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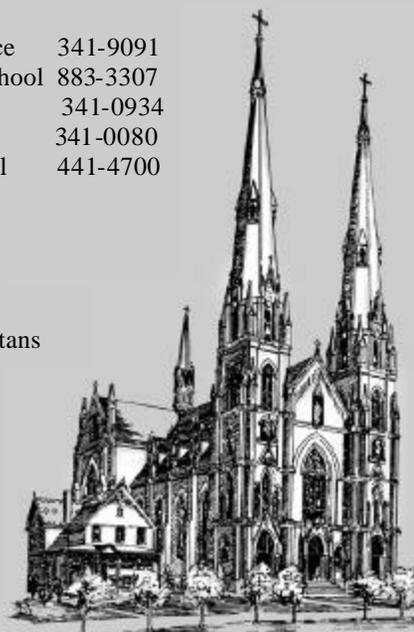
PARISH WEBSITE:

www.ststanislaus.org

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www.picturetrail.com/saintstans

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



SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

MASS SCHEDULE:

Daily Masses: 7:00 AM & 8:30 AM
 Sunday Vigil: Saturday 5:00 PM
 Sunday English Masses: 8:30 AM & 11:30 AM
 Sunday Polish Mass: 10:00 AM
 Holy Day English: 8:30 AM & 7:00 PM
 Holy Day Polish: 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. Pre-Baptism instructions necessary in advance.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

All arrangements must be made with one of the priests of the parish six months in advance.

FUNERAL:

Please make arrangements at the rectory in advance of public announcement.

INQUIRY CLASSES:

(R.C.I.A.): Contact any member of the Pastoral Team.

OFFICE HOURS:

Weekday appointments with a member of the Pastoral Team may be scheduled between the hours of 9:30 AM to 4:00 PM. The office is open from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM for all ordinary business.

CHURCH HOURS:

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

MASS INTENTIONS



FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT March 9 (Marzec), 2003

Sat	5:00 PM	+Antoni Lambrecht
Sun	8:30 AM	+Michael & Mary Kozłowski
	10:00 AM	+Fr. William Gulas OFM
	11:30 AM	Sp. Int. RCIA Candidates

Mon	Mar 10	Lenten Weekday
	7:00 AM	+Michael & Clara Surufka
	8:30 AM	+Dora Mozeleski
Tue	Mar 11	Lenten Weekday
	7:00 AM	+Sylvester & Baby Ben Lepkowski
	8:30 AM	+Leon & Anna Zbikowski
Wed	Mar 12	Lenten Weekday
	7:00 AM	+Walter Galicki
	8:30 AM	+Florence (Sis) Polucki
Thu	Mar 13	Lenten Weekday
	7:00 AM	+Walter & Apolonia Staskiewicz
	8:30 AM	+Helena Macznik
	1:00 PM	Golden Agers living and deceased
Fri	Mar 14	Lenten Weekday
	7:00 AM	+Fr. William Gulas OFM
	8:30 AM	+Mary Kucia
Sat	Mar 15	Lenten Weekday
	8:30 AM	+Agnes Ard

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT March 16 (Marzec), 2003

Sat	5:00 PM	+Mary Guzy
Sun	8:30 AM	+Ryszard Monka
	10:00 AM	Sp. Int. Nephews and Nieces of F. Boryka
	11:30 AM	Sp. Int. RCIA Candidates

MUSIC – FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

ENGLISH MASS

Offertory: Forty Days and Forty Nights #180
 Communion: Eat This Bread #225

POLSKA MSZA ŚWIĘTA

Ofiarowanie: Krzyżu Święty #96
 Na Komunię: O Jezu, Jezu, ja proszę (chór)

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

Sun 11:30 AM RCIA Rite of Sending at Mass in church.
 3:00 PM RCIA Rite of Election at Cleveland Convention Center.
 3:00 PM Gorzkie Zale (Lamentations in Polish)
 6:00 PM Vespers in church.

