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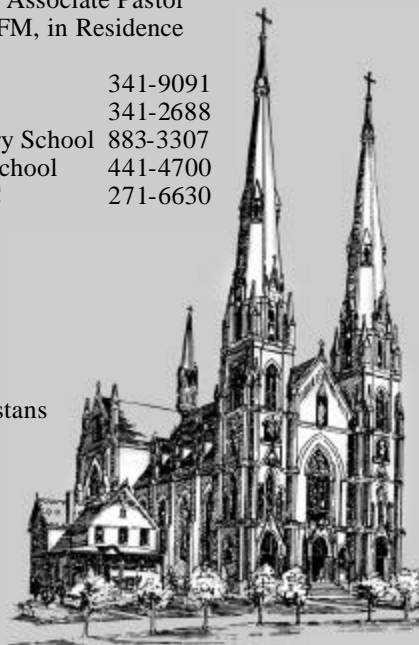
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The artist's sketch on the right depicts the original building with the spires. Corner Stone laid in 1886, and church dedicated in 1891.



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.

GOFPARENT 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

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

December 31 Grudnia 2006

Sat 5:00 PM +Joe & Sally Stryczyn
Sun 8:30 AM +Al & Jean Schultz
10:00 AM +Sabina Monzell
11:30 AM +Stella Lucas

1:00 PM Baptism of Jack Liam Sheppard

FEAST OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

MOTHER OF GOD

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR PEACE

January 1 Stycznia 2007

Mon 10:30 AM +Harriet Markiewicz

Tue Jan 2 7:00 AM **Ss. Basil and Gregory**, bishops
 +Frank & Gloria Deka

8:30 AM +Leo and Clara Trojanowski
Wed Jan 3 Weekday (Holy Name of Jesus)

7:00 AM +Jean Dardzinski
8:30 AM +For the poor souls in purgatory

Thu Jan 4 7:00 AM **St. Elizabeth Ann Seton**, religious
 +Stanislaus Kaczmarek

8:30 AM +Teresa Blaszak
Fri Jan 5 7:00 AM **St. John Neuman**, bishop

Sp. Int. Jacek Nienajad^o
8:30 AM +Sophie Solomon

Sat Jan 6 8:30 AM **Weekday** (Bl. Andre Bessette, religious)
 +Adam Szczepanik

EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

January 7 Stycznia 2007

Sat 5:00 PM +Angelina Reddicks

Sun 8:30 AM +Joseph Ziegler

10:00 AM +Sophie Solomon

11:30 AM +Lottie Depta

MUSIC – FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

ENGLISH MASS

Processional: Come, Sing a Home and Family #318
 Presentation: Good Christian Friends, Rejoice # 178
 Communion: Puer natus in Bethlehem (choir)
 Recessional: Hark the Herald Angels Sing #278

POLSKA MSZA ŒWIĘTA

Procesja: Ach ubogi i³obie #13
 Ofiarowanie: Przyst¹pmy do szopy (chór)
 Na Komuniê: Nie by³o miejsca #24
 Zakończenie: Nowy Rok bie³y #25

Sing to God with joy - ful hearts. Praise the Lord for
 Spiewaj - my Pa - nu ra - do - snym sercem Chwal - my Pa - na
 ev - er - more, praise the Lord for ev - er - more.
 na wie - ki! Chwal - my Pa - na na wie - ki!

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

Mon **HAPPY NEW YEAR — One Mass, Polish & English, 10:30 AM**
 Tue **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.

Wedding Banns

Terry Kopania & Ruta Jakubauskas (III)
Kieth Chesla & Michele Hartlieb (II)

Have You Noticed?

I guess by this time everybody has seen the decorations in the church - the trees, garlands, ornaments, ribbons, candles, manger and, this year, the Christmas/advent wreath. The last item became a part of the scheme out of practicality, there being minimal time between the final Advent liturgy and the first Vigil Mass for Christmas. You probably have noticed the addition of the fifth candle, suspended right in the middle of the wreath, signifying the birth of Christ.

The five candles which are suspended from the wreath are there representing the season of preparation (Advent) as well as the Incarnation, the arrival of the 'Light in the darkness.' Those same five candles normally inhabit yet another area of our church suspended from the tomb of Christ beneath the Altar of the Passion. These lamps, similar to those seen suspended over the birthplace of Jesus in Bethlehem and the site of His tomb in Jerusalem, serve to unify the ritual time of Christ's activity on this earth prior to His resurrection.

