

*Shrine Church of Saint Stanislaus*  
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Dear Parishioners and Friends of our Shrine Church,

Even though the first day of Spring is still a couple weeks away and we had a blast of snow the second weekend in March, we're still all gearing up for the great celebrations of Holy Week and Easter, which fall earlier this year during the last full week in the month of March.

Along with this letter you will find a complete listing of Upcoming Events here at our Shrine Church. Of greatest importance are the spiritual opportunities available. Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup> is our Lenten Communal Penance and a great opportunity to go to confession. Our services on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday are once-a-year unique celebrations which together form the Sacred Triduum — the holiest time in our church year. And, of course, all these culminate with the triumphal Easter observance, that event which gives fulfillment to God's plan for our salvation. If you are at all able, we hope you will join us for these celebrations. Even if not, be sure to keep them alive in your heart, home, and family!

One of the most important days on our Parish's calendar occurs on Friday evening, May 10<sup>th</sup> when we will have our annual FOUR EAGLES AWARD BANQUET. As we continue our celebration of the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of our Parish and this year's 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our designation as a Shrine Church, it is only appropriate that this year's award be presented to THE PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS OF ST. STANISLAUS — PAST, PRESENT, and FUTURE. So, *CONGRATULATIONS to YOU!* We hope you'll join us to accept your award! Watch-out for the mailing which will be arriving shortly but circle that date on your calendar NOW and plan on being with us.

That following Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, is Mother's Day and also when we have our annual May Crowning. We remember in prayer our living and deceased Mothers while also honoring our heavenly Mother, Mary. June 2<sup>nd</sup> is the Feast of Corpus Christi and always a special day at St. Stanislaus. As one of the few parishes to still have the traditional procession to the four altars, you'll want — especially during this time of Eucharistic Revival in our country — to be a part of this living moment in history. Father's Day falls on June 16<sup>th</sup> and, minus the May Crowning, gives us a chance to do the same for them as we did for our Moms. Before you know it, October 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, & 6<sup>th</sup> will be here and it'll be time for our next POLISH FESTIVAL. Can't wait! How about you?

Turning to other matters, things are going well at our Parish Elementary School. We join our Campus partners at Cleveland Central Catholic in being excited about construction beginning on the new entrance to our Social Center. After all these years — we'll have an ELEVATOR!!! Some steam leaks in the pipes in the crawl space beneath the church have been repaired but, given some damage and years of wear, we are now assessing as to whether we can refinish or must replace our current flooring under the pews. After checking to ensure structural integrity was intact, some resulting plaster issues on some of our pillars will also be repaired. Finally, we are actively pursuing the possibility of securing outside funding to help with the replacement of the church and rectory roofs — a matter which will need to be addressed much sooner than later if we wish to preserve what is beneath them. We can use your help in all these matters, so please keep these worthy endeavors in your prayers and never doubt what they can accomplish...with faith the size of a mustard seed!

Please know you always have a fond remembrance in our prayers and Masses and we hope you'll remember us at Easter time, too. May God bless you and yours. *A Happy and Blessed Easter to you and all you love! Chrystus Zmartwychwstał! Wesolego, Alleluia!*

Yours devotedly in Christ,

*Father Eric Orzech*  
Rev. Fr. Eric S. Orzech  
Pastor



# *Saint Stanislaus Church*

## *Upcoming Events*

### **MARCH 20<sup>TH</sup>, LENTEN COMMUNAL PENANCE, 7PM**

A number of guest priest will be with us to help celebrate this Sacrament in both English and Polish. Do take advantage of this last major occasion for confessions before Holy Week. Jesus died to take away our sins. Let Him do it!

### **MARCH 24<sup>TH</sup>, PALM SUNDAY**

As we celebrate Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem at each weekend Mass, the Saturday Vigil at 5PM and Sunday at 8:30AM, 10AM Polish, and 11:30AM, palms will be blessed and distributed following Mass for use in the shrine areas and devotional places in our homes.

### **MARCH 28<sup>TH</sup>, HOLY THURSDAY, 7PM**

The Mass of the Lord's Supper features the Washing of Feet symbolic of our Lord's "*mandatum*" – the new commandment to be of loving service to others. The solemn Eucharistic Procession to the place of reposition concludes the ceremony and is followed by time for prayer in front of the Blessed Sacrament until (*and we are one of the few churches still doing so*) midnight. Accept Jesus' invitation and come to spend time in prayer with Him!

### **MARCH 29<sup>TH</sup>, GOOD FRIDAY**

Today we commemorate our Lord's Passion and Death. It is a day of fast and abstinence. Stations of the Cross in English will be at 12 Noon followed by the Passion Service with Veneration of the Cross and distribution of Holy Communion at 2PM. The church will remain open throughout the day to venerate the Cross. Stations of the Cross in Polish will be at 6PM followed by *Gorzkie Zale* and the distribution of Holy Communion.

