ludzi na koniach trzymających belkę w poprzek wejścia, stojących jeden obok drugiego. Chcieli z nią wejść przez bramę, ale ponieważ ustawiona była w poprzek, nie mogli tego uczynić. Żaden jednak z nich nie poniżył się do tego, aby stanąć za towarzyszem i ustawić belkę na wprost. A głos mówił do starca: Ci tutaj to są ludzie, którzy jarzmo sprawiedliwości niosą z pychą i nie chcą się upokorzyć, aby się poprawić i iść drogą Chrystusa, dlatego pozostają na zewnątrz Królestwa Bożego.

Aby człowiek żył godnie i dobrze jego czynami musi rządzić pokora, a ta jest sługą mądrości. Jakie zaś postawy ona dyktuje? Miłosierdzie, ustepliwość, posłuszeństwo, dobroć, wolność od względów ludzkich i obłudy. To znowu “mój umiłowany” Jakub Apostoł z dzisiejszego czytania. A współczesny człowiek, “wielki tego świata” zakrzyknie: przecież to nierealne - świat cię zniszczy. Czyżby? A co robi “ten świat”, jeśli nie wyniszcza się wzajemnie w pogoni za ... czym? Za jaką wielkością? Na pewno nie przynoszącą zadowolenia i wewnętrznego spokoju, a raczej frustrację, wzajemną pogardę, złość i coraz większe pożądanie.

Skąd się biorą wojny i skąd kłótnie między wami? Nie skądinąd, tylko z waszych żądz, które walczą w członkach waszych. Pożądacie, a nie macie, życie morderczą zazdrość, a nie możecie osiągnąć. Prowadzicie walki i kłótnie, a nic nie posiadacie, gdyż się nie modlicie. Modlicie się, a nie otrzymujecie, bo się źle modlicie, starając się jedynie o zaspokojenie swych żądz. To znowu św. Jakub.

Ileż gorzkiej prawdy w tych słowach. Niby proste, ale jakże trudne - odkryć wolę Bożą w swoich działaniach i umieć ją przyjąć, tak aby górowała nad wolą ludzką, która często idzie za ludzkimi żądzami.

Nie ma wątpliwości, że jest to proces bardzo trudny, ale możliwy. Zasadniczy zaś problem nie leży w stosunku człowieka do człowieka lub do świata, ale w relacji człowieka do Boga. A wiąże się to z kwestią pierwszego przykazania.

“Nie będziesz miał bogów cudzych przede Mną” - to przykazanie stawia przed każdym zasadnicze pytania: “Kim jesteś? Dokąd zmierzasz? Jaki masz cel? Jaki sens ma twoje życie?” Możliwe odpowiedzi są tylko dwie: Wybór Boga prawdziwego, albo poszukiwanie bogów cudzych. Kim oni są? Każdy z nas bez trudu może nazwać po imieniu wielu tych “cudzych bogów”. Skąd oni się biorą? Zataczamy krąg i wracamy do punktu wyjścia naszych rozważań: “Kto chce być pierwszy...” oraz “... “nie skądinąd, tylko z waszych żądz...””. Wielu powie: tylko głupcy i nieudacznicy mogą praktykować pokorę. A ja powiem - tylko głupcy i zarozumiali mogą tak twierdzić. Na szczęście, chrześcijańska pokora nie wymarła, jedynie ci którzy nią żyją nie afiszują się z tym, nie zakrzykują innych, ale z pogodą ducha i Bożą mocą idą swoją drogą. **ks. Jerzy**

Survey Results—Last in a series

As a result of our listening to parishioners and the ministry assessments we completed, the Vibrant Parish Life committee has submitted the following to the diocese in the form of a “Composite Summary” in three required areas: vibrancy, challenge, and collaboration.

The best resources and greatest examples of vibrancy in our parish are: (1) worship, (2) education, (3) neighborhood, (4) culture, (5) community and (6) pastoral care.

Areas where we would like to enhance the life and vitality of our parish, which would make us a better parish are: (1) improve evangelization efforts, (2) develop an even greater familiarity between the English- and Polish-speaking members of the congregation, (3) provide more outreach, services, and pastoral care to the poor, (4) enhance the quality of life within Slavic Village and continue the work of improving the neighborhood’s housing stock and (5) increase the weekly collections and improve income flow for ongoing capital and program needs.

Areas identified as most appropriate for collaboration with another parish are: (1) evangelization of the neighborhood, (2) revitalization of the neighborhood, (3) outreach groups, (4) youth groups, (5) charitable organizations, (6) continuous collaboration and (7) ecumenism.

The complete Composite Summary Form, which will include details about each of these areas, can be found on the back bulletin board for review. If you have any questions or concerns about any areas, please contact members of the VPL committee—Susan Halamek, Sharon Kozak, Matt Zielenski—or place a note in the collection basket addressed to VPL. And, if you would like to become a member of the VPL Committee, please call the rectory office.



The Taizé Prayer Service of hope and Reconciliation Commemorating the Second Anniversary of Sept 11, was a very moving experience for the approximately 100 people who attended. Candles were lit by all participants in memory of the victims.

INVITE A FRIEND TO BECOME CATHOLIC.

