ST. STANISLAUS STAFF

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

MASS INTENTIONS

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
September 24 Września 2006

Sat 5:00 PM +Adam & Frances Zaborowski
Sun 8:30 AM +Jeanette Zubal
10:00 AM +Dennis Pruc
11:30 AM +Ted Klimczak

Mon Sep 25 Weekday
7:00 AM +Walter & Cornelia Nowakowski
8:30 AM +Rose Modlinski

Tue Sep 26 Weekday (Ss. Cosmas and Damian, martyrs)
7:00 AM Sp. Int. Parishioners of St. Stanislaus Church
8:30 AM +Michele Mamakos

Wed Sep 27 St. Vincent de Paul, priest
Why not donate to the St. Vincent de Paul Society today!
7:00 AM +Maryann Zdunczyk
8:30 AM +Lee Ziembicki

Thu Sep 28 Weekday (St. Wenceslaus, martyr)
7:00 AM +Harry King
8:30 AM +Feliks Sosnowski

Fri Sept 29 Ss. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael Archangels
Happy Feast Day, Fr. Michael!
7:00 AM +Stanley Krakowski
8:30 AM +Mel & Tess Durdl

Sat Sept 30 St. Jerome, priest
8:30 AM +Stanley Kolakowski.

2:00 PM Wedding of Rafal Baldyga and Monika Socha

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
October 1 Października 2006

Sat 5:00 PM +Jerome Moczadlo
Sun 8:30 AM +Celina Kroll
10:00 AM Sp int Zhigniew & Gertruda Markiewicz

Congratulations Zbigniew & Gertruda on your 40th Anniversary
11:30 AM +Sophia Smiochowski
Spinach and the Pope

The last week’s big news stories seemed to concentrate on two big events in ‘our’ world. The first big story centered on the unfriendly bacteria (e.coli) found on Popeye’s favorite vegetable, spinach! Of course, those of us who remember the antics of that famous sailor will likewise recall that Popeye never ate bagged spinach. His brand of that energy food came straight out of a can! The spinach came out of the can, into his mouth and voila…the problem at hand was solved!

The second big story of the week was about the words heard at an academic symposium in Regensburg, Germany. The words had originally been said by a Byzantine Emperor in a discourse with a Persian Philosopher. The specific words are best not repeated here, but they were read in a certain context last week by our Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI in the context of a discussion regarding the irrationality of some extremist points of view in religious circles, a discussion about the particular aspect of violence within that context and a hope that a further fruitful discussion and dialogue would ensue. As with Popeye’s eating of his spinach, the goal of that discourse was meant to lead to a positive solution.

The unfortunate incidents which resulted from the misinterpretations of the Holy Father’s quotes were widely reported. Yet, overall, as the context was revealed, most people of the world understood the words of the Emperor were not coming from the heart of Benedict. It was pure torture listening to some TV and radio personalities either adding fuel to the ‘fire’ or simply making a mockery of both our religion and our pope out of their own ignorance or personal agenda.

Although our religions, i.e., Christian and Islam, are both monotheistic in nature, the notions of the God whom we desire to know differs greatly. Our view of God is one of a loving Father whose love eventuated itself in the person of Jesus, allowing the drama of salvation and the cross and resurrection. Muslims do not have that element of redemption in their belief system. To Muslims God is always Majesty but never Emmanuel—Jesus, a prophet, not God.

Our two systems will never be united in common beliefs, but they may be united in the sense of a belief in a Supreme Being and a respect for His creation. As we know throughout history, neither they nor we are totally innocent of blood on our hands in the promotion of what we each believe to be the Truth. As with the tainted spinach, that which is meant to be good may become harmful as the human condition enters the arena. As we enter another week, let us hope that good spinach will once again enter through our mouths to nourish our bodies and good words will alone leave our mouths to praise God.

David Krakowski
WWJD, WNCX, WDJD

Last week during my homily I quoted a classic rock song by the Rolling Stones, “You Can’t Always Get What You Want.” It made sense to me because the Gospel had Jesus asking who people thought he was, and the disciples were disturbed that the Jesus they got was not exactly the Messiah they looked for. This week, maybe a song from The Who comes to mind: “Who Are You?”

Is this a church or a classic rock station?

The Gospel last week asked us who we think Jesus is. But our answer to that question will lead to our answer to the next logical one — who do you think you are? If we are indeed created in the image and likeness of God, and Jesus is the clearest revelation of what and who God truly is, then the image of Jesus and the image of us should line up pretty closely — no? As I said last week, the problem comes when we try to make Jesus out to look a lot like us. But the opposite should happen. We should become more and more like Jesus, not make him more and more like us.

Who are you, Lord, and who am I?

To get at that, the question is not so much WWJD — What Would Jesus Do — but WDJD — What Did Jesus Do? We don’t answer that questioning a vacuum. We don’t have to imagine something out of the blue. “Well, I think Jesus would do this…” How can we answer what we think he might do, when so many of us don’t know what he did do? What Jesus did, what He said, who He is, all of this lines up with what He asked us to be about as well. So, the questions, “Who do you say Jesus is?” and “Who are you?” are very, very close to each other indeed.

