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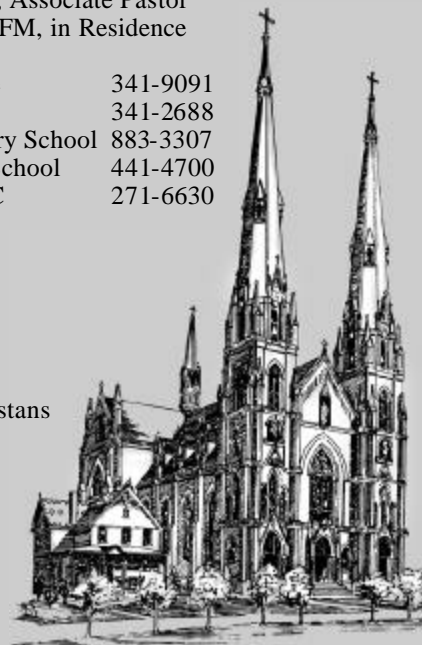
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The artist's sketch on the right depicts the original building with the spires. Corner Stone laid in 1886, and church dedicated in 1891.



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 IN ADVENT

December 17 Grudnia 2006

Sat	5:00 PM	+Helen Hujarski
Sun	8:30 AM	+Edward Kucia
	10:00 AM	+Tatyriana Trzaska & Anna Sulewski
	11:30 AM	+Czesław Markiewicz
Mon	Dec 18	Late Advent Weekday
	7:00 AM	+John A. Vasko Jr.
	8:30 AM	+Mitchell DyLong
Tue	Dec 19	Late Advent Weekday
	7:00 AM	+Henry Ratajczak
	8:30 AM	+Ted Leciejewski
Wed	Dec 20	Late Advent Weekday
	7:00 AM	+Helen Piasecka
	8:30 AM	+Harriet Markiewicz
Thu	Dec 21	Late Advent Weekday (St. Peter Canisius)
	7:00 AM	+Bertha Truszkowski
	8:30 AM	+Emily & Samuel Syrowski
Fri	Dec 22	Late Advent Weekday
	7:00 AM	+Veronica Gnatowski
	8:30 AM	+Irene Leciejewski
Sat	Dec 23	Late Advent Weekday (St. John Cantius)
	8:30 AM	+Fr. Martin Szawerna, OFM

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

December 24 Grudnia 2006

Sat	5:00 PM	+Kazimierz Kozwowski
Sun	8:30 AM	+Helen Markiewicz
	10:00 AM	+Jan Jarmuziewicz
	11:30 AM	+John Pelka

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

Sun	5:00 PM	Sp. Int. Children of St. Stanislaus Church
Mon	12:00 AM	Sp. Int. Parishioners of St. Stanislaus
	8:30 AM	+Br. Fideles Veselek OFM
	10:00 AM	+Theodore Nadolny
	11:30 AM	+Celia Kopec

MUSIC – THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

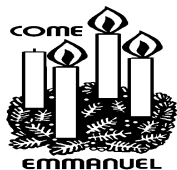
ENGLISH MASS

Processional: O Come, O Come Emmanuel vs. 1,2 #313
 Presentation: Wake, o Wake and Sleep no Longer #184
 Communion: Jesus, Hope for the World #234
 Recessional: In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful (Sheets)

POLSKA MSZA ŒWIĘTA

Procesja: O przyjdŹy na œwiat Odkupicielu (zielona kartka)
 Ofiarowanie: Niebios' rosê #8, str. 278(mszalik)
 Na Komuniê: Panie dobry jak chleb #77 (mszalik)
 Zakoñczenie: Pan jest moc' Swojego ludu (zielona kartka)

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK



Gaudete Sunday

- Sun 2:00 PM Golden Agers Christmas Party**
3:00 PM Godzinki.
6:00 PM Solemn Vespers
Wed 7:00 PM Communal Penance (Polish & English) in Church
8:00 PM A.A. & Al-Anon in the social center.
Thu 4:00 PM Polish Confessions at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church
 Lansing Ave, until 7:00 PM
3:30 PM Church Cleanup Crew works until 5:00.
Sat 4:00 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation until 4:45
Sun CHRISTMAS EVE (See Schedule of Liturgies in this Bulletin)

WELCOME!

To all our friends visiting our church during this Joyous Christmas Season. The Parishioners of St. Stanislaus pride themselves in our outreach and service to our diverse neighborhood peoples. If you can find it in your means, 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 133 years.

Wedding Banns *Terry Kopania & Rita Jakubauskas (I)*

Rejoice in the Lord always!

