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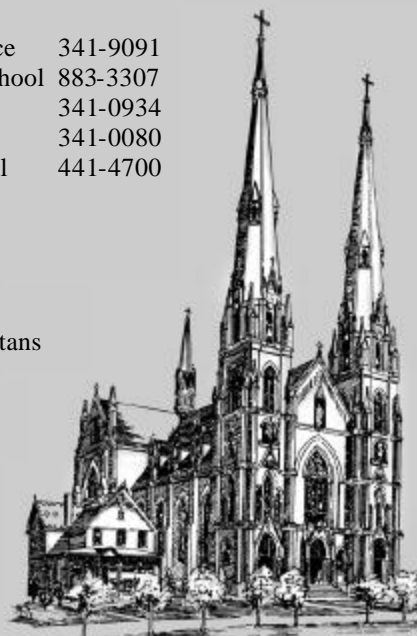
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The artist's sketch on the right depicts the original building with the spires. Corner Stone laid in 1886 and dedicated in 1891.



SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

MASS SCHEDULE:

Daily Masses: 7:00 AM & 8:30 AM
 Sunday Vigil: Saturday 5:00 PM
 Sunday English Masses: 8:30 AM & 11:30 AM
 Sunday Polish Mass: 10:00 AM
 Holy Day English: 8:30 AM & 7:00 PM
 Holy Day Polish: 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. Pre-Baptism instructions necessary in advance.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

All arrangements must be made with one of the priests of the parish six months in advance.

FUNERAL:

Please make arrangements at the rectory in advance of public announcement.

INQUIRY CLASSES:

(R.C.I.A.): Contact any member of the Pastoral Team.

OFFICE HOURS:

Weekday appointments with a member of the Pastoral Team may be scheduled between the hours of 9:30 AM to 4:00 PM. The office is open from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM for all ordinary business.

CHURCH HOURS:

The church is open 1/2 hour before and after services. For tours or private prayer please call the rectory.

MASS INTENTIONS



SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT December 8, (Grudzien) 2002

Sat	5:00 PM	+William Davis
Sun	8:30 AM	+Mary Zeliszewski
	10:00 AM	+Ryszard Monka
	11:30 AM	+Lottie Depta
Mon	Dec 9	Immaculate Conception
	7:00 AM	+Florian Pawlowski
	8:30 AM	+Dan & Irene Jackowicz
	5:00 PM	+Stanley Ostrowski
Tue	Dec 10	Advent Weekday
	7:00 AM	+Sylvester Lepkowski
	8:30 AM	+Ted Kwiatkowski
Wed	Dec 11	Advent Weekday
	7:00 AM	+Joanna & Alex Chmielecki
	8:30 AM	+Lucille Bobula
Thu	Dec 12	Our Lady of Guadalupe
	7:00 AM	+Andrew F. Jaye
	8:30 AM	+Helen Cendrowski
Fri	Dec 13	St. Lucy, virgin, martyr
	7:00 AM	+Elizabeth Januszkiewicz
	8:30 AM	+Isidore & Helen Pargolski
Sat	Dec 14	Advent Weekday
	8:30 AM	+Harry & Matilda Konzal

THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT December 15, (Grudzien) 2002

Sat	5:00 PM	+Maria & Antoni Lambrecht
Sun	8:30 AM	+Helen LaCerte
	10:00 AM	+Maria & Antoni Lambrecht
	11:30 AM	+Julius Horvath

1:00 PM Baptism of Anton Nicholas Sunyak

MUSIC – SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

ENGLISH MASS

Processional: Introit (choir)
 Offertory: When John Baptized by Jordan's River #200
 Communion: In Remembrance #209
 Recessional: O Come, Emmanuel, vs. 3 & 4 #282

POLSKA MSZA ŚWIĘTA

Procesja: Introit (chór)
 Ofiarowanie: Głos wdzięczny z nieba wychodzi #16
 Na Komunię: Bóg kiedyś stał się jednym z nas #141
 Zakończenie: Zdrowaś bądź, Maryja! #27



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SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

“Sing joyfully to the Lord, all you lands; break into song; sing praise.”

