THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
November 19 Listopada 2006

Sat 5:00 PM  +Edward Czerpa
Sun 8:30 AM  +Stanley & Loretta Witczak
10:00 AM  +Czeslaw Markiewicz
11:30 AM  +James Sprungle II

Mon Nov 20  Weekday
7:00 AM  +William & Dorothy McGill
8:30 AM  +Eddie J. Racut
Tue Nov 21  Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
7:00 AM  Sp. Int. Joanne Piotrowski
8:30 AM  +Frank Kaminski
Wed Nov 22  St. Cecelia
7:00 AM  +Neal Potter
8:30 AM  +Margaret Gentile
Thu Nov 23  Weekday (THANKSGIVING DAY)
9:00 AM  +Daniel Szablewski
Fri Nov 24  St. Andrew Dung Lac & Companions
7:00 AM  +Anna & Jozefa Polakowska
8:30 AM  +John & Emily Grams
Sat Nov 25  Weekday (St. Catherine of Alexandria)
8:30 AM  +Stanley Kolakowski

SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING
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Sat 5:00 PM  +Stanley Hujarski
Sun 8:30 AM  +Jerry Vickowski
10:00 AM  +The Kopec Family
11:30 AM  +Mary D. Ziaja
ENGLISH MASS

Processional: Come, All You Blessed Ones #292
Presentation: Amazing Grace #312
Communion: O Blessed Savior #254
Recessional: We Are Your People #222

POLSKA MSZA ĆWIEŤA

Procesja: K to siê w opiekê #291
Ofiarowanie: Z tej biednej ziemi #196
Na Komuniê: Chrystus Pan karmi nas #142
Zakoñczenie: Pod Tw¹ obronê #299

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

Sun 11:30 AM Cleveland Central Catholic Alumni Mass
Tue 6:30 PM Combined English/Polish Choir Rehearsal
7:00 PM Pastoral Council meets in the rectory.
Wed 8:00 PM A.A. & Al-Anon in the social center.
3:30 PM Church Cleanup Crew works until 5:00.
Thu THANKSGIVING DAY
Fri Parish Office Closed
Sat 4:00 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation until 4:45.
Sun EUCHARISTIC DAY
12:30 PM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in church until 4:00PM
4:00 PM Solemn Vespers & Procession
Mon 7:00 PM Advent Retreat, Holy Name Church

PEACE GARDEN MEMORIAL BRICKS are still available for $100.00 each by contacting the rectory office. Order your brick in time for a spring 2007 installation. If you previously donated a brick, you may find it by taking a stroll in the garden.

The Window of the Souls in Purgatory

With the month of November now here the Church year approaches its ending. The scriptural readings reflect the idea of ‘the end’ the final judgment and the reality of the brevity of our lives on this earth. In our Roman Catholic tradition we believe that “all who die in God’s grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven.” (Catechism of the Catholic Church, section 1030)

A study of the window depicting the souls in purgatory (on the East wall of the church) is one which will require further investigation before I can definitively say what all the characters within the tableau represent. Of course the figure of Christ is obvious, but why He is depicted wearing a crimson robe and the crown of thorns is not yet clear to me. The idea of Christ’s suffering presents itself although His death is not depicted.

The image of the woman at His side seems to be that of Mary, the Mother of Jesus, for through her intercession the possibility of a soul’s release might be obtained.

The pope pictured in this window might be Gregory the Great who said that those in the state of imperfection “will expiate their faults by purgatorial flames.” What is known is that the Council of Trent declared that “the souls therein detained (in purgatory) are aided by the suffrages of the faithful and principally by the acceptable sacrifice of the altar.” That statement could explain the pope, representing the church, holding up the precious Body and Blood of Christ.

Perhaps all of my observations are incorrect, and I would welcome anyone’s input to clarify this window’s full meaning. In the meantime, let us remember to pray for all the faithful departed who might be in purgatory as their entry into heaven will be facilitated by those prayers, putting an end to their suffering and allowing them to see God in all His glory with all His Angels and Saints.

David Krakowski

SCHEDULE FOR MINISTERS

Christ the King Sunday, November 26

Sat 5:00 PM Lector — Tom Kroll
Euch. Min. — Marge & Andy Flock, Connie Aliff, Stan Witczak
Sun 8:30 AM Lector — Karen Neuman
Euch. Min. — Ray Tegowski, Loretta Horvath, Nicole & Mark Kobylinski
10:00 AM Lector — Mieczys³aw Garmcarek
Euch. Min. — Marcellina Sladewski, Ewalina Ejsmont, A. Jankowski, Mike Buczek
11:30 AM Lector — Richard Konisiewicz
Euch. Min. — Diane Bulanda, Stanley Koch, Bill Bobowicz, Emily Galish

PARISH SUPPORT

Last Sunday’s Collection
5:00 PM .......................................................... $845.75
8:30 AM .......................................................... $1,317.04
10:00 AM ......................................................... $880.00
11:30 AM ......................................................... $1,035.00
Mailed in .......................................................... $815.00
Total (338 envelopes) .................................... $4,892.79

Thank You for Generosity
Remember, we budget $6,000 per week.
LETS GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD, OUR GOD...
IT IS RIGHT TO GIVE HIM THANKS AND PRAISE!

