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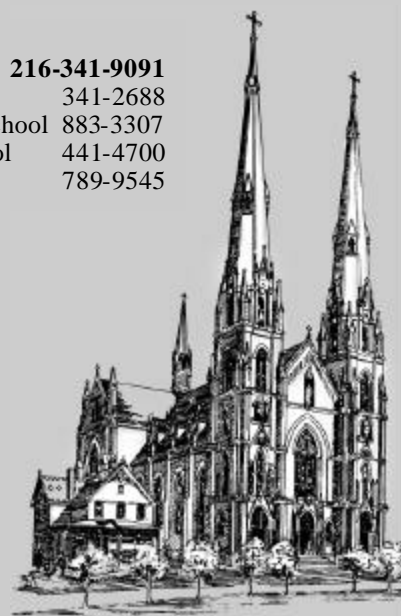
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The artist's sketch on the right depicts the original building with the spires. Corner Stone laid in 1886, and church dedicated in 1891.



SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

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

MASS INTENTIONS

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 17 (Maja), 2009

Sat	5:00 PM	Sp. Int. Parishioners of St. Stanislaus
Sun	8:30 AM	+Ricky Grygorcewicz
	10:00 AM	+Anthony Malysa
	11:30 AM	+John & Helen Litwinowicz
		<i>Congratulations to our First Holy Communicants</i>
Mon	May 18	Easter Weekday (John I, pope)
	7:00 AM	+Florence Bogacki
	8:30 AM	+Helen Kozlowski
Tue	May 19	Easter Weekday
	7:00 AM	+Beth Ann Kucinich
	8:30 AM	Sp. Int. Mary Ann Horgan
Wed	May 20	Easter Weekday (Bernardine of Sienna)
	7:00 AM	+Phyllis Yeskulski
	8:30 AM	+Lottie Gronowski
Thu	May 21	Easter Weekday
	7:00 AM	+Yeskulski Family
	8:30 AM	+Walter & Agnes Nach
	7:00 PM	Beatification of John Paul II
Fri	May 22	Easter Weekday
	7:00 AM	+Virginia Chlebanowski
	8:30 AM	+Helen & Ben Smiechowski
	6:00PM	<i>Wedding of Joseph Golubski and Theresa Konen</i>
Sat	May 23	Easter Weekday
	8:30 AM	+Stanley Dobrski
	11:00AM	<i>Wedding of Patrick McKenzie and Laura Gabel</i>

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

May 24 (Maja), 2009

Sat	5:00 PM	+Estelle Dailey
Sun	8:30 AM	+Alex Trom
	10:00 AM	Sp. Int. Parishioners
	11:30 AM	+Ray Klafczynski

MUSIC – SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

ENGLISH MASS

Processional: Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones #217
 Offertory: A New Commandment #259
 Communion: Litany, "Jesus, I Trust In You"
 Recessional: Alleluia! Let the Holy Anthem Rise #270

POLSKA MSZA ŚWIĘTA

Procesja: Wesoly nam #151 (zw.1,2,3))
 Ofiarowanie: Zmartwychwstał Pan (chór #125 śpiewnik)
 Na Komunię: Oto są baranki młode (kam. chór)
 Zakończenie: Cześć Maryji #356

“The Lord is risen, Alleluia...Sing out and praise the Lord, Alleluia!”
“Chrystus zmartwychwstał, Alleluja...Śpiewajcie Panu, Alleluja!”

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

Sun 11:30 AM First Communion
Mon 7:00 PM Pastoral Council meets in the rectory.
Wed 8:00 PM A.A. & Al-Anon in the social center.
Thu 3:00 PM Church Cleanup Crew
7:00 PM Mass for John Paul II Beatification
Sat 2:00 PM Egg Decorating Demonstration, Americana Café

Wedding Banns

Joseph Golubski & Theresa Konen (III)
Slawomir Twarowski & Agnieszka Ciesielski (II)
Steve Yanke & Brittany Buffington (I)
Lukasz Karapuda & Katarzyna Orzel (I)

Quiet Presence

Last Sunday I and my companion, Hercules, went ‘grave hopping,’ an event that I used to do each Mothers’ Day with my mother while she was alive. Of course, this year we had to go to two cemeteries, Calvary and All Saints, since now my family has honored remains at both places. There were so many people there that day remembering their mothers, decorating their plots with flowers, weeding, trimming and praying. Hercules, on the other hand, was enjoying the wide open spaces and the sun and the breeze. In the quiet of the sacred space I watched him enjoy himself and live. It was all so peaceful - nothing grandiose or spectacular.