Sun	3:00 PM	Godzinki.	Wed	7:30 PM	Worship Commission in the rectory.
	6:00 PM	Solemn Vespers.		8:00 PM	A.A. & Al-Anon in the social center.
Mon		Feast of the Immaculate Conception	Thu	2:00 PM	Golden Agers in the social center.
	9:00 AM	Avilas pray for vocations in church.		3:00 PM	Church Cleanup Crew works until 5:15.
	6:45 PM	Bingo in our social center.		7:00 PM	Education Commission in the rectory.
	7:00 PM	RCIA — Richard Konisiewicz will give an overview of Church History in Art	Sat	9:00 AM	Women’s Retreat at the convent.
Tue	7:00 PM	PTU meets in the social center.	Sun	4:00 PM	Sacrament of Reconciliation until 4:45.
Wed	6:00 PM	Próba chóru w kosciele.		3:00 PM	Godzinki.
	6:30 PM	Youth Group in the all purpose room.		6:00 PM	Solemn Vespers.
	7:00 PM	English Choir meets in church.		1:00 PM	Golden Agers Christmas Party

ONE OF A KIND

Anyone exposed to news coverage, printed or broadcast, has certainly noticed the amount of coverage dedicated to the various armed conflicts between people of differing religious persuasions. It used to be Protestants vs. Catholics in Northern Ireland, then it was Muslims and Jews in the Holy Land and, now, we have the ongoing Muslim and Christian battles to contend with from Pakistan to Nigeria to the Philippines and so on, and so on... You probably have heard the remarks, generally from non-believers, how ridiculous these conflicts are since all the religions really believe in the same basic principles. Well, that would be a typical remark coming from the media, and it is really an “untruth.”

We, as Catholics, must never forget the uniqueness of Jesus, and how that factor separates our faith from the others. Christ is not a version of Mohammed or Buddha or Socrates, despite some common aspects. Jesus is unique. As our Holy Father has pointed out, “unlike Muhammad, He does more than just promulgate principles of religious discipline to which all God’s worshipers must conform. Christ is not simply a wise man as was Socrates...Less still is He similar to Buddha. He is totally original and unique. He is the one mediator between God and humanity.”

Another recent printed article portrayed the wanderings of a now Muslim, formerly Catholic, woman, who wanted to be more liberated. The subject saw in the Muslim history and tradition that such liberation was accomplished by many women. There you have an example of someone who never studied her own faith seriously, for, if she had, she would have known the likes of liberated women as Mother Theresa, Theresa of Avilla, Therese of Lisieux, as well as thousands of unknown Theresas open to the liberating message of Christ. Of course, that amount of truth could not be expected to be found in any media report. That kind of truth must come from the individual’s desire to continue to grow in faith, to continue their familiarity with their own religion, to carry that faith with themselves from childhood into adulthood with a constant eagerness and thirst for truth.

In a world where a little knowledge can be demonstrably dangerous, we must, as Alexander Pope said, “drink deep of the Pierian Spring, for drinking lightly intoxicates the brain, while drinking largely sobers us again.” *David Krakowski*

SCHEDULE FOR MINISTERS

December 15, (Grudzien), 2002
Second Sunday in Advent

Sat 5:00 PM Lector— Rob Jagelewski
 Euch. Min. — Connie Aliff, Andrew and Marge Flock, Richard Drewnowski

Sun 8:30 AM Lector — Bob Potoma
 Euch. Min. — Adeline Nadolny, Chris Luboski, Dan and Marcia Stech

10:00 AM Lector — Mieczyslaw Garncarek
 Euch. Min. — Aleksandra and Longin Jankowski

11:30 AM Lector — Michael Leahy
 Euch. Min. — Frank Greczanik, Nancy Sontowski, Pat Young, Stanley Koch

PARISH SUPPORT

Sunday Collection,
Dec 1, 2002

5:00 PM	\$1,233.52
8:30 AM	\$1,007.72
10:00 AM.....	\$852.00
11:30 AM.....	\$1,570.20
Mailed in.....	\$854.00
Total (415)	\$5,517.44
Children’s Collection (25)	\$34.45
Thanksgiving (120)	\$857.00

BRING ON THE REVOLUTION!

During the season of Advent, our music ministry will lead us in the prayerful singing of the Magnificat, Mary's great song of praise to God. When Mary told Elizabeth that she was pregnant, she broke forth in this song. What a beautiful, glorious, and timeless song it is! It is prayed every evening by priests and religious who pray vespers daily. It has been sung by generations of faithful Christians who share in the sense of wonder and awe at what God has done in history through the Blessed Virgin Mary.

