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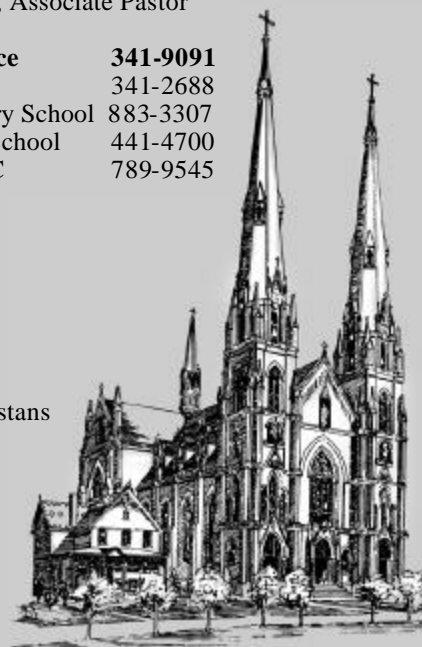
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The artist's sketch on the right depicts the original building with the spires. Corner Stone laid in 1886, and church dedicated in 1891.



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

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

Mon Dec 10 Advent Weekday

7:00 AM +Donna Stawicki
8:30 AM +Sophie & Stanley Smiechowski

Tue Dec 11 Advent Weekday (St. Damasus I, pope)

7:00 AM +Harriet Luboski
8:30 AM +John & Henrietta Stone

Wed Dec 12 Our Lady of Guadalupe

7:00 AM +Andrew F. Jaye
8:30 AM +Frances Ciborowski

Thu Dec 13 St. Lucy, virgin, martyr

7:00 AM +Tadeusz Frodyma
8:30 AM +Monica Krakowski

Fri Dec 14 St. John of the Cross, priest, doctor

7:00 AM +Poor Souls in Purgatory
8:30 AM +Adam & Sophie Szczepanik

Sat Dec 15 Advent Weekday

8:30 AM +Joseph Sedlak

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 16, Grudnia 2007

Sat	5:00 PM	+Stanley & Mary Szymkowski
Sun	8:30 AM	+Monica Krakowski
	10:00 AM	+Steklenski Family
	11:30 AM	+Julius Horvath

MUSIC – SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

ENGLISH MASS

Processional: O Come, O Come Emmanuel (vs. 3,4)
 Presentation: The King Shall Come #179
 Communion: Jesus, Hope of the World #238
 Recessional: I Want To Walk As a Child #256

POLSKA MSZA ŚWIĘTA

Procesja: O przyjdź na świat
 Ofiarowanie: Pan blisko jest (chór)
 Na Komunię: Przyjdź Jezu mój (#141 śpiewnik)
 Zakończenie: Czekam na Ciebie (#15 śpiewnik)

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

Sun	3:00 PM	Red an Orchestra Christmas Concert in church.
	6:00 PM	Vespers
Mon	9:00 AM	Avilas pray for vocations in church.
Wed	4:15 PM	Good Shepherd catechesis in the grade school, until 6:00.
	7:00 PM	English Choir rehearsal
Thu	2:00 PM	Golden Agers Christmas Party in the social center till 5
	3:30 PM	Church Cleanup Crew until 5:15.
	4:00 PM	Burger King fund-raiser, until 8:00 PM.
Sat	6:00 PM	Dads Club Christmas Party in the All-Purpose Room.
	8:00 PM	CityMusic Cleveland Christmas Concert (free)
Sun	3:00 PM	Godzinki
	6:00 PM	Vespers

BLUE BOOKS
AT THE CHURCH EXITS
Donation \$1.00

Wedding Banns

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

The Inspiration of Music

It is rare that a week goes by when I don't have to do something with music in our church. This week, however, I'll be overwhelmed with it, from so many different angles. Advent presents its own challenges with a choosing and placing of numerous hymns which are heard but once each year, a shame since so many of them are extremely rich in poetic and theological content. The repetition of the ordinary *Missa Veni Emmanuel* will make the glorious sounds of the upcoming season quite welcome!