Every Mass is Thanksgiving Day. The word “Eucharist” is Greek for “Thanksgiving.” And at every Mass, at the beginning of the Eucharistic Prayer, the priest begins the Preface to the prayer with a dialogue between him and the congregation. The Preface Dialogue is supposed to be exactly that — a conversation, a back-and-forth. The priest and the people are talking back and forth with each other about what we are all about to do. In a sense, the priest is asking the congregation a question, or maybe even permission: Are we ready for Eucharist now? Shall we go on? And the priest then lets him and each other know: Yes! It’s the right thing to do!

Then the priest turns the hearts of the faithful, and his own thoughts, to the Preface, which is usually sung if the Sanctus is going to be sung. In this prayer, we are praising God for the wonderful things God has done for us throughout all of time. We’re telling God how great he is! Then we join our voices to the song of the angels in singing the triple Hosanna. Imagine: We are singing with the angels! Even if our voices don’t sound all that good, we sing, and we let the angels make up the difference. And we sing out not just once, not twice, but three times to God that is holy, holy, holy.

What a banquet! What a feast! Food and drink from heaven, found at a table we ourselves have set! How can we not be lifted up and drawn in to the mystery that is placed into our hands, onto our tongues, the fire in our bellies? After all, you are what you eat.

This Thursday, millions of Americans will gather with family and friends around a table, sharing traditional foods and telling the same old stories that never grow old in the retelling. This Sunday, next Sunday, every Sunday, the family of Christ do the same. Next Sunday, however, is even more special for us at Saint Stanislaus. It is the day of our annual Eucharistic Devotion. After the 11:30 Mass, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for our adoration. At 4:00, we will celebrate Solemn Vespers and a procession with the Blessed Sacrament through the church.

Once a year we do this in such a special way. But this is simply an extension of what we do every Sunday, indeed every day, at Mass. We let Jesus know that we are happy that he is with us! We look at him and talk to him; we praise him and let him know how great he is; we open our hearts to him and pour out our troubles; we ask him to help people we love; we cry tears of sorrow over our sins, and we weep for joy at being forgiven by the One who gazes on us as we gaze on him; we lift him high and carry him through our church, through our world, through our lives.

Next Sunday, make every effort to spend some extra time with Jesus. Sometimes it’s hard to get to church at all, let alone give the Lord some extra time. Sit quietly before the Lord. Bring the kids and show them how to be silent before the Presence. Give the Lord a chance to speak to your heart. Listen… and sing!

Fr. Michael

PRZYSJECIE JEZUSA


Mocno utwierdziło mi w pamięci spotkanie jeszcze z czasów mojego pobytu w Niemczech. W czasie wizyty w szpitalu zapytał mnie starszy pan o dzisiajszą Ewangelię. Władczy było, że zajmowała go od dawna i szukał odpowiedzi nawet w rozmowie z biskupem. Chodziło mu o rozumienie słowa „pokolenie”. Nie przeniemiało to pokolenie, aż się to wszystko stanie. W znaczeniu potocznym rozmumiemy przez to określenie ludzi w jednym wieku. Rodzice to jedno pokolenie, ich dzieci to jez pokolenie następnie. W najszerszym znaczeniu czas jednego pokolenia to czas życia człowieka. A przecież od pierwszego przyjścia Jezusa minęło już 2000 lat! Nie pozostaje nam wobec tego nic innego, jak tylko rozumiem to słowo w najszerszym znaczeniu, jako czasu, czas, w którym ludzie istnieją na ziemi”. Pamiętajmy, że ta odpowiedź nie była zbyt przekonywująca dla mojego rozmówcy.

Dla mnie osobicie większą trudnością przedstawia słowa Jezusa, w których On stwierdza: Niebo i ziemia przemina, ale słowa moje nie przemina. Lecz o dniu owym lub godzinie nikt nie wie, ani aniołowie w niebie, ani Syn, tylko Ojciec. Jezus stwierdza, że nawet On nie zna tego dnia! Sąde, że te słowa wyrażają Jego solidarność z nami, ludźmi. Jezus wypowiada te słowa jako człowiek, jako ten, który dzielił się z nami, ludzkim. Jezus wypowiada te słowa jako człowiek, jako ten, który dzielił się z nami ludzkością. Druga racja, jak sadzę, jest prawda, że nie jest to czas określony z góry jakim Bożym dekretem. Raczej jest to wynik współdziałania dwóch czynników: Bożej Opatrzności, Bozego planu z jednej strony, a z drugiej strony — wolności człowieka, którego Bóg traktuje jako partnera, jako osobę, czyli kogoś obdarzonego wolną wolą, z którą się liczy.

