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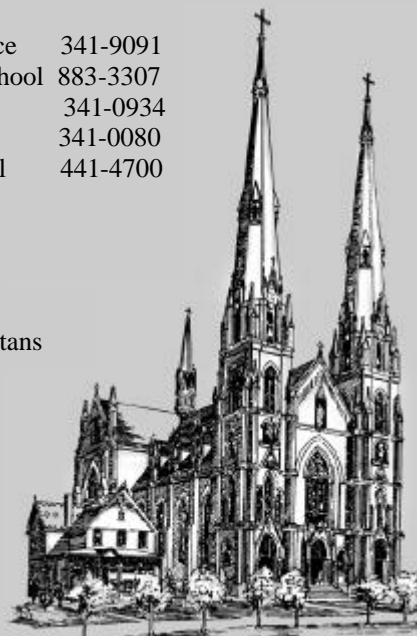
PARISH WEBSITE:

www.ststanislaus.org

PHOTO ALBUM:

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

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 6 (Lipiec), 2003

Sat 5:00 PM +Władysław Fiszer
Sun 8:30 AM +John Depta
10:00 AM +Ryszard Monka
11:30 AM +Celia Kopec

1:00 PM Baptism of Gina Marie Irwin

Mon July 7 Weekday
7:00 AM +Ann Julius & Frank Kurowski
8:30 PM +Anne Kuczynski

Tue July 8 Weekday
7:00 AM +Tony Sokolowski
8:30 AM +Lillian Partyka

Wed July 9 Weekday
7:00 AM +Sharon Glinka
8:30 AM +Agnes Almasy

Thu July 10 St. Thomas, apostle
7:00 AM +Martha Nagorski
8:30 AM +Stefan Szewczyk
1:00 PM Sp. Int. Golden Agers

Fri July 11 St. Benedict, abbot
7:00 AM +Joseph Golubski
8:30 AM +Sophie Gonzalez

Sat July 12 Weekday
8:30 AM +Mirga Kizys

12:00 PM Wedding of Agnieszka Kisielewska & Zbigniew Szulecki

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 13 (Lipiec), 2003

Sat 5:00 PM +Alex & Louise Uminski & Daughter
Sun 8:30 AM +John Depta
10:00 AM +Ryszard Monka
11:30 AM +Celia Kopec

*1:00 PM Baptism of Owena Thomas Stiftar
 Baptism of Hayden Andrew Mickel*

MUSIC – FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS

Proclamation: All The Earth #212
 Offertory: We Have Been Told #201
 Communion: Taste And See #211
 Recessional: Open Wide The Doors To Christ #224

POLSKA MSZA ŚWIĘTA

Procesja: Kiedy ranne wstają zorze #290
 Ofiarowanie: Czego Chcesz od nas, Panie #284
 Na Komunię: Pan Jezus już się zbliża #163
 Zakończenie: My chcemy Boga ##274

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

How shall I make a return to the Lord for all the good he has done for me?

Sun 5:30 PM Lil Bros Club meets in the rectory.
Mon 6:45 PM Bingo in the social center — air-conditioned.
Tue 7:00 PM Finance Council — in convectory.
Wed 3:30 PM Church Cleanup Crew works until 5:15.
6:30 PM Youth Group meeting in the all purpose room.
8:00 PM A.A. & Al-Anon in the social center.
Thu 1:00 PM Golden Agers 37th Anniversary Mass & Social.
Sat 4:00 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation until 4:45.



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James Peyatt & Betty Camberledge (I)
Anthony Revay & Angela Turray (I)
Tomasz Wisniewski & Joanna Jablonska (I)
Russel Vellequette & Jolanta Marie Filipczek (I)

Within Your temple, we ponder Your loving kindness, O God

The above words are taken from the entrance antiphon for today, the Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time. As we enter again into liturgical ‘ordinary time,’ I thought it might allow us the time to ponder on various things within this temple. Every symbol, statue, window, decoration and the like reflects God’s loving kindness right before our eyes. And yet, how many of these are so easily overlooked or totally foreign to even the most educated Catholics in our midst.

