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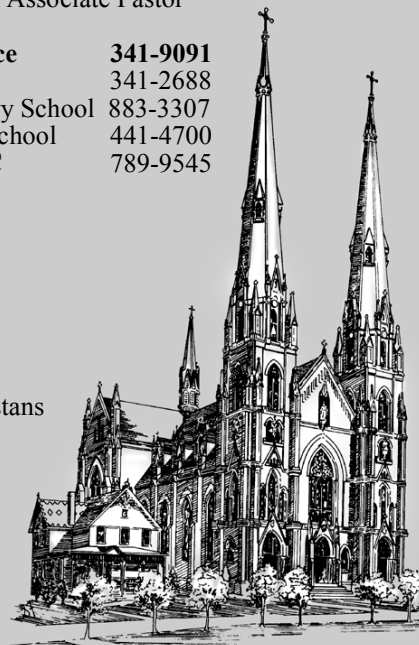
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The artist's sketch on the right depicts the original building with the spires. Corner Stone laid in 1886, and church dedicated in 1891.



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.

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

Church is open daily 30 minutes before and after all Masses. For tours or private prayer please call the rectory.

MASS INTENTIONS

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 2, Grudnia 2007

Sat	5:00 PM	Sp. Int. Baby Perdue
Sun	8:30 AM	+Ted Nadolny
	10:00 AM	+Anna Vilk
	11:30 AM	+Stella Lucas

Mon Dec 3 St. Francis Xavier, priest

7:00 AM +Donna Stawicki

8:30 AM +Katarzyna Staron

Tue Dec 4 Advent Weekday (St. John of Damascus)

7:00 AM +Veronica Gnatowski

8:30 AM +Franciszek Greda

Wed Dec 5 Weekday

7:00 AM +Antoinette Mielczarski

8:30 AM +Josephine Garczewski

Thu Dec 6 Advent Weekday (St. Nicholas, bishop)

7:00 AM +Wladyslaw & Stanislaw Klik

8:30 AM +Jan, Stanislaw, Terry

Fri Dec 7 St. Ambrose, bishop

7:00 AM +Harry Ischay

8:30 AM +Fr. William Gulas OFM

11:30 - 12:30 Holy Hour in Memory of Fr. William

7:30 PM Parishioners of St. Stanislaus

Sat Dec 8 Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:30 AM +Walter & Apolonia Staskiewicz

3:00pm Baptism of Jakob Marcin Jurkiewicz

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 9, Grudnia 2007

Sat	5:00 PM	+William Davis
Sun	8:30 AM	+John Joseph Pizon
	10:00 AM	+Tatiana Trzaska
	11:30 AM	+Joseph Gurgol

MUSIC – FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

ENGLISH MASS

Processional: O Come, O Come Emmanuel (vs. 1,2)
 Presentation: Wake, O Wake #188
 Communion: Jesus, Hope of the World #238
 Recessional: On Jordan's Bank #306

POLSKA MSZA ŚWIĘTA

Procesja: O przyjdź na świat (ż.k.)
 Ofiarowanie: Archanioł Boży Gabriel #12
 Na Komunię: Przyjdź Jezu mój (#141 śpiewnik)
 Zakończenie: Czekam na Ciebie (#15 śpiewnik)

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

Sun	10:00 AM	RCIA meets in the school all-purpose room.
	3:00 PM	Godzinki.
	6:00 PM	Solemn Vespers.
	6:00 PM	Lil Bros meeting, Vespers and regular meeting.
Tue	8:00 PM	Dad's Club meets in school A/P room -elect officers for 2008.
Wed	4:15 PM	Good Shepherd catechesis in the grade school, until 6:00.
	5:30 PM	Polish Choir rehearsal
	6:45 PM	English Choir rehearsal
Thu	3:30 PM	Church Cleanup Crew until 5:15.
	6:00 PM	Gospel of Life Committee meetis in the rectory.
Fri	ALL DAY	First Friday visits to homebound
	11:30 AM	Holy Hour and Benediction in memory of Fr. William, until 12:30 PM
Sat	Immaculate	Conception—Holy Day of Obligation - see Mass schedule.
Sun	3:00 PM	Red an Orchestra Christmas Concert in church
	6:00 PM	Solemn Vespers.