The season of Advent swiftly speeds past us as we anticipate the commemoration of God's incarnation in the feast of Christmas. All month long people have been decorating their homes, attending parties, singing seasonal songs and baking their favorite cookies. The two thousand people who attended concerts last weekend at our church took in the aural and visual beauty of three events, leaving mesmerized by the glorious encounters. The hundred plus people who attended last Monday's Vesper Service with Bishop Pevec here at the Shrine were most inspired as well! Even the **eight** Polish parishioners who attended the *Godzinki* on the first Sunday of Advent saw the special quality of our place. They remembered the phrase of Jesus: *where two or three of you are gathered together in my name, so am I there...*

So now we are moving into the final preparations for this special event. By next Sunday the church will be decorated (but not fully lit until the vigil Mass) thanks to the hard work of many gracious parishioners ranging in age from toddlers to those who often have a difficult time with arthritis. The people who will help decorate and/or fund the enterprise are wonderful! They are so proud to be a part of St. Stanislaus! By the end of the week many will have been inconvenienced and tired. But, by the end of the week this church will again have made a statement of our community's belief in God's greatness and a symbol of thanksgiving to His wondrous love manifested in the incarnation of Jesus.

The narcissus will be blooming, the poinsettias in place. The manger scene will have been arranged and all the trees and garland will fill the space with their fresh pine scent. Next weekend when you come to church you will still have to wait for a few more hours to enjoy the total visual feast and the majestic and mysterious sounds from the choirs and instruments. The waiting will almost be over. When you finally enter the church on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day we hope it will remind you to *rejoice in the Lord!* We hope that His Spirit will be with you and open your hearts to His love, to His Word made flesh, to Jesus.

David Krakowski

SCHEDULE FOR MINISTERS

Fourth Sunday in Advent, December 24 Grudnia 2006

- Sat 5:00 PM** Lector — Tom Krol
 Euch. Min. — Mike Wilks, Bill Russin, Chris Wisniewski, Mike Potter
Sun 8:30 AM Lector — Karen Neuman
 Euch. Min. — Alice Klafczynski, Marilyn Mosinski, Nicole & Mark Kobylinski
10:00 AM Lector — Mieczysław Garncarek
 Euch. Min. — A. Jankowski, Matt Sladewski, W. Sztalkoper, Mike Buczek
11:30 AM Lector — Bill Bobowicz
 Euch. Min. — Larry Wilks, Marie Ostrowski, Pat Young, Bill Bobowicz

PARISH SUPPORT

Last Sunday's Collection

5:00 PM	\$1,783.00
8:30 AM	\$1,309.00
10:00 AM.....	\$820.00
11:30 AM.....	\$1,193.25
Mailed in.....	\$1,528.00
Immaculate Conception (114)	\$857.00
Total (440 envelopes)	\$6,633.25

REJOICE!

Gaudete in domino semper! The first sentence of today's reading from Saint Paul, when translated into Latin, gives us the name for this third Sunday in Advent — Gaudete Sunday. *Rejoice in the Lord always!*

Paul describes an attitude that comes over us when we come to the awareness that the Lord is indeed near to us. Jesus is not a stern taskmaster,

just waiting to catch us in a big mistake so that we can get what we deserve. No, Jesus is the one who brings the peace that "surpasses all understanding." We don't run from the Lord in fear. We wait for the Lord in hope. And when he makes himself known to us, we rejoice.

The prophet Zephaniah has another way of looking at this experience of joy. Not only are we called to rejoice in the Lord, but what about the possibility that God can rejoice over us? As odd as that may seem, this is yet what is prophesied in the first reading this weekend. When God comes near to us, He Himself will also rejoice — even to the point of singing a festive song!

All this happiness: we are happy to be near to the Lord, the Lord is happy to be near to us. Can it truly be possible that such mutual and universal happiness can be so available to us? After all, just read the newspaper, watch the news, listen to the gossip at the beauty parlor or in the tavern. There's enough bad news out there to dampen even the liveliest of spirits, whether it is Christmas time or not.

Joy and happiness, rejoicing and celebrating. How dare we? War is raging, people lose their jobs and homes, crime is rampant, yet... *Gaudete in domino semper!* Families are breaking, youths are despondent, illness is ravaging, yet... *Gaudete in domino semper!* The future is uncertain, the past is rewritten, the present is murky, yet... *Gaudete in domino semper!* Christmas is a week away and we're still not ready, bills have to be paid, chores need to be finished, yet... *Gaudete in domino semper!*

The kind of happiness that the Lord brings is not necessarily the kind that makes us leap and dance. It may not be the kind that evokes a laugh or even a smile. What kind of happiness is it? Let's look to Zephaniah again: The Lord's own happiness is in the renewal of love between God and God's people. God is happy when love is renewed, so we too share in that happiness whenever we experience the renewal of love as well. Advent is the time to set the stage for the possibility of that renewal. We make ourselves ready, then we leave it to God to bring it to completion.

