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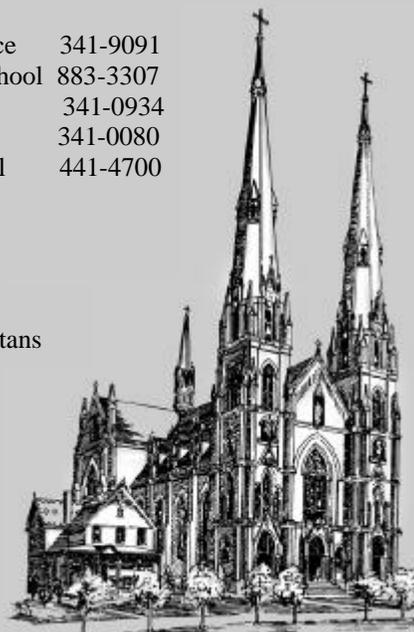
PARISH WEBSITE:

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

TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 7 (Wrzesien), 2003

Sat	5:00 PM	+Stanley Hujarski
Sun	8:30 AM	+Stanley & Lucy Depta
	10:00 AM	+Witold Citko
	11:30 AM	+Stella Pokrywka
Mon	Sep 8	Feast of the Birth of Mary (750th Anniv. Of the Canonization of St. Stanislaus, bishop and martyr)
	7:00 AM	+Ted Ogonek
	8:30 AM	+Sabol Family
Tue	Sep 9	Peter Claver, priest
	7:00 AM	+Regina Jagelewski
	8:30 AM	+Anthony Krankowski
Wed	Sep 10	Weekday
	7:00 AM	+Alice Reviere
	8:30 AM	+Steve Ogonek
Thu	Sep 11	Weekday
	7:00 AM	+Stanley Szubski
	8:30 AM	+Estelle Daily
Fri	Sep 12	Weekday
	7:00 AM	+John Pizon
	8:30 AM	+Richard A. Sroczyński
	9:30 AM	Sp. Int. CCC Students
Sat	Sep 13	St. John Chrysostom, bishop
	8:30 AM	+Stanislaus & Janina Zurek and Henry & Victoria Jablonski

FEAST OF THE EXULTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

September 14 (Wrzesień), 2003

Sat	5:00 PM	+Harriet Whitecotten
Sun	8:30 AM	+Adam & Genevieve Jarzynka
	10:00 AM	Sp Int. members of "Polonia" Sports Club
		<i>Congratulations on the 50th Anniversary of "Polonia" Sports Club</i>
	11:30 AM	Sp. Int. James and Marie Ostrowski
		<i>Congratulations, James and Marie on your 30th Anniversary</i>

MUSIC – TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS

Processional: There's a Wideness in God's Mercy #316
 Offertory: We Have Been Told #272
 Communion: At That First Eucharist #304
 Recessional: Love Divine, All Loves Excelling #306

POLSKA MSZA ŚWIĘTA

Procesja: O której berła #241
 Ofiarowanie: Zdrowaś Maryja #259
 Na Komunię: Jezusa ukrytego #153
 Zakończenie: Witaj Święte Stanisławie (chór)

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

Say to those who are frightened: be strong, fear not! Here is your God...

Mon 9:00 AM Avilas pray for vocations in church.
6:45 PM Bingo in the social center — air-conditioned.
Tue 8:00 PM Dad's Club in the social center.
Wed 6:30 PM Youth Group meeting in the all purpose room.
6:45 PM English Choir Rehearsal
7:30 PM Worship Commission meets in convectory.
7:00 PM Festival Committee meeting in the convectory.
8:00 PM A.A. & Al-Anon in the social center.
Thu 2:00 PM Golden Agers meet in the social center
3:30 PM Church Cleanup Crew works until 5:15.
7:00 PM Taize 9/11 Memorial/Prayer Service in church.
Fri 9:30 AM Cleveland Central Catholic opening day Mass, in church.
Sat 4:00 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation until 4:45.

WELCOME

St. Stanislaus is reaching out in service to our diverse neighborhood peoples. 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.

Catechism Crumbs

The title of this article actually is that of a book written by Albino Luciani, the Patriarch of Venice who was to become Pope John Paul I. Everyone over twenty five years of age will remember the astonishingly brief reign of the successor to Pope Paul VI back in 1978, thirty three days to be exact. We never really became acquainted with him other than his warmth which seemed attached to his trademark smile. I think he would prefer to be remembered for his accomplishments, his kindness, his charity – his service to all levels of society as Christ's vicar and the servant of His people.

