

ST. STANISLAUS STAFF

PARISH STAFF

Mr. Bogdan (Don) Pieniak, Parish Administrator
 Mrs. Alice Torrence, St. Stanislaus School Principal
 Mr. Dan Kane Jr., Business Manager
 Mr. David Krakowski, Director of Liturgy and Music
 Mrs. Denise O'Reilly, St. Stanislaus School Secretary
 Mr. Fred Mendat, Maintenance & Social Center Manager

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

Ms. Betty Dabrowski, Pastoral Council Chairperson
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 Mr. Frank Krajewski, Dad's Club President
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 Mr. Rick Krakowski, C.Y.O. Coordinator
 Mrs. Mary Ellen Guisinger, MANNA Program Coordinator
 Mr. Matt Zielinski, St. Vincent DePaul Society
 Mr. Rob Jagelewski, Parish Historical Committee
 Mrs. Christine Krol, Shrine Shoppe Manager
 Mrs. Sharon Kozak, Alumni and Development
 James Ostrowski, Lil Bros President

PARISH PRIESTS

Rev. Michael Surufka, OFM, Pastor
 Rev. George Kusy, Associate Pastor
 Rev. Camillus Janas, OFM, Associate Pastor
 Rev. Howard Stunek, OFM, Retired

DIRECTORY

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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 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

THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

December 11 Grudzien, 2005

Sat 5:00 PM +William Davis
Sun 8:30 AM +Aleksandra Citko
10:00 AM +David Pawlowski
11:30 AM +David Piotrowski
R.C.I.A Rite of Acceptance

Mon Dec 12 Our Lady of Guadalupe

7:00 AM +Andrew Jaye

8:30 AM +Wanda Galicki

Tue Dec 13 St. Lucy, virgin, martyr

Happy Anniversary of Ordination, Fr. Jerzy!

7:00 AM +Jan Boc

8:30 AM +Ted Kwiatkowski

Wed Dec 14 St. John of the Cross, priest

7:00 AM +Emily Risko

8:30 AM +Frances Ciborowski

Thu Dec 15 Advent Weekday

7:00 AM +Mary Szablewski

8:30 AM +Hattie Wenglewski

Fri Dec 16 Advent Weekday

7:00 AM +Mary Szewczyk

8:30 AM +Joe & Jean Dardzinski

Sat Dec 17 Late Advent Weekday

8:30 AM +Elizabeth Dabrowski

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

December 18 Grudzien, 2005

Sat 5:00 PM +Julius Horvath
Sun 8:30 AM +Joseph & Caroline Hentka
10:00 AM +Denise Wysoszinski
11:30 AM +Mitchell Dylong

MUSIC – THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

ENGLISH MASS

Processional: O Come, O Come Emmanuel (v.5,6) #313
 Offertory: The King Shall Come #175
 Communion: Awake, O Sleeper #203
 Recessional: Proclaim the Joyful Message #186

POLSKA MSZA ŒWIĘTA

Procesja: O przyjdŹy na œwiat (chór)
 Ofiarowanie: Niebiosa rosê #22
 Na Komuniê: Czekam na Ciebie #15
 Zakoñczenie: Spuœcie nam #26



SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK



Gaudete Sunday

Sun 9:00 AM Shrine Shoppe Open until 1:00 PM, across from rectory.
10:00 AM RCIA meets in the rectory.
11:30 AM Acceptance of RCIA Candidates at Mass.
1:00 PM Golden Agers Christmas Party in the social center.
3:00 PM Godzinki.
6:00 PM Solemn Vespers.
Mon 7:30 PM RCIA Team meeting in the rectory.

Tue 7:00 PM PTU meeting, in the all-purpose room.
Wed 4:00 PM Good Shepherd Preschool Religious Instruction in old convent.
6:00 PM Próba chóru w kosciele.
7:00 PM English Choir meets in church.
8:00 PM A.A. & Al-Anon in the social center.
Thu 3:00 PM Church Cleanup Crew works until 5:15.
Fri 2:00 PM Shrine Shoppe open until 4:00 PM.
Sat 4:00 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation until 4:45.
3:00 PM Shrine Shoppe open until 7:00 PM.
Sun 9:00 AM Shrine Shoppe open until 1:00 PM.
10:00 AM RCIA meets in the rectory.
3:00 PM Godzinki.

