ST. STANISLAUS STAFF

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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.

DIRECTORY:
Rectory Administration Office  341-9091
St. Stanislaus Elementary School  883-3307
St. Stanislaus Convent  341-0934
Social Center  341-0080
Central Catholic High School  441-4700

PARISH WEBSITE:
www.ststanislaus.org

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 dedicated in
1891.

MASS INTENTIONS

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
September 21 (Wrzesień), 2003
Sat   5:00 PM   +Janet Szarwark
Sun   8:30 AM   Sp. Int. Frank & Elizabeth Zuchowski
           Congratulations Frank & Elizabeth on your 63rd Anniversary
       10:00 AM   Sp. Int. Stephania Monka
       11:30 AM   Sp. Int. John and Debbie Ziss
           Congratulations, John & Debbie on your 25th Anniversary

1:00 PM Baptism of Samuel Winston Bascone

2:00 PM   Sp. Int. Cleveland Central HS Parents

Mon   Sep 22   Weekday
       7:00 AM   +Sophie Zerucha
       8:30 AM   +John Garchewski

Tue   Sep 23   Weekday
       7:00 AM   +Stanley Michalik
       8:30 AM   +Stanley Kolakowski

Wed   Sep 24   Weekday
       7:00 AM   +Stanley Szubski
       8:30 AM   +Helen Nemec

Thu   Sep 25   Weekday
       7:00 AM   +Rose Modlinski
       8:30 AM   +Edward Wisniewski

Fri   Sep 26   Weekday (Ss. Cosmas and Damian)
       7:00 AM   +Ted Nadolny
       8:30 AM   +Michele Mamakos

Sat   Sep 27   St. Vincent de Paul, priest
       8:30 AM   +Maryann Zdunczyk

2:00 PM Wedding of Craig Slesinger & Karen Witt

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
September 28 (Wrzesień), 2003
Sat   5:00 PM   +Paul Kalinowski
           Congratulations to Eleanor & Jerome (Harry) Moczadlo on their 60th Anniversary
Sun   8:30 AM   +Carl Sper
           +Anna & Henryk Sulewski and Tatiana & Antoni Trzaska
       11:30 AM   +Roman Lesniak
1:00 PM Baptisms of Tyler Joseph Fernandez and Maximilian John Muresan
**MUSIK – TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Mass**
- Processional: We Gather Together #288
- Offertory: Here I am, Lord #212
- Communion: I Want to Walk #202
- Recessional: Open Wide the Doors to Christ #186

**POLSKA MSZA ŚWIĘTA**
- Procesja: Kiedy ranne wstawają zorze #290
- Ofiarowanie: Kochajmy Pana #182
- Na Komunię: Jezu miłości Twej #180
- Zakończenie: Weź w Swą opiekę #249

**SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK**

**Mon** 6:45 PM   Bingo in the social center — air-conditioned.
**Tue** 7:00 PM   Finance Council meets in convectory.
**Wed** 6:00 PM   Próba chóru w kosciele.
6:30 PM   Youth Group meeting in the all purpose room.
7:00 PM   English Choir Rehearsal
8:00 PM   A.A. & Al-Anon in the social center.
**Thu** 2:00 PM   Festival cooking—Kielbasa & Kraut in the social center.
3:30 PM   Church Cleanup Crew works until 5:15.
**Fri** 9:00 AM   Cleveland Central Catholic Fall Festival in school until 2:00PM
2:00 PM   Festival cooking—Kielbasa & Kraut in the social center.
**Sat** 4:00 PM   Sacrament of Reconciliation until 4:45.
**Sun** 6:00 PM   WERE 1300AM till 8:00PM Rich Krzynowek’s Polka radio program with promo’s of the festival

**Welcome**
St. Stanislaus is reaching out in service to our diverse neighborhood people. 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 130 years.

**September**

...That’s the title of one of the songs from my favorite song cycle, Richard Strauss’s *Vier letzte Lieder* (Four Last Songs). The composer set four beautiful poems to music, three by Herman Hesse, the last by Joseph von Eichendorff. Hesse wrote the poem *September* around the time of World War I.

