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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 INTENTIONS

# MASS SCHEDULE

Daily Masses: 7:00 AM & 8:30 AM (no 7:00 on Sat.)

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

### **DEVOTIONS**

**Daily Morning Prayer**: 8:00 AM (exc. Sunday) Saint Anthony Novena Tuesdays after Mass

Rosary for Life Tuesdays and Fridays after Mass

Avilas prayer for vocations, second Monday of the month

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 by appointment.

### 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 made through the funeral home.

### **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.

### SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME January 18 (Stycznia), 2009

Sat 5:00 PM +Edward P. Wieczorek

Sun 8:30 AM +Walter Kuzak 10:00 AM +Jan & Kunegunda Palka

> +Helen Morris 11:30 AM

Jan 19 Mon Weekday 7:00 AM +William Bell 8:30 AM +Eddie J. Racut

Jan 20 Weekday (Ss. Fabian & Sebastian, martyrs)

7:00 AM +Clara Zielkowski 8:30 AM +Joseph Dardzinski

St. Agnes, virgin and Martyr Jan 21 7:00 AM +Beatrice Kubinski & Family

8:30 AM +Martha Garczewski

Jan 22 Day of Penance for Violations of Human

Dignity by Acts of Abortion & Euthanasia Weekday (St. Vincent, deacon, martyr)

7:00 AM +Edward Glinski

+Casimir Kin & Florence Nanski 8:30 AM

Fri Jan 23 Weekday

> 7:00 AM +Donna Suchocki 8:30 AM +Joseph Bobowski

Sat St. Francis DeSales, bishop Jan 24 8:30 AM Sp. Int. Richard Krakowski

### THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME January 25 (Stycznia), 2009

# CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

5:00 PM +Gerard Wisniewski Sat 8:30 AM +Sr. M. Melanie CSFN Sun 10:00 AM Int. of Parishioners 11:30 AM +Janina Stifanic

# MUSIC - SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

### ENGLISH MASS

Here I Am, Lord #216

Processional Offertory: Lord, When You Came #204

Communion: Jesus, I Trust In You

Open Wide the Doors to Christ #206 Recessional:

### POLSKA MSZA ŚWIĘTA

Procesia Bóg się rodzi #34 Ofiarowanie: Barka #170

Na Komunie: Nie było miejsca #42

Zakończenie Tryumfy #47

# SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

Tue 7:00 PM **Pastoral Council** meets in the rectory. Wed 8:00 PM A.A. & Al-Anon in the social center.

Church Cleanup Crew works until 5:15. 4:00 PM

4:00 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation in church until 4:45 Sat

# Wedding Banns

David Lorz & Sara Mosinski (II) John Amman & Jessica Del'Omo (II) Patrick McMullen & Christina Aiello (II)

### **Stewards**

It was really great to see how many people gave of their time, talent and resources over the past season to make our church look so beautiful both before, during and after Christmas. We all saw how many people came to see our decorated church, taking pictures and remarking on its beauty. It was a great to hear all the compliments. Well, it involved a whole bunch of people, all who worked diligently to create the total picture. We saw young and old, singles and families, new faces and old-timers, parishioners and friends. All of the decorations and special musicians were funded by many of you who could not help in any other way—also a part of stewardship.

Contributions to the maintenance and growth of our parish do not come without the sacrifice of many people. The many projects, obvious and hidden, which are funded and executed thanks to the sacrifices of our parishioners and guests are all important. Some items never are seen beyond one or two sets of eyes. Some are meant to be private. When administering to the poor, anonymity is often preferred. When performing most ordinary services, the thought of anyone blowing their horn never crosses their minds. We get a lot done here because we have resources and we have members, employees and quiet friends who could not imagine us to do any less.

Now we are confronted with some difficult economic times...again. To some of us, the situation has caused anxiety with loss of income, loss of employment, loss of hope. Some in our congregation still remember the depression. Others have suffered their own private economic fatalities in the course of their lifetime. Not that it makes any of what is on the horizon any easier, but it is not as surprising as it might be to those who might never have imagined what is now before us.

