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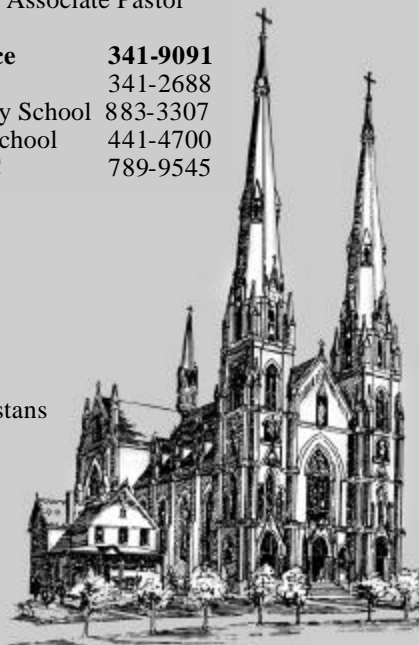
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PHOTO ALBUM

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: 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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 23, Grudnia 2007

Sat	5:00 PM	+Florence Galicki
Sun	8:30 AM	+Walter Pitner
	10:00 AM	+Halina Walkulski
	11:30 AM	+Stanley Lesniowski

Mon Dec 24 Vigil of Christmas

8:30 AM +Helen Markiewicz

5:00 PM +Jan Jarmuziewicz

Midnight +Kazimierz Kozłowski

Tue Dec 25 Nativity of the Lord

8:30 AM +Br. Fidelis Veseak OFM

10:00 AM +Celia Kopec

11:30 AM +Eddie J Racut

Wed Dec 26 St. Stephen, first martyr

8:30 AM +Ben Benowski

Thu Dec 27 St. John, apostle

8:30 AM +Richard Modlinski

Fri Dec 28 Holy Innocents, martyrs

8:30 AM +Salomea Stecki

Sat Dec 29 Fifth Day of the Octave of Christmas

8:30 AM +Fr. Martin Szawerna OFM

12:00 PM Wedding of Joseph Zidanic and Angela Zeleznik

HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS MARY AND JOSEPH

December 30, Grudnia 2007

Sat	5:00 PM	+Lottie & Fraank Zackowski
Sun	8:30 AM	Parishioners of St. Stanislaus
	10:00 AM	+Harrier Markiewicz
	11:30 AM	+Karen Buranek

1:00 PM Baptism of Hope Elizabeth Sherman

MUSIC – FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

ENGLISH MASS

Processional: O Come, O Come Emmanuel (vs. 7, 1)
Presentation: The Angel Gabriel (Cantor)
Communion: Jesus, Hope of the World #238
Recessional: Behold A Virgin Bearing Him #191

POLSKA MSZA ŚWIĘTA

Procesja: O przyjdź na świat
Ofiarowanie: Zdrowaś bądź Maryja #12
Na Komunię: Przyjdź Jezu mój (#141 śpiewnik)
Zakończenie: Czekam na Ciebie (#15 śpiewnik)

*SING TO GOD WITH JOYFUL HEARTS! PRAISE THE LORD FOREVERMORE!
SPIEWAJMY PANU RADOSNYM SERCEM! CHWALMY PANA NA WIEKI!*

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

Sun 3:00 PM Godzinki
6:00 PM Vespers
Mon Parish Offices Closed
11:30 PM **Christmas Eve** Polish and English Carols by
St. Stanislaus combined Polish / English choirs!
12:00 AM **Midnight Mass Liturgy** in Polish and English
Tue **MERRY CHRISTMAS—RADOSNYCH ŚWIĄT BOŻEGO NARODZENIA**

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

The new schedules for the first quarter of 2008 are available. Please pick them up in the sacristy after Mass.

WORDS

....They can comfort or hurt. They can start wars or make peace. They can make your day or ruin your day. They can conjure up fond memories or try to wrap them neatly into history. They can inspire or bore. They can enlighten or mislead. Words do all that and more.

In our 'history' God spoke. The universe flowed from His words. Light and life and breath were His words. Then God said 'Jesus' and the *Word* was made flesh. That one *Word* was all 'Love' had to say. The action was the expression of His essence. Love had to live and breathe and consummate the act with the lover He created. Had the apple never been removed from the tree and put to the lips of creation the *Word* would still have had to be given life, spoken, breathed into the object of God's affection.

Today we turn to each other and say words which bring our own beings to life. Every "Merry Christmas" defines our life. Every "Hi! How are you?" defines our life. Every "God bless you!" defines our life. Our words show to others who we are just as creation, and, ultimately, Jesus, showed us Who God is, was and will be. If our words make even one person happy, we have not betrayed our heart. If our words bring warmth to the lonely, the lame, the homebound, the sick, the poor, the imprisoned, the least of our brothers and sisters, then the *Word* still speaks.