### **MARCH 30<sup>TH</sup>, HOLY SATURDAY**

The traditional blessing of the Easter foods will take place on-the-hour at 10AM, 11AM, 12 Noon, 1PM, and 2PM. The Solemn Easter Vigil with the blessing of the new fire, extended Liturgy of the Word, Renewal of Baptismal Promises and blessing with the Easter Water, will be at 8PM. Note: there will not be afternoon confessions or the 5PM Vigil Mass this day.

### **MARCH 31<sup>ST</sup>, EASTER SUNDAY**

*CHRYSTUS ZMARTWYCHWSTAL – CHRIST IS RISEN – ALLELUIA! Rezurekcja* Mass at dawn in Polish with the traditional procession at 6:30AM. Solemn Masses of Easter with full musical accompaniment and with Renewal of Baptismal Promises and Blessing with the Easter Water at 8:30AM, 10AM in Polish, and 11:30AM. *A happy and blessed Easter to all!!!*

### **APRIL 1<sup>ST</sup>, DINGUS DAY, 10AM**

Start your celebration of this "*Drugi Dzień Świąt*" the right way by joining us for a specially-timed Mass at 10AM. And, of course, we'll be doing the SPRINKLING RITE!



### **APRIL 6<sup>TH</sup>/7<sup>TH</sup>, DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

The Octave of Easter culminates with the outpouring of God's merciful love. Solemn Masses with Divine Mercy Devotions at the 5PM Saturday Vigil and the 8:30AM, 10AM Polish, and 11:30AM Masses. Jesus said "*Ask, and you shall receive.*"...so let's be sure this day to ask for His mercy!

### **MAY 10<sup>TH</sup>, FRIDAY, THE FOUR EAGLES' AWARD BANQUET, 6PM**

One of the most important days on our Parish calendar is when we have this gala event – which truly is the hidden gem of the Cleveland Social Scene – at the Tremont City Side Ballroom. In honor of our Parish' 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary and the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our designation as a Shrine Church, it is only appropriate that this year's award be presented to THE PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS OF OUR SHRINE CHURCH – PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE. *Congratulations! That means YOU!* Details and invitations will be forthcoming. But mark your calendar NOW. Call the Parish Office at (216) 341-9091 for more details and be sure to plan on joining us for this historic occasion.

### **MAY 12<sup>TH</sup>, THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD & MOTHER'S DAY**

As we celebrate our Lord's Ascension into heaven, we will be lifting-up in prayer our living and deceased Mothers. We will also honor our heavenly Mother, as May Crowning will take place at all of our weekend Masses with our special, flower-petal-drop May Crowning at the 11:30AM Mass.

### **MAY 27<sup>TH</sup>, MONDAY, MEMORIAL DAY, 9AM**

We prayerfully remember and honor all who gave their lives in the service of our country, especially from our own Parish. Our 9AM Mass features our full musical accompaniment and the playing of "Taps". Long before it became an excuse for a long weekend, it was a day to prayerfully remember.

### **JUNE 2<sup>ND</sup>, FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI**

Masses celebrating the wonderful gift of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist are at 5PM Saturday, 8:30AM and a special, bi-lingual Mass at 10:30AM on Sunday which features our full musical accompaniment. Note: No 11:30AM Mass today. During this time of Eucharistic Revival in our country, it is important to remember that *we are one of the few parishes to still have the traditional outdoor procession to the four altars* which will immediately follow the 10:30AM Mass. JOIN US!

### **JUNE 9<sup>TH</sup>, PARISH PICNIC**

All are welcome to come and join with parishioners and friends after the Sunday Masses where our Parish treats you to some good food and refreshments. Watch the Parish bulletin for details as construction on the Social Center may call for adjusting our venue. Care to help? Call the Parish Office to ask about volunteering: (216) 341-9091.

### **JUNE 16<sup>TH</sup>, FATHER'S DAY**

Today is set aside to honor all of our living and deceased Fathers. Special Father's Day blessing will be given to all of our Fathers at the 5PM Vigil Mass and the 8:30AM, 10AM, and 11:30AM Masses and you are invited to remember in prayer deceased Fathers with our Father's Day envelopes.

### **OCTOBER 4<sup>TH</sup>, 5<sup>TH</sup>, & 6<sup>TH</sup>, POLISH FESTIVAL WEEKEND**

Be sure to circle those dates on your calendars **now** and plan on joining us for our annual Polish Festival where a good time with good food, drink, and entertainment is always had by all. Watch-out for the upcoming Festival mailings offering sponsorship, raffle, vender, and volunteer information.