Mon 9:00 AM Avilas Pray for Vocations in church.
 6:45 PM Bingo in our social center. Players and workers welcome.
 7:00 PM RCIA— “Developing a Right Conscience”

Tue 6:30 PM English Choir practice in church.
 7:30 PM Worship Commission meets in the rectory.

Wed 5:30 PM Gorzkie Zale (Lamentations in Polish).
 6:00 PM Próba chóru w kościele.
 6:30 PM Youth Group in the all purpose room.
 7:00 PM Parish Mission in church.
 8:00 PM A.A. & Al-Anon in the social center.

Thu 1:00 PM Mass for Golden Agers in church followed by meeting.
 3:00 PM Church Cleanup Crew works until 5:15.
 7:00 PM Parish Mission in church

Fri 2:00 PM School Stations of the Cross in church (all are welcome).
 5:00 PM Droga Krzyżowa w kościele.
 7:00 PM Parish Mission in church.

Sat 4:00 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation until 4:45.

Sun 3:00 PM Gorzkie Zale (Lamentations in Polish)
 6:00 PM Vespers in church.

MODLITWA PRZY KRZYŻU

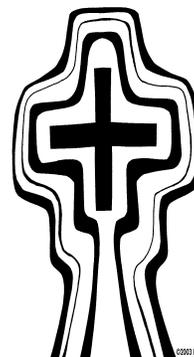
“...Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani”

Boże mój Boże
 ocal obolały
 od zmartwień
 świat

a umęczonym ludziom
 daj wa runkowe zwolnienie
 z nieszczęść

pomiędzy otchłania
 a linią życia
 jest jeszcze
 światło
 za którym
 idziemy
 dźwigając swój
 krzyż

Krystyna Bochen



Thirst

“If we take a close look at what contemporary men and women expect from priests, we will see that, in the end, they have but one great expectation: *they are thirsting for Christ*. Everything else – their economic, social, and political needs – can be met by any number of other people. From the priest they ask for Christ!” Those, the words of Pope John Paul II on the fiftieth anniversary of his priestly ordination, words which were repeated the evening we gathered in sorrow here at St. Stanislaus praying our Sunday Vespers, our first such service without our loving pastor, a time during which our thirst became practically unbearable. We were like lost sheep. We gathered together because it seemed so much safer. Together our little herd thirsted for the living water, for Christ, our living water.

Now our herd finds itself entering the Lenten desert, the Cross our shepherd, the Cross our hope. Doesn't the journey before us seem overwhelmingly frightening? The Cross! The Cross!! The Cross!!! It draws us like a magnet, like a Lover would lure the beloved, passionately.

Jesus carries it for us, falls beneath its crushing weight, silently suffers amidst jeers, snide remarks, curses, and, finally, blossoms on it, our Life, our Salvation. The vine uttered the words “I thirst” and the tree of life was born once again, the perfect High Priest Who pierced heaven with His own blood.

Thus we must abandon ourselves to the Cross, the Cross which remains constant while the world turns. We must accept the dry wood of that salvific instrument and embrace it until it is brought back to life. Then, and only then, will we be able to quench our thirst, worthy to drink the Sacred Blood which will have become our living water. *David B. Krakowski*

SCHEDULE FOR MINISTERS

March 16 (Marzec), 2003

Second Sunday in Lent

Sat 5:00 PM Lector— Bob Jagelewski
 Euch. Min. — Jean Potter, Joe and Pat Calamante, Stanley Witzak

Sun 8:30 AM Lector — Bob Potoma
 Euch. Min. — Adeline Nadolny, Chris Luboski, Don and Marcia Stech

10:00 AM Lector — Teresa Cyranek
 Euch. Min. — Gertrude Markiewicz, Tom Monzell

11:30 AM Lector — Don Pieniak
 Euch. Min. — Jeannette Simcox, Marilyn Mosinski, Ron and Joanne Grams

PARISH SUPPORT

Sunday Collection, Mar 2, 2003

5:00 PM\$1,297.50
 8:30 AM \$1,300.75
 10:00 AM.....\$1,144.50
 11:30 AM.....\$1,670.16
 Mailed in..... \$1,107.00
 Total (486) **\$6,519.91**
 Children's Collection (25) **\$35.70**