Wedding Banns

Douglas Dardzinski & Katherine Middleberg (I)
 Joseph Zidanic & Angela Zeleznik (I)

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Kicking off the Season in Style

Last weekend we ended the liturgical year with a bang! As if the feast of 'Christ the King' weren't enough, we also had our annual Eucharistic Day! The 'style of St. Stanislaus' was evident from the beginning of the day to the end—even the sunshine was on our side! The King of the Universe saw gifts of gold bedeck His temple in new ways as well as old. The regal cope which was designed and executed by parishioners Tim Sklodowski and Lee Homan was a very special addition to the eucharistic procession. Made from beautiful golden fabric, laden with jewels, graced with an embroidery from a vestment retrieved from the convent, it was the perfect vestment for such a great feast honoring the most Blessed Sacrament. When the presider wore that over his simple white robe I was reminded of Jesus being presented to the masses by Pilate as he said: "Behold your king!"

As Fr. Fred mentioned in his reflection at the Vesper service, while others were kicking off the Christmas season either shopping or at the Browns game, many parishioners and guests chose to kick off the season with a procession. It was the perfect ending to the liturgical year and the perfect beginning for the upcoming seasons. The gold of last week has been hidden for a few weeks while we dwell on the darkness of the season, the maternity of Mary, the time of preparation for the Incarnation. The narcissus are ready to sprout warmed up little by little by the candles flickering on altar of repose as well as those gradually lit on the Advent wreath.

The transition has taken place. The new season is here and the anticipation grows daily as we approach the commemoration of the Word, God's expression of His love for creation. The Word will grow under the care of His Mother and the weight of the Cross, blossoming into the promise of eternal life. The Word was never a dream of God. The Word was never an option. God had to speak because He had to love.

The season begins as we wander in the darkness toward the star which gives us hope, the star which embraces our dreams and our fears, the star which conquers death. For now we'll concentrate on the Christmas star which will signal our *Wigilia* Dinner. From heaven that star will send us love from God, His saints, our deceased loved ones and friends. That star lets us know we are not alone as we continue our journey to that great light of Christ in the ultimate embrace.

David Krakowski

SCHEDULE FOR MINISTERS

Second Sunday in Advent, December 9 Grudnia, 2007

Sat	5:00 PM	Lector — Tom Krol
		Euch. Min. — Mike Wilks, Chris Wisniewski, Stan Witzak, Connie Aliff
Sun	8:30 AM	Lector — Nancy Mack
		Euch. Min. — Alice Klafczynski, Chris Luboski, Sharon Kozak, Yolanda Kane
	10:00 AM	Lector — Teresa Cyraneck
		Euch. Min. — Ewelina Ejsmont, A. Jankowski, Marcy Sladewski, Matt Sladewski
	11:30 AM	Lector — Don Pieniak
		Euch. Min. — Joanne & Ron Grams, Frank Greczanik, Marie Ostrowski

PARISH SUPPORT

5:00 PM (77 env.).....	\$1,076.82
8:30 AM (88 env.).....	\$1,098.10
10:00 AM (95 env.).....	\$862.00
11:30 AM (81 env.).....	\$1,082.50
Mailed in (52 env.).....	\$1,374.00
Total (393)	\$5,493.40
School Support(31)	\$256.00
Campaign for Human Dev. (37)	169.00
Diocesan Assesment (41)	\$242.00
Eucharistic Celebration (72)	\$489.00
Thanksgiving (123)	\$1,2294.25
St. Vincent de Paul	\$636.56



ADVENT AND PRESENCE

On this weekend we begin liturgically another Advent Season. It is a season — as its Latin name (*Adventus*) indicates— a season of “presence” or “coming.” Pope Benedict XVI explained it this way: *“In the ancient world, it was a technical term denoting the arrival of a person in office such as a king or emperor. It could also indicate the coming of a deity, in*

*which case the god’s advent was his emerging from concealment and making his presence known in power or else having it solemnly celebrated in an act of worship. Christians took over this word in order to express their particular relationship with Jesus Christ. For them he was and is the king who has entered a wretched province, the earth, and enables it to celebrate his visit. What Christians mean in general by this word ‘Advent,’ then, is God is there. He has not withdrawn from the world. He has not left us alone. Even though we cannot see him or touch him as we can the things that surround us, he is still there and, what is more, he comes to us in many different ways. ... Illness and suffering can therefore, like a great joy, also be a **personal** Advent — a visit by God who wants to enter **my** life and turn toward one.”*

Advent, then, is a liturgical season which focuses on the presence of God in Jesus Christ. It is a remembrance of his coming in Bethlehem, when he came in human flesh to dwell among us and whose gloried presence we await when he will come again in glory to take us with him.

On the first Sunday of Advent the Church centers the attention of the hearts of its members —you and me— on this glorious coming or presence of Jesus as the fulfillment of God’s work of creation, redemption and sanctification.