Wedding Banns Jacob Witkowski and Barbara Klozyk (I)

Stay Awake! Stay Awake! For What??????

So, I wonder who among us will be the next name to appear on the *Plain Dealer* obituary page? Perhaps a photo will be included with the 'write up.' Details of visitation and burial will be included as will other niceties.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead!

The culture of death...Consumerism...Escapism...name your opiate. Ignore the poor, the hungry, the needy...the hurricanes are over and, after all, we can only give so much.

We wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Lord, Jesus Christ!

Well, there are so many other things to think about....presents, parties, moving away, building a fat portfolio, trusts, taxes.

Whatever you do to the least of my people, that you do unto me!

Sleep on that....or stay awake!

David Krakowski

SCHEDULE FOR MINISTERS

Fourth Sunday in Advent, December 18 Grudzien 2005

Sat 5:00 PM Lector — Rob Jagelewski
 Euch. Min — Jean Potter, William Russin, Rebecca O'Reilly, Mike Potter
Sun 8:30 AM Lector — Sue Halamek
 Euch. Min. — Alice Klafczynski, Lucille Patrick, Nicole & Mark Kobylinski
10:00 AM Lector — Ursula Skotnicka
 Euch. Min. — A. Jankowski, G. Markiewicz, W. Sztalkoper, R. Drewnowski
11:30 AM Lector — Mike Leahy
 Euch. Min. — Larry Wilks, Marie Ostrowski, Pat Young, David Simcox

PARISH SUPPORT

Last Sunday's Collection

5:00 PM.....\$879.00
 8:30 AM\$1,297.00
 10:00 AM.....\$854.00
 11:30 AM.....\$1,134.12
 Mailed in.....\$1,721.00
Total (362 envelopes) \$5,885.92
Children's Collection (3) \$4.00
Thank You for your generosity.

FULL HOUSE

Who are all those new guys? At Saint Stanislaus, we are accustomed to Franciscans passing through and visiting, sharing the gift of fraternity with the local community. The new faces you are seeing now aren't just passing through — they are sticking around!

Our rectory building is a busy and full place. Not only is it a rectory, but also it is the “parish house,” where parishioners meet, plan, socialize, and come to work with their priests. In addition, it is a “friary,” which is the title for a place where Franciscans live.

Exactly one year ago, we were putting the final touches on the restored building and still moving our things in. With the new friars here, we are a full house.

Fr. Camillus Janas, OFM, is assigned to Saint Stanislaus as Associate Pastor. Also, he is the Guardian of the friary, meaning he has leadership responsibility over the fraternal life of the friar community. He was born in Manchester, New Hampshire and ordained in 1960. He has spent most of his religious life in pastoral and parochial ministry, having just completed eight years serving as pastor in a parish in Manitowoc, Wisconsin.

Fr. Camillus Janas, OFM

Fr. Howard Stunek, OFM, was born right here in Slavic Village, on Fleet Avenue. This son of Saint Stanislaus parish served in World War II before entering the Franciscans, and he was ordained in 1957. He served in different capacities, including education, administration, foreign missions in Hong Kong, and chaplaincies. He recently retired from full time ministry in the federal prison in Michigan, and he has returned to his home town to enjoy the later years of his life in semi-retirement. He looks forward to enjoying fraternal life here, helping out with ministry, and spending time with family members nearby.

Br. Jerome Wolbert, OFM, is also assigned to our friary as he completes his seminary studies at the Byzantine Seminary in Pittsburgh. This is already his third year with us, and many parishioners have met him when he's come through on weekend and holiday visits. **Bill Bobowicz**, who is familiar to us as a lector and a cantor in the choir, is also a resident of the friary as he prepares to enter the Franciscan community soon. Fr. Jerzy and I certainly have plenty of company! We are grateful to the parish community for the great welcome afforded to all who pass through — and to those who stick around!