The renewal of love: Old friends send letters to each other after a long silence. Spouses see each other as if for the very first time. Enemies tire of their grudges against each other. Someone in need is unexpectedly provided for. A child's crayon-and-construction-paper Christmas card graces the refrigerator door, maybe for years after the child has left home. The church pews are filled for at least one day a year. A meal is carefully prepared, lovingly served, and savored over a long time.

This is preparing the way. This is the joy that we wait for, the same joy that also waits for us. *Gaudete in domino semper!*

Fr. Michael

Największy z ludzi

Podobnie jak w poprzednia niedzielę, tak i dzisiaj słyszymy w Ewangelii o św. Janie Chrzcicielu. Słusznie czyni Kościół, że właśnie w czasie Adwentu stawia nam przed oczyma jego postać. W tym czasie przygotowujemy się na przyjście Pana, a Jan jest tym, który przygotował Mu drogę. Dlatego ta refleksja będzie poświęcona jego postaci.

Oto, co o nim podaje encyklopedia: „**Sw. Jan Chrzciciel** († ok. 32; imię biblijne *Jehohanan* oznacza *Bóg jest łaskawy*) urodził się w Judei, według tradycji w Ain Karim, jako syn kapłana Zachariasza i Elzbiety (Lk 1, 5-8). Był krewnym Jezusa Chrystusa. W młodym wieku udał się na pustynię, gdzie podjął życie ascety. Na przełomie 28/29 roku nad Jordanem, w pobliżu Jerycha, rozpoczął publiczne nauczanie o nadchodzącym Królestwie Bożym oraz udzielał chrztu pokuty. Wskazał na Jezusa jako oczekiwanego Baranka Bożego i nazwał Go Mesjaszem. Uchodził za proroka, ale Chrystus określił go jako kogoś więcej niż proroka, posłanca przed Bogiem. Wystąpił przeciw królowi Herodowi Antypasowi, potępiając jego kazirodzkie małżeństwo z Herodiadą, bratową. Został przez niego aresztowany i uwięziony w twierdzy Macherontu, a następnie ścięty. Miał wtedy trzydzieści kilka lat. W Janie Chrzcicielu uderza jego świętość, życie pełne ascezy i pokuty, siła charakteru, bezkompromisowość. Był pierwszym świętym czczonym w całym Kościele. Jemu dedykowana jest bazylika rzymska św. Jana na Lateranie, przy której przez prawie 1000 lat mieli swoją siedzibę papieże.”

Tyle encyklopedia. Największa jego pochwała są tajemnicze słowa samego Jezusa: „Zaprawdę, powiadam wam: Między narodzonymi z niewiast nie powstał większy od Jana Chrzciciela.” (Mt 11, 11). Kościół czci tę wielkość i Jan Chrzciciel jest jedynym obok Jezusa i Matki Najświętszej świętym, którego święto przypada na dzień urodzin (24 czerwca). Reguła jest bowiem, że dany święty jest czczony wspomnieniem w dzień narodzin dla nieba, czyli w dzień śmierci. Takie dzień ma również wielki Poprzednik Jezusa, bo przecież 29 sierpnia Kościół wspomina jego mecenstwo. Dlaczego tak? Może dlatego, że urodził się on bez grzechu pierworodnego. Skąd o tym wiemy? Z Ewangelii wg św. Łukasza. Boży posłaniec obiecał Zachariaszowi, że jego syn już w łonie matki zostanie napelniony Duchem Świętym (Lk 1, 15). A tam, gdzie jest Duch Święty, tam nie ma grzechu. Za sprawą szczególnej łaski Bożej został on uswiecony jeszcze w łonie swej matki, kiedy przybyła do domu jego rodziców przybyła Maryja nosząca już pod swoim sercem Jezusa. Inni ludzie potrzebowali i potrzebują być ochrzczeni dla zglądzenia grzechu pierworodnego. Syn Elzbiety i Zachariasza był tu jedynym wyjątkiem. Urodził się już w stanie łaski uswiecającej.