Most Catholics, and many non-Catholics, are familiar with the Prayer of St. Francis. “Lord, make me an instrument of your peace…” Actually, Francis never said that prayer. It was promoted by Capuchin Franciscans in the 1800s as an expression of the spirit of St. Francis. But he himself never prayed it. Moreover, we do know some of the prayers he said. One story has it that, not long after his conversion, when his friends were still wondering why Francis had suddenly gotten all crazy about religion, he spent some time at the home of one of his lifelong buddies. This friend stayed awake all night to see if he could spy on Francis at prayer, and sure enough in the middle of the night he could hear his best friend uttering this simple prayer, over and over: “Who are you, Lord, and who am I?”

Isn’t that what it all comes down to? Whether you are comfortable with your prayer life or struggling right now, I recommend this simple prayer to you. Invite Saint Francis to be your personal prayer companion as you sit or kneel in some quiet place and let the Lord reveal Himself to you — and you to yourself.

In a week and a half, we will celebrate the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi. Since this year is the 100th anniversary of Franciscans serving at Saint Stanislaus, I hope that many of our parishioners will come out and join in this big day. May this centennial year be one where we celebrate who we are and who Jesus is for us.

Fr. Michael

KOŚCIÓŁ JAKO WSPÓLNOTA


Czym jest Kościół? Związyłe mówiąc, Kościół jest organizowaną przez Chrystusa wspólnotą ludzi wierzących, którzy chcą żyć wartościami duchowymi, a co za tym idzie nie może ona żyć tylko sama dla siebie. Doświadczanie łaski, Bożej mocy i miłości zwierzę tam wyjść ku innym, by powiedzieć: Szukaj! Chcę się z Tobą podzielić tym co przeżyłem. Nie chodzi tutaj o jakąś indytrykmaryzję, narażanie własnych przekonań, ale o świadectwo o propozycji wejścia w określone doświadczenie.

Banałem stało się stwierdzenie, nieprawdziwym zresztą, że wiara jest sprawą prywatną. To prawda, że chrześcijaństwo nie może być sprowadzane do zewnętrznych rytuów i gestów, czy też do obiektywnie sformułowanej doktryny. Osobiście przeżywanie spotkania z Bogiem nie oznacza jednak zamknięcia się w tzw. prywatności. Nikt z nas nie jest samotną wyspą. Nie wymyślamy sobie wiary, ale w niejmsnym lub większym stopniu jesteśmy "niesieni" przez wspólnotę pokolen. Chociaż Bóg powołuje każdego z nas osobno, po imieniu, to chce uczynić z nas swoj lud, wspólnotę, Kościół właściwie. Skoro ostatecznym powołaniem chrześcijanina jest powołanie do miłości, to byloby absurdem, gdyby ktoś takie powołanie chciał realizować w pojęciu. Jest sprawą oczywistą, że jeśli przeżywamy w głębokości naszego serca coś ważnego i pięknego, to pragniemy się tym podzielić, wyrazić to na zewnątrz. Jeśli wierzący w Boga nie mówiły o Bogu, to czymże była by jego wiara?

Dlatego warto aby każdy z nas zastanowił się jakie jest jego miejsce we wspólnocie wierzących. Należałoby zastanowić się nad swoim chrześcijaństwem w kontekście naszej parafii, kościoła, miasta w którym żyjesz, kraju. Nieustannie potrzeba nowego przeżywania wiary i nowej ewangelizacji. Ta nowość nie polega tylko na, czasem, głupawej pogoni za tym co nowe, ale z faktu, że Duch święty, który prowadzi nas do całej prawdy, jest Duchem nieustannej odnowy. I dlatego wreszcie tak ważna jest odpowiedzialność każdego z nas za wszystkich ochrzczonych, którzy może zbladłeli i daleko są od Boga, Kościoła, zazdrościeli na sprawy wiary. Co mogę zrobić? Myślę, że dużo, potrzebna tylko odwagi, ufności i żywej wiary.
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GOOD SHEPHERD OPEN HOUSE 9/27, FIRST DAY OF CLASS 10/4

Give your child or grandchild the opportunity to learn about Jesus in a loving, joyful atmosphere. The Good Shepherd program for children aged 3 to 6 will host an Open House for parents, grandparents, and children on Wednesday, Sept. 27, from 4:00 p.m. until 6:00.

Both new and returning students are invited to visit the classroom in its new location, Room 102 of St. Stan's school. You may enter the school through the west door that leads up the stairs from the church parking lot. Two-hour, weekly classes begin Wednesday, Oct. 4, at 4:00 p.m., and will run until May.

Registrations will be accepted for new students who will be 3 by Dec. 31 or are already 3 or 4 years old. Tuition for the nine-month program is $45.00. Scholarships are available. Printed information and registration forms are in the vestibule of the church. Space is limited, so register soon.