We frequently hear associations of lights and colors with the various seasons in the church year or events in our lives. The gold lights on the high altar and other places in the church signified the majesty of Christ. The purple lights mingled with the gold represented his royal lineage. But the purple lights surrounding the names of the deceased service men and women on the Sacred Heart altar had a different effect. There the purple was a tribute to their sacrifice and the ongoing sacrifices of all the soldiers fighting in the war to this very day. Finally we see the white lights surrounding the manger scene, representing the stars in the sky on the night of Christ's birth. The 'big tree' contains all the colors of the rainbow celebrating God's covenant with humanity.

We still have one more week to enjoy these lights....then they will be packed away for yet another year as the Christmas season comes to an end. We'll begin taking down the decorations after the final Epiphany liturgies on January 7th. I hope a few good people will help us with the project as in the past so that all will be neatly packaged for next year. But for now, let's continue to celebrate the season! Let the lights cheer us, the music inspire us, the scents transport us to a world of joy and peace. The world may have stopped celebrating the incarnation days ago, but not us. The feast of the Baptism of Jesus will bring this liturgical season to a close, but we hope that the spirit of the season will remain with us for a long time to come!

David Krakowski

SCHEDULE FOR MINISTERS

Feast of the Epiphany, January 7 Stycznia 2007

Sat **5:00 PM** Lector — Tom Krol
 Euch. Min. — Connie Aliff, Stan Witczak, Hollie Revay, Bill Russin
 Sun **8:30 AM** Lector — Susan Halamek
 Euch. Min. — Loretta Horvath, Sharon Kozak, Yolanda Kane, Chris Luboski
10:00 AM Lector — Kamila Bernas
 Euch. Min. — R. Drewnowski, Mike Buczek, A. Jankowski, Ewalina Ejsmott
11:30 AM Lector — Mike Leahy
 Euch. Min. — Bill Bobowicz, Diane Bulanda, Joanne & Ron Grams.

PARISH SUPPORT

Last Sunday's Collection

5:00 PM\$1,370.00
 8:30 AM\$937.00
 10:00 AM.....\$735.00
 11:30 AM.....\$989.00
 Mailed in.....\$1,355.00
Total (312 envelopes) \$5,386.50
Christmas Collection \$23,826.38
May God Bless you for your generosity



Family and HOLY Family

In 1921 Pope Benedict XV introduced the feast of the Holy Family into the liturgical calendar for the universal church. The purpose was to focus on the family, the essential unit of civil society and of the church.

By zeroing in on the family, the pope hoped to focus on the **biological** family from which the **faith** family was to grow. Just as *eros* love is expected to

mature into *agape* love, (according to Pope Benedict XVI) so, too, the **biological** family unit is to reach its perfection in the **faith** family. The faith family (the church) is to become the destiny toward which the **biological** family is to grow. The hope is that the **biological** family is to become a **faith** family, whose life, desires and destiny are based on faith. The **biological** family is to give the **faith** family a start and an environment in which to flourish.

It is interesting to note that when we speak about the **biological** family, two members of the family —husband and wife — are not related to each other by blood. The children usually are, but not always. Some are adopted and some have at least one different parent. We refer to them as half brothers and sisters. This means that blood is NOT thicker than water. In fact, friendship can be and in some instances is a "thicker" relationship. Husband and wife and friends and even adopted children can and often do love one another more than biological siblings. Why? True love is learned and needs to be worked on. It is a conscious choice. It is an act of the will. It is not to be presupposed that blood relationships themselves guarantee or promote love. There are not a few children who do not love their biological parents, and there are not a few brothers and sisters who do not love each other.

What are some of the ingredients of a good and wholesome **biological** family life, which ought to blossom into a **faith** family? St. Paul comes to our aid when he writes about "the mystery of Christ" in each of us, which is our "hope of glory." In each of us there is the sacred, the divine, the holy. In each baptized person there is the Holy Spirit of God who continues to create, to redeem and to sanctify. We don't know everything about God's living and working in each of us, but we know something. That "something" is Jesus the Christ, who makes known to us the mystery of God. In fact, he **is** the mystery of God. He **is** that "hope of glory" toward which we are journeying, which we are already experiencing and which needs to be completed. Believing this we can better relate to one another and thus become a family unity, where respect for one another is based upon the "mystery of Christ." within us and others. We relate with hope toward each member of the family of God, who will complete in each of us what he has begun. That is why we need to put on, as St. Paul, writes, "heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another, if one has a grievance against another." Then, there is love: "... over all these put on love, that is, the bond of perfection." Finally, there is thanksgiving: "And whatever you do in word and in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him." This is St. Paul's recipe for a wholesome and holy family life. **Peace and Good! fr. Cam**

Nowy Rok bieży...

