

ST. STANISLAUS STAFF

PARISH STAFF

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PARISH PRIESTS

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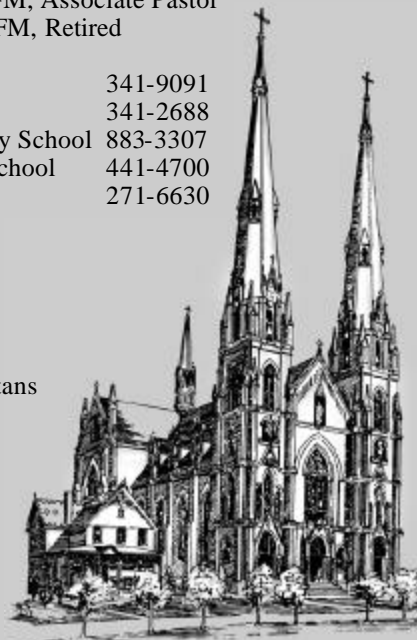
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The artist's sketch on the right depicts the original building with the spires. Corner Stone laid in 1886, and church dedicated in 1891.



SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

MASS SCHEDULE

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

The church is open 1/2 hour before and after services. For tours or private prayer please call the rectory.

MASS INTENTIONS

THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD, CHRISTMAS

December 25 Grudzien, 2005

Sat	5:00 PM	+Celia Kopec
	12:00 AM	+Jan Jarmuziewicz
Sun	8:30 AM	+Br. Fidelis Vaselik OFM
	10:00 AM	+Lottie & Frank Zackowski
	11:30 AM	+Edward J. Racut
Mon	Dec 26	St. Stephen , first martyr
	8:30 AM	+Richard Modlinski
Tue	Dec 27	St. John the Apostle , evangelist
	8:30 AM	+Stella Krupa
Wed	Dec 28	The Holy Innocence
	8:30 AM	+Salomea Stecki
Thu	Dec 29	The Fifth Day in the octave of Christmas
	8:30 AM	+Bren Benowski
Fri	Dec 30	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph
	8:30 AM	+Stella & Florence Krupa
Sat	Dec 31	The Seventh Day in the Octave of Christmas
	8:30 AM	+Fr. Martin Szawerna OFM

MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD

NEW YEARS DAY

January 1 Grudzien, 2005

Sat	5:00 PM	+Veronica Gnatowski
Sun	8:30 AM	+Leona Raniszewski
	10:00 AM	+Wincenty Filipowicz
	11:30 AM	+Stella Lucas

MUSIC – THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD — CHRISTMAS

ENGLISH MASS

Processional: O Come All Ye Faithful #293
 Offertory: Hark! The Herald Angels Sing #278
 Communion: Of the Father's Love Begotten #179
 Recessional: Joy to the World #177

POLSKA MSZA ŒWIĘTA

Procesja: Pójdźmy wszyscy #66
 Ofiarowanie: Bracia patrzcie jeno #36
 Na Komunię: Gdy ōliczna Panna #45
 Zakończenie: Dzisiaj w Betlejem #43



SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

Mon Parish Offices Closed
Wed 8:00 PM A.A. & Al-Anon in the social center.
Thu 3:00 PM Church Cleanup Crew works until 5:15.
Fri 12:00 PM Parish Offices Closed
Sun HAPPY NEW YEAR
Mon Parish Offices Closed

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 130 years.

Wedding  **Banns** Jacob Witkowski and Barbara Klozyk (III)

Blue and White

Another Christmas has arrived and, again, our church is decorated from floors to rafters. You will already have noticed that this year there is a preponderance of blue and white decorations incorporated into the total design. The reason for this is connected to another celebration of this past year, the addition of our latest parishioner...John Paul II.

While we were in Krakow last month Fr. Michael and I noticed blue and white decorations and flags all around the city. When we inquired we were told those two colors were representative of Krakow's beloved 'Lolek.' The late Holy Father's intense love and respect for our Blessed Lady was represented by the blue while his office of Pope was represented by the white.

This year the late Holy Father celebrates this feast as never before, as one of the multitudes of angels and saints surrounding the Lamb of God on His eternal throne. This year he joins us here at our Shrine as never before, as one of many voices who can intercede for us in heaven. And, this year as never before, he has become a part of our Shrine as his friend, Archbishop Dziwisz, intimately made that sacred connection for all time with the bestowal of his sacred relic, the holy mitre.

So, we have so much to celebrate this Christmas. Once again, God reached out to us uniquely and blessed us with our new friend in heaven. Now, as we continue to pray for his intercession, may those prayers be answered, may blessings be abundant, and may our hearts be opened to God's invitation to love.