Actually, our journey through St. Stanislaus church began last Sunday with some remarks regarding our refurbished tabernacle. It seemed that most people who were able to get a close up view of that sacred vessel were taken with its facelift. Only a few would have had the chance to glance at the interior of the tabernacle, particularly the inner doors.

The inner doors open slowly once the two outer doors have substantially separated. On their outer face are the letters ‘A’ and ‘U’, the ‘Alpha’ and the ‘Omega,’ the ‘beginning’ and the ‘end.’ As these two doors open further there are revealed two angels, one on each door, holding banners reading “Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus.” The angels are exquisitely crafted, reverencing the Blessed Sacrament with their silent and infinite acclamation.

If all that sounds amazingly beautiful, there is more. Thanks to the artistry and fervent belief of one of our parishioners, Eucharistic Minister and Choir Member Gertuda Markiewicz, the Holy Eucharist is protected by delicate curtains and set upon a matching fabric ‘carpet.’ It is the human touch within the most sacred of spaces of our church created out of love for Corpus Christi, Boże Ciało, Pan Jezus, the Body of Christ.

The beautiful seasonal curtains sewn by Gertruda reflect off of the remaining three highly polished gold walls. Now the tabernacle contains Jesus. He is there to provide nourishment. He will always be there for anyone who needs Him. The Bread of Angels is the Lamb sacrificed on Calvary. He waits for all of us.

David Krakowski

SCHEDULE FOR MINISTERS

July 13 (Lipiec), 2003 Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat 5:00 PM Lector— Nancy Scott
 Euch. Min. — Connie Aliff, Chris Wisniewski, Allen and MaryEllen Guisinger
Sun 8:30 AM Lector — Sue Halamek
 Euch. Min. — Adeline Nadolny, Chris Luboski, Don and Marcia Stech
10:00 AM Lector — Kamila Bernas
 Euch. Min. — Aleksandra & Longin Jankowski, R. Drewnowski, Sr. Jane Frances
11:30 AM Lector — James Seaman
 Euch. Min. — Art Sprungle, Diane Bulanda, Larry Wilks, Marie Ostrowski

PARISH SUPPORT

Last Sunday’s Collection

5:00 PM.....	\$1,070.50
8:30 AM	\$1,328.25
10:00 AM.....	\$829.00
11:30 AM.....	\$843.00
Mailed in.....	\$1,282.41
Total (414 envelopes)	\$5,333.16
Children’s Collection (12)	\$23.00
Peter’s Pence (77)	\$539.00



WHAT GOD CANNOT DO

“Almighty, all-powerful God...”

This is one of the common ways to begin addressing God in prayer, especially during the liturgy. We are accustomed to saying things like, “Leave it to God, He can do anything,” or “If it’s God’s will, then He will make it happen no matter what.”

This is all true, but not necessarily the way we might think. The scriptures this weekend give us an entirely different approach to what it means to have power, what true power is, and how it relates to weakness. Saint Paul is open and humble when he admits that there is something that continues to trouble him, the infamous “thorn in the flesh” that will not abate. Paul seeks to find meaning in this, rather than to cure it, and discerns the Lord telling him that “power is made perfect in weakness.”

Absurd? Perhaps. But then in the Gospel we see an example of the weakness that Jesus himself also encountered. The people in

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his own home town could not accept what he truly was, and their rejection was so strong that he could not —notice, *could* not, instead of *would* not — work any miracles in that place. Their lack of faith made Jesus weak.

One of the famous trick questions Catholic students supposedly liked to ask their religion teachers years ago is whether God is powerful enough to make a stone so big that he cannot move it. It is, of course, a question without an answer. But the deeper question beneath it all is a worthy question indeed: Are there some things that God himself simply cannot do? The answer is, Yes.

God cannot force anyone to love him. God cannot force anyone to have faith. God cannot induce a change of heart when people are too stubborn to bend. God cannot put an end to war when people insist on fighting. God cannot eliminate poverty as long as some people are greedy or lazy.