Anioł posłany do Zachariasza obiecał mu, że narodziny jego syna były dla niego i dla wielu innych źródłem radości. Ten watek pasuje do przesłania czytanej dzisiaj niedzieli. Wzywają one bowiem do radości. „Wypiewuj, Córko Syjońska! Podnieś radosny okrzyk, Izraelu!” (pierwsze czytanie). „Radujcie się zawsze w Panu; jeszcze raz powtarzam: radujcie się!” (drugie czytanie). Radujmy się, bo Pan jest już blisko! On przychodzi, aby nas zbawić.

o. Placyd



ST. STANISLAUS SCHEDULE OF HOLIDAY LITURGIES**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Wednesday, December 20

*(Polish & English)**Communal Penance Liturgy 7:00PM*

Saturday, December 23

*Polish & English Confession 4:00PM***Christmas Liturgies**

Sunday, Christmas Eve

*Family Christmas Mass 5:00PM**Kolendy & Christmas Carols 11:30PM**Midnight Christmas Mass 12:00PM*

Monday, Christmas Day

*English Christmas Masses 8:30 & 11:30AM**Polish Christmas Mass 10:00AM***Daily Masses**

Tuesday-Saturday, Dec. 26-30 8:30AM

The Year of our Lord 2007

Because the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, falls on a Monday, attending Mass is not an obligation. We will celebrate the day with one Mass in Polish and English at 10:30 AM

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.

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. The whole church joins in remembering deceased loved ones as well as the living who celebrate anniversaries, birthdays, etc. Contact the rectory to reserve a date for 2007.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

The new schedules for the first quarter of 2007 are available. Please pick them up in the sacristy after Mass.

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
- ? **Oświęcim (Auschwitz)** - Martyrdom of Maximilian Kolbe and other victims of the Nazi holocaust
- ? **Kalwaria Zebrzydowska** - The Franciscan Pilgrimage Village outside of Krakow.
- ? **Kościół 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***Pray for Peace!****ST. STANS HISTORICAL FACT**

On July 21, 2000 the west bell tower of our church was struck by lightning. Pieces of the bell tower fell to the ground and debris littered the surrounding area. The strange part of this was that it was a sunny day. One of the parapets on the tower was knocked off. It was replaced and one can see the replacement as the lightest one of the parapets. No one was injured in the freak accident but heavy masonry fell and hit the westernmost front stairs of the church causing damage to the steps and the railing. The church roof was not damaged. There was extensive damage to the parapet, brickwork, railing, and sidewalk.



The Good Shepherd Pre-School Religion Program at St. Stan's treated their young charges to a puppet pageant on St. Nicholas and the tradition surrounding his feast day. Children leave their shoes by their bedroom doors on the Eve of St. Nicholas Day and find them filled with treats in the morning.

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. Cards need to be ordered and picked up the weekends of 12/17 and 12/24.** Plan your shopping well!

NEIGHBORHOOD CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS

Spaghetti with Santa!

Sunday, December 17th, 2-5 p.m. (serving until 4)

This event is open to all Broadway area children and adults. Jointly sponsored by Holy Name and Sacred Heart Churches. Features gifts from Santa, crafts for children, photos with Santa (\$2), Jesus birthday cake. Music by Moonlighting. Sacred Heart Parish Hall, East 71st and Krakow. Adults, \$5, children under 12, \$2. For advance tickets, call LaVerne at 216-581-8996 or Marion at 216-883-6738.

The Polish Women's Alliance of America, District VII, Council 7, and the **I.J. Paderewski Polish Language School** are sponsoring a **Christmas Bake Sale** — on Sunday, December 17th at the Immaculate Heart of Mary School auditorium at 6700 Lansing Ave, Cleveland. Hours are from 8:00 am through 1:00 pm.

Broadway's North End Choristers

Wednesday, December 20th, 7-8 p.m.

Beginning and ending at **Broadway United Methodist Church, 5246 Broadway**. A musical street procession will march along Broadway, East 49th, and Hamm Avenue. . Bring your great voices, warm holiday clothing, bells, musical instruments, lanterns. And a camera!



GARDEN CENTER BENEFIT. The Broadway Garden Center is sponsoring an Annual Benefit to profit programs of our Elementary School **This Weekend, December 17** from noon till 3 PM. A portion of your purchase will come back to the school. Many decorating and gift items can be found at the Garden Center. Please consider making your purchases at the Broadway Garden Center and help our school at the same time. Let them know that you are from St. Stan's so they can ring up your order on a separate register.

Last Minute Christmas Gift Ideas! ? ? ? ? ? ? ? ?

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.

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.

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.

**OP³ATKI
(CHRISTMAS WAFERS)**

W polskiej tradycji nied³¹czym elementem wieczerzy wigilijnej jest bia^{3y} o [³atek. Kt³rym dzie³¹c sie sk³adamy sobie ³yczenia. Op³atki przygotowane przez nasze Siostry Nazaretanki, b³dzie mo³zna naby³e przed i po Mszach ³w. Niedzieln³ych w naszym kosciele, a tak³ze w naszej aktualnej plebani, Basz w SHRINE SHOPPE. Mile widziana zlozona przy tej okazji ofiara, \$2.00-\$3.00. Zyczac Wam Wesolych Swiat Bozego Narodzenia i Szczesliwego 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. **David Sklodowski** is with the Army and is serving in Baghdad at this time.