David Krakowski

SCHEDULE FOR MINISTERS

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, January 1 Stycznia 2005

Sat 5:00 PM Lector — Betty Dabrowski
 Euch. Min. — Diane Bulanda, Emily Galish, Connie Aliff, Rebecca O'Reily
Sun 8:30 AM Lector — Nancy Mack
 Euch. Min. — Alice Klafczynski, Adeline Nadolny, Loretta Horvath, Yolanda Kane
10:00 AM Lector — Mieczyslaw Garncarek
 Euch. Min. — R. Drewnowski, W. Sztalkoper, M. Sladewski, Tom Monzell
11:30 AM Lector — Richard Konisiewicz
 Euch. Min. — Joanne & Ron Grams, Angela Revay, Jeanette Simcox

PARISH SUPPORT

Last Sunday's Collection

5:00 PM.....	\$1,352.16
8:30 AM	\$1,103.00
10:00 AM.....	\$1,196.00
11:30 AM.....	\$1,362.42
Mailed in.....	\$861.00
Total (461 envelopes)	\$5,874.58
Children's Collection (6)	\$8.25
Christmas Flowers (229)	\$1,891.00



WELCOME HOME

My Dad can't climb ladders as well as he used to. This means that the outside of their house is not as lavishly lit at Christmastime as it used to be. But in my memory, the house will always be the brightest on the block.

Several years ago, while stationed at a friary in Wisconsin, I was able to use a friary car and drive to Mom & Dad's for Christmas. But I couldn't leave until after Midnight Mass, which meant an arrival well into the very early morning. When I turned the corner on to our street, I could see the glow from the lights of home shining like a runway beacon. It said, "Here is home."

When you enter the beautiful sanctuary of our Shrine Church, you will be greeted with a heavenly assault on the senses. Twinkling lights, the scent of pine and incense, the sound of bells and pipe organ — all will conspire to lift your spirit to a different kind of place. Once again, you are home. Welcome!

Welcome home — where God is glorified, where Jesus is found, and where the saints and angels assemble. Welcome home — where families and strangers embrace, where children are taught to know the world and to love God, and where the elderly recall their own childhood joy. Welcome home — where the poor find comfort, the grieving find solace, and the lonely find companionship. Welcome home — where tradition lives, where roots are deep, and where the future is now. Welcome home — where peace is real, where hope abounds, and where trust is sure. Welcome home — where goodness is tasted, where truth is sought, and where beauty is a gift. Welcome home — where lives tested by struggle meet the Gospel, where shame meets mercy, and where sin meets grace. Welcome home — where the Word becomes flesh in our flesh, where the Light is light in our hearts, and where Emmanuel is God-With-Us. Welcome home — where God has pitched his tent among us and lives with us as a neighbor in the 'hood.

May God continue to bless the home which is our shrine parish. May God bless the home where you live and where those you love lay their heads. May God bless the home which is your own heart, and may you find the Christ within. May God bless the home which is the city or town where you live, granting peace and providing generously. May God bless the home which is our nation, granting us strength and compassion. May God bless the homes of the poor, the forgotten, the oppressed, the ill, of those on the margins of society. May God bless those who have no home, those whose homes are not adequate, those who are refugees from the violent storms of nature and the politics of greed. May God bless the homes of those who are generous and of those who are miserly. May God bless the homes of those who are good to us and of those who hurt us. And may God lead safely home all who will be called away from this life.

On behalf of your priests, the residents of the friary, and the parish staff, I wish all of you a blessed and happy Christmas. May your new year be filled with every goodness which comes from God. Know that you are in our thoughts and prayers, and that you are welcome home any time!

Fr. Michael

BOZE NARODZENIE

W Uroczystosc Narodzenia Jezusa Chrystusa, Kosciól w sposób szczególny kontempluje Boga, który jest Emmanuelem, czyli Bogiem z nami, a nie jakimś abstrakcyjnym i dalekim od naszego ludzkiego życia. Przede wszystkim powinniśmy uznać, że chodzi w tym przypadku o jakieś szczególne i wyjątkowe urodziny, gdyż o tym wydarzeniu mówimy ciągle pomimo tego, iż upłynęło już 20 wieków od tamtej nocy. Ilekroć to wielkich wydarzeń pokrył kurz historii, bo po siedmiu cudach świata, którymi zachwycała się starożytność, prawie już nic nie pozostało, rozleciało się imperium rzymskie i cesarstwo Napoleona, a przecież o narodzeniu Jezusa nigdy nie przestajemy mówić i nie przestajemy wspominać tego wielkiego wydarzenia.