Thank You



Lent 2003

What are our feelings and emotions as we begin this time of Lent? What do we expect to happen to us as at this time? Do we imagine Lent to be just another ordeal to be endured at a time of tension when we are on the brink of war with Iraq? Or are we fearful that it is a time of giving up things that give us pleasure like

food and drink? Are we focusing on works of penance and the sacrifices that are demanded of us during these forty days before Easter? If these indeed are our feelings and emotions then we risk losing the benefits from this special time of God's grace for us. Lent is not a matter of giving up something but rather adding something to our daily lives.

We began our Lenten journey on Ash Wednesday when we had our foreheads marked with ashes in a sign of the cross. It is also from the scripture readings of that day that we receive our orientation as how to proceed on this journey.

The first point to be made clear about Lent is that it's not what we do for the Lord but what *the Lord* has already done for us. Our Lenten program is not an effort to save ourselves but to realize that we have been already saved by the sacrifice of Christ on the cross. What we are asked to do is to receive that salvation in repentance and gratitude.

Furthermore, in the Gospel for Ash Wednesday (Mt 6:1-6, 16-18) Jesus speaks of three practices which the church adopted as our Lenten program: almsgiving, prayer and fasting. Notice that Jesus says, "When you give alms... (Mt 6:2) and not, "If you..." It is taken for granted that we will perform these practices. Also notice the order of these practices: giving alms (relating to others in charity), prayer (relationship with God in trust) and fasting (relating to ourselves in self-denial). Here we see that the spirit of Lent directs us outwards to others and through others to God, and finally to ourselves. Charity towards others opens us to the needs of others as a sign of our gratitude for God's gifts and our fasting empties us of ourselves so as to be filled with the grace of God. Finally, these practices must proceed from our attitude which is transformed by the mercy of God and which avoids any external show of our goodness or self-sufficiency. All is grace and a grace to be shared with others.

With such a change in our attitude which is the real meaning of conversion (turning around), let us set aside our fears and apprehensions about the success of our Lenten observance as if everything depended on our effort. If we get too focused on ourselves and what we are going to do or not to do, we can miss the gift that God wants to give us during this Lent. What God wants to offer us is the grace that can help transform our lives, with greater freedom, greater joy, deeper desires for love and service.

Lent offers us all a very special opportunity to grow in our relationship with God and to deepen our commitment to a way of life which will be an expression of our baptismal vows.

And a concluding thought: St Augustine said about Lenten observance, "Do you wish your prayer to fly to God? Give it two wings: fasting and almsgiving."

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Fr John, ofm

POKUSY

Mały chłopiec zapytany przez matkę, dlaczego pociął ceratę na stole, odparł bez namysłu: "Szatan mnie skusił". Pamiętamy, że podobnie odpowiedziała Ewa w raju, pytana o przyczynę nieposłuszeństwa.

Każdy nasz grzech jest efektem przyjęcia pokusy szatana. Dosięga ona każdego człowieka; każdy z nas też zna duchowe udręki, jakie sprawia pokusa. Jej okrucieństwo polega na tym, że posługuje się kłamstwami. Pokusa roztacza przed człowiekiem wizję postaw, czynów i korzyści z nich płynących, które w ostateczności tylko pozornie są pozytywne, dobre i korzystne. Każda uległość pokusie przekonuje po raz kolejny człowieka, że dał się nabrać. Czy jednak można dziwić się temu, skoro wiadomo, że u podstaw każdej pokusy zasadzony jest "ojciec kłamstwa".