His *Word* and our words are an intercourse in time and space which God initiated at creation and which will be silenced in consummation on the last day. On that day all words will be heard as if for the first time upon God's ear, falling off the pages of memory, determining our fate. Every "Merry Christmas" and "I love you" and "Thank You" will sound along with the last trumpet as the Creator welcomes the beloved into an eternal embrace

What's great about this is that God wants all of us as His lovers. Perhaps that is why time carries us along to give us so many opportunities to say 'yes' to His advances. He gives us soooooo many chances! What a mad lover! He won't give up! The Word He spoke is a persistent listener and forgiver, a patient and wise friend.

This holy holiday we celebrate the *Word* which entered our history at the first 'Ave Maria' to begin the process of liberation for those who ate of the tree in Eden in pre-history as well as in 2007. In fact, each time we recite the 'Hail Mary' and say 'Merry Christmas' we commemorate that great event: God's physical intervention into our lives in the person of Jesus. Over the next few days we will open our mouths and say "Merry Christmas" to friends near and far, living and dead, in hope and in faith and in love.

To everyone who weekly reads my words, I say "Merry Christmas" and may the *Word* bless you and touch your words and hearts throughout the new year and always!

David Krakowski

SCHEDULE FOR MINISTERS

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, December 30 Grudnia, 2007
Sat 5:00 PM Lector — Rob Jagelewski
Euch. Min. — Mike Potter, Marilyn Mosinski, Marge and Andy Flock
Sun 8:30 AM Lector — Susan Halamek
Euch. Min. — Alice Klafczynski, Ray Tegowski, Yo landa Kane, Adeline Nadolny
10:00 AM Lector — Asia Sycala,
Euch. Min. — Matt Sladewski, W. Sztalkoper, A. Jankowski, Ewalina Ejsmont
11:30 AM Lector — Richard Konisiewicz
Euch. Min. — Joanne & Ron Grams, Marie Ostrowski, Terry Kopania

PARISH SUPPORT

5:00 PM (85 env.).....\$1,006.00
8:30 AM (51 env.).....\$729.00
10:00 AM (76 env.).....\$816.00
11:30 AM (53 env.).....\$1,208.25
Mailed in (32 env.).....\$1,420.00
Total (297) \$5,179.25
Christmas Flowers(30) \$444.00

THANK YOU

**"Do not be afraid
to take Mary into your home."**

"This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about. When his mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found with child through the Holy Spirit." These are the words taken from Mathew's Gospel for 4th Sunday in Advent.

After the prophet Isaiah from whose book we have heard many texts during the Advent time, after John Baptist whose task was to prepare the way for the Lord, the words of the liturgy direct our attention on the Mother of Jesus, Mary, and to her faithful husband, Joseph. We don't have any words in the Gospel about him. He is, so to speak, in the shade of his Wife. Yet, Providence intended for him the big mission to be accomplished. He fulfilled this task quietly, but faithfully until the end.

We have two descriptions of Jesus' birth: in the Gospel according to Luke and in the Gospel according to Matthew. They have different perspectives. The first one shows it from Mary's point of view. The second one gives Joseph's perspective. These texts show to us the greatness of both virginal spouses. However, we have to read the sacred texts very carefully, or rather meditate on them over and over again. In this way, we enter into the spirit of these writings, because many things there were outlined only gently; we have there only allusions or even we must read "between lines."

Giving consent to Christ's motherhood, Mary not only exposes herself to "shame," but She even imperils herself to be stoned because of an accusation of fornication. Saying "May it be done to me according to your word," she shows her great trust in God; she lays her life in God's hands. She trusts also in Joseph, to whom she was "betrothed." By that time, they don't live together, but according to the law she is considered as the Carpenter's spouse. In case a groom dies during that time, his bride is considered as a widow. If a bride cheats in that time on her fiancé, it would be considered as an act of fornication, and she was to be stoned. The groom is to throw the first stone. The Law itself tells it!

Now, we can understand a little better the Joseph's decision to "divorce Mary quietly." On one hand, he doesn't want to harm his Beloved One. On the other hand, he is a "righteous man," this means, faithfully fulfilling the Law. Letting Mary go was for Joseph the best solution in this difficult conflict.