Yet, as a people of faith, our economic predicament is only one aspect of reality if we have not built our lives around the idea of 'having.' Sacrifice has never been alien to many of us. Sacrifice built this church. Sacrifice financed many of our dreams. And with regard to present and future dreams, they can remain on simmer for a while. Sometimes, it's better for us to see things that way rather than expecting the 'immediate.' And, as time goes forward, some of those dreams might seem totally silly to us. After all, when times get rough, we all discover the true things which are important, and how many things are truly unnecessary and frivolous.

Let's remember each other during these difficult times. Let's try quietly to help others to allow them to live in dignity. To those who will be able to continue to support our church as in the past, or give more to compensate for those who have fallen on difficult times, we can only extend our thanks and prayers. To those of you who find yourself in the eye of the hurricane, don't give up hope. There's a lot more to any one of us than what is within our bank accounts or stock portfolios. Those things don't impress God, but what we do with those gifts is what matters to Him. As Mother Teresa of Calcutta was known to say: "Live simply so that others may simply live." That is a true challenge for us today.

We built this church, we continue to maintain it, and we must also maintain the Church within and beyond our walls if we profess to honor God with clean hearts. Our stewardship is one of greatness, not of mediocrity. God will help us carry on His work if we ask Him in humility to guide us in His infinite mercy.

David Krakowski

## SCHEDULE FOR MINISTERS

### Third Sunday of Ordinary Time, January 25, Stycznia 2009

Sat **5:00 PM** Lector — Betty Dabrowski

Euch. Min. — Chris Wisniewski, Marilyn Mosinski, Marge & Andy Flock

8:30 AM Lector — Susan Halamek Sun

Euch. Min. — Marcia & Don Stech, Alice Klafczynski, Chris Luboski

**10:00 AM** Lector — Teresa Cyranek

Euch. Min. — Tom Monzell, Ewelina Ejsmont, A. Jankowski, Marcie Sladewski

**11:30 AM** Lector — Mary Therese Stephens

Euch. Min. — Terry Kopania, Ron Grams, Diane Bulanda, Frank Greczanik

# PARISH SUPPORT

Christmas Charities (81)

# Last Sunday's Collection 5:00 PM Vigil (34).....**\$525.91**

8:30 AM (50)......**\$798.00** 10:00 AM (57).....**\$581.01** 11:30 AM 52).....**\$1,154.00** Mailed in (42)......\$1,156.00

Total (235 envelopes) \$4,214.92 **Religious Retirement (45)** \$476.00 **Christmas Late Envelopes (42)** \$866.00

\$1,206.00



### IT'S NOT FUNNY WHEN IT'S ABOUT MONEY

Years ago when I was still on college, a group of professors gathered to ask for an increase in their salaries. It was hard for me to see the need, since they were all making more money than anyone else I knew at the time. But one of the professors made a point that has stayed with me ever since. Money is not only useful for that it

provides — it is also a symbol of what we value.

Or as Jesus said in the Gospel of Matthew, "Wherever your treasure lies, there shall you find your heart." In American slang, we also say, "Put your money where your mouth is." How we spend our money, what we do with our time, how we

# Gifts from God are the only investment that increases when given away!

invest our talents these are all indications of our attitude toward the gracious gifts that God bestows on us

all. And God's gifts are meant to be returned. They are the only investment that increases when given away!

This weekend I will share with the parishioners a summary of our parish financial situation. The good news is, we are serving God's people, giving God due worship, and paying our bills along the way. Our financial foundation is stable. The bad news is that, although expenses have been escalating each year, donations have not. Our budget is as close as it can be without involving some cuts that will be noticed. Let me share a few observations about expenses and income.