In the first reading from the prophet Isaiah (2:1-5) we will be invited to climb *“the Lord’s mountain,” “the mountain of the Lord’s house,” “the highest mountain,”* where one can experience the Lord’s presence, where the Lord *“will instruct us in his ways”* so that *“we may walk in his paths.”* On that holy mountain we shall meet people from every nation, who *“shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks”* and where *“one nation shall not raise the sword against another, nor shall they train for war again.”* on that mountain the promise of true and lasting peace will be fulfilled.

That promise of the Lord is already being fulfilled in view of the coming or presence of the Lord Jesus in Bethlehem, at whose birth the angels sang of *“peace on earth.”* During his lifetime on earth Jesus ascended *“the mountain of the Lord”* called Calvary, establishing it **as** and transforming it **into** a new Jerusalem, the highest mountain and house of the Lord and the place of peace. On that mountain —in his person— Jesus established a true and lasting peace or reconciliation between God and human beings for ever. At the same time Calvary is the place of **his** glorification and the glorification of **all believers** who would climb onto that cross on that .holy mountain. This ought to be a source of rejoicing and an invitation to long for the second and final coming of Jesus to be with him and all the faithful ones for ever and ever.

Every time we celebrate the Eucharist (the Mass) we celebrate the presence or coming of the Lord in the person of Jesus.

Thanks be to God! *Fr. Cam Peace and Good!*

Tęsknota oczekiwania

Adwent to “godzina powstania ze snu”. Czas na zerwanie z rutyną i stanięcie w prawdzie o sobie. Nie po to jednak, żeby zadrećcać się złem w sobie i wokół siebie... Jest przecież w naszym życiu również tyle dobra! Chodzi o to, by przygotować się na przyjęcie Boga, który po raz kolejny chce wejść w nasze życie. Idźmy więc “z radością na spotkanie Pana”. Nikt



bowiem, kto rzucił się w Jego ramiona, “nie będzie zawstydzony”. Tak Paweł Bieliński zaczyna swoje rozważanie na I niedzielę Adwentu.

I niedziela Adwentu to początek nowego roku liturgicznego. Adwent to czas oczekiwania, wspomnianie tego oczekiwania na Mesjasza, które spełniło się w Jezusie, oraz tego oczekiwania na Pana, który przyjdzie na końcu czasów. A jak On sam mówi w Ewangelii, *Syn Człowieczy przyjdzie w chwili, której się nie domyślcie.* Aby to zobrazować Jezus opowiada przypowieść o złodzieju. *„Gdyby gospodarz wiedział...”*

Co to konkretnie znaczy „czuć”, wyjaśnia nam św. Paweł w II czytaniu dzisiejszego dnia. Apostoł Narodów wzywa nas do *odrzućcia uczynków ciemności i życia przyzwoicie jak w jasny dzień: nie w hulankach i pijatykach, nie w rozpuście i wyuzdaniu, nie w kłótni i zazdrości. Ale przyobleczcie się w Pana Jezusa Chrystusa...* Słowa te były ostatecznym przełomem dla św. Augustyna, który przed swoim nawróceniem żył w rozpuście. Kiedy przeczytał te słowa, rozplakał się i już na zawsze powrócił do „życia w świetle”.

Pan chce, abyśmy byli czujni i gotowi, aby wyjść na Jego spotkanie. *„Idźmy z radością na spotkanie Pana”* zachęca nas Psalmista. Jaki jest główny powód tej radości? Odpowiedź na to pytanie daje nam św. Teresa od Jezusa. *Jak wielką pociechą w chwili śmierci byłaby dla nas myśl, żeśmy nad wszystko miłowali Tego, który będzie nas sądził! Staniemy przed Tobą z ufnością, choć z całym brzemieniem win naszych, w przekonaniu, że nie wchodzimy do obcej krainy, ale do własnej ojczyzny, do królestwa Tego, którego tak miłowaliśmy i który nas tak bardzo miłuje - pisze w traktacie „Droga”.*

Powodem do radości dla nas jest fakt, że przygotowujemy się na spotkanie z kimś, kto nas miłuje! Wołajmy razem ze św. Teresą: *„Racz, o Panie, dać nam Twoją miłość, przynajmniej zanim umrzemy!”*

Tak samo mówi wielki Augustyn, którego wcześniej wspomnieliśmy. Mówi on, że jeśli obawiamy się Jego przyścia, to znaczy, że nasza miłość do Niego jest wątpliwej jakości, że bardziej niż Jego kochamy grzech. On jednak przyjdzie, niezależnie od tego, czy oczekujemy Jego przyścia czy nie, niezależnie od tego, czy jesteśmy przygotowani czy nie.