If this is the case, then how can we still say that God is all-powerful? Because God reveals to us the true nature of power, not power as we understand it — namely, the ability to force one’s way upon another. Rather, God shows us that true power consists precisely in freely choosing to be weak for the sake of another. God chooses to be weak in our eyes, for example, by not forcing us to love him, so that when we do indeed love him, it is truly love indeed.

This gives us a way to appreciate our own feelings of weakness and helplessness. There are times when we feel truly out of control. Our lives seem to be radically different from how we would like them to be. Even more difficult, there are often people whom we love who are on courses that are clearly not life-giving, and we feel powerless to change them. We are tempted to one extreme or the other: either to force them to change using any means available, or to give up and let things simply be. God shows us another course. He is there with us, suffering with us, powerless with us. Once we find God there, right in the midst of our weakness, then we begin to be transformed. And once we ourselves are changed, then perhaps we can begin to change what is around us.

Fr. Michael

LUDZKIE SCHEMATYZMY

Pewien nowoczesny człowiek zagubił się na pustyni. Słońce paliło niemilosiernie. W pewnym momencie dostrzegł w oddali oazę. Pomyślał jednak: fotomorgana, miraż, który chce mnie oszukać. Widział palmy daktylowe, trawę, i źródło. Fantazja biorąca się z głodu - pomyślał którą mami mnie mój bliski zwariowania mózg. Słyszał płynącą wodę; to tylko halucynacje słuchowe - pomyślał. Po pewnym czasie dwaj przechodzący beduini znaleźli go martwego. Czy ty rozumiesz? - pytał jeden drugiego. Przecież daktyle wyrastają mu przed ustami. Umarł z pragnienia leżąc obok źródła. Na to odparł jego towarzysz: tak, ale to był człowiek nowoczesny.



To tylko legenda, ale ileż mądrości życiowej niesie ona w swej treści. Okazuje się, że “człowiek nowoczesny” nie zawsze posiada znaczenie “postępowy”. Termin ten oznaczać może: “pluralistyczny, specjalistyczny, laicki, racjonalistyczny, materialistyczny, ateistyczny” itd. Nowoczesność najczęściej narzucona jest przez epokę, czas, zwyczaje, ideologię, prądy myślowe, różnego rodzaju filozofię. Zawsze jednak oznacza pewien rodzaj schematyzmu. Ten sposób myślenia i działania z kolei w znacznym stopniu zwalnia człowieka z odpowiedzialności.

Ludzi nowoczesnych nigdy nie brakowało, nie brakuje i brakować nie będzie. Potwierdza to dzisiejsza liturgia słowa. Ludzie słuchający zarówno proroków, jak i samego Chrystusa nie mogli, a tak naprawdę nie chcieli zrozumieć nowej “mądrości”. Tej nauki nie głosił nikt wielki, niedostępny, zaden uczony w Piśmie, ale jeden spośród nich. Dla tych ludzi Bóg ciągle jawił się jako sprawiedliwy i karzący Sędzia, jako Pan - wielkość i majestat. Bóg - to potężny Władca i Król, który rządzi i niszczy wszelkie zło i wszystkich złych ludzi. Tymczasem Chrystus naucza pokornie, cicho, lecz i uzdrawia, idzie szczególnie do tego, co słabe i grzeszne. Nie jest ani bogaty, ani uczony, ani wspaniały, ani straszny, nie ma w Nim majestatu. Zamiast sprawiedliwości - głosi miłość, zamiast rządzić - służy, zamiast pouczać czyni sobie uczniów i mówi, **jeżeli chcesz, to chodź za Mną...**

Chrystus był poza ich schematem. Człowiek nowoczesny nakłada bowiem na osoby i rzeczy swoje własne wyobrażenia i zamierzenia, a nie troszczy się o wewnętrzną istotę rzeczy. Oczywiście, że tak jest łatwiej, bo zwalnia z myślenia, czynienia refleksji, osobistego ustosunkowywania się do sytuacji... Ale ile człowiek traci wówczas ze swego człowieczeństwa, jak schematyczną, wręcz techniczną czyni relację ze swoim Stwórcą. Grecki mędrzec, Heraklit mówi o takich ludziach, że “będąc obecnymi, są nieobecni”.