Hagiografowie badający żywoty świętych, niejednokrotnie twierdzą, że najsroźszych pokus doznawali najwięksi święci. W mistycyzmie panuje przekonanie, że pokusy zazwyczaj bywają wprost proporcjonalne do świętości kuszonych. Jakież więc musiały być wobec Syna Bożego? Można domniemywać, że Chrystus doznawał pokus najintensywniejszych. Stawszy się podobnym do nas we wszystkim oprócz grzechu, upodobnił się do nas, aż do doświadczenia pokus. W nich przeżywał człowieczeństwo od najtrudniejszej strony: od strony niebezpieczeństwa utraty jedności z Bogiem - od strony niebezpieczeństwa grzechu.

W takiej sytuacji Syn Boży nie tylko rozumiał człowieka, ale doświadczał największych ludzkich niebezpieczeństw. Jednak Jezus intensywnie kuszony, nie uległ żadnej pokusie. Posiadając przez Wcielenie ludzką wolną wolę, w doświadczeniu pokus musiał stawać wobec konieczności dokonywania wolnych wyborów moralnych; zawsze jednak dokonywał ich zgodnie z wolą Ojca. Potwierdza to choćby modlitwa w Ogrójcu. Chrystus zwalczając pokusy, ukazywał szczyty moralnych możliwości człowieka. Jezus rozumiejąc, że człowiekowi daleko do bezgrzeszności, wskazywał, iż mimo tego, człowiek powinien mieć takie wewnętrzne nastawienie i tak ukształtowaną wolę, aby opierać się pokusom i nie dopuszczać do grzechu. Chrystus oznajmia każdemu, że zwyciężanie pokus jest możliwością, wręcz obowiązkiem a równocześnie miarą wielkości człowieka.

Syn Boży wszedł w człowieczeństwo, aż do doświadczenia pokusy, aby człowiek umocniony przez Niego, mógł doświadczać zwycięstwa nad nią. Zwyciężanie pokusy wymaga zawsze współpracy z łaską Bożą.

Dzisiaj w walce z pokusą umacnia nas przykład Chrystusa. Nie bez znaczenia jest to, że Jezus zwycięża pokusy podczas czterdziestodniowego postu. Ta praktyka podnosi wrażliwość moralną człowieka, umacnia jego wolę - w efekcie uzdalnia do zdecydowanego oporu wobec pokusy.

Jezus z postem łączy modlitwę; to trwanie w dialogu z Bogiem umacnia siły moralne człowieka, uwrażliwia jego sumienie i rozbudza pragnienie świętości. Wielką więc wagę ma wezwanie do czuwania i modlitwy, abyśmy nie ulegli pokusie. To Chrystus wkłada w nasze usta prośbę: "Nie wódz nas na pokuszenie". Skądinąd wiemy, że siła pokusy nigdy nie przewyższa siły kuszonych. **Zwyciężanie pokus jest wygraniem człowieczeństwa.**



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2003 CATHOLIC CHARITIES ANNUAL APPEAL

The major diocesan fund raiser has begun! Already, you may have received a letter from Bishop Pilla requesting your financial support for the 2003 Annual Appeal. An early pledge to Catholic Charities eliminates a follow-up phone call later in the year and reduces costs. In 2003, 15.62% of the parishioners at St. Stanislaus contributed \$6,058.00 to Catholic Charities. This year more than ever, your help is needed for programs that benefit the disabled, children, families, elderly, homeless, and working poor of our Diocese. Donations can be made securely online at www.clevelandcatholiccharities.org.

NO VOTE IN THIS ELECTION

At the Diocesan Liturgy for the "Rite of Election" at the Cleveland Convention Center this Sunday, there is no vote needed for our candidates for initiation and full communion to be accepted into the "Order of the Elect." All they need is faith, a burning desire to be part of our Christian Community, and our blessing, which will be given at the 11:30 Mass this Sunday. Those who have not been baptized will be known as the "Elect" until their baptism on the Easter Vigil Mass. Also at that Mass the candidates who have been baptized but have not received all the sacraments of initiation will come into full communion with our Church. Participating in this year's RCIA program are; Catachumens—Beth Szczepinski, Scott Irwin, Ronald Rogers, Candidates for full Communion are Brandy Bouska, Carma Kermes, William McCrone, Jennifer Gagliardo, Wendy Irwin, Laurie Rogers, Robert DeTorto, Karen Witt, Virgil Rens, Adam Papushak, Mitchell Cruyton, and Christopher Bartram.