Strauss wrote the musical accompaniment to those words shortly after World War II. There are people in our midst who experienced the horror of both those wars. Who, including any one of them, be they soldier or civilian, would ever have imagined beauty to be able to flower out of the same animal kingdom that destroyed life so easily? And, yet, it did. The world which abandoned God and yet, proclaimed like a big baby, that He abandoned the world, continues to recover from each tantrum of evil in its undivine comedy.

God could never abandon humanity. Even Jesus, hanging on the Cross, showed His humanity when He actually uttered those words of despair before His final breath. In the end, His will joined that of His Father. In the end, the Spirit triumphed.

The Spirit is what transforms all the suffering into beauty, all the pain into truth, all the feelings of abandonment into those of joy. So we have the creation of something from nothing every second of time.

God’s presence is constant just as the Cross is constant. Of course He was at the World Trade Center. Of course He was at Auschwitz. Of course He was in the rectory last December 7th. His action of creation is as constant as His act of being. Truth and beauty will always grow into infinity while suffering will be only a point in time. The closing words of *September* proclaim this reality so lyrically:

*Long by the roses still
it (Summer) tarries, yearns for rest,
slowly closes its (great)
weary eyes.*

After bombs, torture, starvation and murder, still the Spirit soars.

David Krakowski

**SCHEDULE FOR MINISTERS**

*September 28 (Wrześień), 2003 Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time.*

**Sat** 5:00 PM   Lector—Rob Jagelewski
Euch. Min. — Carmine and Linda Vincenzo, Andy and Marge Flock
**Sun** 8:30 AM   Lector — Jim Sadowski
Euch. Min. — Chris Luboski, Mark and Nicole Kobylinski, Sharon Kozak
10:00 AM   Lector — Teresa Cyranek
Euch. Min. — Sr. Jane Frances, Witold Szalkoper
11:30 AM   Lector — Don Pieniak
Euch. Min. — Jeanette Simcox, Marilyn Mosinski, Ron and Joanne Grams

**PARISH SUPPORT**

*Last Sunday’s Collection*
5:00 PM .......................... $1,165.00
8:30 AM .......................... $1,161.00
10:00 AM .......................... $1,231.50
11:30 AM .......................... $1,076.00
Mailed in .......................... $895.00
Total (428 envelopes) .......................... $5,528.55
*Children’s Collection* (12) .......................... $19.00
THANK YOU!
“Where there is envy and selfish ambition there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy.”

James 5:16-17

Are we wise or are we foolish? No one likes to be considered a fool. In fact, we would very likely be insulted and even hurt if we were called foolish. Unfortunately, we human beings sometimes won’t admit our own foolishness, and so we become even MORE foolish! Better to be honest and admit the truth.

The Letter of James is full of very practical wisdom for everyday life. It is a typical Jewish code of ethics common at the time of the New Testament which the Christian community (under James?) incorporated as its own, and baptized with specific Christian adaptations. In this lesson we learn that selfishness is foolishness.

Human foolishness results in sin. In this case, envy, selfish ambition, disorder and wickedness — all these are the fruit of self-preoccupation, which has its roots in giving into the fear of abandonment. Wisdom, coming from above (i.e. God), counteracts this fear by focusing outside of oneself onto the Other — God, and producing good fruit for the glory of God and the benefit of others. Hence, the two principal commandments are fulfilled, to love God with one’s whole self and to love one’s neighbor as oneself.

Many years ago I heard a parable, supposedly Buddhist, about someone who died and was given two choices — heaven or hell. He was given the opportunity to visit each and to make his decision accordingly. He next visits heaven — there he sees a banquet hall full of gourmet foods that are aromatic and succulent. People are gathered around the table to eat. There is one stipulation — they must eat with an enormously oversized spoon. All the folks around the table are miserable, starving and groaning in agony because each time they attempt to serve themselves with the super-sized spoon, the food falls from the spoon onto the floor and so they perpetually starve!