Then we have Christmas. That's the season when everyone belts out all the beautiful carols. Right? It is a short season, but its pageantry provides us a little fuel to get through the next two months of cold and darkness on our way to Lent.

This week we will also be hosting two concerts at the church, one by RED, an orchestra and the other by CityMusic Cleveland. The RED concert takes place on Sunday, December 9th at 3 p.m. It will feature some lovely seasonal fare including an action oratorio "*The Christmas Story*" (*sacra rappresentazione*) by Heinrich Schutz, dealing with the birth of Christ. Also featured in this program will be "*Winter*" from Vivaldi's "*The Seasons*" (with young artist Caroline Goulding) as well as many other pieces suitable for the season. The program is entitled "A RED Solstice." Tickets are available at the door. This will be Conductor Jonathan Sheffer and the orchestra's second visit to St. Stanislaus. The choir and actors will be here for the first time. Please make them feel welcome!

The program by CityMusic Cleveland on Saturday evening, November 15th is entitled "Fire and Ice!", a mix of holiday and classical music. This concert (which is free) will also feature some seasonal music along with a few gems which are favorites of the classical repertoire, including Debussy's "*Danses sacree et profane*" featuring an outstanding young harp soloist, Megan Levin and conductor Julian Kuerti of the Boston Symphony. This ensemble has been performing at our Shrine for the past four years, since its inception. It provides music of an extremely high caliber in an atmosphere more relaxed than Severance Hall (in most cases!!!) The musicians in both ensembles are among the finest to be found in Cleveland as well as throughout our country. We are indeed blessed to have them in our space during this wondrous time of the year as the mystery of the Incarnation and God's own creative powers become our focus.

Sometime this month we'll also see our new piano in place and, hopefully, our pipe organ working again. (*Last weekend's wind storm did something to the motor*). Both instruments have benefited from grants from the Kulas Foundation, the piano most recently. That Foundation distributes grants to institutions who have the sort of outreach to the community as we have with the numerous concerts. Their gift of \$20,000 a few years ago helped to repair the organ console, preparing it for the major overhaul it still will require to take it into the next century. (It will be one hundred years old in 2009). The \$60,000 grant covers most of the cost of the new piano. The Foundation insists on only dealing with quality, thus their choosing the *Steinway 'B'* Grand Piano which will replace our current *Knabe* 'baby grand' (which will be moved to the grade school).

We have much to be thankful for, and much to maintain as stewards of these riches. God has given us much and we praise Him much in return.

David Krakowski

SCHEDULE FOR MINISTERS

Third Sunday in Advent, December 16 Grudnia, 2007

Sat	5:00 PM	Lector — Betty Dabrowski
		Euch. Min. — Marge & Andy Flock, Chris Wisniewski, Mike Potter
Sun	8:30 AM	Lector — Karen Neuman
		Euch. Min. — Marcia & Don Stech, Adeline Nadolny, Ray Tegowski
	10:00 AM	Lector — Mieczysław Garncarek
		Euch. Min. — Marcy Sladewski, W. Sztalkoper, Tom Monzell, Ewelina Ejsmont
	11:30 AM	Lector — James Seaman
		Euch. Min. — Angela Revay, Terry Kopania, Stanley, Koch, Pat Young

PARISH SUPPORT

5:00 PM (111 env.).....	\$1,599.00
8:30 AM (93 env.).....	\$1,392.00
10:00 AM (76 env.).....	\$730.00
11:30 AM (56 env.).....	\$1,082.00
Mailed in (38 env.).....	\$3,933.00
Total (374)	\$8,736.00
Christmas Flowers (93)	\$1,123.00

THANK YOU

GROWING GARLIC

Last year a visitor was passing through our church during Advent and was curious about the various shallow flower pots scattered throughout the church. He saw the bulbs beginning to sprout their green shoots, but he wasn't sure what they were or why they were there. So he came up and asked me if it was some kind of Polish tradition to grow garlic in the church. Interest-

ing idea, I thought, but not exactly what we were after!