Augustyn żył w grzechu, ale po odrzuceniu „uczynków ciemności” zmienił się. Od tej chwili tęsknił za niebieską Ojczyzną i do takiej tęsknoty za niebieskim mieszkaniem wzywał swoich słuchaczy. Kto śpiewa *„Idźmy z radością na spotkanie Pana”*, wyraża, że tęskni za tym spotkaniem i że tęskni również za miejscem do którego zmierza.

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ST. STANISLAUS FAMILY FUN NIGHT

The Burger King on at 66th and Broadway has offered to donate 20% of all dinner sales generated by our group. Please come and support the school on Dec. 13, 2007 from 4:00 PM — 8:00PM. Enjoy great company, have a delicious meal, all while helping St. Stanislaus earn money.



Meetings of the **Gospel of Life** Committee will be held every **FIRST THURSDAY** of each month in the Rectory starting December 6th. Time: 6:00 PM. All interested parishioners are welcome!

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Spotkania Komitetu "Ewangelia Życia" będą odbywać się w każdy pierwszy czwartek miesiąca, począwszy od 6 grudnia. Początek 6:00 wieczorem. Zapraszamy wszystkich zainteresowanych!

OPLATKI— CHRISTMAS WAFERS

In the spirit of the Christmas Season, the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth, will make Christmas Wafers, (Oplatki) available to parishioners. The packets contain 4 wafers.

A minimum donation of \$2.00 or more per package is appreciated. Wafers will also be available at the Shrine Shop and at the rectory during ordinary business hours. The Sisters sincerely thank everyone and wish all a Joyous and Blessed Christmas.

OPLATKI

W polskiej tradycji niedzielnym elementem wieczery wigilijnej jest biały opłatek, którym dzieląc się, składamy sobie życzenia. Oplatki przygotowane przez Siostry Nazaretanki, będzie można nabyć przed i po niedzielnych Mszach św. w przedsiönku kościoła, a także na plebani i w Shrine Shop. Mile widziana przy tej okazji ofiara w wysokości \$2.00 albo \$3.00.

CHANGES...

Franciscan Friars have served the People of God at Saint Stanislaus for over one hundred years. The sight of friars in the familiar brown habits circulating among the people, visiting the sick, teaching the children, and being present among the people is not only a fond memory for our older parishioners, it is a living reality even now. People familiar with the Franciscan tradition know that every three years the friars gather in what is called a "Chapter." This is a meeting of the friars in leadership, as well as other delegates, during which we evaluate our fraternal life and ministry. This is also the usual time to consider transfers of assignments. As part of this process, the Provincial Minister conducts a visitation of all the friars and ministries in the province.

June 2008 will be the next Provincial Chapter for the Assumption BVM Province, and the canonical visitation of the friars at Saint Stanislaus has already been conducted by Fr. Leslie Hoppe, OFM, our Provincial Minister. As he assessed the work and life of the friars here, he also shared the needs of the larger Province. As one can imagine, it is harder and harder to fill the various positions that are necessary to the mission of our Franciscan community. All friars are called to be open to the call of the Holy Spirit, mediated through the genuine needs of the community and expressed by its leadership. This is at the heart of the vow of obedience.

As a result of this visitation and the needs of the larger community, the following letter has been sent by Fr. Leslie to Bishop Lennon, dated November 23, 2007:

Dear Bishop Lennon:

Thank you very much for agreeing to see me when I was in Cleveland last month for the canonical visitation of the Franciscan fraternity at St. Stanislaus Parish. I enjoyed our conversation very much.

During that conversation, I mentioned that I asked Fr. Camillus Janas, associate pastor at St. Stanislaus, to serve as a member of the novitiate team and as the superior of San Damiano Interprovincial Novitiate in Cedar Lake, Indiana. Fr. Camillus graciously accepted. He will begin his ministry there in May, 2008.

I know that Fr. Camillus has served the people of St. Stanislaus with generosity, commitment, and genuine pastoral dedication. I am sure that the people of the parish will miss him. But, as you know, helping men to discern their call to Franciscan life is a ministry that requires special skills and sensitivities. We need Fr. Camillus to serve in the novitiate.

As I mentioned in our conversation, I will propose another friar to you for the pastoral staff of St. Stanislaus. I hope that you will find him acceptable.

Wishing you God's blessings in your episcopal ministry to the people of God in Cleveland, I remain, respectfully yours,

Leslie J. Hoppe, OFM

FEAST OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Saturday, December 8, is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, a **Holy Day of Obligation** for Catholics. We celebrate the eternal plan of God for our salvation by choosing Mary from all eternity to be the Mother of our Savior.