His book, *Catechism Crumbs*, was probably his pride and joy, having gone through six editions in his lifetime. Catechism was serious business to this man as it should be to each Catholic who professes the faith. Sadly, this has not seemed to be the reality for many of us. Even priests and nuns and friars and liturgical directors and bishops are often at fault. At the liturgical workshop which we attended two weeks ago (the one about all those 'new' things to come) our own Bishop Pilla expressed his personal failure with regards to the catechizing which so poorly took place when the Mass 'changes' of the 60's were introduced. Proper catechesis could have reduced so much anger, confusion, even – hate.

What is 'catechesis?' Our current pontiff describes it thusly: *Catechesis is first of all a way...it must render a vital encounter possible with the Person of Christ, through faith. Being Christian means saying "Yes" to Christ. This "Yes"... consists in abandoning oneself to the Words of God by resting on them. But even more it means trying to know better the profound sense of this Word.*

It is an ongoing process of learning and discovery that can never end. One never 'graduates' from catechism class. If you choose to stop studying your faith, that faith will become compromised sooner than you can imagine. "Trying to know better the profound sense of the word" is no easy task, but it is vital.

Life is an awfully short journey. The time given to each of us can easily be squandered. If your faith was ever important to you, please nourish it. It will provide direction even through your darkest nights. You, alone, can save it from simply gathering dust.

David Krakowski

SCHEDULE FOR MINISTERS

September 14 (Wrzesień), 2003 Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Sat 5:00 PM Lector— Beverly Togliatti
 Euch. Min. — Jean Potter, Andrew and Marge Flock, Stanley Witezak
Sun 8:30 AM Lector — Sue Halamek
 Euch. Min. — Mark and Nicole Kobylinski, Yolanda Kane, Sharon Kozak
10:00 AM Lector — Ursula Skotnicka
 Euch. Min. — Jacek Chalasinski, Tom Monzell
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.....\$1,223.00
 8:30 AM.....\$1,374.00
 10:00 AM.....\$918.00
 11:30 AM.....\$1,184.50
 Mailed in.....\$1,189.00
 Total (435 envelopes) \$5,871.50
Children's Collection (13) \$17.00
THANK YOU



“My brothers and sisters, your faith in our Lord Jesus Christ must not allow of favoritism. . . Did not God choose those who are poor in the eyes of the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom he promised to those who love him?” James 2:1, 5

One of the blessings I have received as a Franciscan friar is wearing my habit in various situations among different people.

It has served almost as a “passport” among people who are at odds with one another, and between the rich and the poor. I have worn the same habit in elegant homes and in hovels.

A couple weeks ago David Krakowski wrote in his article about Mother Teresa of Calcutta, soon to be beatified (in October, 2003) by Pope John Paul II, coinciding with the 25th anniversary of his pontificate. Mother Teresa has been and continues to be highly esteemed for her self-giving on behalf of the poorest of the poor. And so is her community. Across the world the Missionary Sisters of Charity dress alike in their adaptation of the Indian sari, and have been respected from the Lebanese civil war in Beirut to the slums of New York City. Mother Teresa was not a respecter of persons, reflecting the truth that God is not a respecter of persons. Whether among the wealthy or the destitute, Mother Teresa wore the same sari, attempting to impress no one and apparently impressing, to one degree or another, all. St. Francis of Assisi did likewise with lepers. And so have countless men and women in our Christian Tradition. Not out of defiance or rebellion, but out of love.

One can easily quote Jesus’ saying, *The poor you will have with you always, but me you will not always have* (Jn. 12:8), unfortunately, often out of context. It can be a shrug of the shoulders in order to dismiss the reality of the poor, or to blame the poor for their own poverty! I personally think that one reason we may feel uncomfortable among the poor is because they remind us, unconsciously, of death. Poverty reminds us of our mortality. The irony is that we all die; and we all die the same way: the heart stops beating and the brain ceases to function.

It seems to me that when we face the reality of our own death we can accept the truth of our own human weakness, and then we can accept our commonality as human beings. As members of the new creation, baptized into Christ, there is no difference between rich and poor for us, for all are one in Christ Jesus (cf. Gal. 3:27-29). This is what James is telling us. We need not fear the poor, whomever we consider the poor to be. Sanity is seeing the poor person, not idealistically or romantically, but very much like St. Francis of Assisi or Mother Teresa of Calcutta, as very real persons who are created in the image and likeness of God, for whom Jesus died on the cross—brothers and sisters to me!