Jak jest zasadniczy cel tej mowy Jezusa? Pierwszym celem jest jego przypomnienie, abysmy zrozumieli, czemu i gotowi, bo Syn Człowiecze przyjade w godzinie, o której niekto nie wie. Bo jeśli naprawdę kochamy Go, to obietnica przyjścia nie może wzbudzić w nas strachu, a wręcz przeciwnie — radość. A jeśli tej radosci nie jesteśmy pewni? To musimy sobie na nowo uświadomić, że Jezusa możemy spotkać na różne sposoby, często bardzo ukryte, bo w drugim człowieku. Obyśmy więc umieli rozpoznać Go w Jego przyjściach, czy może raczej cichych przejściach obok nas w życiu codziennym.

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Please do not phone as we cannot accept phone reservations.

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CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT THIS SUNDAY

Poverty in America continues to rise, despite the fact that many people work full-time and at more than one job. Housing and health care costs are skyrocketing, and wages are not keeping pace. This very day, 37 million Americans are struggling to escape poverty and Catholics across our country are part of that change. Join in solidarity with the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) to end poverty in our nation-one community at a time. Please use the envelopes provided in your monthly envelope packet and please be generous.

Your generosity will help low-income people as they work together to solve community problems, increase educational opportunities, and create jobs. CCHD is committed to helping people find permanent solutions to the problem of poverty, but they cannot do it alone. You can make a difference. Please be Generous!

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BUY YOUR GIANT EAGLE MANNA CARDS TODAY . . .

. . . and do your Christmas shopping! That's right! Plan out all your gift card shopping today for everyone on your Christmas list. Order your Giant Eagle Manna cards from St. Stanislaus and start shopping. Buy your gift-cards at Giant Eagle with your Manna cards. The church will get a percentage of the Giant Eagle cards purchased; you will get 20 cents credit--that's right, 20 cents--toward gas for every $50 in gift cards you buy! The church will benefit and so will you! Plan today and buy those GIANT EAGLE gift cards!!!
EUCARISTIC DAY

On Sunday Nov 26th, we will celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King and the last Sunday of the Church Year. St. Stanislaus Parish will have an opportunity to thank God for all the blessings of the year. We will have a public adoration of the Blessed Sacrament throughout the afternoon. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed on the altar immediately after the 11:30 AM Mass and remain there through a Holy Hour starting at 4:00 PM.

Parishioners are encouraged to set aside at least one half hour a family of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament in the course of the afternoon. The Procession and closing liturgy will take place during the 4:00 PM Holy Hour. A number of priests and sisters from the area will join us in prayer and thanksgiving. A special invitation has been extended to Our Lady of Lourdes, St. Hyacinth, and St. Casimir parishes to join in adoring our Eucharistic Lord.

COUNSELING ASSISTANCE FUND.
The holidays can be a stressful time for those who have been harmed by sexual abuse, especially by representatives of the Church. Counseling is a vital part of the healing process for those survivors. The Counseling Assistance Fund, created by the Catholic Conference of Ohio, can help individuals who are reluctant to contact the Church for help. For more information or to submit a claim, go to the website at:
www.counselingassistancefund.org

Slavic Village Development accepting applications for business incubator!

CLEVELAND – Slavic Village Development is accepting applications for its new Business Incubator Project. The competition will select one winning business concept to receive free rent for a year in a Slavic Village storefront.

The Slavic Village Business Incubator project is designed to promote entrepreneurship and attract new business development in the Cleveland neighborhood. As part of its overall neighborhood improvement plan, Slavic Village Development actively recruits small businesses and promotes retail corridors. With this project, Slavic Village Development is seeking to foster the creation of new businesses, with a focus on the retail and service sectors.

“This project will bring many benefits to the Slavic Village community,” said Marie Kittredge, Executive Director of Slavic Village Development. “It will support entrepreneurship, fill a vacant storefront in our retail district, and help establish a new business for local consumers.”

As part of the award, the Business Incubator winner will receive free rent for one year and the possibility of discounted rent in the second year for a total value of $12,000. The award winner will be matched up with business mentors for technical assistance to complete a business plan prior to the store’s grand opening and guidance through the business development process. Design and funding assistance from the Storefront Renovation Program will be available for new signage for the business.

“There is a critical need to help small business start-ups,” said Ned Handy, President & CEO of Charter One Bank. “The Business Incubator concept is one we’re proud to support. The free rent can really make a difference in getting a business off the ground and making it successful.”

Charter One is the No. 1 SBA lender to small businesses in the Greater Cleveland area. The Charter One Foundation provided grant funding for the incubator. A free workshop will be held in mid-November to assist interested entrepreneurs with business planning and fundamentals. For more information about the competition, application process, or workshop, visit www.slavicvillage.org, benc@slavicvillage.org or contact Slavic Village Development at (216) 429-1182. Completed applications must be submitted by 5 pm on Friday, December 8th.

The Business Incubator competition winner will be announced on January 15, 2007.

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