He next visits hell — there he sees an identical table full of delicious foods with delightful aromas, and, of course, the huge spoons for feeding. Everyone is happy and there is great rejoicing and laughter, there is joy and people are well fed. Why? Our friend sees that the people in heaven have learned to use the enormous spoons to feed one another! Instead of feeding oneself, each person in heaven feeds another! People are gathered around the table only to eat. There is one stipulation — they must eat with an enormously oversized spoon. All the folks around the table are miserable, starving and groaning in agony because each time they attempt to serve themselves with the super-sized spoon, the food falls from the spoon onto the floor and so they perpetually starve!

Many years ago I heard a parable, supposedly Buddhist, about someone who died and was given two choices — heaven or hell. He was given the opportunity to visit each and to make his decision accordingly (obviously not the Christian perspective, but the story continues). He visits hell and sees a banquet hall full of gourmet foods that are aromatic and succulent. People are gathered around the table to eat. There is one stipulation — they must eat with an enormously oversized spoon. All the folks around the table are miserable, starving and groaning in agony because each time they attempt to serve themselves with the super-sized spoon, the food falls from the spoon onto the floor and so they perpetually starve!

The more I focus on myself the more miserable I become. Certainly I must take care of myself in a healthy manner. But when I become self-preoccupied and self-absorbed, I isolate myself from other people and become prone to envy and selfish ambition producing the bad fruit of disorder and wickedness of every kind. However, when I focus on the Lord and his infinite and eternal mercy, I find God’s wisdom readily available because I am free — I live in the integrity of my baptism. Selfishness is a suffocating prison which separates me from God and other people. Generosity, a fruit of God’s wisdom, is life-giving and liberating allowing me to love God and others.

Lord Jesus, change my foolish selfishness to wise generosity so that I may be peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and bear good fruit. Free me, Lord, to love as you love. Amen.

Peace, Fr. Joachim Studwell, OFM
Survey Results—Last in a series

As a result of our listening to parishioners and the ministry assessments we completed, the Vibrant Parish Life committee has submitted the following to the diocese in the form of a “Composite Summary” in three required areas: vibrancy, challenge, and collaboration.

The best resources and greatest examples of vibrancy in our parish are: (1) worship, (2) education, (3) neighborhood, (4) culture, (5) community and (6) pastoral care.

Areas where we would like to enhance the life and vitality of our parish, which would make us a better parish are: (1) improve evangelization efforts, (2) develop an even greater familiarity between the English- and Polish-speaking members of the congregation, (3) provide more outreach, services, and pastoral care to the poor, (4) enhance the quality of life within Slavic Village and continue the work of improving the neighborhood’s housing stock and (5) increase the weekly collections and improve income flow for ongoing capital and program needs.

Areas identified as most appropriate for collaboration with another parish are: (1) evangelization of the neighborhood, (2) revitalization of the neighborhood, (3) outreach groups, (4) youth groups, (5) charitable organizations, (6) continuous collaboration and (7) ecumenism.

The complete Composite Summary Form, which will include details about each of these areas, can be found on the back bulletin board for review. If you have any questions or concerns about any areas, please contact members of the VPL committee—Susan Halamek, Sharon Kozak, Matt Zielenski—or place a note in the collection basket addressed to VPL. And, if you would like to become a member of the VPL Committee, please call the rectory office.

INVITE A FRIEND TO BECOME CATHOLIC.

Our Rite for Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) will begin this year’s program on Monday, Sept. 22, 7:00 PM in the school all-purpose room. The first two Mondays of the program will be introductory, explaining what will be involved in the program. The program is especially designed for adults who have never been baptized, baptized Christians of other Faiths who wish to consider Catholicism and unconfirmed Catholics. Catholics who wish to update their understanding of Catholicism are also invited to take part in the program. Call Fr. Michael or Fr. Kim for additional information and to indicate your desire to register for the program.

CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION CAMPAIGN.

The collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign will be held next weekend. Use the special envelope in your envelope packet for your donation to this collection.

