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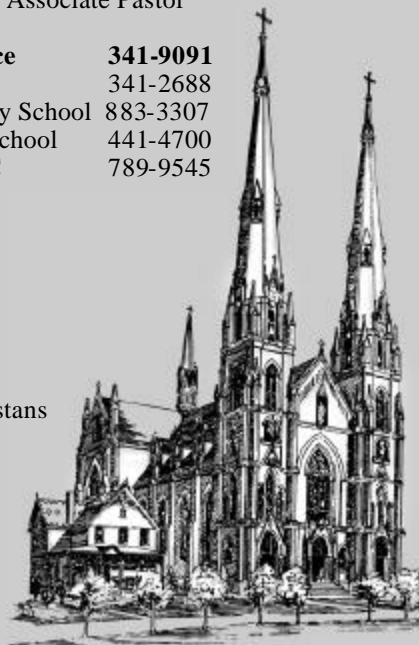
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The artist's sketch on the right depicts the original building with the spires. Corner Stone laid in 1886, and church dedicated in 1891.



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

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 16, Grudnia 2007

Sat	5:00 PM	+Stanley & Mary Szymkowski
Sun	8:30 AM	+Monica Krakowski
	10:00 AM	+Steklenski Family
	11:30 AM	+Julius Horvath

Mon Dec 17 Late Advent Weekday

7:00 AM +Donna Stawicki
8:30 AM +Stanley Mowinski

Tue Dec 18 Late Advent Weekday

7:00 AM +Tadeusz Frodyma
8:30 AM +Mitchell Dylong

Wed Dec 19 Late Advent Weekday

7:00 AM +Carl Sper
8:30 AM +Ted Leciejewski

Thu Dec 20 Late Advent Weekday

7:00 AM +Carl Sper
8:30 AM +Frank Kaminski
7:00 PM Sp. Int. for the Beatification of John Paul II

Fri Dec 21 Late Advent Weekday (St. Peter Canisius)

7:00 AM +William P. Adams
8:30 AM +Ted Leciejewski

4:30 PM Wedding of Douglas Dardzinski & Katherine Middleberg

Sat Dec 22 Late Advent Weekday

8:30 AM +Veronica Gnatowski

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 23, Grudnia 2007

Sat	5:00 PM	+Florence Galicki
Sun	8:30 AM	+Walter Pitner
	10:00 AM	+Halina Walkulski
	11:30 AM	+Stanley Lesniowski

MUSIC – THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

ENGLISH MASS

Processional: O Come, O Come Emmanuel (vs. 5,6)
 Presentation: Wake, O Wake #188
 Communion: Jesus, Hope of the World #238
 Recessional: On Jordan's Bank #306

POLSKA MSZA ŚWIĘTA

Procesja: O przyjdź na świat
 Ofiarowanie: Spuście nam #11 (mszałik)
 Na Komunię: Przyjdź Jezu mój (#141 śpiewnik)
 Zakończenie: Czekam na Ciebie (#15 śpiewnik)

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

Sun	3:00 PM	Godzinki
	6:00 PM	Vespers
Wed	4:15 PM	Good Shepherd catechesis in the grade school, until 6:00.
	7:00 PM	Communal Penance
Thu		Church Decorating
	7:00 PM	Mass for the Beatification of John Paul II
Fri		Church Decorating
Sat		Church Decorating
Sun	3:00 PM	Godzinki
	6:00 PM	Vespers

Eucharistic Ministers may pick up their new schedules in the sacristy



Douglas Dardzinski & Katherine Middleberg (III)
 Joseph Zidanic & Angela Zeleznik (III)

Timetable For Decorating OUR Church

Day One — Thursday: We will begin our decorating today. Because of our extensive use of living greenery and flowers, it is impossible to start the project any sooner if we'd like the decorations to remain up and safe throughout the Christmas Season. We'll begin after the 8:30 a.m. Mass and continue up until 5:45 when we will need at least quiet down for a Wedding rehearsal. Then, by 6:45 we must break within the church to prepare for our *'Third Thursday Mass for the Beatification of John Paul II'*. At 8 we may resume our activities, but must stop by 10 p.m. Volunteers may work quietly in other parts of the church and vestibule where they will not disturb the church services.