The words he hears in the dream: "*Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her*" bring to him a relief. He doesn't say any word; we hear only that immediately after he got up, he accomplishes what he was told—he takes Mary to his home. St. Joseph is not a man of words; he is a man of deeds—without delay fulfils what he was told by God's messenger. He is obedient to God and his word. Because of that, the Holy Scripture says of him "a righteous man."



o. Placyd

**"Nie bój się
wziąć do siebie Maryi"**

Z narodzeniem Jezusa Chrystusa było tak. Po zaślubinach Matki Jego, Maryi, z Józefem, w pierw nim zamieszkali razem, znalazła się brzemienna za sprawą Ducha Świętego. Te słowa wzięte z Ewangelii według św. Mateusza slyszymy w czwartą niedzielę Adwentu.

Po proroku Izajaszu, z którego księgi slyszyliśmy wiele tekstów w czasie Adwentu, po Janie Chrzcicielu, którego zadaniem bezpośrednio przygotowanie drogi Panu, liturgia dzisiejszej niedzieli zwraca naszą uwagę na Matkę Jezusa – Maryję i Józefa. W Ewangelii nie slyszymy ani jednego jego słowa. Znajduje się on niejako w cieniu swej Malzonki. A jednak Opatrzność wyznaczyła mu wielką rolę do spełnienia. To zadanie wypełnił on w cichoci, ale wiernie do końca.

Mamy dwa opisy narodzenia Jezusa: w Ewangelii według św. Łukasza i w Ewangelii według św. Mateusza. Ukazują one różnie perspektywy. Pierwsza napisana jest z punktu widzenia Matki Bożej; druga napisana jest z perspektywy Opiekuna Zbawiciela. Te teksty ukazują nam wielkość dziewiczych malzonków - Maryi i Józefa. Aby jednak te wielkość zobaczyć, musimy bardzo starannie wyczytać się w święte teksty, a raczej medytować je wciąż na nowo. W ten sposób powoli wejdzemy w ducha tych świętych tekstów, bowiem wiele rzeczy zostało tam tylko delikatnie zarysowanych; mamy tylko aluzje czy nawet musimy czytać "między wierszami".

Maryja zgadzając się zostać Matką Jezusa naraziła się nie tylko na "zniesławienie", jak to zaznacza Mateusz, ale nawet na ukamienowanie, z powodu oskarżenia o cudzołóstwo. Maryja mówiąc "Niech mi stanie według słowa Twego" okazuje wielkie zaufanie Bogu; w tych słowach wyraża swoje powierzenie swego życia w Boże ręce. Jest to także zaufanie względem św. Józefa, z którym jest zaręczona. Nie mieszkali jeszcze razem, ale już według Prawa była uważana za malzonkę Ciesli. Gdy naręczony umierał w czasie narzeczeństwa, naręczona była uważana za wdowę po nim. Gdy naręczona została przylapana na cudzołóstwie, była ona kamienowana, a jej naręczony był tym, który pierwszy rzucał kamień. Był to nakaz Prawa!

Teraz możemy zrozumieć trochę lepiej decyzję Józefa, który potajemnie chciał oddalić Maryję. Z jednej strony nie chciał podnieść ręki na Te, która kochała, a z drugiej strony był człowiekiem sprawiedliwym, tzn. wiernie wypełniającym Prawo. Potajemnie oddalenie Maryi było najlepszym w jego oczach rozwiązaniem bardzo trudnego konfliktu.

Słowa, który usłyszał we śnie: *Józefie, synu Dawida, nie bój się wziąć do siebie Maryi, twej Malzonki; albowiem z Ducha Świętego jest to, co się w Niej poczęło przynosi mu ulgę. Józef nie mówi ani słowa; slyszymy tylko, że zaraz po przebudzeniu się ze snu wykonał polecenie Bożego wysłanca - wziął Maryję do siebie. Św. Józef nie jest człowiekiem słów, jest on człowiekiem czynu - bez zwłoki wypełniał to, do czego wzywał go Pan Bóg. Dlatego Pismo św. mówi o nim, nazywa go "człowiekiem sprawiedliwym".*

o. Placyd

WELCOME!

To all our friends visiting our church during this Joyous Christmas Season. The parishioners of St. Stanislaus pride themselves in our outreach and service to our diverse neighborhood peoples. If you can find it in your means, 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 135 years.

ST. STANISLAUS SCHEDULE OF HOLIDAY LITURGIES

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 & 11:30 AM

Polish Christmas Mass 10:00 AM

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.

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

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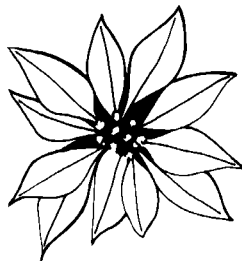
Spotkania Komitetu "Ewangelia Zycia" beda odbywac sie w kazdy pierwszy czwartek miesiaca, poczawszy od 6 grudnia. Początek 6:00 wieczorem. Zapraszamy wszystkich zainteresowanych!