All this reminded me of how God lives with us on a regular basis —quietly. We don’t need to see amazing signs like earthquakes and signs from the sun and visits from angelic hosts. Not that these things don’t happen, but they are not God’s normal behavior. I think He prefers to whisper. He likes to speak and hear with His eyes, always taking in the bigger picture and never blinking so as to miss a detail. As I mentioned in last week’s article, He knows our hearts, desires and needs more than anyone.

Also, in last week’s article I mistranslated one of the phrases of the Polish hymn “*Matka*” when I used the wrong pronoun: instead of saying ‘It was beautiful and quiet like Spring’ I should have said “SHE was beautiful and quiet like Spring”!! The reference was to Mary, the Mother of Jesus! My official translator and friend, as well as burgeoning chef, Fr. Placyd pointed this out to me. That was a wonderful thing. The idea of Mary fitting that description was truly beautiful! Again, the idea of something so amazing being so quiet.

At Saturday evening’s concert (attended by some 800 people, 790 of whom were non-parishioners) I really felt that quiet presence in our midst. The Blessed Sacrament was reserved in another place of honor outside of the church proper, but God was there listening to the music without doubt. Along with all those present He enjoyed hearing Mozart’s ‘Jupiter Symphony’ and Schubert’s ‘Mass in G Major’, two masterpieces of classical music. Then, as the second encore began, I took my seat on the steps leading to the pulpit as CityMusic Cleveland, Choir and conductor, James Gaffigan, performed Mozart’s lovely hymn “Ave Verum Corpus.” As the artists wove their melodic web my eyes focused on the image of Mary on our ‘Altar of the Three Queens’ where her crowned image has her holding the infant Jesus, pointing to His heart! I had never noticed that in the eleven years I have been here!!! There was God’s quiet presence again pointed out to me as well as the indication of His loving sacred heart. The love and mercy which flows from God was so obvious in the delicate music we were blessed to hear.

God loves whispering. When He must scream it’s because we have stopped listening or are becoming hard of hearing. Listen to Him and observe His hand in the simple beauty around us, in each person, in each moment of life, life which flows from His wounded and loving sacred heart.

David Krakowski

SCHEDULE FOR MINISTERS

Ascension of the Lord, May 24, Maja 2009

Sat 5:00 PM Lector — Rob Jagelewski
 Euch. Min. — Marilyn Mosinski, Mike Wilks, Chris Wisniewski, Stan Witczak

Sun 8:30 AM Lector — Susan Halamek
 Euch. Min. — Nicole & Mark Kobylinski, Sharon Kozak, Loretta Horvath

10:00 AM Lector — Teresa Cyranek
 Euch. Min. — Ewelina Ejsmont, W. Sztalkoper, Tom Monzell, A. Jankowski

11:30 AM Lector — Mike Leahy
 Euch. Min. — Angela Revay, Frank Greczanik, Larry Wilks, Stanley Koch

PARISH SUPPORT

Last Sunday’s Collection

5:00 PM (90).....\$1,199.25
 8:30 AM (82).....\$1,371.00
 10:00 AM (83).....\$899.93
 11:30 AM (64).....\$994.90
 Mailed in (52).....\$1,708.00
 Total (371 envelopes) **\$6,173.08**
 Silent Carnival (480) **\$2,402.00**
THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY



MORE LIGHT, LESS HEAT

“Catholic Leader Confers Honor on Pro-Choice President!”
Who would do such a thing and still call himself a Catholic?

The Pope.

This Sunday, the University of Notre Dame will confer an honorary degree on President Barack Obama at its commencement ceremonies.

There is a heated response to this invitation, because the President’s position on abortion and stem cell research is opposed to the Catholic Church’s strong pro-life stance on these issues. Though many U.S. bishops have voiced opposition to the conferral of this award, the majority have not said anything one way or the other. Notre Dame alumni have threatened to withhold donations, but most of the current students approve of the President’s appearance.

Very few seem to be taking a neutral stand. People are very, very strongly supportive of, or in opposition to, the decision of the university. Some parishioners have asked me, either verbally or in e-mail, what to make of all this. Other parishioners have just told me what I *should* make of all this.

Regardless of what one thinks of the current President and his policies, perhaps the clearest and most reasoned response appeared in the May 11 edition of *America Magazine*, the weekly Catholic periodical published by the Jesuits of the United States. In this editorial, the writer expresses concern over “Sectarian Catholicism,” whom he compares to the Donatists, a heretical sect opposed by St. Augustine long ago. The Donatists tried to keep themselves perfect and pure by having nothing to do with the official Roman government, as if they were the only true Christians. Augustine had a broader view of who truly belonged to the Church, leaving the judgment up to God.