In fact, those bulbs are narcissus flowers, which are able to grow indoors during any season at all. Many people grow them in their homes during winter to brighten up the inside of their homes and to give a hint of the springtime to come. We have them in our church during Advent, placed where you can't miss them, so that we can watch their progress. It's especially fun to observe the children as they watch the stems grow week by week until finally the

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delicate white flowers appear. Kids certainly know what it means to anticipate something eagerly and to celebrate the simple delights.

Advent is a time for that strange combination of patient waiting and eager anticipation — namely, hope. These simple flower bulbs are a reminder that Christmas is indeed coming, but we can't rush it along or force it into our schedule. The flowers will bloom when they are supposed to bloom, and that's it. We can't pull on the stems to force the flowers out, just as we can't push or pull on Christmas and make it into our idea of what it should be. It is what it is, and that's it.

Symbols are supposed to grab hold of us in deep and mysterious ways, bringing us to a level of truth and encounter that cannot be communicated with mere words. Advent is full of such symbols — the wreath, the liturgical colors, the tone of the music. Yet, just like to man who thought we were growing garlic in the church, we sometimes miss the point of the symbol when we try to get too analytical about it. We're not supposed to think about it too hard, we just need to let it be what it is, and let it speak to us.

So, as you encounter the church during this season, relax a bit with the various symbols and allow them to exert a little tug on your heart. How do you feel with the deep, royal colors all around you? How did it feel when we shifted to Advent colors right after the glorious colors of the Feast of Christ the King? Try to join in Mary's *Magnificat*, her "Yes" to God, which we are called to make our own as well. Did you notice that during Advent we use a different scent of incense? Have you ever come to Solemn Vespers during Advent or Lent and allowed the music of the psalms to carry you to a prayerful place in your heart? The many symbols of Christmas are familiar to us, but let Advent speak its own language to you.

Fr. Michael

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„Zakochajcie się”

Piszac ta refleksje zaczerpnalem myśli i przykłady z kazania ks. Edwarda Stanka. W Ewangelii obecnej niedzieli slyszymy wezwanie do nawrócenia sformulowane w bardzo dosadny sposób. *Siekiera jest przyloziona do drzewa, i kazde drzewo, które nie wydaje owoców, będzie wyciete i wrzucone w ogien.* Obraz bardzo wymowny, przemawiający do wyobrazni.



Ks. Staniek formuluje to wezwanie do nawrócenia w kapitalny sposób: „nawróć się” to „zakochać się”. Czyli „Nawracajcie się” brzmi teraz: „Zakochajcie się”. A oto przykład, który pozwala przelozyc to na konkrety. *W jednym mieszkaniu współżyja ze sobą trzy pokolenia. Przedstawicielem najstarszego jest babcia licząca 77 lat, najmłodsze reprezentują dwie wnuczki, jedna ma lat osiemnastu, druga dwadzieścia. Babcia nie może chodzić, więc co pewien czas przynosi jej Komunię świętą. Z reguły zastawiałem w mieszkaniu duży balagan i nie znajdowałem ani ja, ani rodzice żadnych argumentów zdolnych przekonac młode dziewczęta, by zadbały o porządek. I oto pewnego razu wchodzi i zastaje zdumiewający ład. Wszystko na swoim miejscu, czysciutko, miło. Pytam, na kogo czekają. Tata tajemniczo się uśmiecha i powiada: „Najmłodsza córka się zakochała i odkąd do domu przychodzi jej chłopiec, wstaje wcześniej rano i robi porządki. Dla niego stac ja i na wysilek, i na rezygnację z długiego snu”. Miłość dokonała w jej życiu nawrócenia.*

A oto inny przykład, który niesie w sobie odrobine humoru, ale przede wszystkim głęboką prawdę: *Ojciec co drugie słowo rzucił kłatwy. Upominała go żona, upominała matka – nic nie pomagało. Ale kiedy usłyszał, że jego synek uczący się mówić jako pierwsze słowo wypowiedział nie „mama” nie „tata” – ale słyszane od niego wulgarne przekleństwo, zaniemówił z wrażenia. W ciągu miesiąca wyrzucił wszystkie ordynarne słowa ze swego słownika. Uczynił to dla dziecka. To czego nie dokonały prośby ani matki, ani żony – dokonała miłość, prawdziwa troska o dobro małego synka.*

Jan Chrzciciel wzywa swoich słuchaczy do nawrócenia. Jego słowa wypływają z miłości, z troski o zbawienie tych, do których są skierowane, ale u słuchaczy budzą grozę. Groza, czyli strach przed Bogiem, ale bez miłości do Niego, nie jest najlepszą motywacją i nie wystarczy na długo. *Doskonała miłość usuwa lek, ponieważ lek kojarzy się z karą* (1 J 4, 18).