- Although we are proud of our school, and rightfully so, there is no regular budget for parish financial support of the school. The parish pays the diocese an assessment of 11% of regular Sunday collections. (Special collections and fundraisers are exempt.) The assessment would be 17% if we didn't have a school. We should begin to budget an additional 6% of our collection toward the school.
- We do not add to our savings and investments from regular income. Although we have adequate cash reserves to meet expenses, most of the additions to savings come from special bequests and donations.
- Related to savings is the issue of outside debt. We owe no debt to the diocese. But we still carry two debts: one to the bank for money borrowed eight years ago to meet payroll; another debt is for a private loan to pay for the rectory. We have been paying these debts down regularly until recently, when our collections took a dip.
- Our Christmas collection was the best in many years.
   Thank you! But the regular Sunday collection is down.
   We need to average \$6,000 per week to meet our budget.
   We are several thousands behind where we should be. If we do not meet this, we will have to cut services or staff.
- Most parishioners give generously, but many do not. It is unfair to expect a few people to carry the weight for the many. We will soon be sharing ideas for how everyone can do a little bit more so that all can benefit.

Fr. Michael

## "Barka"

Jak wiemy, piosenka religijna pod tym właśnie tytułem była jedną z ulubionych Jana Pawła II. Są tam między innymi słowa: "Powołałeś mnie jak Piotra". W bardzo szczególny sposób słowa te pasowały do kard. Karola Wojtyły, kiedy został powołany na stolicę apostolską w Rzymie, aby zająć miejsce Piotra.

W Ewangelii, którą Kościół przeznaczył do odczytania w czasie Mszy św. drugiej niedzieli zwykłej w cyklu liturgicznym "B", który przypada na ten rok, jest napisane o powołaniu pierwszych Apostołów, Andrzeja i jego brata, Piotra, którego Andrzej przyprowadził do Jezusa.

W ostatnią niedzielę świętowaliśmy niedzielę Chrztu Pańskiego. Jest to wydarzenie, które kończy życie ukryte Pana i wyznacza początek Jego działalności publicznej. Odtąd Pan będzie głosił Ewangelię o Bożym królestwie, leczył chorych, wypędzał złe duchy. Przy końcu Jego życia, po trzech latach Jego życia publicznego, pozwoli się pojmać, torturować i ukrzyżować. Na krzyżu też odda ducha Ojcu, ale na trzeci dzień zmartwychwstanie.

Jezus jest świadom, że czas, jaki Boża Opatrzność Mu wyznaczała do głoszenia Ewangelii jest bardzo krótki, bo tylko trzy lata. Dlatego już od początku powołuje tych, którzy później przejmą Jego rolę. Po swoim zmartwychwstaniu Pan wyśle Jedenastu, aby kontynuowali Jego misję głoszenia Ewangelii, dając im swój autorytet mówiąc: *Idźcie na cały świat i głoście Ewangelię wszelkiemu stworzeniu! Kto uwierzy i przyjmie chrzest, będzie zbawiony; a kto nie uwierzy, będzie potępiony* (Mk 16, 15). A w innym miejscu czytamy: *Kto was przyjmuje, Mnie przyjmuje; a kto Mnie przyjmuje, przyjmuje Tego, który Mnie poslał* (Mt 10, 40). Pan Jezus utożsamia się z tymi, których posyła.

Dzisiaj tak samo, jako u początków chrześcijaństwa, Pan Jezus powołuje i posyła. Dzisiaj, podobnie jak dwa tysiące lat temu, potrzeba tych, którzy głoszą Dobrą Nowinę o zbawieniu, które przyszło do nas w Jezusie Chrystusie. Biblijny przykład powołania pokazuje nam pierwsze czytanie dzisiejszej Liturgii Słowa zaczerpnięte z Pierwszej Księgi Samuela. Chodzi o Samuela. Wiemy, że jego matka długo nie mogła mieć dzieci. Przychodząc w pielgrzymce do Jerozolimy modliła się o syna. Złożyła przy tym Panu Bogu ślub, że jeśli wysłucha On jej prośby odda go na służbę do świątyni. Kiedy Samuel osiągnął wiek 3 lat, Anna przyprowadziła go do świątyni, gdzie został już na zawsze.

