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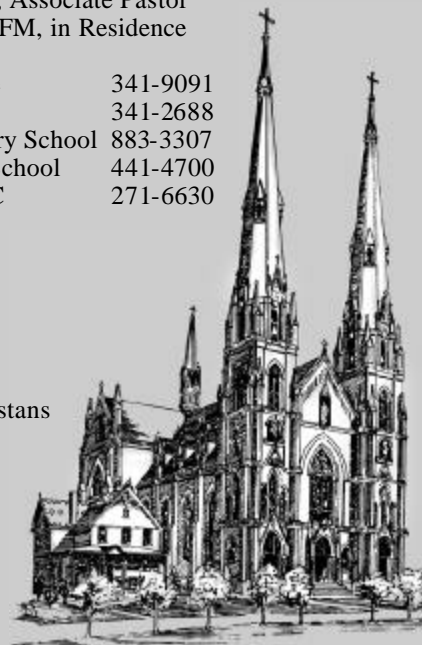
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The artist's sketch on the right depicts the original building with the spires. Corner Stone laid in 1886, and church dedicated in 1891.



SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

MASS SCHEDULE

Daily Masses: 7:00 AM & 8:30 AM (no 7:00 on Sat.)
 Daily Morning Prayer: 7:55 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

Church is open daily 30 minutes before and after all Masses. For tours or private prayer please call the rectory.

MASS INTENTIONS

SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING

November 26 Listopada 2006

Sat	5:00 PM	+Stanley Hujarski
Sun	8:30 AM	+Jerry Vickowski
	10:00 AM	+The Kopec Family
	11:30 AM	+Mary D. Ziaja
Mon	Nov 27	Weekday
	7:00 AM	+Andrew F. Jaye
	8:30 AM	+John A. Vasko Jr.
Tue	Nov 28	Weekday
	7:00 AM	+Aneszko Family
	8:30 AM	+Andrew Guzy
Wed	Nov 29	Weekday
	7:00 AM	+Walter & Apolonia Staskiewicz
	8:30 AM	+Alsace Grall
Thu	Nov 30	St. Andrew the apostle
	7:00 AM	+John & Pauline Kane
	8:30 AM	+Adrienne Drainville
Fri	Dec 1	Weekday
	7:00 AM	Sp. Int. Chester & Cindi Markiewicz
	8:30 AM	+Franciszek Greda
Sat	Dec 2	Weekday
	8:30 AM	+Anthony Ma ³ ysa

FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

December 3 Grudnia 2006

Sat	5:00 PM	+Gloria Lasecki
Sun	8:30 AM	+Mel & Tess Durdil
	10:00 AM	+Dennis Pruc
	11:30 AM	+Stella & Stanley Olbrys

BATTLE OF THE GODS



Years ago, it was a common taunt for children to tease each other by saying, "My Dad can beat up your Dad!" This wasn't really intended to be an actual brag about our own Dads. Instead, we were trying to make ourselves seem more powerful by invoking the supposed strength of our Dads. If my Dad is stronger than yours, then by inference, I am stronger than you.

So there! Nyah nyah nyah!

Although it seems childish now, a bit of that is going on in the Old Testament. The Book of the Prophet Daniel, from which we hear at Mass this weekend, was among the last of the Old Testament writings. It appeared within the last two hundred years before Christ. During this time, there was a new style of writing called "apocalyptic." This style continued to be used through the lifetime of Jesus. Some examples of it can be found in the gospels, and traces are in the letters of St. Paul as well. But the biblical book most noted for this writing style is the Book of Revelation, also called the Apocalypse.

The apocalyptic style of writing was intended to give hope to people who felt oppressed or overwhelmed. It acknowledges that the current times are tough, but it also assures them that there is a final victory which belongs to God — and, but extension, to them as well. It may seem for a while that they are losing the battle. But the apocalyptic style places the human struggle into the context of a larger, cosmic struggle. Forces that are larger, stronger, and more eternal are locked in battle with each other. We mortals are like the grass in the jungle being trampled by combating elephants.