Wezwanie do nawrócenia, „Nawracajcie się” trzeba usłyszeć jako „Zakochajcie się”. Nawrócenie do Boga jest prawdziwe, jeśli oznacza zakochanie się w Nim. Zakochanie się w Bogu musi być poprzedzone odkryciem, że jesteśmy kochani, że to Bóg ukochał nas pierwszy, kiedy byliśmy jeszcze grzesznikami i nie pojednani z Bogiem. On kocha nas takimi, jacy jesteśmy. Nie musimy na tę miłość zasługiwać. Trzeba tylko zrobić trud, aby się na nią otworzyć i ją przyjąć. *Gdy serce wypełnia miłość, życie staje się piękne i niezwykle wartościowe* - tym zdaniem kończy ks. Staniek swoje rozważania.

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ST. STANISLAUS SCHEDULE OF HOLIDAY LITURGIES

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Wednesday, December 19

(Polish & English)

Communal Penance Liturgy 7:00PM

Saturday, December 22

Polish & English Confession 4:00PM

Christmas Liturgies

Monday, Christmas Eve

Family Christmas Mass 5:00PM

Kolendy & Christmas Carols 11:30PM

Midnight Christmas Mass 12:00PM

Tuesday, Christmas Day

English Christmas Masses 8:30 & 11:30AM

Polish Christmas Mass 10:00AM

Daily Masses

Wednesday-Saturday, Dec. 26-29

8:30AM

The Year of our Lord 2008

The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, falls on a Tuesday. We will celebrate the day with one Mass in Polish and English at 10:30 AM. Please check the Mass schedules of neighboring churches for other Mass times.

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 4:00PM — 8:00PM. Enjoy great company, have a delicious meal, all while helping St. Stanislaus earn money.



CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Remember how beautiful our church looked decked out in Christmas floral finery? We again call on your generosity to keep up this beautiful tradition of our parish. Please take time to consider your donation and include it in your Christmas Flower Envelope.

BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS. The next class will be at Holy Name Church on January 6, 2008 at 1:00 PM. Call 216-271-4242 for more information.



Fr. Michael anoints the hands of Laura Rightnour with the Oil of Catechumens at the 11:30 Mass last weekend. Standing in the foreground is Gina Palmieri, who was also anointed at the Rite of Acceptance celebrated last weekend. The group of candidates and catechumens prays at the 8:30 and 11:30 Masses on Sundays, and their classes are held at 10:00 every Sunday morning in the school All-Purpose Room. **All parishioners** are invited to listen in on the talks as part of their ongoing faith formation. There is always something new to learn!

POLSKIE JASELKA!

Dzieci z parafii sw. Stanislawia i z Polskiej Szkoły PNA im. M. Konopnickiej wraz młodzieżowym zespołem muzycznym przy kościele „Nowa Nadzieja” z Parmy przedstawiają JASELKA. Przedstawienia zostaną wykonane w Polsko-Amerykańskim Centrum Kultury 23 grudnia o godz. 1:30 po południu oraz w kościele sw. Kazimierza 6 stycznia o godz. 3:00 po południu. **Serdecznie zapraszamy!!!**

GOLDEN AGERS ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

The St. Stanislaus Golden Agers will make merry at their Gala Christmas Party on Thursday December 13, at 2:00PM in the St. Stanislaus Social Center on Baxter Ave. Only members with reservations please. Call Sophie Wasielewski 216-524-8737 to make your reservation. Please bring your membership card, and a raffle gift worth \$5.00. Merry Christmas and God Bless Everyone!