Na przykładzie tego opowiadanie możemy wyciągnąć dwa wnioski odnośnie powołań do służby w Kościele:

- 1. Matka obiecała go Bogu. Wydaje się, że Pan Bóg liczy się ze zdaniem rodziców. Powtarza się w życiorysach wielu świętych, że zostali ofiarowani Bogu, kiedy byli w łonie matki, czy nawet jeszcze przed poczęciem.
- 2. "Samuel przebywał w świątyni." Jest to niemożliwe praktycznie jeśli chodzi o życie dzisiaj. Nie ma takiego zwyczaju ani nawet możliwości, aby tak wcześnie oddawać Bogu dziecko np. do zakonu. Chodzi tu o coś innego. Żeby nasze domy były świątynią, gdzie mieszka Bóg. Jest większe prawdopodobieństwo, że dzieci wyrosłe w takich domach będą w stanie usłyszeć głos Bożego powołania do służby w Kościele.



# Thank you very much!

So many people have generously contributed to the parish this Christmas Season. We are very grateful to everyone for your many acts of generosity and sacrifices.

Thank you to the folks who decorated our church, making it a fitting expression of praise to God and a joyful environment for the People of God to worship. And thanks to all who helped take all those decorations down after Christmastime.

Thank you to all who have served in liturgical ministries — the glorious music ministries, proclamation of the Word of God, distribution of the Holy Eucharist, serving at the altar, hospitality for our parishioners and visitors, and the necessary set-up and clean-up.

Thank you to everyone for your gracious gifts for Christmas to the parish, to our staff and to the priests. We certainly appreciate your abundant and generous expressions of affection and support.

Thank you to the many parishioners who welcomed guests and visitors to our parish helping to extend Christian hospitality to all, remembering the Polish proverb, *A guest in the house is God in the house!* 

Thank you to everyone for your financial contributions and sacrifices this Christmas in support of our parish community. Knowing that this past year has been particularly difficult for many people economically, your support is greatly appreciated. May our good God reward you all, meet all your needs and multiply your resources even as you have concretely expressed your support to our church in his name.

Most of all, thanks be to God for his immense goodness and his boundless generosity to us and to all his people. How great is our God!

May God bless you all and continue to bind us together as his holy people as we celebrate the mysteries of faith.

Gratefully in the Lord,

Fr. Michael Surufka, OFM

Fr. Leonard Stunek OFN

Fr. Placyd Koń, OFM

Br. Justin Kwietniewski, OFM

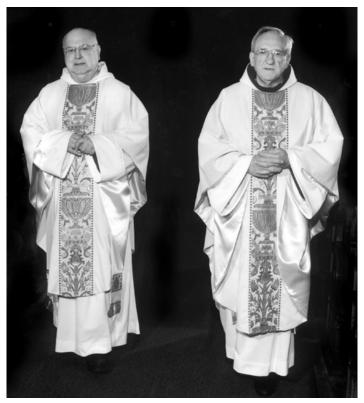
# CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEWLY ELECTED DADS CLUB OFFICERS

The January 6 meeting of the St. Stanislaus Dad's Club saw the election of the new club officers that will be serving for the year 2009: Charles Janowski Jr., President; Frank Krajewski Vice President; Larry Mielczarek, Secretary; Frank Greczanik, Treasurer; John Sklodowski, 3yr Trustee; Ron Grams, 2yr Trustee; Hank Jablonski, 1yr Trustee; Jerry Bieda, Sergeant at Arms.

We thank them for their good work and service. May God bless all of you.

### **MASS INTENTIONS FOR 2009**

Every Mass is celebrated for the sake of the whole Church community, and each person attending brings his or her own prayerful intentions to Mass. The intention of the priest is listed publicly so that everyone else may also join in his intention as well. WE STILL HAVE MANY OPEN MASSES FOR FEBRUARY, MARCH, and APRIL as well as the other months of the year. If you have a special intention or would like to remember a deceased relative or loved one, contact the rectory to reserve a date.