But listen carefully to the words. This song is a song of revolution! In fact, for a time in the Eighties, it was illegal for people even to pray or sing this canticle out loud — even in some Catholic countries.

What would bring some governments to feel threatened by the song of a pregnant teenager who lived two thousand years ago?

with power and wealth, turning that world upside down and inside out, and starting something entirely new with humankind. Who wants that? The poor and powerless. And who wants to stop that? The rich and powerful. Revolution.

"God has put forth his arm in strength, scattering the proud hearted. He has cast down the mighty from their thrones and lifted up the lowly. He has filled the hungry with good things, he has sent the rich away empty handed." These can be disturbing words indeed.

At the same time, Mary's song expresses amazement that God has chosen to fulfill his promises through her, who is lowly and simple. *"He has been mindful of his humble servant. The Almighty has done great things for me, holy is his name."* God is faithful, even to his people who are unfaithful to him. The promise made long ago is fulfilled in history, and God surprises everyone with the way he does it.

This beautiful prayer sung first by the Blessed Virgin Mary and continually prayed by her children in the Church is an ongoing reminder that God is full of surprises — and his action always favors the poor, the lowly, the humble. As we journey through these four weeks of Advent in preparation of the great season of Christmas, the Magnificat reminds us that we, too, are called to reflect the glory of God in the simple ways of our own lives.

"Magnificat anima mea dominum!" My soul proclaims the Lord! So sang Mary, so sing we. Our world anxiously seeks a sign that God is real, that God has not forgotten us, that God acts on our behalf, and that all his actions are love. Just as humankind needed to see that in flesh and blood two thousand years ago, so too do we need that in our own time. That is the mystery of the Incarnation, Emmanuel, God-With-Us. May this Advent indeed prepare us to show forth the Lord in all we do.

**NIEPOKALANE POCZĘCIE**

Jutro, 8 grudnia przypada rocznica Uroczystość Niepokalanego Poczęcia Najświętszej Maryi Panny.

Zasadniczo, jeżeli wspomniemy świętych, to przywołujemy datę ich śmierci, gdyż jest to dzień narodzenia się dla nieba. Oddzielne święto narodzenia, czyli przyjścia na świat, Kościół ustanowił jedynie dla Pana Jezusa, dla Maryi i dla Jana Chrzciciela. Zaś Uroczystość Niepokalanego Poczęcia wyznaczona jest jedynie dla Najświętszej Maryi Panny. Bowiem tylko ona jedna jedyna z ludzi nie tylko narodziła się bez grzechu ale również została poczęta bez skazy grzechu.

Prawda o Niepokalanym Poczęciu Maryi jest dogmatem w Kościele czyli prawdą powszechnie uznawaną i niepodważalną. Jako dogmat została ona ogłoszona przez papieża Piusa IX w dniu 8 grudnia 1854 roku. Ówczesny biskup Rzymu ogłosił ten dogmat wiary bardzo uroczysto w Bazylice Św. Piotra w następujących słowach: *Dla uwielbienia świętej i nierozdzielnej Trójcy, dla chwały i ozdoby Dziewicy Bogarodzicy, dla podniesienia wiary katolickiej i dla pomnożenia religii chrześcijańskiej powagą Pana naszego Jezusa Chrystusa, błogosławionych Apostołów Piotra i Pawła oraz powagą naszą oświadczamy, stanowimy i orzekamy, że nauka, która utrzymuje, że Najświętsza Panna od pierwszej chwili swojego poczęcia za szczególną łaską Wszechmogącego i przywilejem przez wzgląd na zasługi Jezusa Chrystusa, Zbawiciela rodzaju ludzkiego, była zachowaną wolną od wszelkiej zmyły pierworodnej - jest objawiona od Boga, a przeto przez wszystkich wiernych ma być mocno i statecznie wierzoną.*

Tak więc, wedle prawa kościelnego, od tamtego wydzierzenia, kto by tej prawdzie zaprzeczał, automatycznie sam wyłączałby się ze społeczności Kościoła, stałby się odstępcą od wiary i winnym herezji.

Co ciekawe, Kościół Wschodni nigdy prawdy o Niepokalanym Poczęciu NMP nie ogłaszał, gdyż była ona na Wschodzie powszechnie wyznawana, nie miała przeciwników - w przeciwieństwie do Kościoła Zachodniego.