VIBRANT PARISH LIFE SURVEY

The "Vibrant Parish Life" is a diocesan initiative designed to evaluate our parish based on the views and beliefs of parish members in areas such as celebrating, evangelizing, caring, teaching, and participating. Our parish was originally scheduled to participate in this survey in December 2002. Because of the events that came upon this parish at that time, we placed this survey on the back shelf until now. Parish life is central to our well being at St. Stanislaus. We need to gauge our strengths and weaknesses as a parish family. This survey, along with all the other activities parishioners join in, will gauge our vibrancy as a parish. The survey will take place during the weekend Masses on March 15 and 16. Please make sure your "voice" is included in this very important initiative on the 15th and 16th. As a parish family, this will help to fulfill our mission to reach others through Christ.

LENTEN AND EASTER SCHEDULE

March 12, 13, 14, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday

Parish Mission 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM, with Franciscan Friars of the Assumption BVM Province joining with the parish in prayer on Friday evening.

March 13, 14, 15, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday

Gathering of the Franciscan Friars of the Assumption BVM Province.

April 13, Palm Sunday — Concert 3:00PM, Gabriel Faure's *Requiem*,

Brecksville-Broadview Hts. High School Combined Choirs and Orchestra.

April 16, Wednesday — Communal Penance Service, 7:00PM

April 17, Holy Thursday — Morning Prayer at 8:30AM; Liturgy of Our Lord's Last Supper at 7:00 PM, followed by Procession to the Repository with Adoration until Midnight.

April 18, Good Friday — Morning Prayer at 8:30AM; Stations of the Cross at Noon; Liturgy of the Lord's Passion at 2:00PM; Outdoor candlelight Stations of the Cross in Polish at 8:30PM.

April 19, Holy Saturday — Morning Prayer at 8:30 AM; Blessing of Food Baskets at 10:00AM, 11:00AM, Noon, 1:00PM, and 2:00PM; Easter Vigil Mass at 8:30PM.

April 20, Easter Sunday — Resurrection Mass with Procession at 6:30 AM in Polish; Mass in English at 8:30AM and 11:30AM; Mass in Polish at 10:00AM.

April 27, Sunday — Easter Octave Mass for the Parish Homebound at 2:00PM.

Gorzkie Zale—(Polish Lamentation Service) —Every Wednesday 5:30PM and Sunday 3:00PM (except Palm Sunday.)

Solemn Vesper Service—Every Sunday 6:00PM

Stations of the Cross — Friday, in Polish at 5:00PM, in English at 7:00PM.

Adult Faith Discussion Group — Friday evenings after Stations, in the convent.

Polish Mission to be held prior to Holy Week.



Special Mission FOR LENT

St. Stanislaus Church, March 12,13,14 at 7:00PM

OPERATION RICE BOWL

In the 40 days of Lent, we will participate in Operation Rice Bowl, Catholic Relief Service's Lenten Program. This year, Operation Rice Bowl asks each one of us, "Who is your neighbor?" and challenges us as individuals and as a faith community to think in new ways about solidarity. Throughout Lent, we will pray, fast, learn, and give in solidarity with our brothers and sisters overseas and in our own diocese. You can pick-up your rice bowl in the church vestibule.

COLLECTION

This weekend the Church is asking your support of the *National Collection for Black and Indian Missions in the United States*, now 118 years in existence.

PLEASE BE GENEROUS.



1st Place/ Sixth Grade—Adam Black

1st Place/ Seventh Grade—Tomasz Ejsmont

1st Place/ Eighth Grade—Ewelina Ejsmont

SAINT STANISLAUS SCIENCE FAIR WINNERS

Also deserving of congratulations are the following students: Sixth Grade, 2nd Place—Gregory Strauss, Honorable Mention—Angela Logan, Kristina Perry, Taylor Harper, and Monica Stybel. Seventh Grade, 2nd Place—Sarah Brooks, (No Honorable Mention). Eighth Grade, 2nd Place—Ashley Gadowski, Honorable Mention—Cassie Torrence, Michael Lesinski, Jennifer Ostrowski.