Dlaczegoż to Bóg stał się człowiekiem? Dlaczego przyszedł On do nas i dlaczego w swojej odwiecznej mądrości zechciał urodzić się w ubóstwie, a nie w splendorze pałacu królewskiego? Oto pytania, które stawiamy sobie dzisiaj, w Uroczystosc Bozego Narodzenia. Ewangelia daje nam tutaj bardzo jasną odpowiedź, gdyż mówi ona, iż **Bóg stał się jednym z nas, ponieważ nas umiłował**. Bóg bowiem tak bardzo umiłował świat - a więc przede wszystkim nas ludzi - że, *zesłał Syna swego Jednorodzonego, aby każdy, kto w Niego wierzy, nie zginął, ale miał życie wieczne* (J 3, 16). Tak więc Bóg stał się człowiekiem, aby człowiek z Jego łaski stał się uczestnikiem Bozego życia. Miłość szuka bliskości z ukochaną osobą - o czym świadczy najlepiej ból rozstania osób, które się kochają - i dlatego też Bóg maksymalnie zbliżył się do nas, byśmy i my zbliżyli się do Niego.

Czego uczy nas to wielkie wydarzenie? Otóż Bóg przyszedł do nas, byśmy uczyli się szanować ludzkie życie od momentu poczęcia, aż po naturalną śmierć. Tyle razy zdobywanie rzeczy materialnych tak bardzo nas pochłania, że zapominamy o ważności rozmowy i dialogu w naszych rodzinach, tymczasem przecież osoba jest ważniejsza niż cały świat materialnych rzeczy. Dlatego między innymi Bóg przyszedł do nas, abysmy właśnie bardziej cenili osoby niż rzeczy.

Czego uczy nas jeszcze ta wielka Uroczystosc? Oto Jezus przyszedł do nas, byśmy częściej rozważali w naszych sercach wielkie sprawy Boże, a zarazem tajemnice naszej wiary. Przyszedł On również i do człowieka naszych czasów, który pracuje niekiedy po 12 godzin dziennie, by móc kupować nowe rzeczy, które nie zawsze są konieczne do życia. To prawda, że życie bez środków materialnych może być nawet tragiczne, ale cóż powiedzieć o kulturze współczesnej, która nie pozostawia człowiekowi czasu na medytację i dialog z bliźnim.

Czego uczy nas jeszcze przyjscie do nas naszego Pana Jezusa Chrystusa? Oto chwala człowieka jest sam Bóg. Kiedy więc odrzuca się Jezusa i Jego Ewangelie, to tym samym człowiek wpada w nielad moralny, grzech, występek, w przemoc, a nawet nienawiść. To prawda, że istnieje czasami tyle zła na świecie, ale unieszczęśliwia ono przede wszystkim tych, którzy są jego sprawcami, gdyż jedynie dobro może człowieka uszczęśliwić. W tym sensie już na tym świecie istnieje pewna sprawiedliwość.

Niech więc miłość, dobro, pokój oraz poczucie bliskości drugiego człowieka towarzysza nam mocniej niż zwykle w te Święta Bozego Narodzenia.

ks. Jerzy



Merry Christmas to All Our Friends and Parishioners



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O, Holy Night

Na tegoroczne Boze Narodzenie wypiewujemy nasze zyczenia za Aniolami: Chwala Bogu na wysokosci, a na ziemi pokój ludziom dobrej woli. Pokój ludziom milosiernym. Pokój ludziom z przyjaznym wzrokiem, z zycliwym slowem, z braterskim gestem. Bozy pokój. Najpiekniejszy pokój. Niech plyną te zyczenia ku naszym bliskim, dzieciom, starszym, chorym, samotnym i do kazdego czlowieka wokół nas. Radosnych, pogodnych i błogosławionych Świat Bozego Narodzenia!



NO GRINCHES AT THE JOHN CAROLL UNIVERSITY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
They provided each of our school kids with a present for Christmas. Santa couldn't ask for better helpers. Thank you very much and May the Christ Child Bless You.
Left to Right: Philip & Isaiah Roark, Juliana Ramirez and Sarah Potter.

ST. STANS HISTORICAL FACT. Longtime St. Stanislaus sacristan, Brother Fidelis Veselak OFM died on Christmas Eve in 1980. "Brother," as he was affectionately known by parishioners, set up the Christmas crib, went to bed, and passed away quietly. Brother Fidelis was always in the church doing his sacristan duties. Many younger parishioners have fond memories of helping "Brother" make hosts for Mass and receiving a bag of wafer scraps to take home. Many of our parishioners have good memories of this quiet and saintly Franciscan. He is still in our prayers and our memories.



GOOD LUCK AND A HAPPY RETIREMENT ANNA MAE

Anna Mae Kostura has hung up her mop and put away her scrub brush at St. Stanislaus School and is preparing to live a life of leisure. After 22 years and 5 Pastors she is looking forward to her time off. She is living proof that dynamos come in small packages. The kids and Staff of St. Stanislaus will miss you! She is pictured above with Alice Torrence (Principal), Fr. Mike and Fr. Howard.