Samo święto Niepokalanego Poczęcia (bez wyznawania prawdy dogmatycznej) zaczęto obchodzić na przełomie VIII i IX wieku. Papież Klemens XI (+1721) ogłosił je jako święto obowiązujące w całym Kościele. Znaczenie tego święta zdecydowanie wzrosło po ogłoszeniu dogmatu.

Co, w największym skrócie wynika z treści dogmatu o Niepokalanym Poczęciu NMP?

Grzech, który popełnili pierwsi rodzice był dla nich grzechem osobistym, ale równocześnie został dziedziczony przez potomków. Od tego grzechu wolna została tylko Maryja; od pierwszego początku swego istnienia była świętą, żyła w przyjaźni z Bogiem jako dziecko Boże. Wraz z łaską uświęcającą miała cnoty wlane i dary Ducha Świętego. Wreszcie miał prawo do nieba. Nie podlegała także prawu cierpienia i śmierci. Jeśli nie skorzystała z tych przywilejów, to jedynie dlatego, aby tym więcej mogła zdobyć zasług i wypełnić powierzony Jej misję: Współodkupicielki rodzaju ludzkiego. Bóg, wybierając sobie na Matkę Swojego Syna Maryję, mógł w swej mocy uwolnić Ją od winy pierworodnej; i to właśnie uczynił, jak przekazuje nam dogmat o Niepokalanym Poczęciu Najświętszej Maryi Panny.

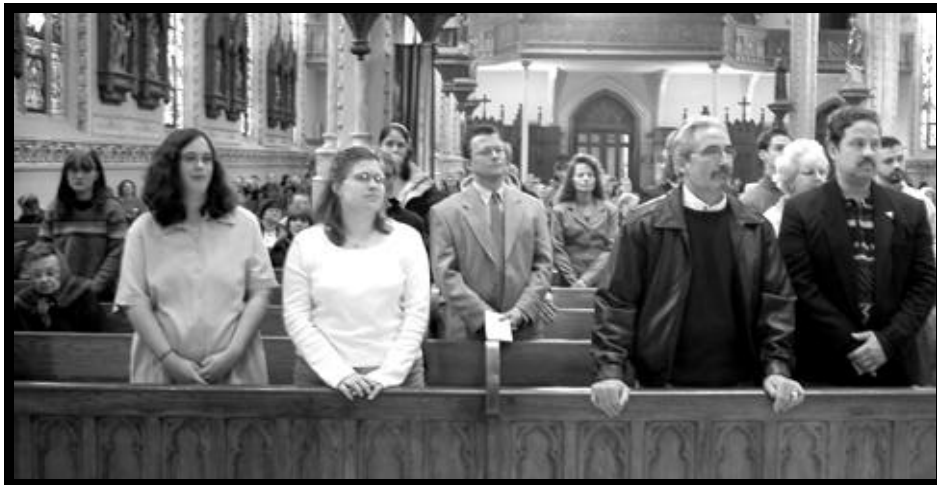
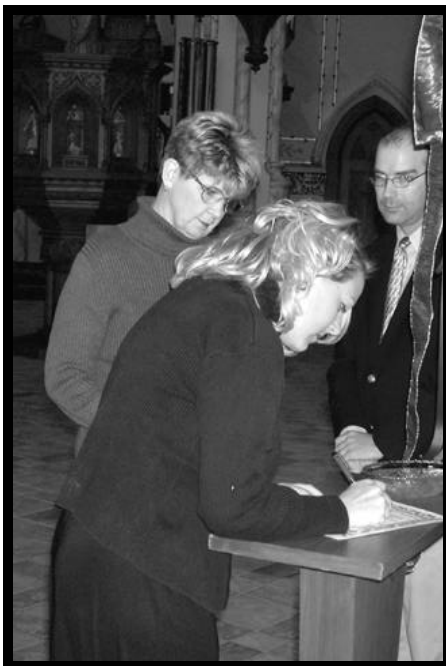


RITE OF ACCEPTANCE

At the 11:30 Mass last Sunday, RCIA candidates, assembling publicly for the first time this year, declared their intention to become members of the Church. St. Stanislaus Church in turn, carrying out its apostolic mission, accepted them as persons who intend to become members of our faith community.

Received into the order of Catechumens were Beth Szczepinski and Ronald Rogers. Accepted as candidates for "Full Communion" in the Catholic Church were Brandy Bouska, William McCrone, Karen Witt and Laurie Rogers. Those who wished to complete their initiation into the Church through the sacrament of Confirmation included Carma Kermes, Jennifer Gagliardo and Bobby DeTorto

Karen Witt signs the pledge of commitment, While her sponsor, Irene Soltis, and Team member, Bob Bertsch, witness.