Day Two — Friday: OK, here we go...There is an 8:30 Mass followed by a 9:30 Advent Service for the High School until 10:30. We will be able to work within the church until 1:30 when the Grade School will have an Advent Lessons and Carols Service to mark the beginning of their Christmas break. At 2:30 the church is again ours for an hour. Then there is a Wedding scheduled for 4:30 p.m. By 6 the place should be ours again. Sign out time is no later than 10 p.m. (?????) Do you believe in miracles?

Day Three — Saturday: after the 8:30 Mass we may resume our projects until 4 p.m. (confessions), followed by the 5 o'clock Vigil Mass. At 6 we have another 4 hours to tidy things up so that the church is presentable for Sunday.

Day Four — Sunday: Projects may resume throughout the day after the 11:30 Mass with brief intermissions for *Godzinki* and Vespers. After Vespers, the High Altar and Sanctuary will be decorated and everything will be done by 10 p.m. There will be NO more decorating on Monday save for any minor details that escaped us the previous three days.

N.B. This schedule does not cover the Manger Team (Jeremy Wisniewski, Manger Master) which will manage their own project.

N.B.B. In case of funerals any of those three days, schedules will need to be adjusted.

So, there you have the complicated schedule for decorating our worship space this year. Many parishioners have already offered their help and I'm confident it will all come together despite the scheduled obstacles. After all, it's a living building, not a vacated warehouse, so we must be flexible and patient. Is there anything more important to decorate than the church?

When parishioners and their families and guests come to worship for the Vigil Masses and Christmas Day they'll see the finished project in all its glory, all done for the glory of God.

One final note, I ask that you all loosen up your vocal chords on the way to the Christmas liturgies. The choirs' sizes have diminished (some people have died, others have chosen to drop out, some have health issues) aside from their not being at every Mass, so **PLEASE SING THE CAROLS!!!! YOU'VE KNOWN THEM ALL YOUR LIFE!**

Merry Christmas to everyone! Thank you for all your help throughout the year! God bless you all!

David Krakowski

SCHEDULE FOR MINISTERS

Fourth Sunday in Advent, December 23 Grudnia, 2007

Sat	5:00 PM	Lector — Tom Krol
		Euch. Min. — Marilyn Mosinski, Stan Witczak, Michael Wilks, Connie Aliff
Sun	8:30 AM	Lector — Jim Sadowski
		Euch. Min. — Nicole & Mark Kobylinski, Ray Tegowski, Adeline Nadolny
	10:00 AM	Lector — Beata Cyranek
		Euch. Min. — A. Jankowski, Matt Sladewski, W. Sztalkoper, Tom Monzell
	11:30 AM	Lector — Bill Bobowicz
		Euch. Min. — Art Sprungle, Larry Wilks, Bill Bobowicz, Frank Greczanik

PARISH SUPPORT

5:00 PM (76 env.).....	\$955.00
8:30 AM (81 env.).....	\$1,224.00
10:00 AM (91 env.).....	\$991.00
11:30 AM (75 env.).....	\$1,087.50
Mailed in (45 env.).....	\$1,625.00
Total (368)	\$5,882.50
Immaculate Conception(151)	\$1,146.00
THANK YOU	



BLESS ME, FATHER...

Every Advent we hear the words of John the Baptist proclaim, "Prepare the way of the Lord!" That way can be rough, and the pathway can be difficult with its ups and downs. But the prophet Isaiah promises that the Lord will smooth the way, leveling the hills and filling in the valleys.

Does God still do this? And if so, when does He do it? How will we recognize it? Do I see myself being on that way toward the Lord? Or have I stopped moving altogether? If there are pot-holes in the road I'm walking along, how did they get there? Who can fix them?

Those ups and downs, ruts and holes, are like our sin and its consequences. We are the ones who mess up our own roads. We put the bumps there, and then we complain that the road is so bumpy! We are not able to fix them by ourselves, but God is the master road-builder. God has a repair program already in place — and it doesn't cost you anything to apply, except an hour or so of time. And honesty.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available every Saturday at 4:00 PM, in Polish and in English. This **Wednesday**, we will also have a special Communal Reconciliation service at **7:00 PM**. There will be a brief prayer service to set the tone and ask God to open our hearts to his loving mercy. Then ten priests will be available for private confession, in Polish and English.

There is no perfect person walking the earth right now, so we all need to acknowledge our weakness and yield to God's mercy. Every time we sin, not only do we offend God, but also we hurt another person. It is impossible to apologize to everyone, although it would be nice if we could. And although we know in our minds that God seeks to forgive us, there is a deep human need to hear these words spoken to us again. In the Sacrament of Reconciliation, the priest stands in the place of Christ, who is ready to embrace the lost and the sinner. He also stands in for the Church, which is the Body of Christ broken by our sinfulness.