ST. STAN'S HISTORICAL FACT by Rob Jagelewski

This year is the 20th Anniversary of the arrival of the Franciscans of the Assumption Province. In 1989 Father Frank Kordek OFM, the final pastor from the Sacred Heart Province, stated that his province lacked the adequate manpower to staff the parish. At that time the priests stationed here were Father Kordek, Father Chester Cymanski OFM, and Father Lucjan Stokowski, a diocesan priest. At first it was thought that diocesan priests would assume the ministry of our parish. Through the work of Bishop Anthony Pilla and Bishop James Lyke, the Franciscans of the Assumption Province agreed to take over the care of our community. The long chain of Franciscan ministry at our parish which began in 1906 would remain unbroken. Father Alcuin Mikulanis OFM was named Pastor. Father Patrick Gardocki OFM was named Associate Pastor. Father Lucjan remained on the staff. Father Mikulanis was followed as Pastor by Father William Gulas OFM in 1993. Father Michael Surufka OFM was named Pastor in 2003. The Franciscans of the Assumption Province have brought our community the renovation of our church, the remodeling of the rectory, the declaration of our church as a shrine, the miter of John Paul II, and the building of our community as a leading Catholic and Franciscan beacon in the City of Cleveland.

### INFANTS AND TODLERS OF SLAVIC VILLAGE —

You still have a chance to dine at "Otto's", just bring a donation of food, clothing, blankets, etc. for the Infants and Toddlers of Slavic Village put it in our baskets in the rear vestibule. Fill out an entry form with your donation and you may be a winner in our January 18th drawing.

DON'T FORGET YOUR MANNA CARDS

# COMMUNITY NEWS



WHY IS FATHER JERZY SO HAPPY? Is it because he just opened some late coming Christmas Cards? Is it because he was visiting our parish where he is still loved and remembered fondly? Is it because he is here with his former Bishop Wacław Depo and Chancelor Fr. Adam Firosz of the Diocese of Zamość-Lubaczów in Poland? Is it because Fr. Placyd told a hugely funny joke? Or is it all of the above? We suspect it's all of the above!

# Opera Fireworks! Saturday, January 31 at 8 p.m. Shrine Church of St. Stanislaus

An incredible concert of opera surprises and delights! With carefully selected program designed to create a meaningful storyline, Opera Circle will keep you thrilled, amazed, astonished, charmed and joyful... one problem, though... Opera Circle has received a warning letter from a preposterous witch who promises to interfere with the concert using her subversive powers. Is there anything in this humble world to appease the thwarting witch? Come to find out.

While the voices of Sobieska, Avdey and Liddle have been heard recently in Cleveland, Michael Match and Isaac Hurtado make their astounding returns to Opera Circle to join the company in this extraordinary concert. For over a year, Michael Match sang first soprano with the San Francisco based orchestra of voices: the Chanticleer. Isaac Hurtado has just completed his two-year tenure as a main soloist with *Opera San Jose*, enlisting now on the voice faculty at the Interlochen Arts Academy in Michigan. Both Isaac and Michael hold doctoral degrees in voice, to which Dorota is adding her doctorate in the philosophy of art. Will the power of knowledge and voices suffice to win against the looming witchcraft? Maybe, we should musically resort to the greatest of all powers and the oldest of all truths simply expressed by the British poet Philip Larkin: "What will survive of us is love."

Tickets

\$55 Reserved Sponsor Seats

\$15 General Admission

\$5 Students

Tickets will also be available at the door.

For information please call 216 441 2822

THE ST. STANISLAUS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

# *SATURDAY, JANUARY 31, 2009*

### **PROGRAM**

Mass at the Shrine Church of St. Stanislaus 5:00 PM 6.00 PM Dinner at the Grade School — first floor.

Please bring a dessert to share!

Invite other alumni to attend! No RSVP required

# ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE PANCAKE BREAKFAST

SPONSORED BY THE St. John Nepomucene **Altar and Rosary Society** 

# SUNDAY **January 18** 8:00 AM—1:00 PM

**Adults \$4.00** Children \$3.00

Includes:

Pancakes (All you can eat) Sausage, Coffee /Tea Orange Juice
At St. John Nepomucene Church Fleet and e49th

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### BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS.

Next Class will be on February 1, 2009 1:00PM PM at Our Lady of Lourdes call 641-2929