Nobody would call St. Augustine a weakling on Catholicism, nor would the Pope be one — Benedict XVI, who recently made the pro-choice French President Nicolas Sarkozy an honorary canon of the Basilica of St. John Lateran in Rome, the Pope’s Cathedral, as popes have done since 1604.

America suggests four steps to avoid ripping apart the unity of the Church: “First, the bishops’ discipline about speakers and awards at Catholic institutions should be narrowed to exclude from platforms and awards only those Catholics who explicitly oppose formal Catholic teaching. Second, in politics we must reaffirm the distinction between the authoritative teaching of principles and legitimate prudential differences in applying principles to public life. Third, all sides should return to the teaching of the Second Vatican Council and Pope Paul VI that in politics there are usually several ways to attain the same goals. Finally, church leaders must promote the primacy of charity among Catholics who advocate different political options. For as the Council declared, ‘The bonds which unite the faithful are mightier than anything which divides them’ (Pastoral Constitution on the Modern World, No. 92).”

In what is necessary, seek unity. But in all things, seek charity.

Fr. Michael

Aby radosc byla pelna

Na ogól naszej radosci brakuje czegos do pelni. Trudno jest nam przezywac radosc cala swoja istota. A czlowiek stworzony jest do szczescia czyli do przezywania radosci.

I kiedy nie odczuwa takiej radosci, to szuka jej w innych rzeczach. W skrajnych przypadkach sa takie uzywki jak alkohol czy narkotyki.

To pragnienie szczescia i radosci wszczepil nam sam Pan Bóg. I tylko On jest w stanie zaspokoic je bez reszty i poczucia niedosytu. Sw. Augustyn napisal: *Stworzyles nas Panie dla siebie* (doslownie: *ukierunkowanych do Ciebie*) *i niespokojne jest nasze serce, dopóki nie spocznie w Tobie.*

Bardzo madre i slusne powiedzenie. W dzisiejszej Ewangelii slyszymy cos, co mozemy nazwac „przepisem” na spelnienie sie tego w nas, Jezusowych uczniach. *Wytrwajcie w milosci mojej! Jesli bedziecie zachowywac moje przykazania, bedziecie trwac w milosci mojej, tak jak Ja zachowalem przykazania Ojca mego i trwam w Jego milosci. To wam powiedzialem, aby radosc moja w was byla i aby radosc wasza byla pelna.*

„Wytrwajcie w milosci mojej” - dzisiejszy fragment Ewangelii to kontynuacja Ewangelii z ostatniej niedzieli. Wtedy siedem razy uslyszelismy slowo „trwac” w róznych formach. Jezus zwraca sie do swoich uczniów, a wlasciwie prosi ich, aby wytrwali w Jego milosci. I to samo wezwanie slyszymy jeszcze raz dzisiaj. Tak bardzo zalezy Jezusowi na tym, abysmy trwali w Jego milosci.

W jaki sposob mozemy trwac w Jego milosci? - zachowujac Jego przykazania.

I co nam daje zachowanie przykazan? - Pelnie radosci. *To wam powiedzialem, aby radosc moja w was byla i aby radosc wasza byla pelna.*

I wtedy Jezus daje nowe przykazanie. Jakie to przykazanie? - *To jest moje przykazanie, abyscie sie wzajemnie milowali, tak jak Ja was umilowalem.*

Zachowanie przykazan Jezusa oznacza, ze trwamy w Nim i jestesmy uczestnikami Jego radosci. A On posiada jej pelnie.

W tym miejscu dobrze jest przeczytac inny fragment Ewangelii, gdzie Jezus opowiada przypowieść o talentach. Do tych, którzy dobrze uzywali otrzymane talenty, Pan zwraca sie w slowach: *Dobrze, slugo dobry i wierny! Byles wierny w rzeczach niewielu, nad wieloma cie postawie: wejdz do radosci twego pana!* (Mt 25, 21).

Porównujac te dwa fragmenty Ewangelii widzimy, ze bycie wiernym w codziennym zyciu i dobre uzywanie otrzymanych przez Boga darów to wlasciwie to samo, co zachowywanie przykazan. Bo jedno i drugie powoduje, ze radosc staje sie naszym udzialem.