Pope John Paul II has used the word *solidarity* frequently throughout his pontificate. The Letter of James calls us to solidarity with the poor. Not pity, not condescension, not patronizing — solidarity. St. Paul affirms this when he says, *Make real friends with the poor* (Rom. 12:16). This is not about assuaging our guilt — this is about a change of heart and mind toward other human beings. This is about meeting Jesus Christ in the “distressing disguise of the poor”; it is also about encountering myself in the mirror of whomever I consider to be poor.

Lord Jesus, open my eyes to the truth of your Word so that I may always recognize your voice and your face in my life and never miss an opportunity to accept you and welcome you into my life, no matter how you appear to me. Amen.

Peace, **Fr. Joachim Studwell, OFM**

RÓWNI WOBEC BOGA



Niech wiara wasza w Pana naszego Jezusa Chrystusa uwielbionego nie ma względu na osoby. Krótko, ale jak treściwie pisze w swoim liście św. Jakub Apostoł. Osobiście bardzo lubię nauczanie tego apostoła, gdyż nie ma w nim wielkich słów, zaś treść jest bardzo praktyczna i zrozumiała dla każdego.

Jak postrzega człowiek drugiego człowieka? Każdy to widzi i wiele przykładów przywołać może z własnego doświadczenia.

A jak na człowieka patrzy Bóg? Zawsze tak samo: *On sam przychodzi, aby was zbawić*, mówi prorok Izajasz. A efekty? *Wtedy przejrzą oczy niewidomych i uszy głuchych się otworzą, a język niemych wesolo krzyknie* - kontynuuje Izajasz. Dla Boga bowiem wszyscy są jednakowymi, Jego umiłowanymi dziećmi. Wartość człowieka wynika z wielkości Bożego daru, a nie ze sprawności ciała, stopnia urodzenia czy pozycji społecznej. Gdy rozważamy dzisiejsze Słowo Boże, nasuwa się wręcz przeciwny wniosek, iż tych “wywyższonych” w życiu ziemskim wyprzedzają w drodze do Boga chorzy, upośledzeni, ubodzy! Wielkością człowieka jest dobro, a nie jego fizyczna przydatność. Jeszcze raz apostoł Jakub: *Czy Bóg nie wybrał ubogich tego świata na dziedziców królestwa przyobiecanego tym, którzy Go miłują.* A to znaczy, że od tytułów, majątku czy pozycji społecznej ważniejsza jest miara miłości. **W oczach Boga miara praktykowanej wiary i miłości jest jedyną miarą wielkości człowieka.**

Jak to wygląda w praktyce? Pokazuje to sam Jezus w Ewangelii. On zatrzymuje się przy każdym człowieku. Dziś zatrzymał się przy głuchoniemym; On zatrzymywał się wśród biedaków i pogardzanych, dotykał trędowatych, miał słowo przebaczenia dla grzeszników, z szacunkiem rozmawiał z dziewczynami z ulicy.

Inne jest spojrzenie Boga na człowieka, niż ludzi na siebie. On dostrzega wszystkie tajniki ludzkiego ducha. A co najważniejsze, patrzy bez uprzedzeń. My, ludzie, często tego nie potrafimy. A jest to nam bardzo potrzebne; o ile lepszy, piękniejszy i bardziej przyjazny stałby się świat, gdybyśmy potrafili patrzeć na siebie bez uprzedzeń, tak jak patrzy na nas Bóg. Wielu tak by chciało, ale jak to uczynić?

Zawsze warto próbować; a oto kilka rad, które mogą być pomocne w tej kwestii. Najpierw, nie spieszyć się z wyrokiem o drugim człowieku, nie tylko nie zabierając głosu na jego temat, ale nawet nie osądzając go przedwcześnie. Na poznanie człowieka potrzeba czasu; postarać się zrozumieć jego sytuację, pamiętając równocześnie o swoich wadach i słabościach. Warto pamiętać, iż osądzając bliźniego łatwo wydać wyrok na samego siebie. Bardzo istotną, aczkolwiek niezmiernie trudną sprawą jest wyzbycie się uprzedzeń i schematów: nie tytuły, pozycja społeczna, majątek, wykształcenie, wiek czy narodowość są miarą wielkości człowieka. Tę miarę stanowi jego szlachetność, dobroć, wierność oraz zdolność czynienia dobra bliźniemu.

Każdy myślący człowiek zdaje sobie sprawę, jak trudne bywa odrzucenie uprzedzeń. Ale prawda o człowieku jest tylko jedna: wobec Boga wszyscy jesteśmy równi, gdyż wszyscy jesteśmy dziećmi tego samego, kochającego nas Ojca.