In friendship, in marriage, in families — even though we know we love each other, we still like to hear it every now and then. We certainly need to say it. When people who love each other hurt each other, they usually know that forgiveness is theirs in the end. But we still need to seek it and to give it. Out loud. Face to face.

Yet how hard it is for people to own up to their faults. We cover them up with phrases that mask our culpability. How many politicians have said, "Mistakes were made," instead of "I made a mistake?" How much easier it is to say, "Something bad happened," instead of "I did something wrong." We say, "I'm sorry that it happened," instead of "I'm sorry I did that." There is something deeply honest, and human, about the dynamic of the confessional. See you Wednesday.

Fr. Michael

Wy jesteście przyjaciółmi Moimi...

Zaprawdę, powiadam wam: Miedzy narodzonymi z niewiast nie powstał wiekszy od Jana Chrzciciela. Lecz najmniejszy w królestwie niebieskim wiekszy jest niz on - tak o swoim poprzedniku powiedział Pan Jezus (Mt 11, 11). Wielka pochwała. Nawet o swojej Matce Jezus nie wypowiedział publicznie takich słów.



Pana Jezusa i Jana Chrzciciela łączyło wiele: pokrewienstwo, bo Maryja i Elżbieta były kuzynkami; łączyła ich także wspólna misja - Jan został posłany, aby przygotować drogę dla Pana. Jan wypełnił swoją misję dobrze, bo u końca jego dni Pan wypowiedział bardzo ciepłe i pochlebne słowa, które cytowaliśmy wcześniej: *Miedzy narodzonymi z niewiast nie powstał wiekszy niz on*. Jan poprzedzał Jezusa wypełniając swoją misję, poprzedził Go też w *m e c z e n s k i e j s m i e r c i* - wielki poprzednik największego spośród ludzi. Chyba nie będzie przesada, gdy się doda, że łączyła ich przyjaźń. O tej przyjaźni wiedział św. Jan Apostoł; wiedział i pośrednio daje o niej świadectwo pomiędzy wierszami Ewangelii, której jest autorem.

Jan był wielki, ale we własnych oczach pozostał pokorny. Kiedy jego uczniowie donoszą mu, że ludzie go opuszczają i chodzą teraz za Jezusem, odpowiada: *Ja nie jestem Mesjaszem, ale zostałem przed Nim posłany. Ten, kto ma oblubienice, jest oblubieniec; a przyjaciel oblubienca, który stoi i słucha go, doznaje najwyższej radości na głos oblubienca. Ta zas moja radość doszła do szczytu. Potrzeba, by On wzrastał, a ja się umniejszał. Kto przychodzi z wysoka, panuje nad wszystkimi, a kto z ziemi pochodzi, należy do ziemi i po ziemsku przemawia. Kto z nieba pochodzi, Ten jest ponad wszystkim* (J 3, 28-31).

Mysle, że te słowa Jana mogą być przesłanką do wyciągnięcia następującego wniosku: przyjaźń oparta jest na prawdzie. Inaczej mówiąc, nie ma prawdziwej przyjaźni tam, gdzie jest jakieś niedomówienie, a na pewno nie ma jej tam, gdzie brakuje prawdy. W tym miejscu można wskazać na zasadniczą różnicę między miłością rozumianą jako zakochanie, a przyjaźnią. Miłości grozi niebezpieczeństwo egoizmu we dwoje. Dzieje się tak wtedy, kiedy miłość dwojga ludzi czyni ich ślepych na innych. „Oni poza sobą świata nie widzą” - mówimy w takim przypadku. Do pewnego stopnia jest to dobre, ale staje się złem, kiedy owa miłość przeszkadza zobaczyc innym.

W przyjaźni jest także ten pewien rodzaj wzajemnej adoracji dla drugiego, tzn. dla przyjaciela właśnie, ale ponad tym jest wpatwienie się we wspólny cel czyli gotowość do wzajemnej pomocy, która nie wyklucza innych ludzi. Przyjaciele nie są zapatrzeni w siebie, ale w zadania, które mają do wykonania. Mówiąc inaczej, bardziej obrazowo, dwoje ludzi w miłości zapatrzonych jest w siebie; w przyjaźni stoją oni ramie w ramie; patrzą we wspólnym kierunku, łączy ich wspólny cel.