This is why Daniel and Revelation have such strange and frightening images. They are not meant to be taken literally, though some Christians take them to be exact predictions of a future that must be right around the corner. Instead, we who struggle with the ordinary (and sometimes extraordinary) challenges to faithful discipleship are reminded that we are not alone, that God is turlly with us and through Christ has secured the final victory that is simply working itself out in time.

The people of the early Old Testament times believed that many gods indeed existed, but that Yahweh was the best, true, most powerful God. Therefore, they spoke and wrote about their God as being the *most* powerful, the *most* high, the *most* holy. Only later on did they come to believe that no only is there one true God, but that the others didn't even exist at all. Then the language began to refer to God not just as the *most* holy, but holiness itself; not just the *most* good, but goodness itself; not as just the *most* powerful, but as power itself; etc.

Jesus revealed most clearly what the inner reality of God is actually about. In Jesus, we see precisely what goodness, holiness, and power is when it takes on human flesh. And this revelation is surprising indeed! For we see in Christ the King a style of ruling that is not oppressive or coercive. It is gentle, serving, and seeks us out by invitation and allurements. The call to follow Jesus is neither a form of slavery nor an obedience that is contrary to our nature. Rather, it is true freedom indeed to follow Jesus. It is the fulfillment of our nature, our coming into the best of what is within us. A King who would lead us there is a King to follow indeed!

Fr. Michael

Patronka salki katechetycznej

Od kilku tygodni mam z dziećmi katecheze w naszej nowej sali w budynku „Gift Shop”. Nasza salka jest coraz miłsza i wygląda coraz lepiej. Jest to wielka zasługa p. Grazyny Hryniewicz i rodziców naszym dzieci. Moim pragnieniem jest, aby dzieci czuły się tu jak najlepiej i jak najchętniej tu przychodzili. Pragnę, aby to była **ich** salka. Dlatego postanowiłem nadać jej imię. Po zastanowieniu uznałem, że najlepsza Patronka tej salki będzie św. Teresa od Dzieciątka Jezus, zwana potocznie Mała Tereska w odróżnieniu do Teresy Wielkiej (Teresy z Avila). Dzieci już miały okazję poznać jej postać. Zobaczyły jej fotografie. Na jednej z nich Tereska ma zaledwie 3,5 roku! Wszystkie uczestniczące w religii dzieci są więc od niej starsze. Jest święta, która odkryła wielkość w byciu małym. Papież Pius XII wyraził się o niej, że to jedna z największych współczesnych świętych. Droga świętości, która ona odkrywała jest bardzo prosta, to „mała droga”, to droga dzieciectwa.

Teresa nie potrzebowała modlitewnych formułek i książeczek do nabożeństwa: "Ja sobie tak jak dzieci, które jeszcze nie umieją czytać, ja mówię po prostu dobremu Bogu to, co chcę mu powiedzieć i On mnie zawsze rozumie". Teresa miała do Boga dziecięce, bezgraniczne zaufanie.

Mała droga Teresy uświeca zwykły, powszedni dzień. Mówi, że nie należy marzyć o czymś nadzwyczajnym, ale wykonywać z miłością to co zwyczajne. Teresa napisała: "Gdy nie mogę nic odczuwać, gdy jestem całkiem oschła, niezdolna aby się modlić, praktykować cnoty, wtedy szukam małych okazji, prawdziwie nic nie znaczących czynów, by sprawdzić Jezusowi radość. Na przykład uśmiech, przyjazne słowo jeśli wolałabym raczej milczeć, albo zrobić markotną minę". Jej życie pokazuje, że świętym zostaje się nie przez niezwykle talenty lub bohaterские czyny. Świętym jest człowiek, który wszędzie i zawsze żyje w pobliżu Boga, zgodnie ze słowami Teresy: "Nie mogę uczynić się większą..., ale chcę szukać sposobu, aby dostać się do nieba na małej drodze, na drodze prawdziwie prostej, prawdziwie krótkiej, na całkiem małej nowej drodze".