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.

**THANK YOU
FOR THE
MANNA**

We appreciate all those who have purchased Manna Cards this past year. With your participation the program will continue for 2007. You may order cards next week after the holidays for pick up on January 7th.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS
TO EVERY ONE!**



Weslych swiat Bozego Narodzenia
Szczesliwego Nowego Roku



THANKS!!!

A great big 'thank you' goes out to the many parishioners who helped decorate our beautiful church for this wondrous season! It was great to work with so many families and friends, all who put forth their best to get the job done. The generosity of many created what you see before your eyes. May God bless everyone who helped beautify His house for this Christmas season!

2008 MASS BOOK IS OPEN

Those who wish to reserve Masses for wedding anniversaries, anniversaries of deaths, or other special intentions 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. STAN'S HISTORICAL FACT by Rob Jagelewski.

The crusade to establish the 40 hour work week had some of its beginnings in our neighborhood and our Parish. The Newburgh Rolling Steel Mill ownership changed and wages were cut. The Polish workers, who earlier attained work at the mill when the Irish, Welsh, and Bohemian workers went on strike soon faced the same situation in 1885. Now the Poles of Warszawa and of St. Stanislaus went on strike. This was a violent strike. The striking workers marched on downtown and demanded government intervention. A riot ensued. Cleveland Mayor George Gardner ordered Rolling Mill President, William Chisholm to restore wages. Another demand for a forty hour work week was not met. The workers were engaged in twelve hour shifts. The Mayor appealed to St. Stanislaus Pastor, Father Anton Kolaszewski to calm down his parishioners. The strike was settled. The strike leaders were blacklisted. The forty hour work week did not come into effect until the Wagner Act was passed by Congress in 1936.

PEACE GARDEN MEMORIAL BRICKS are still available for \$100.00 each by contacting the rectory office. Order your brick in time for a spring 2008 installation. If you previously donated a brick, you may find it by taking a stroll in the garden.

ST. STANISLAUS
SHRINE SHOPPE

Tel: 216-206-4947

Saturday 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM

Sunday 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM



Praise the Lord with drums and cymbals, with harps and the sound of the piano! Thanks to a generous grant by the Kulas Foundation (\$60,000) we now have a beautiful new Steinway "B" Piano to enhance our worship and to allow for more wonderful concerts to inspire our congregation and guests! Deo Gratias!

GOOD YARN. The *Warmup America Group* would like to thank all the people that donated yarn so generously. This is an ongoing project. So, if you would like to donate washable yarn, new or almost new (no wool or rug yarn), for making afghans for the needy, please bring the yarn to the rectory. If you would like to join this group, meetings are held at St. Columbkille Parish. For more information contact Donna Ciborowski at 216-398-9653.

Unique
Christmas
Cards and Gifts!

Free Coffee!

Stop in and visit Grace and Patricia and all the other nice women who volunteer at the *Shrine Shoppe*. They work hard to make a cozy, European feeling atmosphere for our parishioners to visit with each other and to browse their carefully chosen merchandise. The weekends before Christmas they are offering free coffee to all who stop by!

7TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS SING-A-LONG

Wednesday, December 26th at 7:30 PM

Cathedral of St. John the Baptist Byzantine Rite

1900 Carlton Rd. Parma, Ohio

Featuring songs sung in Slavonic (Carpatho-Rusyn), Hungarian, English and American Traditional Carols. Refreshments will be served following the service. Sponsored by Parma Byzantine Eparchial Choir, and Eparchy of Parma Cantors' Institute.

HARMONIA CONCERT

Sunday afternoon, January 27, 3:00 PM

The Cleveland Music School Settlement

University Circle

1125 Magnolia Drive

Cleveland, OH 44016

For information contact call 216.421.5806 or visit

<http://www.thecmss.org/>

*** FREE ADMISSION! ***

Note: A demonstration and question and answer period will follow this concert
About HARMONIA:

HARMONIA presents the traditional folk music of Eastern Europe, ranging from the Danube to the Carpathians. Its repertoire reflects the cultures of the region: Hungarian, Ukrainian, Slovak, Carpatho-Rusyn, Romanian, Croatian, Serbian and Gypsy (Rom). Performing on authentic folk instruments, Harmonia's music is drawn from both village and urban traditions of Eastern Europe. The ensemble's performances evoke the full range of human emotions; interspersing fiery, passionate virtuosity with soulful melancholy and nostalgic yearning