We will celebrate a Vigil Mass in Polish at 7:30 PM on Friday December 7. English Mass is at 8:30 AM as

7 grudnia o godz. 7:30 wieczorem zostanie odprawiona w języku polskim Msza św. z uroczystości Niepokalanego Poczęcia NMP. Uroczystość ta jest świętem nakazanym.

usual on Saturday. If one of these times is not convenient, please check the schedules at any of the other nearby churches. Please be aware that the

5:00PM Saturday Vigil Mass counts as a Sunday Mass and will not fulfill the Holy Day Obligation.



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HELP FOR RETIRED RELIGIOUS SISTERS, BROTHERS, AND PRIESTS

Has there been a religious sister, brother, or priest who has made a difference in your life? Religious were not entitled to Social Security or Medicare benefits, and their wages as they were younger and working were minimal or non-existent. Even now, Religious Orders are responsible for meeting the retirement needs of their own older members. With rising costs and fewer young members working and contributing to the community, most Orders have a huge gap in meeting retirement needs, and their retirement accounts are radically under funded. The Sisters and Friars who have served at Saint Stanislaus for 100 years are no different.

The U.S. bishops have established a special fund to assist retired religious, and it has proven to be the most popular **second collection** in the country. It will be taken next week, **Dec. 8 - 9**, at all the Masses. Every year the people of the Diocese respond very generously.

THE TRUE STORY OF SANTA CLAUS

The true story of Santa Claus begins with Saint Nicholas, who was born during the third century in the village of Patara. At the time the area was Greek and is now on the southern coast of Turkey. His wealthy parents, who raised him to be a devout Christian, died in an epidemic while Nicholas was still young. Obeying Jesus' words to "sell what you own and give the money to the poor," Nicholas used his whole inheritance to assist the needy, the sick, and the suffering. He dedicated his life to serving God and was made Bishop of Myra while still a young man. Bishop Nicholas became known throughout the land for his generosity to the those in need, his love for children, and his concern for sailors and ships.

Under the Roman Emperor Diocletian, who ruthlessly persecuted Christians, Bishop Nicholas suffered for his faith, was exiled and imprisoned. After his release, Nicholas attended the Council of Nicaea in AD 325. He died December 6, AD 343 in Myra and was buried in his cathedral church, where a unique relic, called manna, formed in his grave. This liquid substance, said to have healing powers, fostered the growth of devotion to Nicholas. The anniversary of his death became a day of celebration, St. Nicholas Day.

Through the centuries many stories and legends have been told of St. Nicholas' life and deeds. These accounts help us understand his extraordinary character and why he is so beloved and revered as protector and helper of those in need.

Through the centuries St. Nicholas has continued to be venerated by Catholics and Orthodox and honored by Protestants. By his example of generosity to those in need, especially children, St. Nicholas continues to be a model for the compassionate life

Widely celebrated in Europe, St. Nicholas' feast day, December 6th, kept alive the stories of his goodness and generosity. In Germany and Poland, boys dressed as bishops begged alms for the poor—and sometimes for themselves! In the Netherlands and Belgium, St. Nicholas arrived on a steamship from Spain to ride a white horse on his gift-giving rounds. December 6th is still the main day for gift giving and merrymaking in much of Europe. For example, in the Netherlands St. Nicholas is celebrated on the 5th, the eve of the day, by sharing candies (thrown in the door), chocolate initial letters, small gifts, and riddles. Dutch children leave carrots and hay in their shoes for the saint's horse, hoping St. Nicholas will exchange them for small gifts. Simple gift-giving in early Advent helps preserve a Christmas Day focus on the Christ Child. (From The Saint Nicholas Center)

ST. STAN'S HISTORICAL FACT

by Rob Jagelewski.

The second priest to care for our community beginning in 1879 was Father Wolfgang Janietz OFM of the Sacred Heart Province. Our community still did not have a church and they moved their site of worship from St. Mary's on the Flats to St. Joseph Church at East 23 Street and Woodland Avenue. Our Parishioners would walk or ride by horse or carriage to the chapel at St. Joseph. In 1881 our community built its first church building. This was a wood structure consisting of two floors. The first floor was a school and the second floor was the church. After our first church was built Father Janietz would walk to and from St. Stanislaus from St. Joseph on Woodland Avenue. He served our Parishioners from 1879– 1883. He was succeeded by Father Anton Kolaszewski, who built our present church building which was finished in 1891.