WEDDING BANNS
Craig Slesinger and Karen Witt (II)
Ronald Mieyal and Lisa Kopacz (I)

POLISH FESTIVAL RAFFLE TICKETS SOLD

As of Sep 10, $9,397.00

The Taizé Prayer Service of hope and Reconciliation Commemorating the Second Anniversary of Sept 11, was a very moving experience for the approximately 100 people who attended. Candles were lit by all participants in memory of the victims.
COMMUNITY NEWS
SEPTEMBER (WRZESIEÑ) 21, 2003

PAPAL JUBILEE EVENTS IN OCTOBER

The month of October will be full of events celebrating the 25th anniversary of our Holy Father, Pope John Paul II.

Here is a short list of those involving our parish:

October 12—26: Marian Art Exhibit
The church will host an exhibit of Marian Art from a variety of collections. A highlight of the exhibit will be a number of works by parishioners and local artists dealing with the Luminous mysteries. The show will be for three Sundays, Oct. 12, 19 and 26 from 3:00 until 7:00PM and by arrangement.

October 16 @ 6:30 p.m.: Polish Mass
Commemorating the Election of Karol Cardinal Wojty³a as Pope.
A reception will follow in the Social Center. (Bakers take heed!!!)

October 19 @3:00 p.m.: Catholic catholic choralfest.
An afternoon of music from numerous Cleveland Catholic churches performed in their native languages reflecting the universal cultures of the Catholic Church. A recording of this concert will be sent to the Holy Father as a gift.

POLISH FESTIVAL NEWS!
ONLY 11 DAYS UNTIL THE FESTIVAL!

COOKING SCHEDULE: We are down to our last week of cooking for the festival. This week we will be preparing the kielbasa and sauerkraut, and cabbage and noodles. On September 25th and 26th starting at 2:00pm will be cooking the kielbasa and sauerkraut. On September 30th and October 1st starting at 2:00pm we will be cooking the cabbage and noodles. All cooking is done in the Social Center Hall, contact Joe Calamante at 216-271-0832 with any questions.

Don’t forget to return your SOLD raffle tickets in collection basket or at the rectory office. If you sold your books we have plenty more to sell, please feel free to pickup another set by asking one of the priests or stopping by the rectory.

VOLUNTEERS: Thank you for all of you that have signed up to work the festival. We can still use a few more hands, if you have not already done so please make sure to sign up after all masses this weekend or contact Diane Bulanda at 440-439-7323 to discuss your hours that you can volunteer.

BASKETS: Remember we need your donated themed baskets by September 26th so we can use them for this years festival. You can drop them off at the rectory during the week or bring them to mass and give them to one of the priests. We need 90 filled baskets for this booth to be successful.

SETUP CREW: On Tuesday, September 30th we will be starting to build the booths for the festival. Starting at 6:00pm every night we will need a crew of people to help construct booths, and other decorations to help enhance the weekend. On Thursday evening, October 2nd at 6:00pm we will need a group of volunteers to help us wipe chairs and put out flower arrangements for the tables. Please mark your calendars to come down and help one of these nights if you cannot help the weekend of the festival. Also, we will need a crew to break down the festival on Sunday evening October 5th starting at 6:00pm.

VASJ ALUMNI BASH. The Villa Angela– St. Joseph Alumni Bash will be held on September 26, 2003 8 PM– midnight at the VASJ gymnasium The cost is $10 for free drinks and more. All alumni and friends of Villa Angela Academy or St. Joseph High School are encouraged to attend. Call 216-481-8414 extension 235 for more information.

FEAST OF THE HOLY ROSARY,
Tuesday, Oct. 7, 2003. All are invited to St. John Nepomucene Church on Fleet Ave. and E49th Street to pray the rosary before the Diocesan Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima. At 7:00PM. The Fatima Message is linked with bringing peace into our troubled world. The prayer intentions will include:
1. World Peace
2. Those who have died in the service of our country.
3. The consolation of the families whose loved ones have died during the two recent wars.
4. The safe return home of our troops.

Ursuline College Interior Design students spent a day at St. Stanislaus last week studying our Church and Facilities. Our Debbie Grale a graduate of Ursuline College helped coordinate the activities.

Photo by J. Jagelewski