Niech wielki Patron Adwentu - św. Jan Chrzciciel - pomoże nam łączyć pozytywne cechy przyjaźni i miłości.

o. Placyd

**Dziesięciu kapłanów będzie
słuchać spowiedzi, pięciu z nich
po polsku.**

**Ten priests will hear confessions
in Polish and English.**

ST. STANISLAUS SCHEDULE OF HOLIDAY LITURGIES

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Wednesday, December 19

(Polish & English)

Communal Penance Liturgy 7:00PM

Saturday, December 22

Polish & English Confession 4:00PM

Christmas Liturgies

Monday, Christmas Eve

Family Christmas Mass 5:00PM

Kolendy & Christmas Carols 11:30PM

Midnight Christmas Mass 12:00PM

Tuesday, Christmas Day

English Christmas Masses 8:30 & 11:30AM

Polish Christmas Mass 10:00AM

Daily Masses

Wednesday-Saturday, Dec. 26-29

8:30AM

The Year of our Lord 2008

The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, falls on a Tuesday, We will celebrate the day with one Mass in Polish and English at 10:30 AM. Please check the Mass schedules of neighboring churches for other Mass times.

MANNA FOR THE HOLIDAYS Be sure to stock up on your Manna cards for your Christmas holiday shopping! Order plenty of cards for your family and friends; have extras on hand for those guests who drop in to visit! It's the perfect gift that fits everyone. It'll be so much fun shopping after Christmas and taking advantage of all those post holiday discounts! Watch the calendar. **NO CARDS WILL BE SOLD OR DISTRIBUTED ON CHRISTMAS OR NEW YEARS DAY.** Plan your shopping well!

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Remember how beautiful our church looked decked out in Christmas floral finery? We again call on your generosity to keep up this beautiful tradition of our parish. Please take time to consider your donation and include it in your Christmas Flower Envelope.

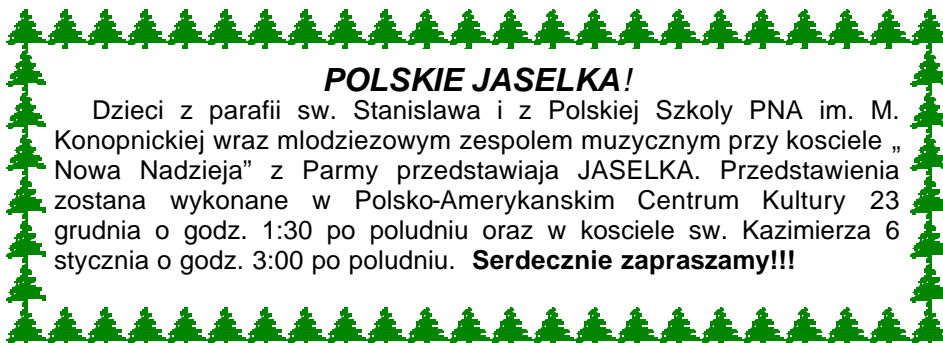
BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS. The next class will be at Holy Name Church on January 6, 2008 at 1:00 PM. Call 216-271-4242 for more information.



FIFTH ANNIVERSARY of Fr. William's burial in Pulaski, Wisconsin Dec 16, 2002

ST. STAN'S HISTORICAL FACT by Rob Jagelewski.

Most of our parishioners worked in the Rolling Steel Mill in Newburgh at the end of the nineteenth century. In 1882 the mill ownership changed and wages were greatly reduced for the largely Irish, Welsh, and Bohemian workforce. At this time some Poles worked in the mill. The workers went on strike. The strike was violent at times. Mill management recruited new workers in Poland. The mill contracted to import 500-1500 Poles to come to Cleveland to work here. These were mostly experienced iron workers. As these new workers established themselves they sent for family members from Poland. This accelerated the growth of the Warszawa neighborhood and the Parish of St. Stanislaus. The Poles would also go on strike against the mill management in later years. The history of the Warszawa neighborhood had begun.



POLSKIE JASELKA!