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Fr. Michael

AUTORYTET MORALNY

Od razu trzeba zaznaczyć, że świat współczesny, przynajmniej ten bliżej nam znany, nie potrzebuje takowych. Po cóż taki „światobliwy” ma przeszkadzać spokojnemu zjadaczowi chleba w jego „dobrze ułożonym” życiu?

A mimo, tego fenomen św. Jana Chrzciciela, nawet po upływie prawie dwóch tysięcy lat, fascynuje nas z tą samą mocą, z jaką fascynował ludzi tłumnie ciągnących nad Jordan, by przyjąć od niego chrzest pokuty i nawrócenia. Czytając Stary Testament wiemy, jak trudno było starotestamentalnym prorokom wylegitymować się co do Bożego posłannictwa. Jak wielkim musiał być Jan, skoro podejrzewano, że jest Mesjaszem, Eliaszem lub innym z proroków?

Sam Chrystus wydał o nim opinie jednoznaczna. „Miedzy narodzonymi z niewiast nie powstał większy od Jana Chrzciciela” (Mt 11,11). Ta wielkość Jana okazała się bardzo inspirująca. Dla ludzi sobie współczesnych stał się drogowskazem prowadzącym do Światłości: „przyszedł on by wszyscy uwierzyli przez niego”. Dla następnych pokoleń stał się symbolem ładu moralnego, bezkompromisowości w rozróżnianiu dobra i zła, wierności zasadom, których nie można nie bronić. Nic dziwnego, że w późniejszym Kościele stał się bardzo popularnym patronem. Ktoś obliczył, że spośród wszystkich ludzi wyniesionych na ołtarze, najwięcej (bo blisko trzystu) nosiło imię Jan (w różnych wariantach językowych), przy czym dla większości z nich patronem był właśnie św. Jan Chrzciciel. Także najwięcej papieży, bo aż dwudziestu trzech, przyjęło to imię.

Zauważmy jednak, że mimo tak wielu osobistych przymiotów, wielkość św. Jana Chrzciciela wynika przede wszystkim z jego szczególnej relacji do Boga, a zwłaszcza do Jezusa Chrystusa. Jan jest bardzo wyrazistym świadkiem tego, co w człowieku (i z człowiekiem) potrafi dokonać Bóg. W języku hebrajskim imię Jan oznacza „Bóg jest łaskawy”. Niektórzy tłumaczą „Bóg się zmiłował”. I w jednym, i w drugim wypadku chodzi o to samo: gdyby nie Bóg, Jan nie byłby tym Janem, wielkim i świętym. Przypomina się tu wyznanie francuskiego pisarza Alberta Camusa: „Czy można być świętym bez Boga? To jedyny konkretny problem, który mnie dziś zajmuje”.

Jan Chrzciciel był, jest i pozostanie autorytetem moralnym, ze względu na bezkompromisowe głoszenie i potwierdzanie swoim życiem prawdy, uczciwości, miłości i dobra.

Dla współczesnych na pewno takimi autorytetami byli zarówno Matka Teresa z Kalkuty jak i Papież Jan Paweł II.

Trudność nasza z przyjęciem autorytetu moralnego polega na tym, że nasze społeczeństwo za chleb powszedni uznaje kompromis i różne formy współpracy ze złem, lub przynajmniej bierne godzenie się na jego obecność wokół nas. Stąd pojawienie się takiego autorytetu budzi zdziwienie, że w naszym świecie jest możliwe godne życie. Gdyż, chyba większość społeczeństwa uważa, że zachowanie uczciwości w naszych czasach jest niemożliwe.

Jako chrześcijanie, winniśmy udowodnić sobie i okazywać światu, że wierzymy w twórczą moc dobra, w twórczą siłę prawdy, w twórczą siłę miłości. To najważniejszy kierunek troski o siebie, swoich bliskich i bliźnich.

ks. Jerzy

2006 MASS DATES FILLING UP

There are still many weekday dates open in the months of February, March, April and May. Some Sunday Masses are still available later in the year. Stop by the rectory office during normal business hours 9:00AM to 5:00 PM on Thursdays or Fridays. You may also mail your Mass intentions or drop them into the collection basket along with the customary stipend and your requested dates. *Please do not phone your reservations.* We will make every effort to reserve the dates you choose. If your requested date is not available, we will meet your request with the closest date possible.