Da sie tu zauwazyc ciekawy aspekt tej radosci. O ile w przypowieści o talentach wzieziet z Ewangelii wedlug sw. Mateusza jest mowa o radosci, która wierny sludzy otrzymajac w niebie, o tyle slowa Jezusa zapisane w Ewangelii wedlug sw. Jana mówia o radosci, która moze stac sie naszym udzialem juz teraz. Jak to pogodzic? Zachowujac przykazania zaslugujemy na nagrode i pelnie radosci w niebie, ale zachowujac przykazania **juz** tu na ziemi mamy jej przedsmak.

o. Placyd





The Four Eagles Award Recipients From left to right: William Bican on behalf of Bican Funeral Home, Joe Mosinski on behalf of Mosinski Funeral Home, David Komorowski on behalf of Komorowski Funeral Home, Bob Golubski on behalf of Golubski Funeral Home and John Fortuna on behalf of Fortuna Funeral Home and Fr. Michael Surufka (Presenter)

FOUR EAGLES AWARD BANQUET

A huge thank you to the 184 people who attended the Seventh Annual Four Eagle Awards Banquet and Silent Auction held this past Friday, May 8, 2009, in the St. Stanislaus Social Center. If you were there, you were able to see the transformation of the Social Center into a beautiful hall, sample the delicious foods prepared by Rick Sklodowski and his staff, bid on 56 items at the Silent Auction, and celebrate the ministry provided by Bican Brothers Funeral Home, Fortuna Funeral Home, Golubski Funeral Home, Komorowski Funeral Home, and Mosinski Funeral Home to the community of St. Stanislaus and Slavic Village area. If you were there, you were able to walk through the event and hear conversations and laughter, along with feeling the energy of the event with the parishioners and friends who attended. It is not too early to plan for next year. Save the date for the 8th Four Eagle event--it will be held on Friday, May 7, 2010! Hope to see you there!"

Photo by Sharon Kozak

INFANTS AND TODDLERS OF SLAVIC VILLAGE —

Reach out and help someone! It's easy... just add an extra box of cereal, a can of Beef-a-Roni, maybe a box of crackers or mac'n cheese to your grocery list this week and donate it to the Infants / Toddlers of Slavic Village. The possibilities are numerous — the price range doesn't matter, whatever you can afford. The REWARDS are HEAVENLY. *"Whatsoever you do for the least of my children, that you do unto me."* Please help fill our baskets — you also get a chance to win a spa treatment and a gift card with each donation. You can help someone less fortunate and treat yourself at the same time.

2010 MASS BOOK

The 2010 Mass book is now open. However we still have many available weekday Mass dates for the latter part of 2009. **If you would like additional Masses for this year please book them now.** You may mail your Mass intentions or drop them into the collection basket along with the customary stipend and your requested dates. Office Hours are from 9:00AM to 5:00 PM.

PASTORAL COUNCIL ELECTION

Hundreds of parishioners responded at the Masses last weekend to the call to select new members for service on the Parish Pastoral Council. Many thanks to the five parishioners who accepted nominations.

Matthew Zielenski and Alice Klafczynski were elected to serve terms for three years. Each year the pastor selects three people to serve for a one-year appointed term. Fran Conductor and Vicky Williams have agreed to serve the parish in this capacity. Also, Fr. Michael will appoint a person from Saint Hyacinth Parish to a one year term, as we continue our clustering with that parish. That person is yet to be designated by their parish.

Many thanks to the council members whose terms are coming to an end — Betty Dabrowski, Marie Busch, Nancy Mack, Mateusz Sladewski, Ralph Trepal.

DAD'S CLUB PENNY RAFFLE

Here is your chance to win a four foot concrete garden statue of the Blessed Mother. Only 500 tickets will be sold. Ticket cost is one penny to five dollars — you pick an envelope and pay what your ticket number is (for example if your ticket number is 201 you pay \$2.01). Tickets are available in the vestibule of the church. The raffle will take place when all tickets are sold.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING RECENTLY DECEASED OF OUR PARISH

Irene Caesar
Let the Perpetual Light
shine upon her



**THIS THURSDAY AT 7:00 PM, MASS FOR THE BEATIFICATION OF JOHN PAUL II
VENERATION OF THE RELIC — MITRE**

EAT YOUR VEGETABLES

In honor of Mother's Day and Father's Day 2009, help yourself heed their important words "EAT YOUR VEGETABLES!" by making plans now to participate in the **2009 Slavic Village "Open Air" Public Market Stop**, held weekly from mid-June through October at the Mural Garden Park 5728 Broadway—near East 55th (times of business to be announced). The best of Northeast Ohio grown produce & Products from area farms & market gardens, at very reasonable prices and quantities to meet all pocketbooks & home sizes.

For details, information, and sign ups, call 216-429-1182 Extension 107 or 216-258-6037 (cell).