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Survey Results—3rd in a series

The Vibrant Parish Life Committee, along with the Parish Pastoral Council, has reviewed the results of the VPL Survey, which was completed by parishioners a few months ago.

In analyzing the survey results, the following list shows the aspects of our parish which show the largest “gap” between survey items that were listed as “important to me” by parishioners and “how well done.” However, it is important to note that the gap is so small statistically as to be almost insignificant. These are areas that might prove to be challenges for the parish:

Areas of a gap:

1. outreach to the poor
2. an understanding of major world religions
3. support for families who have experienced death
4. sensitivity to people with special needs (divorced, etc.)
5. new members of the parish are welcomed
6. promotion for respect for human life
7. parish leadership that listens to the concerns of the parishioners
8. outreach to non-practicing Catholics
9. programs that strengthen and foster family life

UNITY WEEK IN CLEVELAND. The Unity Week Celebration in the City of Cleveland will be from September 6–14. During this celebration people can experience a series of events that will include citywide diversity awareness training, a teen forum moderated by FOX 8 news reporter, Kenny Crumpton, a 9-11 memorial service at Lakeview Cemetery, and a multicultural music festival. Contact Cleveland City Hall at 216-664-3990 for more information.

ST. HYACINTH HOMECOMING. St. Hyacinth Parish on Francis Avenue in Cleveland is sponsoring a Homecoming Festival on September 28, 2003 from 1-6 PM at the Parish Social Hall. The Festival will highlight the polka sounds of Ed Potoniec and ethnic foods. There will be games, pony rides, other activities for children. A raffle will be held. The first prize is \$2,000 and the second and third prizes are \$500 each

PAPAL JUBILEE EVENTS IN OCTOBER

The month of October will be full of events celebrating the 25th anniversary of our Holy Father, Pope John Paul II.

Here is a short list of those involving our parish:

October 12—26 : Marian Art Exhibit

The church will host an exhibit of Marian Art from a variety of collections. A highlight of the exhibit will be a number of works by parishioners and local artists dealing with the *Luminous mysteries*.

October 16 @ 6:30 p.m. : Polish Mass Commemorating the Election of Karol Cardinal Wojtyła as Pope.

October 19 @3:00 p.m. : Catholic catholic choralfest. An afternoon of music from numerous Cleveland Catholic churches performed in their native languages reflecting the universal cultures of the Roman Catholic Church.

“LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS”

A Taizé Prayer Service of Hope and Reconciliation Commemorating the Second Anniversary of September 11 Thursday, September 11, 2003 @ 7:00PM St. Stanislaus Church.

The service will be meditative in nature involving periods of music, scripture and silence to honor all victims of terror while focusing on the life-giving Cross of Jesus and re-committing ourselves to His mercy and reconciliation. All are welcome to participate in this memorial to the victims of the September 11 attack.

BAPTISM PREPARATION

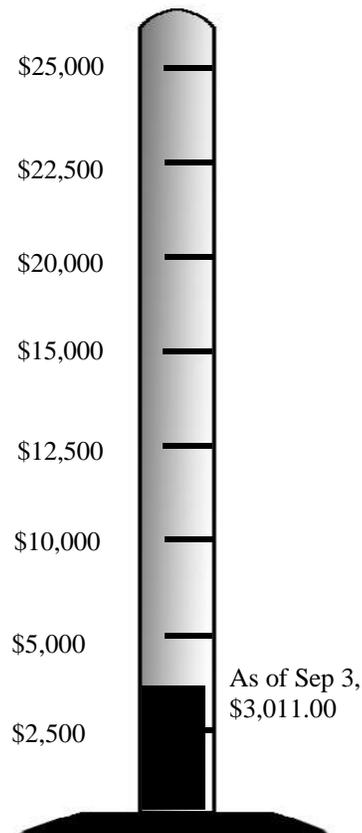
The next scheduled date in Slavic Village is Oct. 5th at Holy Name Church, 341-2828. Both parents need to attend before a baptism can be scheduled

Wedding Banns

Brad Zaciek & Amanda Piontkowski (III)

Robert Ortenzi & Peggy Wright (III)

POLISH FESTIVAL RAFFLE TICKETS SOLD



GOD BLESS AMERICA

St. Stan's Dad's Club 4th Annual Clam Bake

Saturday

20 September 2003

St. Stan's Social Center

Doors open @ 5:00PM, Dinner
served @ 5:30 PM

Chicken, Clams, Steak and more.
Full dinners start at only \$15.00!!

