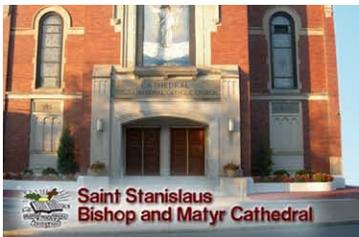


St. Stan's News



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Semi-Annual Parish Meeting

On Sunday Oct 12th, the semi annual meeting of St. Stanislaus Cathedral was held with discussions regarding several issues facing our parish, including - repairing the main gates at the entrance of the cemetery, a report on the recent Synod (see attached article), addressing the increase in dues for the National Church, and reports of various groups from their activities this year.



Chairperson Mari Jane Stankowski welcomes the group and leads the meeting.



Paul Kowalski providing his input to the discussion.

Dates of Interest

- Oct 26 - SOCL Halloween Party
- Nov 1 - One Hot Meal 12-2 pm
- Nov 2 - Youth Group Holiday Craft Fair, 11-4
- Nov 16 - PTO Piggy Dinner
- Nov 1 - All Saints Day
- Nov 3 - All Souls Day
Special Note: was moved due to the 2nd being on a Sunday

IN APPRECIATION!



On Sunday, October 12th, the YMS of R recognized Marie Gorgol, pictured here with her family and Jule Aksomitis (not present) for their many years of dedicated service. They volunteered countless hour helping out with various events throughout many years. Both have served over 40 years in their position as asst. financial secretary. Thank you both and Stolati!



From the Pastor:

Our 24th General Synod was gavelled to adjournment three weeks ago, and what Synod it was. Much was discussed, much was done, much was planned with holiness and enthusiasm and excitement. The focus of this Synod was new directions for the Church for a new age by using a new meeting format to achieve our purposes and goals. Under the leadership of younger and forward thinking National Catholics, I feel we've set the vision of Church for the coming years very well by focusing on five major areas: growth and membership, increased spirituality, lifelong learning for faithful of all ages, sacred vocations and local community involvement.

All of this will be described over time within our whole denomination as all diocese and parishes within them will be working on aspects of these areas over various periods of time in a coordinated, concerted manner many times simultaneously as per the timelines outlined in the action plans for these areas.

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Basically the goal of this vision is to have all our adherents experience a shift of emphasis within our Church, one that moves from only going to Church and working at Church to a new reality of being the Church which is Christ's body in our world. It is an emphasis of our being the religious community in which we experience Christ among ourselves, and then present Christ to others when they come among us in fellowship. We will also present Christ to others when we reach out to those who are outside our religious community of St. Stanislaus so that they may have and know in their lives exactly what we know and love about our Lord in our own lives. And this is accomplished through community, a parish community, indeed, the Church.

In some ways it seems that vital aspects of Christian faith and life are being lost to us because of our over-emphasis on the individual at the expense of our life as a community of believers in God's Son Jesus our Lord. In Jesus' culture, identity was very much oriented towards others. People relied on the group to which they belonged to give them a sense of who they were, be it their family or clan or particular group in society.

We think and act differently when we look to our Cathedral Parish community as the source of our identity.

Marked as belonging to Christ in baptism, we are part of a new household here, a new community, the Body of Christ. We're not called to do the work of the gospel alone, by ourselves individually, but rather we're called to gospel work as a community of disciples and as the people of God. This requires that we acknowledge our interdependence among each other here at St. Stanislaus. Transformed by our relationship with Jesus Christ and with one another, we as the Cathedral Parish of St. Stanislaus are to be a sign of God's future demonstrated here in the present. In other words our Cathedral Parish community is called to be a sign of what Jesus in Mark's and Luke's gospels calls the 'reign of God', and what in Matthew's gospel Jesus calls the 'reign of heaven'.

This is the vision the 24th Synod has laid out for us to be Church, to be the Body of Christ in community with each other. In this community we will support each other and encourage each other to live out His gospel in our lives. And then other people will be attracted to Jesus here because of what they will see and experience in and among us when they meet us in the street and in the Cathedral. May God bless the holy work we have set out to accomplish over the next four years for our good, for that of many other blood bought souls and for his ever greater glory.

ANS TURKEY DINNER

The ANS held a turkey dinner on September 21. Many people enjoyed delicious food prepared by the women as well as baked items, such as cookies, breads and pies or specialty items that were created for the Boutique as well as handmade craft items.

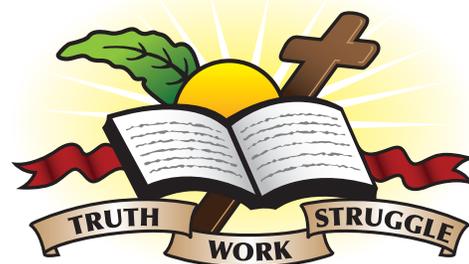


Did you know? - you can now make donations to St. Stanislaus or pay your dues (or parts thereof) via the internet? Go to www.saintstanislauspncc.org/?page id=1388. We accept all major credit cards.