Bóg tak wiele nam oferuje; ileż darów mamy na wyciągnięcie ręki. Często jednak poddając się myślowym schematom, nie dowierzamy, że one są prawdziwe, gdyż burzą nasze sposoby myślenia, nasze widzenie świata; jak człowiek z legendy.

Szukając naszych relacji z Bogiem i drugim człowiekiem, musimy pamiętać, że jeżeli nie chcemy stać się ludźmi nowoczesnymi, może lepiej schematycznymi, musimy patrzeć na wewnętrzne walory tych relacji. Jeżeli zaś przyjdzie nam wydawać jakieś oceny, to czynmy to ostrożnie i długofalowo, nie zapominając, że zawsze i ostatecznie stajemy przed tajemnicą, która oczekuje najpierw miłości. Oczy człowieka widzą więcej, a jego serce czuje wiele rzeczy, które uchodzą uwagi człowieka pozbawionego uczucia, stechniczowanego, zrjonalizowanego czyli poddającego się schematom.

ks. Jerzy



Dan Kane Jr., Leonard Dobrzeniecki, and Rob Jagelewski, install the newly restored tabernacle. Mr. Dobrzeniecki is the craftsman principally responsible for the work.

Photo by D. Krakowski



Mrs. Helen Grabski reaches for one of the fine pastries, baked by our choir members for the St. Stanislaus Combined Choir Picnic in the convectory garden last week.

8TH GRADE GRADUATION PICTURES FOR ALL GRADUATES, PLUS DVDS AND VIDEOS FOR THOSE WHO ORDERED THEM, ARE AVAILABLE AT THE RECTORY.

2004 MASS BOOK IS OPEN

Those who wish to reserve Masses in 2004 for wedding anniversaries and anniversaries of deaths can do so in person at the rectory, from 9:30 AM until 4:30 PM. Because of the time necessary to produce our weekly bulletin which must be completed by Wednesday every week, we ask that you come to the office with your Mass intentions on Thursday and Fridays only. You may also mail your Mass intentions or drop them into the collection basket along with the customary stipend and your requested dates. Please Note — **No phone reservations will be accepted!** We will make every effort to reserve the dates you choose, but if your requested date is not available, we will accommodate your request with the closest date possible. The amount of dated Masses will be limited per person so that others may have an opportunity to reserve dates also. If you have many Mass intentions, we can list them as “undated Mass intentions” to be offered by visiting priests during con-celebrated Masses!

MASSES STILL AVAILABLE FOR THIS YEAR

Many weekday Masses are still available for the months of August, September, October November and December. We will be glad to reserve a Mass for your special intentions.

ST. STANS WEB SITE

The St. Stanislaus Web site “www.ststanislaus.org” has been updated with a new look. We hope you will like the change and find it a bit easier to navigate.

ST. STANISLAUS COOKBOOKS ARE AVAILABLE AGAIN!

Having sold out of our original printing of St. Stan's Cookbooks, we are happy that so many people are eating well now! For those who missed out on the wonderful recipes and the benefits of well prepared delicious food we have re-ordered our cookbooks and they are now available again. The cost is \$10 per book and they make wonderful gifts. You can get your copy at the rectory office from 9:00PM to 5:00PM during the week.

ONLY THREE MONTHS TO THE POLISH FESTIVAL!

Preparations have begun for the St. Stanislaus Polish Festival, which is October 3rd, 4th and 5th. Next week in the vestibule of the Church we will have available empty baskets for parishioners and friends to fill with prizes for our basket booth raffle. We are making them available now since there are always great sidewalk sales that come in the next few weeks. Our basket booth is a great money maker for the festival. Remember that we need them back — filled, of course, with great items — to the convectory by Monday September 22nd so we can use them for this year's festival. If you have any further questions regarding the festival please feel free to call either of the co-chairpersons of the festival, Marilyn Mosinski at 216-641-9932 or Joe Calamante at 216-271-0832. Also keep watching this space for further information on the festival.