W rytm koledy przychodzi kolejny Nowy Rok w naszym zyciu. Patrzymy na rok miniony i pytamy: Jaki on był dla nas? Co się nam udało zrealizować, a co nie? I także patrzymy w przyszłość, co nam ten Nowy Rok, już 2007 przyniesie? Co nam przyniesie? Nowy czas to zarazem nadzieje i obawy. U jednych przeważają te pierwsze, u innych raczej te drugie. Czasopisma przescigają się w podawaniu prorocztw na ten zbliżający się czas. Starają się one odpowiedzieć na pragnienie obecne w każdym z nas, bo chyba każdy z nas chciałby zajrzeć poza te zasłone i znac choć trochę ze swojej przyszłości i ogólnoswiatowych wydarzeń, które będą dopiero miały miejsce za jakiś czas. Nie wiemy, czy wydarza się w tym Nowym Roku jakieś kataklizmy spowodowane przez naturę czy zła wola człowieka, czy będzie to rok spokojny i bez wojen.

Dzień 1 stycznia jest dniem modlitw o pokój. Ten fakt uświadamia nam, że nie powinniśmy beczynnymie przypatrywać się biegowi historii, że jesteśmy jej współtwórcami i dlatego też współodpowiedzialni za losy świata. Przez modlitwę możemy pozytywnie wpływać na bieg historii. Ojciec św. Jan XXIII mawiał, że człowiek modlący się ma większy wpływ na historię, niż ludzie stojący u władzy. A my jesteśmy skłonni myśleć, że to właśnie oni tworzą historię i są za wszystko odpowiedzialni. Wycofujemy się do swojego małego świata, a dla siebie rezerwujemy prawo do narzekania na „wielkich tego świata”, jeśli coś im nie wychodzi.

Matka Boża przychodząca w Medjugorju przychodzi jako Królowa Pokoju nieustannie wzywając do modlitwy o pokój. Mówi Ona, że pokój zaczyna się w sercu człowieka i w rodzinie. A jeśli nie ma go na świecie, jest to znakiem, że brakuje go w ludzkich sercach. To przekonanie potwierdza Pismo św. Apostoł Jakub pisze w swoim Liście: *Skąd Sie biorą wojny i skąd klótnie między wami? Nie skądinąd, tylko z waszych ząd, które walczą w członkach waszych* (Jak 4, 1). Pan Jezus nazwał „błogosławionymi” tych, którzy wprowadzają pokój, „albowiem oni nazwani będą synami Bożymi”. Przez modlitwę o pokój i przez panowanie nad naszymi zadaniami przyczyniamy się do pokoju na świecie i stajemy się „synami Bożymi”. Bardzo podoba mi się to piękne określenie Jezusa.

Matka Boża jest Królową Pokoju. 1 stycznia Kościół czci Jej uroczystość. Jest w tym jakaś intuicja, żeby rozpoczynać nowy rok z Matką Bożą i ten rozpoczynający się czas oddać Bogu przez posrednictwo Matki Jego Syna. Na ten rozpoczynający się czas składamy sobie życzenia. Te myśl podejmuje także Kościół. W pierwszym czytaniu z uroczystości czytamy: *Niech cie Pan błogosławi i strzeże. Niech Pan rozpromieni oblicze swe nad toba, niech cie obdarzy swa łaska. Niech zwróci ku tobie oblicze swoje i niech cie obdarzy pokojem*. Są to słowa z Księgi liczb. Jest to tzw. „błogosławieństwo Aaronowe”. Bardzo podobny w treści jest Psalm 67. To błogosławieństwo przejął św. Franciszek i tymi słowami błogosławił swoich braci. Niech to błogosławieństwo będzie udziałem wszystkich czytelników „Biuletynu”, naszych parafian i wszystkich naszych dobroczyńców.

Niech Bóg Was błogosławi i strzeże. Amen.

o. Placyd



Happy New Year!!!

To all who have been so generous with their gifts, and to all our volunteers who have been so generous with their time . and to all our parishioners and friends, who contribute to our faith community — May God bless all of you and keep you safe and healthy during this coming year.

THANK YOU

SERDECZNE PODZIEKOWANIA

DLA WSZYSTKICH, KTÓRZY PRZYCZYNILI SIĘ DO WSPANIAŁEGO PRZEŻYCIA ŚWIĄT NARODZENIA PANSKIEGO. BÓG ZAPŁAC!