BIBLE STUDY CLASS

BIBLE STUDY takes place every Monday at 6:30 pm in the chancery conference room. Fr. Janusz will guide the study and discussions and moderate the sessions. Bring your favorite Bible and why not also bring a friend!



Chair's Chatter

The 24th General Synod of the PNCC was held September 29 – October 3rd in Erie, PA which was hosted by the Buffalo-Pittsburg Diocese. There were 158 delegates, representing 5 dioceses, attending. Representing our parish were June and Robert Sarnowski, Carol Nasser, Joseph Ross, Paul Kowalski, Barbara Nowicki, Susan Raub, Carol Mikovsky, John Andrzejewski, Joan Scheuneman, Judy Snyder and Mari Jane Stankowski were delegates representing various committees and organizations. Many issues were discussed including ecumenical dialogue, financial struggles and growth of our church. Representatives to the Supreme Council were elected at diocesan caucus meeting. Dr. Robert Sarnowski was elected from the Central Diocese along with Ron DeLuca and Very Rev. Muldzik. The days started with mass at 7am with breakfast at 8am. Sessions started at 9am and ran every night until approximately 9pm. They were long days but necessary. The synod devoted a day and a half to outline an action plan for growth of the church. These breakout groups were designed to do “brainstorming”. I must say, they were the highlight of the week. All in all, there were some hard choices made but in the end, we all agreed we love our church and will do what we have for the greater glory of God.

Projects in the Works Around St. Stanislaus PNCC

- Repair of cemetery gates due to last year's cold winter.
- Demolition of Hamm Court property in conjunction with Central Diocese.



OUR YOUTH, A VERY BUSY GROUP!

Our kids are involved in so many activities that they generate themselves as well as the many events that our parish holds. Not only are they active in the UYA but they also serve as acolytes, choir members, bell choir members and assistants to SOCL teachers and participate to the fullest in those groups. They also assist many other organizations in the set up, serving and clean up of various functions.

It is true they do a lot of fund raising. This is done to support their activities, especially attending Convo every two years, and to defray the costs of other activities they do in service and in fellowship. They are a generous group, too, with their time, treasure and talents! Giving back to their community is important to them. Last year, when two Scranton area children were tragically killed in car crash, they unanimously voted to make a donation to the children's family. They purchase gifts for the Christmas Angel Tree project every year and have helped at the animal shelter, walking dogs and cleaning up paths, and this year donated a gift basket to the Jamie Kotula Foundation soccer tournament. And they also give to the global community with the Operation Christmas Child shoebox project. This year, both Nicholas Gerardi and Nicholas Pfohl were blessed with thank you letters from children in Rwanda and Malawi!

They are a great group of children with an enormous collective heart. Thank you for supporting their efforts and please continue to pray for them as they find their way in the world, both in and outside of this parish.

The UYA is currently putting together a gift basket for 6 year old Adelaide Canton, who is battling leukemia.

24th General Synod of the PNCC



OPENING MASS - was celebrated by Prime Bishop Mikovsky at the PNCC General Synod help in Erie, PA.



SYNOD - in session as they discussed many important topic.



As the sun rises on Friday morning, Bishop Nowicki celebrates mass.

Delegates and guests to the 24th General Synod spent significant time in determining five key themes that will be the focus for the vision and future direction of the PNCC:

- GROWTH AND MEMBERSHIP**
- INCREASE SPIRITUALITY AMONG OUR PEOPLE**
- LIFELONG LEARNING IN THE FAITH FOR ALL AGES**
- SACRED VOCATIONS**
- COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AND PRESENCE**

Hours were spent in small group sessions where everyone was asked to reflect on their entire experience with our Polish National Catholic Church remembering a time when they felt most engaged and motivated; to reflect on what they valued most about the Church and what they considered the best features of our Church. Many found this to be a moving and emotional exercise, and this reflection then served as the basis for the groups to identify their "wishes for the future of the Church."

After the five themes were identified, delegates and guests then spent more time brainstorming ways to achieve these goals and worked to create Action Plans for each one. On the final day of Synod, delegates overwhelmingly approved a motion to establish an ad-hoc committee to: Review the action plan summaries developed at this Synod; Develop detailed implementation plans; Submit the plans to the Supreme Council for approval, and; Distribute the plan to all parishes by Dec. 31, 2014".

After a presentation regarding the current financial status of the PNCC which indicated a shortage of funds moving forward through 2017, it was also decided by those attending the Synod to raise the dues to the National Church from \$55 to \$100 per person beginning January 2015. Each parish is responsible for determining how this money will be raised, and St. Stanislaus is looking in to alternative methods other than raising each parishioner's dues, if it is possible.

Be sure to ask the delegates and guests you know who attended the 24th General Synod in Erie, PA, to share with you the experience they had in helping to start the process of determining the future of our church. You are encouraged to reflect as the delegates and guests did and commit to doing your part to make the Vision for the Future of the PNCC a reality.



Night at the Races

The St. Stanislaus UYA Parents sponsored a Night at the Races on Sat. October 11th in the Youth Center. Many people came out to join the parants for a FUN night out! Refreshments were served and a lot of laughs were shared.