**CALLING ALL ELVES**

Put on your work clothes and join the Marta Stewartski decorating team (no, there will be no Cranes suspended from the ceiling on tasteful thin ribbons....although that does sound like a nice for another institutional setting.) No spiked egg nog, no wassail, no baked bore....just lots of work to make our Shrine shout "Merry Christmas". Sunday and Monday evening (Dec 18, 19) and during the days of the rest of the week. PLEASE HELP US!!!!

SHARE IN THE CARE

Help our Religious spend their retirement in dignity. A special Collection will be taken this weekend Dec. 10- 11 at all the Masses. Every year the people of the Diocese responded very generously. The funds collected will be distributed to the religious communities of our Diocese and to others across the country. It is important that we offer our Promise, Commitment, and Impact to support this appeal to alleviate the retirement needs of our Religious

CITYMUSIC CHRISTMAS CONCERT

If you can't make it to Severance Hall to hear some of the best musicians in Cleveland, you'll be able to hear a bunch of others right here at the Shrine on Saturday evening, December 17th at 8:30 p.m. Under the direction of James Gaffigan, Associate Conductor for the renowned Cleveland Orchestra, CityMusic will present and outstanding program of seasonal music as we approach the birthday of Jesus! ...and it's FREE! Please come! and enjoy!

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

The new schedules for the first quarter of 2006 are available. Please pick them up in the sacristy after Mass.

ST. STANISLAUS SCHEDULE OF HOLIDAY LITURGIES**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Wednesday, December 21

(Polish & English)

Communal Penance Liturgy 7:00PM

Thursday, December 22

Polish & English Confession

4:00PM to 6:00PM

Sunday Liturgies

Sundays of Advent, December 4, 11, & 18

Godzinki (Polish) 3:00PM

Solemn Vespers 6:00PM

Christmas Liturgies

Saturday, Christmas Eve

Family Christmas Mass 5:00PM

Kolendy & Christmas Carols 11:30PM

Midnight Christmas Mass 12:00PM

Sunday, Christmas Day

English Christmas Masses 8:30 & 11:30AM

Polish Christmas Mass 10:00AM

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



Ms. Jane Bobula, director of the Good Shepherd Pre-School Religion Program at St. Stan's treated her young charges to a puppet pageant on St. Nicholas and the tradition surrounding his feast day. Children leave their shoes by their bedroom doors on the Eve of St. Nicholas Day and find them filled with treats in the morning.

OPŁATKI (CHRISTMAS WAFERS)

In the spirit of the Christmas season, the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth, will make Christmas Wafers, (opłatki) available to parishioners. The packets contain 4 wafers. A minimum donation of \$2.00 or more per package is appreciated. You may contact a Sister before or after Sunday Mass. Wafers will also be available at the **Shrine Shoppe** and at the rectory during ordinary business hours. The Sisters sincerely thank everyone and wish all a Joyous and Blessed Christmas and holiday season.

OPLATKI

W polskiej tradycji nieodłącznym elementem wieczerzy wigilijnej jest biały opłatek, którym dzieciak się składamy sobie życzenia. Opłatki, przygotowane przez nasze Siostry Nazaretanki, będzie można nabyć przed i po Mszach św niedzielnych w naszym kościele, a także w naszej aktualnej plebani, bądź w domu Sióstr Nazaretanek. Mile widziana złożona przy tej okazji ofiara, \$2-3.00.



Patricia Otloski (far right) was the first customer at the St. Stanislaus Shrine Shoppe. Pictured with Patricia are volunteers MaryAnne Stanke, Marilyn Brenkus, and Manager Chris Krol.

ST. STANISLAUS SHRINE SHOPPE

Just in time for Christmas shopping! St. Stanislaus Parish has opened a gift store on E. 65th Street, across from the rectory. Please stop in and browse.