RCIA Candidates and Sponsors are challenged to commit to a course of spiritual discovery.

OPLATKI

W polskiej tradycji nieodłącznym elementem wieczery wigilijnej jest biały opłatek, którym dzieć się składamy sobie życzenia. W opłatki te można zaopatrzyć się bądź w naszej plebani przy kościele św. Stanisława, bądź w konwencie Sióstr Nazaretanek, albo w zakrystii naszego kościoła po Mszy św., składając przy okazji drobną ofiarę.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

This year, December 8, the normative date for the Feast, falls on an Advent Sunday. Therefore the celebration is moved to Monday and it is NOT a day of obligation for Catholics.

WEDDING BANNERS

Andrzej Baranski & Atiyya Ahmad (III)
William Scullin & Aimee Mullikin (II)
Richard Smerglia & Kristin Mocadlo (I)

STILL TIME TO REGISTER FOR THE WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS RETREAT

The Community Life Commission is sponsoring a Women's Retreat on December 14, 2002, the retreat will be held at the Sisters' convent. The morning will include Mass at 9:00 AM, breakfast and a lecture by Sr. Donna Marie Wilhelm, former teacher at Cleveland Central Catholic and Pastoral Minister at St. Agnes/Our Lady of Fatima Parish in Cleveland. Come spend the morning together with other women of the parish as we prepare ourselves for our Christmas celebration. Please contact Marilyn Mosinski at 216-641-9932 or the rectory at 216-341-9091 to make your reservations. We are limited to 60 women. The last day to register is December 11. If you haven't registered yet—call now!

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE OF LITURGIES**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Wednesday, December 18
Communal Penance Liturgy 7:00PM
 Thursday, December 19
Polish Communal Penance 6:00PM
 Friday, December 20
Private Reconciliation 2:00-3:00PM
 Saturday, December 21
Private Reconciliation 3:00-4:45PM

Sunday Liturgies

Sundays of Advent, December 8,15,& 22
Godzinki (Polish) 3:00PM
Solemn Vespers 6:00PM

Christmas Liturgies

Tuesday, Christmas Eve
Family Christmas Mass 5:00PM
Kolendy & Christmas Carols 11:30PM
Midnight Christmas Mass 12:00PM
 Wednesday, Christmas Day
English Christmas Masses 8:30 & 11:30AM
Polish Christmas Mass 10:00AM

Daily Masses

Thursday-Tuesday, December 26-21
 8:30AM
 Thursday-Saturday, January 2-4
 8:30AM

The Year of the Lord 2003

Tuesday, December 31
Vigil Mass 5:00PM
 Wednesday, January 1
English Masses 8:30 & 11:30AM
Polish Mass 10:00AM

CHRISTMAS MARKET AT SAINT STANISLAUS

Looking for that unique, one-of-a-kind gift idea? Over the past year several parish fund-raising projects have produced attractive and unique items for sale. With Christmas approaching, many parishioners have asked if any of these "St. Stan's specialty gifts" are still available.

For the next weekends until Christmas, there will be a gift table set up in the vestibule of the church where people may find these unique gift ideas. You will find Christmas cards, framed photos of the church, religious items, cookbooks, Slavic Village books, and other good things. The members of the Lil Bros Club will be there to help with your selections. Remember, all proceeds go to benefit the church and the Lil Bros. Happy shopping!

NIPOKOLANE POCZĘCIE W uroczystość Niepokalanego Poczęcia Matki Najświętszej przypadającą 8 grudnia czyli w jutrzejszy poniedziałek Msza św. W języku polskim odprawiona będzie o godz. 5:00 po południu.

GODZINKI —Przez wszystkie cztery niedziele Adwentu modlimy się tradycyjną polską modlitwą zwaną **Godzinkami**. Nabożeństwo to śpiewamy w niedzielne popołudnie o godz. 3:00. Adwent to czas oczekiwania, refleksji i przygotowania się na Święta Bożego Narodzenia. Maryjna modlitwa **Godzinek** spełnia wszystkie te warunki. Stąd też postaramy się choćby raz w tym Adwencie włączyć się w tę modlitwę w naszym kościele.