MANNA PROGRAM

Od pewnego czasu w naszej parafii funkcjonuje tak zwany **Manna Program**. Polega on na tym, że nasza parafia Sw. Stanisława współpracuje z wieloma instytucjami handlowymi typu sklepy, restauracje czy stacje paliwowe itp.. Współpraca ta jest bardzo korzystna dla parafii, ponieważ od każdego zakupu dokonanego w tych jednostkach handlowych do parafii trafia procent od wydanej sumy pieniędzy. Jednak, aby tak się stawało konieczny jest jeden warunek: przy dokonywaniu zakupu musimy posługiwać się specjalną kartą, zakupioną w naszej parafii. Taką kartę możemy nabyć w każdą niedzielę po Mszy św. przy wyjściu z kościoła lub w tygodniu w kancelarii parafialnej. Czyli krótko: wystarczy czek lub gotówkę przeznaczona na zakupy zamienić na kartę oferowaną w naszej parafii, a przyniesie to wymierną korzyść dla parafialnego budżetu.

ST. STANISLAUS SCHEDULE OF HOLIDAY LITURGIES

Daily Masses

Monday-Saturday, December 26-31 8:30AM

The Year of the Lord 2006

Saturday December 31

Vigil 5:00 PM

Sunday, January 1

English Masses 8:30 & 11:30AM

Polish Mass 10:00AM

OHIO BOY CHOIR AUDITIONS. Auditions are now being held for the Ohio Boychoir 2005-06 season. Membership is open to boys ages third grade through voice change for the concert choir and to boys ages 7-8 for the training choir. No previous choral experience is necessary. Rehearsals are held weekly in Parma. Contact Music Director, Jon Simsic at 216-556-2222 for more information or visit at www.ohioboychoir.org.

ATTENTION ST. STANISLAUS ALUMNI! We are interested in starting an alumni chapter of all those people who graduated from St. Stanislaus Grade School. If you graduated from St. Stanislaus Grade School, no matter the year, please contact the rectory at 216-341-9091, email ststans@ameritech.net, or drop a note in the collection basket with your name, contact information, and year of graduation. Our first alumni event will be held on Saturday, January 28, 2006, to celebrate Catholic Schools Week. It will begin with a 5:00 p.m. celebration of Mass. Immediately following Mass, there will be a reception in the grade school. Please pass the word to family and friends.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, AND THANK YOU AGAIN!

Many thanks to all the people who worked to decorate our church and outdoors for Christmas. Last Sunday evening was festive and prayerful, as dozens of people showed up for vespers and then dug into boxes of decorations to string around the sanctuary. Special thanks to John and Debbie Heyink, who donated the large Christmas tree in our sanctuary, and to John Sklodowski, his son Tom and his daughter Joanne, who decorated the front of the rectory.

SUPERBOWL PARTY The Fr. William Gulas Scholarship Fund Committee is planning a Super Bowl Party in the Social Center Sunday, February 5, 2006. The party will feature a \$2000.00 main board. Only 100 tickets will be sold at \$50.00. Your donation will include a square on the Main Board, dinner, snacks and pop. You may also get a dinner only ticket for a \$25.00 donation. For tickets and more information call: Kevin & Denise Siemborski 216-398-5764, John Heyink 216-341-2019, or Frank Greczanik 216-441-0552.

PASTERKA LITURGY. The traditional Polish Christmas Liturgy, "Pasterka," will be celebrated on December 28, 2005 at Holy Family Church on York Road in Parma. Kolendy (Christmas carols) will begin at 6:45 PM. The Mass will follow at 7:30 PM. For more information call 440-842-3535.

"PASTERKA" Już od kilkunastu lat w okresie przypadającym pomiędzy dniem Bożego Narodzenia a Nowym Rokiem w jednym z kościołów Metropolii Cleveland celebrowana jest w języku polskim uroczysta Msza św. o Bożym Narodzeniu - "Pasterka" - wraz z bogatą oprawą kolędów. W tym roku ta Msza św. będzie odprawiona w środę, 28 grudnia o godz. 7:30 wieczorem w kościele Holy Family w Parma (7367 York Rd.). Msze św. poprzedzi koncert kolęd, który rozpocznie się już o godz. 6:45.

BEATYFIKACJA JANA PAWŁA II

Wiemy, że trwa proces beatyfikacyjny naszego papieża Jana Pawła II. Informacja: <http://www.vicariatusurbis.org/Beatificazione/>

BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS. The next class is on January 8, 12:30 PM, at St John Nepomucene, Call 641-8444 to register.