Hours: Friday 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM
Saturday 3:00 PM to 7:00 PM
Sunday 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

JUST ARRIVED—JOHN PAUL II ORNAMENTS

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.

CENTRAL CATHOLIC ROBOTICS. The Cleveland Central Catholic High School is looking for sponsors and mentors for the school's Robotics Team. If you can help or need more information contact 216-441-4700.

ST. STANS HISTORICAL FACT. From the St. Stanislaus High School newspaper, "The Spire," from the fall of 1947; "The St. Stan's football team finished their season undefeated with only a scoreless tie with Holy Name to mar their record. Their record was as follows: 6-0 over Benedictine, 6-0 over Cathedral Latin, 24-0 over St. Ignatius, 12-0 over Our Lady of Lourdes, and the 0-0 tie with Holy Name."

MANNA FOR THE HOLIDAYS Be sure to stock up on your Manna cards for your Christmas holiday shopping! Order plenty of cards for your family and friends; have extras on hand for those guests who drop in to visit! It's the perfect gift that fits everyone. It'll be so much fun shopping after Christmas and taking advantage of all those post holiday discounts! Watch the calendar. **NO CARDS WILL BE SOLD OR DISTRIBUTED THE WEEKENDS OF CHRISTMAS OR NEW YEARS.** Cards need to be ordered and picked up the weekends of 12/10-11 and 12/17-18. Plan your shopping well!

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES IN AREA CHURCHES

In addition to the weekend private confessions regularly scheduled at St. Stanislaus and neighboring parishes, Advent Communal Penance Services and special private confessions will be offered in the Slavic Village Area. Take advantage at this holy season to present yourself for the graces of the sacrament. May the peace of Christ fill your Advent and Christmas days.

Sun., Dec. 18, 5:00 PM at SS. Peter & Paul Church Polish & English
Mon., Dec. 19, 7:00 PM Communal Service at Holy Name
Wed., Dec 21, 8:30-9:00 AM, English Confession IHM
Wed., Dec. 21, 4:00-7:00 PM, Polish Confessions at IHM
Wed., Dec 21, 7:00 PM, Communal Penance Service at St. Stans
Thu., Dec 22, 4:00-6:00 PM Polish Confession at St. Stanislaus
Thu., Dec. 22, 8:30-9:00 AM, English Confession IHM
Fri., Dec 23, 8:30-9:00 AM, English Confession IHM

HOLIDAY DECORATING CONTEST. Area residents are urged to participate in the First Annual Slavic Village Holiday Decorating Contest. All residents of north and south Broadway are eligible. Decorate your property for Christmas! Grand prizes and numerous honorable mention certificates will be given in four categories (homes, business, institutions, and block efforts). The contest is organized by the Broadway Project on Public Art and Celebration in partnership with Slavic Village Development and Pulaski Franciscan CDC. For details call 216-469-4806.

ST. JOHN CANDY SALE. St. John Nepomucene Parish will hold their Homemade Christmas Candy Sale this weekend after all Masses in the school hall on Fleet Avenue.

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.

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Przed nami już tylko dwa tygodnie Adwentu i Boże Narodzenie. Dla człowieka wierzącego najlepszym sposobem przygotowania się do Świąt jest pojednanie się z Bogiem. Tak! okazji będziemy mieli podczas organizowanych parafialnych dni spowiedzi. W naszej parafii św. Stanisława spowiedź w będzie w **środę 21 grudnia o godz. 7:00 wieczorem** (w obydwu językach), **zas w czwartek - 22 grudnia - od godz. 4:00 do 6:00 wieczorem** w języku polskim. Z sakramentu pokuty w języku polskim będzie można skorzystać także w innych parafiach:

- **Niepokalanego Serca NMP przy ul. Lansing - w srode, 21 grudnia od godz. 4:00 do 7:00 wieczorem;**
- **Świętych Piotra i Pawła w Garfield Hts. - w niedzielę 18 grudnia od godz. 5:00 po południu oraz w piątek, 23 grudnia od godz. 7:00 do 8:00 wieczorem;**
- **Sw. Jana Kantego - w sobote, 17 grudnia od godz. 2:30 do 3:30.**