Cytując Teresę, pozostać małym znaczy: "Uznać swoją małość, wszystkiego oczekiwać od dobrego Boga, nie smuć się za bardzo swoimi biedami. W końcu: nie chcę gromadzić żadnych szczególnych zasług... Zawsze pozostałam mała i nie znam żadnego innego zajęcia, jak to, by zrywać kwiaty miłości i ofiary, i ofiarowywać je dobremu Bogu dla Jego przyjemności. Pozostać małym znaczy dalej: nie przypisywać sobie cnot, które się praktykuje, jak gdyby się było zdolnym do czegokolwiek dobrego, lecz uznać, że są one skarbem, który dobry Bóg włożył w rękę swojego małego dziecka, aby się nim posłużyć gdy go potrzebuje!" To jest mała droga dzieciectwa!

Teresa wystrzegła się, aby nie wzbudzać sobą zainteresowania otoczenia. Prowadziła swoje jednostajne życie wśród innych siostr tak niepozornie, że one aż do ostatnich miesięcy, uważały ją za całkiem przeciętną osobę, może nawet bez większych duchowych potrzeb. Teresa zmarła dnia 30 września 1897 r. Miała wtedy zaledwie 24 lata. W rok po jej śmierci ukazała się utworzona z jej pism książka "Dzieje Duszy", która podbiła świat.

o. Placyd



PILGRIMAGE TO THE SACRED PLACES OF THE CITY OF STANISLAUS AND JOHN PAUL II

Join Fr. Mike Surufka and David Krakowski on a pilgrimage to Krakow to visit sacred places of the city of Stanislaus and John Paul II. Also during the trip, the group will accept the new icon which will be installed at our Shrine Church in Cleveland.

Sites to be visited while in Krakow will include:

- ? **Ska³ka** - the place of martyrdom of St. Stanislaus
- ? **Wawel Cathedral** - where his relics are enshrined
- ? **Lagiewniki** - Church of Divine Mercy (plan to be there on Divine Mercy Sunday)
- ? **Częstochowa** - Matka Boska
- ? **Owiecim (Auschwitz)** - Martyrdom of Maximilian Kolbe and other victims of the Nazi holocaust
- ? **Kalwaria Zebrzydowska** - The Franciscan Pilgrimage Village outside of Krakow.
- ? **Ko³ci³ł Mariacki** - The basilica of Our Lady in Krakow
- ? **Wadowice** — Birthplace of Pope John Paul II

Save the date!

April 9, 2007 (Monday after
Easter) — April 17, 2007
Price to be announced

MASS INTENTIONS

Every Mass is celebrated for the sake of the whole Church community, and each person attending brings his or her own prayerful intentions to Mass. The intention of the priest is listed publicly so that everyone else may also join in his intention as well. There are still 8 dates open for Mass intentions this December, and the book is open for 2007. Contact the rectory to reserve a date.

ZA TYDZIEN ADWENT !

Przed nami już ostatni tydzień starego roku kościelnego i ostatnie dni przed Pierwszą Niedzielą Adwentu. Ten ostatni tydzień przed Adwentem w naszej kulturowej tradycji jest czasem różnych spotkań i zabaw andrzejkowych. Odwołując się do naszej chrześcijańskiej tradycji pamiętajmy, że wszelkie radosne spotkania i zabawy, dla człowieka wierzącego, powinny zakończyć się najpóźniej o północy z soboty na niedzielę, tak aby 3 Grudnia w Pierwszą Niedzielę Adwentu wejść w stosownym nastroju w refleksyjny okres oczekiwania i przygotowania się na właściwe przeżycie Świąt Narodzenia Pańskiego. W tym czasie, zgodnie z naszą tradycją, w niedzielę adwentową będziemy modlić się tradycyjną polską modlitwą zwaną **Godzinkami**. Nabożeństwo to będziemy śpiewać w niedzielne popołudnie o godz. 3:00. Adwent to czas oczekiwania, refleksji i przygotowania się na Święta Bożego Narodzenia. Maryjna modlitwa **Godzinek** spełnia wszystkie te warunki. Stąd też postaramy się chociażby raz w tym Adwencie włączyć się w tę modlitwę w naszym kościele. Pierwsze Godzinki już za tydzień - 3 Grudnia.