Dzieci z parafii sw. Stanislawia i z Polskiej Szkoły PNA im. M. Konopnickiej wraz młodzieżowym zespołem muzycznym przy kościele „Nowa Nadzieja” z Parmy przedstawiają JASELKA. Przedstawienia zostaną wykonane w Polsko-Amerykańskim Centrum Kultury 23 grudnia o godz. 1:30 po południu oraz w kościele sw. Kazimierza 6 stycznia o godz. 3:00 po południu. **Serdecznie zapraszamy!!!**

DADS CLUB RE-ELECTS PRESENT OFFICERS FOR SECOND TERM

- John SklodowskiPresident**
- Frank Krajewski.....Vice President**
- Charles Janowski Jr. Recording Secretary**
- Frank Greczanik.....Treasurer**
- Jerry Bieda.....Sgt. @ Arms**
- Ronald Grams.....3yr. Trustee**
- Henry Jablonski.....2 yr. Trustee**
- Steve Golubski.....1 yr. Trustee**

Any adult male belonging to the parish can join the DADS CLUB. You don't need to be a Dad or have kids at our school. Come to any meeting on the first Tuesday of the month and see what it's all about. Or call Frank Krajewski at 216-441-4258.

ST. STANISLAUS SHRINE SHOPPE

Tel: 216-206-4947

Saturday 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM

Sunday 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM



St. Nick says, "Stop on by!"

Unique Christmas Cards and Gifts!

Free Coffee!

Stop in and visit Grace and all the other nice women who volunteer at the *Shrine Shoppe*. They work hard to make a cozy, European feeling atmosphere for our parishioners to visit with each other and to browse their carefully chosen merchandise. The weekends before Christmas they are offering free coffee to all who stop by!

MASS FOR THE BEATIFICATION OF POPE JOHN PAUL II

This week we continue our new and popular Third Thursday devotional Mass praying for the beatification of Pope John Paul II. Priests will be available for confession at 6:00 PM, and then Mass will follow at 7:00. This Son of Poland was also the Pastor of the whole world, so the Mass readings, prayers, and songs will be in three languages: English, Polish, and Spanish. After Mass, people will be invited to receive a blessing and make personal intercessions at the miter of His Holiness.

HARMONIA CONCERT

Sunday afternoon, January 27, 3:00 PM
The Cleveland Music School Settlement
University Circle
1125 Magnolia Drive
Cleveland, OH 44016

For information contact call 216.421.5806 or visit

<http://www.thecmss.org/>

*** FREE ADMISSION! ***

Note: A demonstration and question and answer period will follow this concert About HARMONIA:

HARMONIA presents the traditional folk music of Eastern Europe, ranging from the Danube to the Carpathians. Its repertoire reflects the cultures of the region: Hungarian, Ukrainian, Slovak, Carpatho-Rusyn, Romanian, Croatian, Serbian and Gypsy (Rom). Performing on authentic folk instruments, Harmonia's music is drawn from both village and urban traditions of Eastern Europe. The ensemble's performances evoke the full range of human emotions; interspersing fiery, passionate virtuosity with soulful melancholy and nostalgic yearning

OPLATKI—CHRISTMAS WAFERS - In the spirit of the Christmas Season, the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth, will make Christmas Wafers, (Oplatki) available to parishioners. The packets contain 4 wafers. A minimum donation of \$2.00 or more per package is appreciated. Wafers will also be available at the Shrine Shop and at the rectory during ordinary business hours. The Sisters sincerely thank everyone and wish all a Joyous and Blessed Christmas.

W polskiej tradycji niedłącznym elementem wieczerzy wigilijnej jest biały opłatek, którym dzieląc się, składamy sobie życzenia. Oplatki przygotowane przez Siostry Nazaretanki, będzie można nabyć przed i po niedzielnych Mszach św. w przedsionku kościoła, a także na plebani i w Shrine Shop. Mile widziana przy tej okazji ofiara w wysokości \$2.00 albo \$3.00.



What \$63,000 present is Santa bringing to our church next week?

PASTERKA — The Traditional Polish Christmas Liturgy will be celebrated on Friday Dec. 28 at St. John Bosco Church 6480 Pearl Rd. Parma Heights. Singing of traditional Polish Carols begins at 6:45PM followed by Mass at 7:30PM.

CUT YOUR OWN CHRISTMAS TREE AT HERITAGE FARMS. Heritage Farms in Peninsula, Ohio, have supplied St. Stanislaus Church with live Christmas Trees at a reduced price for the last few years. If you plan to purchase a live Christmas tree for your home, we encourage you to patronize Heritage Farms. Either cut your own or purchase one that has been freshly cut. Heritage Farms is located on 6050 Riverview Rd., just South of Route 303. Phone (330) 657-2384 and be sure to thank them for their donation to our church.