BEESWAX EGG DECORATING: Ann Greczanik, one of our very talented and artistic parishioners will be giving free lessons on *Traditional Beeswax Egg Decorating* at the Americana Café (across from the church) from 2-5 PM May 23. All you need to bring is an eraser top pencil, hard boiled eggs and a willingness to learn. For more information or questions call Ann at 216-441-0552

DIOCESAN 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

The diocese of Cleveland is holding an Anniversary Celebration Mass on Sunday July 26th, 2:30 PM at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist. The Most Reverend Richard G. Lennon, Bishop of Cleveland will be the principal celebrant. Reservations are now being accepted for couples married 50 years (married in 1959).

Couples who are celebrating other significant years 55 or over or have missed previous celebrations are welcome to register and attend. Seating is limited at the Cathedral. Number of guests will be determined by the seating capacity and total number of registered.

LOLLY THE TROLLEY AND CORPUS CHRISTI

Lolly the Trolley will be available for anyone unable to walk the entire route of our annual Corpus Christi Procession on June 14th, but we ask that you reserve your seat in advance by calling Chris Luboski at (216) 407-1144 as soon as possible, as seating is limited to 38 people. A name tag will be mailed to you for you to wear as you board the trolley, which will arrive in front of the church at 11:00 AM. The procession should begin around 11:30 AM. If you are attending the 10:30 AM Mass that day, please make your way to the trolley immediately after the Mass. If you are attending the procession only, you may board the trolley after it arrives at 11:00 AM.

PEACE GARDEN MEMORIAL BRICKS

What a great way to make a permanent memorial to someone, living or deceased! The donation for memorial bricks is \$100.00 each. Order your brick in time for a Fall 2009 installation by contacting the rectory. If you previously donated a brick, you may find it by taking a stroll in the garden.

SILENT CARNIVAL WINNER

We would like to congratulate the first \$50 winner of the 2009 Silent Carnival — **James Ostrowski!** James is a scholar at M.I.T. As a college student he will put his winnings to good use! There is still plenty of time to send in your Silent Carnival envelopes and get ready to get a little green back! Remember that the grand drawing will be on Fathers Day — Sunday June 21st. (10) \$150.00 winners and (10) \$100.00 winners

BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS

Before a family may schedule the celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism, parents must attend a class to prepare them. Slavic Village parishes share this responsibility with each other. The next class will be held at Saint John Nepomucene Church on Sunday, June 7, at 12:30 PM. Please call them at 641-8444 if you plan to attend.

BUY MANNA CARDS

PRIEST LURED AND ROBBED.

Says He Was Held Prisoner Until He Signed Notes and Checks.

CLEVELAND, Aug. 26.—Upon the statement of the Rev. Benedict Rosinski, a Catholic priest, that he had been held prisoner for twenty-four hours, without food, and forced to sign two notes and checks amounting to \$2,000, some of which have since been cashed, besides being robbed of money and jewels, two men and a woman were arrested to-day. The woman is said to have lured the priest to a room in Cedar Avenue by pretending to be ill and in need of spiritual consolation, and the men are said to have rushed in upon them and held Father Rosinski prisoner until he agreed to their demands.

Father Rosinski says he got two telephone messages on Thursday, urging him to call on Jennie Olenski of 380 Cedar Avenue. He had been there only a few moments when Julian Tuszynski came in, and, declaring he was the woman's fiance, demanded that the priest give up \$4,000 for alienating her affections. With Tuszynski was Leo Czechowski, both of whom, according to Father Rosinski, began to beat him and tear his clothes when he refused to give them any money. His jewelry and \$50 were taken from him, and he was kept without food or water until he signed the checks and notes. These checks were cashed by Tuszynski and the woman, it is said.

When Father Rosinski was released he told the police and the two men and the woman were arrested. Two notes and \$60 were found under a carpet in the woman's room.

The New York Times

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ST. STAN'S HISTORICAL FACT

by Rob Jagelewski



A newspaper article in the *New York Times* tells of an incident which centered around Father Benedict Rosinski, Pastor of St. Stanislaus Parish from 1892–1905. This incident occurred on August 26, 1905. Father Rosinski told the Cleveland Police that he had been held prisoner for twenty four hours, without food, and forced to sign two notes and checks amounting to \$2,000. He was also robbed of money and jewels. Two men and a woman were arrested in this incident. Father Rosinski was asked to come to see an ill parishioner. The men rushed into the room and held Father Rosinski prisoner. The two men beat Father Rosinski and tore his clothes. He was kept without food and water until he signed the checks. When Father Rosinski was released he went to the police and the culprits were arrested.