ADVENT VESPERS

"This is so beautiful! I look forward to this every year! If more people knew how nice it is, maybe more would come..." These are some of the comments of parishioners who make Sunday Vespers part of their Advent preparation. It's not Mass — it is Evening Prayer, celebrated around the whole Church at the end of each day. During Advent we make it especially prayerful, with peaceful and contemplative singing as well as deep faith sharing. It is one of the public celebrations when lay people are permitted, even encouraged, to preside and share reflections. We invite women and men, young and not-so-young, to lead the community in prayer. If you haven't tried it yet, give it a half hour next Sunday at 6:00 PM and see why others are finding Sunday Vespers to be such an important part of making Advent a true "preparing the way of the Lord!"

HELP FOR RETIRED RELIGIOUS SISTERS, BROTHERS, AND PRIESTS

Has there been a religious sister, brother, or priest who has made a difference in your life? As you have moved on with your life and they have moved on to retirement, have you ever wondered who took care of them as they got older? Up until very recently, Religious were not entitled to Social Security or Medicare benefits, and their wages as they were younger and working were minimal or non-existent. Even now, Religious Orders are responsible for meeting the retirement needs of their own older members. With rising costs and fewer young members working and contributing to the community, most Orders have a huge gap in meeting retirement needs, and their retirement accounts are radically underfunded. The Sisters and Friars who have served at Saint Stanislaus for 100 years are no different.

The U.S. bishops have established a special fund to assist retired religious, and it has proven to be the most popular **second collection** in the country. It will be taken on **Dec. 9 - 10** at all the Masses. Every year the people of the Diocese respond very generously. The funds collected will be distributed to the religious communities serving in our Diocese and to others across the country.

Pray for Peace!

ST. STANS HISTORICAL FACT

The stained glass window in the choir loft depicts a legendary event in the life of St. Stanislaus. Bishop Stanislaus is seen with the character Piotr who had come back to life in order to testify on the behalf of the Bishop in a court of law (The Miracle of Piotrowin). When the church was initially built there was a different window in that location. That window depicted the Polish King, Jan Sobieski surrounded by German and Austrian nobles after his victory over the Turks. That stained glass window was destroyed in the tornado of 1909 and replaced by the current window.

BUY YOUR GIANT EAGLE MANNA CARDS TODAY . . .

. . . and do your Christmas shopping! That's right!

Plan out all your gift card shopping today for everyone on your Christmas list. Order your Giant Eagle Manna cards from St. Stanislaus and start shopping. Buy your gift-cards at Giant Eagle with your Manna cards. The church will get a percentage of the Giant Eagle cards purchased; you will get 20 cents credit—that's right, 20 cents--toward gas for every \$50 in gift cards you buy! The church will benefit and so will you! Plan today and buy those GIANT EAGLE gift cards!!!

PREPARE YE THE WAY OF THE LORD

This Monday at 7:00 PM, Holy Name Church will host Bishop A. Edward Pevec, Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of Cleveland, who will begin a series of three Advent talks that will be held on subsequent Mondays. The following Monday Dec. 4, Bishop Pevec will continue the "Advent Retreat" at St. John Nepomucene Church. The last talk will be at St. Stanislaus Church on Dec. 11. This is an excellent way to prepare ourselves spiritually during the Advent Season. During this busy time in our lives let us not forget the meaning of this Holy Season. Try to attend all three sessions of this Advent Retreat shared by Slavic Village parishes!