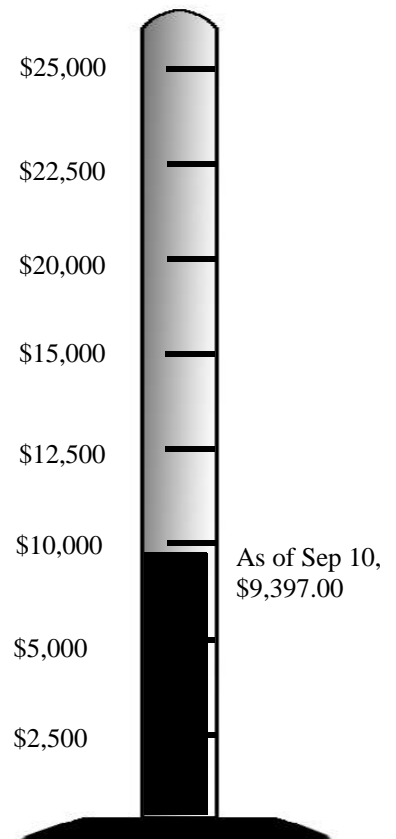
Our Rite for Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) will begin this year’s program on Monday, Sept. 22, 7:00 PM in the school all-purpose room. The first two Mondays of the program will be introductory, explaining what will be involved in the program. The program is especially designed for adults who have never been baptized, baptized Christians of other Faiths who wish to consider Catholicism and unconfirmed Catholics. Catholics who wish to update their understanding of Catholicism are also invited to take part in the program. Call Fr. Michael or Fr. Kim for additional information and to indicate your desire to register for the program.

CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION CAMPAIGN.

The collection for the *Catholic Communication Campaign* will be held next weekend. Use the special envelope in your envelope packet for your donation to this collection.

WEDDING BANNS
Craig Slesinger and Karen Witt (II)
Ronald Mieyal and Lisa Kopacz (I)

POLISH FESTIVAL RAFFLE TICKETS SOLD



PLEASE FOLLOW THE DIRECTION ARROWS FOR ENTERING AND LEAVING OUR PARKING LOT.



GOD BLESS AMERICA

PAPAL JUBILEE EVENTS IN OCTOBER

The month of October will be full of events celebrating the 25th anniversary of our Holy Father, Pope John Paul II.

Here is a short list of those involving our parish:

October 12—26 : Marian Art Exhibit

The church will host an exhibit of Marian Art from a variety of collections. A highlight of the exhibit will be a number of works by parishioners and local artists dealing with the *Luminous mysteries*. The show will be for three Sundays, Oct. 12, 19 and 26 from 3:00 until 7:00PM and by arrangement.

October 16 @ 6:30 p.m. : Polish Mass Commemorating the Election of Karol Cardinal Wojtyła as Pope.

A reception will follow in the Social Center. (Bakers take heed!!!)

October 19 @3:00 p.m. : Catholic catholic choralfest.

An afternoon of music from numerous Cleveland Catholic churches performed in their native languages reflecting the universal cultures of the Catholic Church. A recording of this concert will be sent to the Holy Father as a gift.

VASJ ALUMNI BASH. The Villa Angela– St. Joseph Alumni Bash will be held on September 26, 2003 8 PM– midnight at the VASJ gymnasium The cost is \$10 for free drinks and more. All alumni and friends of Villa Angela Academy or St. Joseph High School are encouraged to attend. Call 216-481-8414 extension 235 for more information.

FEAST OF THE HOLY ROSARY,

Tuesday, Oct. 7, 2003. All are invited to St. John Nepomucene Church on Fleet Ave. and E49th Street to pray the rosary before the *Diocesan Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima*. At 7:00PM. The Fatima Message is linked with bringing peace into our troubled world. The prayer intentions will include:

1. World Peace
2. Those who have died in the service of our country.
3. The consolation of the families whose loved ones have died during the two recent wars.
4. The safe return home of our troops.

POLISH FESTIVAL NEWS! ONLY 11 DAYS UNTIL THE FESTIVAL!

COOKING SCHEDULE: We are down to our last week of cooking for the festival. This week we will be preparing the kielbasa and sauerkraut, and cabbage and noodles. On September 25th, and 26th starting at 2:00pm will be cooking the kielbasa and sauerkraut. On September 30th and October 1st starting at 2:00pm we will be cooking the cabbage and noodles. All cooking is done in the Social Center Hall, contact Joe Calamante at 216-271-0832 with any questions.

Don't forget to return your **SOLD** raffle tickets in collection basket or at the rectory office. If you sold your books we have plenty more to sell, please feel free to pickup another set by asking one of the priests or stopping by the rectory.

VOLUNTEERS: Thank you for all of you that have signed up to work the festival. We can still use a few more hands, if you have not already done so please make sure to sign up after all masses this weekend or contact Diane Bulanda at 440-439-7323 to discuss your hours that you can volunteer

BASKETS: Remember we need your donated themed baskets by September 26th so we can use them for this years festival. You can drop them off at the rectory during the week or bring them to mass and give them to one of the priests. We need 90 filled baskets for this booth to be successful.

SETUP CREW: On Tuesday, September 30th we will be starting to build the booths for the festival. Starting at 6:00pm every night we will need a crew of people to help construct booths, and other decorations to help enhance the weekend. On Thursday evening, October 2nd at 6:00pm we will need a group of volunteers to help us wipe chairs and put out flower arrangements for the tables. Please mark your calendars to come down and help one of these nights if you cannot help the weekend of the festival. Also, we will need a crew to break down the festival on Sunday evening October 5th starting at 6:00pm.



Ursuline College Interior Design students spent a day at St. Stanislaus last week studying our Church and Facilities. Our Debbie Grale a graduate of Ursuline College helped coordinate the activities.

Photo by J. Jagelewski