POLSKIE TRADYCJE BOŻONARODZENIOWE

W Polsko-Amerykańskim Centrum Kultury (6501 Lansing Ave) będzie miała miejsce prezentacja polskich tradycji związanych ze Świętami Bożego Narodzenia. Chętni zapoznania się z tymi tradycjami lub przypomnienia sobie ich mogą to uczynić w dwu terminach: w sobotę 14 grudnia o godz. 4:00 po południu oraz w niedzielę 15 grudnia o godz. 3:00 po południu. W tym samym czasie w CENTRUM będzie trwała wystawa poskich szopek.

SPOWIED PRZEDŚWIĄTECZNA W czwartek 19 grudnia będzie okazja do pojednania się z Bogiem w ramach przygotowań do właściwego przeżycia Świąt Bożego Narodzenia. Polscy księża goszczący w kofesjonałach naszego kościoła św. Stanisława rozpoczną swoją posługę o godz. 6:00 wieczorem. Nie odkładajmy na ostatnią chwilę przed Świętami naszej spowiedzi, zaplanujmy sobie czas na nią już dzisiaj.

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.

POLISH CHRISTMAS TRADITION. The Polish American Cultural Center will sponsor a presentation of Polish Christmas traditions and display a variety of Polish-made mangers on December 14 and 15 at 3:00 PM. The Polish American Cultural Center is located at 6501 Lansing Avenue. Admission is free.

CAR DONATION/ TAX BREAK. Apply your tax break now! Donate your used car, van, or truck to the St. Vincent DePaul Society of the Diocese of Cleveland and avoid the hassles and headaches of trading it in or selling it yourself. Your vehicle will be sold and the proceeds will be used by the St. Vincent DePaul Society in their charitable programs that assist the needy and suffering throughout our Diocese. The Society will even tow it for free. For more information call 216-696-6525, extension 3150 or 1-800-869-6525, extension 3150.

POLISH CHRISTMAS LITURGY. *Pasterka*, or Shepherd's Mass, will be held on December 27 at St. Albert the Great Church on Wallings Road in North Royalton. Kolendy begins at 6:45 PM. The Mass will start at 7:30 PM. For more information contact Larry or Kay Gonet at 440-842-3535.

VIBRANT PARISH LIFE SURVEY NEXT WEEK
"Vibrant Parish Life" is a diocesan initiative designed to evaluate all parishes of the diocese based on the views and beliefs of parish members in areas such as celebrating, evangelizing, caring, teaching, and participating. Parish life is central to our well being at St. Stanislaus as we fulfill our mission to reach others through Christ. What are our strengths as a parish family? What can we do better? When can we join with other neighboring parish families in community prayer and activities? Next week, this initiative will take the form of a survey to gauge our vibrancy as a parish and a future town hall meeting. A copy of the survey, which parishioners will be asked to fill out during December, can be found on the bulletin board at the back of the church for your preview.

Dear Fellow Parishioners:

Words cannot express how thankful we are for your support during our family's time of need. Everything you have done, the blood and platelet donations, the toys, the gift of money, and most of all the many, many prayers that have been said is so wonderful.

God bless you, and from our hearts...thank you very much.

Love,

Frank, Laura, Phill and Derrick Artino

RELIGIOUS RETIREMENT FUND COLLECTION THIS WEEK! Help our Religious spend their retirement in dignity. Last year the people of the Diocese responded very generously (\$650,000) to the appeal for the Retirement Fund for the Religious. The funds collected were 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. ...

GOLDEN AGERS CHRISTMAS PARTY. The biggest bash of the season is put on by the St. Stanislaus Golden Agers, Sunday, December 15, at 1:00 PM in the Social Center. Cost is \$10.00 per person and all tickets must be purchased in advance. Call Agnes Fronckowiak (341-4092) for reservations.

CYO APPRECIATES THE SUPPORT! Thank you to all who helped support and make our annual CYO Pancake Breakfast successful. Special thanks to the "Kitchen Crew" of Dan Kane, Joe Calamante, Dave Kessel, Ray Pudelski, Marlene Bodor, Francis Olszewski, Irene Zybdniewski and to the coaches and members of the basketball and cheerleading teams for devoting their time and energy. Congratulations go to Ray Tegowski who was the winner of the Split Raffle.

OPŁATKI (CHRISTMAS WAFERS), from our Sisters, are available after all Masses. Donations are \$2.00 per package of four. See our Sisters or the Lil Bros gift table.



GOD BLESS AMERICA