BE YOUR OWN BOSS!

Realize your dreams!!!

Slavic Village Development accepting applications for business incubator!

CLEVELAND – Slavic Village Development is accepting applications for its new Business Incubator Project. The competition will select one winning business concept to receive free rent for a year in a Slavic Village storefront.

The Slavic Village Business Incubator project is designed to promote entrepreneurship and attract new business development in the Cleveland neighborhood. As part of its overall neighborhood improvement plan, Slavic Village Development actively recruits small businesses and promotes retail corridors. With this project, Slavic Village Development is seeking to foster the creation of new businesses, with a focus on the retail and service sectors.

"This project will bring many benefits to the Slavic Village community," said Marie Kittredge, Executive Director of Slavic Village Development. "It will support entrepreneurship, fill a vacant storefront in our retail district, and help establish a new business for local consumers."

As part of the award, the Business Incubator winner will receive free rent for one year and the possibility of discounted rent in the second year for a total value of \$12,000. The award winner will be matched up with business mentors for technical assistance to complete a business plan prior to the store's grand opening and guidance through the business development process. Design and funding assistance from the Storefront Renovation Program will be available for new signage for the business.

"There is a critical need to help small business start-ups," said Ned Handy, President & CEO of Charter One Bank. "The Business Incubator concept is one we're proud to support. The free rent can really make a difference in getting a business off the ground and making it successful."

Charter One is the No. 1 SBA lender to small businesses in the Greater Cleveland area. The Charter One Foundation provided grant funding for the incubator. A free workshop will be held in mid-November to assist interested entrepreneurs with business planning and fundamentals. For more information about the competition, application process, or workshop, visit www.slavicvillage.org, benc@slavicvillage.org or contact Slavic Village Development at (216) 429-1182. Completed applications must be submitted by 5 pm. on Friday, December 8th

The Business Incubator competition winner will be announced on January 15, 2007.

PEACE GARDEN MEMORIAL BRICKS are still available for \$100.00 each by contacting the rectory office. Order your brick in time for a spring 2007 installation. If you previously donated a brick, you may find it by taking a stroll in the garden.

BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS. The next class will be at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church on January 7, 2007 at 12:30 PM. Call 216-341-2828 for more information.

OP³ATKI (CHRISTMAS WAFERS)

W polskiej tradycji nied³1czym elementem wieczerzy wigilijnej jest bia³y o [³atek. Kt³rym dzie³1c sie sk³adamy sobie ζ yczenia. Op³atki przygotowane przez nasze Siostry Nazaretanki, b \acute{e} dzie mo ζ na naby \acute{c} przed i po Mszach ξ w. Niedzieln \acute{y} ch w naszym ko ζ sciele, a tak ζ e w naszej aktualnej plebani, Basz w SHRINE SHOPPE. Mile widziana zlozona przy tej okazji ofiara, \$2.00-\$3.00. ζ yczac Wam Wesolych Swiat Bozego Narodzenia i Szczęśliwego Nowego Roku.

In the spirit of the Christmas season, the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth, will make Christmas Wafers (op³atki) available to parishioners. The packets contain 4 wafers. A minimum donation of \$2.00 or more per package is appreciated. You may contact a Sister before or after Sunday Mass. Wafers will also be available at the Shrine Shoppe and at the rectory during ordinary business hours. The Sisters sincerely thank everyone and wish all a Joyous and Blessed Christmas.

Christmas Cards and Gifts!

ST. STANISLAUS
SHRINE
GIFT SHOPPE

New! Come for Coffee and
Bakery after Mass!

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY The following parishioners are serving our country and ask for your prayers. **John Sklodowski** is with the Army and is serving in Kuwait at this time. .

Sto lat! 1906-2006 Franciscans at Saint Stanislaus