DECK THE HALL

This year we will begin decorating the church the week of December 17th. This means not only putting up decorations, but also bringing things upstairs in one piece, assembling, cleaning, polishing, ironing etc.... So, if you can donate some of your time to help spruce up OUR church for the season, please let me know and we can plan to put your time and talents to good use. Due to the myriad of additional activities scheduled each day prior to Christmas it will be especially difficult to navigate this activity...but, as always, it will all work out. Thanks in advance to all of you who already offered your help or financial assistance to help make our Shrine decked out in style for the season.

David Krakowski

2008 MASS BOOK IS OPEN

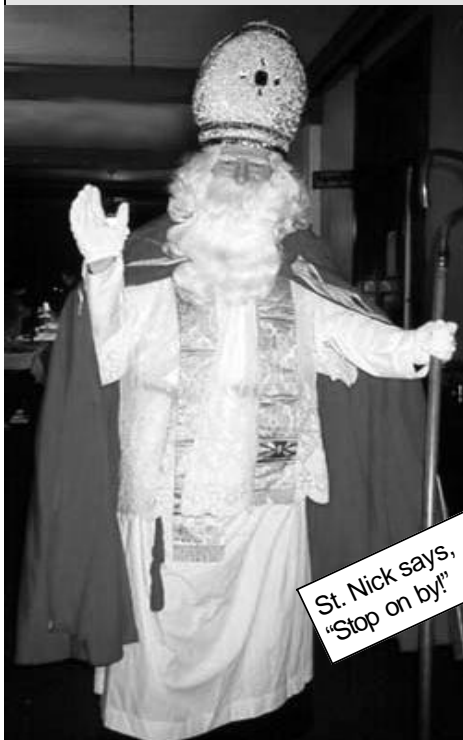
Those who wish to reserve Masses for wedding anniversaries and anniversaries of deaths in 2008 can do so in person in the rectory from 9:30 AM until 4:30 PM. You may also mail your Mass intentions or drop them into the collection basket along with the customary stipend and your requested dates.

ST. STANISLAUS SHRINE SHOPPE

Tel: 216-206-4947

Saturday 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM

Sunday 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM



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The third annual Slavic Village Holiday Decorating Contest!

Deck your houses and brighten the Village. Sponsored by Broadway Public Art. Call 216-469-4806

Skateboards RISING!

Discussions have opened on how to generate enhanced amenities to nurture the Village's growing population of skateboarders.

Watch for details on how you can join the planning process for this cool new dimension to active living in the Broadway Slavic Village community. Call Emily/SVD at 216-429-1182.

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 this week, at all the Masses. Every year the people of the Diocese respond very generously.

ST. STAN'S HISTORICAL FACT by Rob Jagelewski.

Some individual Poles may have visited or settled in Greater Cleveland before the Civil War. The first stable Polish settlement in Greater Cleveland was in Berea in the late 1860's. These Poles worked primarily in that city's stone quarries. The settlement centered around St. Adalbert Parish. German cultural pressures in Prussian Poland, repression in Russian Poland, and poverty drew large numbers of Polish immigrants to the United States in the 1870's. The Poles who settled in Cleveland around Tod Street (East 65) worked primarily in the steel industry. Numbers grew so quickly that Bishop Richard Gilmour organized the Poles in Cleveland under the patronage of St. Stanislaus and under the leadership of Father Victor Zareczny from St. Adalbert in Berea in 1873. The two Parishes in two cities share a common bond of heritage and history.

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.

W polskiej tradycji niedłącznym elementem wieczerzy 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 przedśionku kościoła, a także na plebani i w Shrine Shop. Mile widziana przy tej okazji ofiara w wysokości \$2.00 albo \$3.00.

CUT YOUR OWN CHRISTMAS TREE AT HERITAGE FARMS. Heritage Farms in Peninsula, Ohio, have supplied St. Stanislaus Church with live Christmas Trees at a reduced price for the last few years. If you plan to purchase a live Christmas tree for your home, we encourage you to patronize Heritage Farms. Either cut your own or purchase one that has been freshly cut. Heritage Farms is located on 6050 Riverview Rd., just South of Route 303. Phone (330) 657-2384 and be sure to thank them for their donation to our church.