There are only 200 tickets available this year, so please purchase your tickets early by calling Tom Seaman @ 216-789-6580, John Sklodowski @ 216-641-7624 or James Seaman @ 440-943-3267

SACRED HEART HARVESTFEST.

Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish will host a Harvestfest on September 21, 2003 from noon till 6 PM. Eddie Potoniec and the Tower City Drive will perform from 1 PM till 5 PM. There will be a Swedish meatball dinner with a vegetable, salad, and a roll. Advanced sale tickets are available for the dinner. The tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for children. Call the rectory for dinner reservations by September 15 at 341-2828. Admission to the Harvestfest is free. There will be side boards, raffles, and games of chance. The big drawing will have a \$500 grand prize. Raffle tickets are \$1 per chance or a book for \$5.

IMPORTANT DIOCESAN DATES. The Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist is currently installing a memorial in honor of our safety forces and in memory of those who died in the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001. The dedication of this memorial will take place on **September 11, 2003**. The day's observances will begin at 8 AM with instrumental music and a time for private prayer. At 8:30 AM the Most Reverend Anthony M. Pilla will preside at a brief prayer service in the Cathedral. Civic officials and members of the safety forces from throughout the eight counties of the Diocese of Cleveland will be in attendance. On **October 22, 2003** at 7:30 PM, Bishop Anthony M. Pilla will commemorate the 25th Jubilee of the Installation of His Holiness Pope John Paul II as Supreme Pastor of the Universal Church with a Eucharistic Liturgy in the Cathedral.

POLISH FESTIVAL NEWS!

ONLY 25 DAYS UNTIL THE POLISH FESTIVAL!

- ❑ **COOKING SCHEDULE:** This past weekend our kitchen volunteers made over 30 pans of Golabki (Stuffed Cabbage). The cook's will take a short break and be back in the kitchen the 25th and 26th of September preparing the kielbasa and kraut and Cabbage and Noodles. If you have any further questions regarding the cooking schedule please feel free to contact Joe Calamante at 216-271-0832.
- ❑ **BAKERS NEEDED!** Start finding those recipe cards for those fabulous pastries that we sell at our festival. Our bakers are the best from East to West! This is one thing that keeps our guests coming back each year. We can use any type of cake, strudel's, pie's, bread, cookies you are willing to donate. Please contact Linda Vincenzo at 216-271-2090 if you have questions of what bakery is the big hit at the booth! Bakery can be dropped off at the Social Center anytime on Friday, October 3rd and throughout the festival weekend.
- ❑ **VOLUNTEERS.** Diane Bulanda, our volunteer coordinator, will be in the vestibule after all masses next weekend, September 13th and 14th to sign up volunteers to work the festival. We also need volunteers to help with the setup and breakdown of the festival. If you want to get your name on the list ahead of the signup weekend please contact Diane at 440-439-7323. **WE LOVE OUR VOLUNTEERS!!!!**
- ❑ **FESTIVAL FLYERS:** We have flyers that we would like for you to pass out for us. If you can take a few flyers and place them in businesses in your community we would appreciate it. This flyer helps get the word out about the festival. You can pick up the flyers after church or stop by the rectory.
- ❑ **RAFFLE PRIZES.** The success of our festival is the donations we receive from our parishioners and local businesses. If you cannot donate a raffle prize (small appliances, gift certificates, stuffed animals, games, etc.) please bring them to the rectory office or to church by September 26th so we can include them in this years games of chance.
- ❑ **BASKETS:** Our theme basket booth is always a success! Our parishioners donate such creative baskets that all of our guests at the festival spend lots of money to win one. We are asking you to start gathering your theme basket today. (Theme baskets can be anything from your favorite teams, favorite foods or a collection of items to accent a room in a home). We need all completed baskets for the festival brought to the church by September 22nd.
- ❑ Don't forget to return your SOLD raffle tickets in the collection basket or at the rectory. And we have lots more to sell!!! Help us make our goal of \$25,000.
- ❑ Calling all painters, plumbers and electricians. We can use your help with building of the booths. We start putting together the stands on September 30th and continue that week. So start planning to give a little time that week and of course when we breakdown the festival on October 5th.

Again if you have any questions regarding the above information please contact the co-chairpersons of the festival Marilyn Mosinski @ 216-641-9932 or Joe Calamante @ 216-271-0832 or the rectory at 216-341-9091.