Please pray for everyone involved with what the children call "Jesus School." Contact Gloria Prevenslik (216-351-8712) or Jane Bobula (440-443-3900, ext. 105, janeEbobula@aol.com) for more information, including volunteer opportunities. Visit www.cgsusa.org to learn more about the Good Shepherd program, which began in Rome in the 1950's and is now taught around the world. The program is approved by the Cleveland diocese.

A parent in Massachusetts comments: I have been involved with the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd for several years and I believe it to be wonderfully faithful to the teachings of the Catholic Church. To me, it seems to present the truth and beauty of Scripture and liturgy in a way that is accessible and meaningful to children (and to the adults that humbly serve them). I find it matches with the Catechism of the Catholic Church in a marvelous way. It has been a blessing for me, my husband and my five children. This is a pedagogy and approach — not a boxed curriculum. Those who enter into it as children or as catechists are formed in such a way as to be ready to receive with joy the proclamation of the Kingdom. Cathy Johanni 6/28/2006

11 DAYS UNTIL...

...THE POLISH FESTIVAL! OCTOBER 6TH, 7TH AND 8TH

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 Sharon Kozak at 330-467-8532 to discuss your hours that you can volunteer

BAKERY NEEDED! Start finding those recipe cards for those fabulous pastries that we sell at our festival. Our bakers are the best from East to West! This is one thing that keeps our guests coming back each year. We can use any type of cake, strudels, pies, bread, cookies you are willing to donate. Please contact Linda Vincenzo at 216-271-2090 if you have questions of what bakery is the big hit at the booth! Bakery can be dropped off at the Social Center anytime on Friday, October 6th and throughout the festival weekend.

SETUP CREW: On Monday, October 2nd 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 5th starting at 4:00pm 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 8th starting at 6:00pm.

Polish Festival Adult Volunteer Sign up

Name: ____________________________________________________________

Telephone Number: ________________________________________________

Day(s) That you can volunteer: ______________________________________

___________________________________________

Hours that you can volunteer _________________________________________

Specific area you would like to volunteer: ______________________________
THE FATHER WILLIAM GULAS SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE would like to thank all who attended last weeks reverse raffle. The following lucky people split the $2000.00 grand prize: Dave Jachowicz, Nancy Davidson, Denise Boyle, Roberta Macenjar. A profit of $1,902.51 was made! Thanks to all attendees! The real winners were our parish kids!

SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL. How do you honor the saints? This week Wednesday is the feast day of St. Vincent de Paul, who is known for his compassion and care for the poor. Over the past couple of years, a handful of parishioners have worked hard to provide for the poor in our community by collaborating with the other Slavic Village parishes as well as several suburban parishes in maintaining a food pantry and help center on the grounds of Holy Name Church. Matt Zielinski reports that, over the past year, they have helped 45 families with utilities, given clothing to 50 people a month and food to 200 people a month. But they are almost out of money and supplies, and winter is coming. Can you make a donation soon?

THE CZECH CULTURAL CENTER OF SOKOL GREATER CLEVELAND takes great pleasure in presenting to the community an unusual musical experience. The Center will be host to a group of young musicians, the Bontifantes Boys Choir, from the Czech Republic on Friday October 27, 7:30 PM at the Historic Bohemian National Hall 4939 Broadway Ave. Adults $8.00, Children under 12 - $5.00. please call 216-663-5668

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER. A Marriage Encounter is 44 hours where married couples can get away from jobs, children, chores, and phones – and focus on each other. There is a Marriage Encounter weekend planned for November 10-12. For registration or information call 440-899-9002.

ST. IGNATIUS H.S. LATIN PROGRAM for elementary school boys is a brief introduction to the Latin language and Roman culture for young men in the 6th, 7th, and 8th grades. The course is held on Saturdays from 1:00 PM until 2:00 PM. The next session begins on Saturday October 14th and ends on Saturday November 11th. The course id FREE!!! If you are interested please call Mr. Joseph Zebrak at 651-0222 ext. 253 or e-mail jzebrak@ignatius.edu

ST JOSEPH CHRISTIAN LIFE CENTER 18485 Lake Shore Blvd / Cleveland REGISTER ONLINE: www.enterthecenter.org Or call, 216-531-7370x0

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE WEEKEND Friday, October 6, 4 PM-Sunday, October 8, 4PM

The Beginning Experience weekend program helps grieving single-again persons emerge from darkness of grief into the light of a new beginning, and move into the future with renewed hope. The program helps deal with the natural grief process and offers an opportunity, through God, for turning the pain of loss into an experience of positive growth. For more information call Carol Prohaska at 330-416-8911.

JOURNEY OF THE SPIRIT Sunday, October 8, 10am-3pm
Directed by Sr. Catherine Lee, CSJ
Join us for a day of slowing down and reflecting on life’s spiritual journey. Have there been detours or bumps in the road? What new routes may lie ahead? We will explore the teachings of four Catholic authors on the meaning of mindfulness, reflect on Jesus’ Sermon on the Mount and how to live the Beatitudes, and learn meaningful spiritual practices that bring us closer to God each day. Our time together will be a spiritual mappquest as we discern new and familiar roads to a deeper relationship with God. COST: $30 and includes lunch.