THINK FESTIVAL

GIVE YOUR CHILD A GIFT THAT WILL LAST FOREVER

A good education is necessary to succeed in today's competitive world.

Elementary school is where children develop the discipline and learning skills that will serve them throughout the rest of their lives. It is for that reason the staff and teachers of St. Stanislaus School dedicate themselves to provide your child the best education possible.

St. Stanislaus Elementary School is now accepting registrations for the 2003-2004 school year for those students that will be coming back to our school for the next term and new students grades K-5. We have an excellent school providing an opportunity for Christian formation and basic education. **You must register to guarantee a place for your child.** If your child is not presently in our school and is entering above the first grade, you must have an interview with our principal and bring a copy of the latest report card before you can register. Please call the school, 883-3307, or the rectory office, 341-9091, if you have any questions regarding registration and tuition costs.

ST. STANISLAUS BIRTHDAY CONCERT. On Sunday, July 27, at 6:00PM, our church will host an ensemble of Polish choirs from Buffalo, New York, in a grand concert celebrating our patron saint. The concert will consist of sacred music performed by various Buffalo church choirs as well as our own two choirs. The *piece de resistance* will be the performance of Piotr Górecki's "St. Stanislaus Oratorio" which the New York ensemble will perform next month in Kraków.

GOLDEN AGERS ANNIVERSARY The 37th Anniversary celebration is scheduled for Thursday, July 10, The anniversary celebration will begin with Mass at 1:00 PM in the church, followed by a catered meal in the social center. There will be music, dancing and a raffle. This will be a members only function for all those who have purchased tickets.

CHARISMATIC CONFERENCE. All are invited to take part in the 21st Cleveland Charismatic Conference sponsored by Catholic Renewal Ministries on August 9-10 at Regina High School on Green Road in South Euclid. Bishop Roger Gries, Therese Cirner, and Jim Murphy will be the guest speakers. Contact Rose Kaval at 216-643-3344 for conference registration information. A Teen Program will also be offered on August 9 at St. Basil the Great Parish in Brecksville from 11:00 AM- 4:00 PM.

SLAVIC VILLAGE FESTIVAL. The 26th Annual Slavic Village Harvest Festival will be held on August 23-24. Beginning at 1:00 PM on August 23 ethnic foods, polka music, the Kielbasa Cookoff, Pierogi Eating Contest, and neighborhood tours make this Festival one of the year's most exciting events. The hours are 1:00 PM- 9:00 PM on August 23 and Noon-9:00 PM on August 24. For information call 216-429-1182.

PHONE BOOK RECYCLING. The Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District will conduct its 11th Annual Phone Book Recycling Campaign from June 1- July 31. Recycle your old phone books at one of twelve designated Cleveland Metroparks locations including a new drop off point at the Erie & Ohio Canal Reservation in Cuyahoga Heights. Phone books can be dropped off seven days a week during regular park hours and **MUST BE REMOVED FROM PLASTIC BAGS.** The collected phone books will be recycled by a Cleveland paper mill into a low grade paper including paper tubes and gypsum board (dry wall). Besides the recycle point in Cuyahoga Heights the other nearest drop off location to our church is at the Garfield Park Reservation in Garfield Heights.

ST. WENCESLAUS RUMMAGE SALE. St. Wenceslaus Parish in Maple Heights is sponsoring a Rummage Sale on July 11-12 and July 18-19. The Friday hours are 9:00 AM- 9:00 PM. The Saturday hours are 9:00 AM- 2:00 PM. Fill a bag for \$2 on July 19 only! The Rummage Sale will be held in the Parish gym on Libby Road.

WARM UP AMERICA. The St. Vincent DePaul Society of St. Columbille Parish, the *Warm up America Group*, needs washable yarn, new or almost new, full skeins (no wool or rug yarn) for making afghans for the needy. Please place the yarn in a bag and bring it to the rectory office. If you would like to join this group or have any questions call Donna Ciborowski at 216-398-9653.



GOD BLESS AMERICA