LENTEN ADULT FAITH DISCUSSION GROUP will meet every Friday evening in Lent, after Stations, in the St. Stan's convent. Fr. Michael will lead the group through a "Retreat with St. Matthew," a small book written by Fr. Leslie Hoppe, OFM, a scripture scholar and friar from the Assumption BVM Province.

GOLDEN AGERS MEETING. The St. Stanislaus Golden Agers will meet on Thursday, March 13 with a Mass at 1:00 PM for the living and deceased members. A light lunch, the meeting, and games will follow the Mass. Blood pressure screening will be available. New members are always welcome.

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS COOKBOOK. The Neighborhood News needs your favorite recipes (need not be original) for its 80th Anniversary Cookbook. All categories—appetizers, soups, salads, main courses, desserts, etc. Please send the recipes along with your name, address, and telephone number, to: Recipes, c/o The Neighborhood News, 8613 Garfield Boulevard, Garfield Heights, Ohio 44125 or fax them to 216-441-0058. The deadline is April 1.

HEALTH & WELLNESS. St. Leo's Health and Wellness Ministry is proud to present, "A Better You" - alternative ways for health care, on March 10 at 7 PM, in the Parish Center at 4940 Broadview Road. The event is free and open to the public.

LENTEN FISH FRIES. Besides our area fish fries being offered at Sacred Heart and Holy Name on Fridays in Lent, a number of other parishes are holding fish fries. St. Leo Parish on Broadview Road in Cleveland offers two pieces of fish and a choice of french fries, baked potato, or pierogi for \$7. Other food combinations available are pizza, macaroni and cheese, cabbage and noodles, and clam chowder. Diners will be served from 4:30 PM to 7:30 PM.

SINGLE CATHOLICS—ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER DANCE sponsored by the Cayomaw Club for never married, annulled and widowed Catholics 21 years old and over invites you to a St. Patrick's Day Dinner/Dance on Saturday, March 15, at Stancato's at 7380 State Rd. in Parma, 7:30 PM - 11:30 PM. Dinner Dance is \$23.00 members and \$25.00 non-members or Dance Only is \$10.00 members and \$12.00 non-members paid by March 5. Make check to "Cayomaw Club." Mail to Rick Brant at PO Box 23065 Cleveland, Oh 44123. Cash Bar, 50/50 Raffle, Door prizes and DJ music. For more info call Rick Brant at 216-732-5842 or Al at 440-933-6032. No calls after 9:00PM.



TUNE IN TO SMART TV ON WEDNESDAY. Host Rose A. Zitiello, Esq. & Cuyahoga Community College will feature Fr. Michael Surufka and the Warszawa Historic District in a live broadcast on March 12 at 7:00 PM on Adelphia Cable, channel 24 and Cox Cable, channel 82. For program information call 216-235-3946 or e-mail rzitiello@aol.com.

ST. STANISLAUS GOLF OUTING is scheduled for Saturday, May 17, at 8:30 AM. The outing will be held at Emerald Woods Golf Course, 12501 N. Boone Rd., Columbia Station. Cost is \$65.00 per person and all interested must be registered by 5/1/03. The event includes 18 hole golf, a cart, lunch at turn, and beer and dinner after golf. Prizes will be awarded for *Pin Shot* every Par 3, 2 Prizes for *Longest Drives*, and 1 Prize for the *Longest Putt*. There will be an optional Skins Game for \$5.00 per person. For more information please call Jay Mementowski at 440-886-4871 and Dan Kane at 341-9091

BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS. The next class will be April 6, 1:30 PM, Immaculate Heart of Jesus, 216-341-2734

PHOTOS ON THE INTERNET

New On Line Pictures of the E65th Townhouse openhouse are available for viewing at www.picturetrail.com/saintstans.



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