ZA PIĘKNĄ DEKORACJĘ KOŚCIOŁA, SPIEW KOLED, OBSŁUGĘ WSZYSTKICH UROCZYSTOŚCI PRZEZ WSZYSTKIE SŁUŻBY, TAKŻE ZA ŚWIĄTECZNE DONACJE. DLA WSZYSTKICH PARAFIAN I GOŚCI ZE SŁOWAMI PODZIEKOWANIA PLYNĄ SERDECZNE ŻYCZENIA: RADOSCI I POKOJU, DOBRA I POMYSLNOŚCI NA ŚWIĄTECZNY OKRES BOŻEGO NARODZENIA I NOWY 2007 ROK.

SUPERBOWL PARTY

The Fr. William Gulas Scholarship Fund Committee is planning a Super Bowl Party in the Social Center Sunday, February 4, 2007 at 4:00 p.m. The party will feature a \$1500.00 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 \$30.00 donation. For Tickets Call Rick Sutich 216-883-4904, Denise Siemborski 216-398-5764, Frank Greczanik 216-441-0552 or John Heyink 216-341-2019

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.

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:

- ? **Skałka** - 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!

MANNA RESUMES IN 2007

There will be no Manna sales the weekends of New Years. Be ready with your order forms for the weekend of January 6 and 7—any orders placed before Christmas will be available for pick up, and new orders may be placed at that time. Start your new year off right with a pocket full of Manna cards for all your shopping and dining needs!

BLESSING OF HOMES

Fr. Michael, Fr Placyd and Fr. Camillus are available to bless your homes during the season of Epiphany. Please call the rectory anytime during business hours, 9:00-5:00 PM to schedule a visit. Keep in mind that any head of household or adult family member may bless their home without the presence of a priest. Packets containing chalk, incense and a blessing prayer will be available next week in the church. If you already have chalk, you may use the following prayer and ritual to bless your own home:

All: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. AMEN

Leader: Let us praise God, who fills our hearts and homes with peace.

All: Blessed be God for ever.

Scripture Reading

Luke 19:1-8 or Psalm 72 or Psalm 127:1-8

Leader: The Son of God made his home among us. With thanks and praise let us call upon him.

ALL: Stay with us Lord!

Leader: Lord, Jesus Christ, the Magi presented their gifts to You in praise and adoration. Grant that those living in this house may use their talents and abilities to your greater glory. We pray in Jesus name, now and forever. AMEN.

Leader: May Christ Jesus dwell with us, keep us from all harm, and make us one in mind and heart, now and forever. AMEN

Mark the door tops or frame with the blessed chalk:

20+C+M+B+07

The numerals consecrate the new year, the initials remind us of the legendary names of the Magi—Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar.

OPERA CIRCLE —See Mozart's opera, "*Bastien und Bastienne*"

Soloists: Sharon Shaffer, Joshua Hart & Jose Gotera, *Stage Director & Choreographer:*

Sabatino Verlazza, *Music Director:* Jacek Sobieski, *Concertmaster:* Hristo Popov

Friday, January 26, 2007 at 7:30 PM, Saturday, January 27, 2007 at 7:30 PM

\$15 General Admission, \$5 Students, \$55 Reserved Sponsor Seats

For more information and tickets, call 216/441-2822 or email wandasobieska@operacircle.org

CALLING ALL ALUMNI! St. Stanislaus Parish is inviting all alumni and friends of St. Stanislaus Elementary and High Schools to a celebration to kick off Catholic Schools Week on Saturday, January 27, 2007. There will be Mass at 5 PM in the church. A soup, salad, and dessert dinner will be served in the Social Center from 6-9 PM. The Elementary School will be open for an Open House also from 6-9 PM. Reservations are not required. A free will offering for the dinner will be accepted. We are also celebrating 100 years of Franciscan presence in our community, 100 years since the cornerstone of the Elementary School was laid, and 100 years of the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth teaching in our school. For more information call 216-341-9091. Meet old friends from your school days and reminisce about your days at St. Stans. Our past two alumni events have been very successful and enjoyable. **Return Home for a night!**

GOOD YARN. The *Warmup America Group* would like to thank all the people that donated yarn so generously. This is an ongoing project. So, if you would like to donate washable yarn, new or almost new (no wool or rug yarn), for making afghans for the needy, please bring the yarn to the rectory. If you would like to join this group, meetings are held at St. Columbkille Parish. For more information contact Donna Ci-borowski at 216-398-9653

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.

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.

**EPIPHANY
CONCERT**

Holy Name Church

8328 Broadway

Sunday January 7, 1:30 PM

Free will offering for the Holy Name
Restoration Fund.

Reception to follow.

**ST. STANISLAUS
SHRINE
GIFT SHOPPE**

*Come for Coffee and
Bakery after Mass!*

CDs, Tapes, Religious
Items, Books, Pictures
and much much more!
New Stock Added!

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.

Sto lat! 1906-2006 Franciscans at Saint Stanislaus

