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OUR LEADERSHIP

Founder and Chairman Emeritus
Most Rev. John W. Yanta, D.D., Bishop
Emeritus, Diocese of Amarillo

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Treasurer - John Wojtasczyk
Youth Vice President - Colton Cunov

2016 MEMBER EVENTS

PACT Directors Meeting – Every 2nd Monday of even numbered months

January – **HOUSTON**, Wawel Dance Group, bonfire

Mar. 1 – **TEXAS A&M** University Internship/Study Abroad to Poland Applications due

Mar. 30 – **DALLAS**, St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church, Mass with Senator Anna Maria Anders, daughter of Gen. Wladyslaw, followed by a reception with Polonia

Apr. 2 – **AUSTIN**, Austin Polish Society, Bigos Cook-Off

Apr. 3 – **SAN ANTONIO**, Divine Mercy Sunday, Seraphic Sisters

Apr. 12 – **AUSTIN**, Austin Polish Society, Bigos Cook-Off and Hike

Apr. 15 – **HOUSTON**, deadline PNA Scholarship Program Application

Apr. 17 – **STATEWIDE**, deadline for Fr. Leopold Moczygemba Silesian-Polish



L-R - PACT Directors, Elaine Mazurek Stephens, Vice President; Dr. Jim Mazurkiewicz, President; Colton Cunov, Youth Vice President; and Michael Kurтин, Director. at a party in Chappell Hill, March 3, 2016.

Essay Contest
Scholarship

Apr. 24 – **ST. HEDWIG**, Annunciation of the BVM Church, Annual Parish Festival

May 1 – **DALLAS**, St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church, Picnic with Polish food, beer & folklore dance

May 1 – **HOUSTON**, Our Lady of Czestochowa, Doda in Concert

May 1 – **BANDERA**, St. Stanislaus Catholic Church, Parish Festival

May 6-8 – **HOUSTON**, Our Lady of Czestochowa Catholic Church, Polish May Festival

May 7 – **AUSTIN**, Austin Polish Society, Polish Picnic

May 15 – **SAN ANTONIO**, Our Lady of Sorrows, Spring Festival

June 5 to July 8 – **TEXAS A&M** Young Farmer Exchange with Poland

Jun. 11-12 – **SAN ANTONIO**, FLMF Polish Booth at the Texas Folklife Festival

Jun. 24-25 – **BREMOND**, Bremond Chamber of Commerce, Polish Festival Days

July (TBA) – **AUSTIN**, Austin Polish Society, Potluck

2016 MEMBER EVENTS



L-R: Beata Burgeson, Treasurer; Dr. Jim Mazurkiewicz, 2016 President; and his son, James, at the PACT Annual Meeting in San Marcos on Nov. 14, 2015.

Aug. 7 -
KOSCIUSKO,
St. Ann Catholic
Church, Annual
Picnic

Sep. 4 -
CHAPPELL HILL,
St. Stanislaus
Catholic Church,
Homecoming
Bazaar

Sep. 11 -
YORKTOWN,
Holy Cross Catholic
Church, Parish
Festival

Sep. 17-18
- **HOUSTON**,
Our Lady of
Czestochowa
Church, Polish
Harvest Festival
"Dożynki"

Sep. 18 - **SAN
ANTONIO**,
Polish American
Center, Polonia
Woodrow-Wilson
Society PNA Lodge
2540, Harvest
Festival

Oct. - **POLISH
HERITAGE
MONTH**

Oct./Nov. (TBA) -
AUSTIN, Austin
Polish Society,
Polish Film
Festival

Oct. 6 - **SAN
ANTONIO**, Polish
American
Center, Polonia
Woodrow Wilson
Society PNA Lodge
2540, Fall Sausage
Festival

Oct. 9 - **PANNA
MARIA**, Immacu-
late Conception of
the BVM, Annual
Turkey Dinner

Oct. 10 -
DALLAS, St. Peter
the Apostle Church,
30th Anniversary of
Polonia

Oct. 23 -
DALLAS, St. Peter
the Apostle Church,
Polish festival at
Klyde Warren Park

Nov. (TBA) -
AUSTIN, Austin
Polish Society,
Campfire/Ognisko

Nov. 20 -
SAN ANTONIO,
St. Michael
Catholic Church,
150th Anniversary

Nov. 12 -
HOUSTON,
Our Lady of Cze-
stochowa Church,
Polish Patriotic
songs and celebra-
tions

Nov. 20 - **SAN
ANTONIO**, Polish
American Cen-
ter, Polonia
Woodrow Wilson
Society PNA Lodge
2540, Thanksgiving
Dinner

Nov. 20 -
CHAPPELL HILL,
St. Stanislaus
Catholic Church,
Dozynki (Harvest
Mass & Celebra-
tion)

Dec. 4 - **SAN
ANTONIO**, Father
Leopold Moc-
zygemba Founda-
tion, Annual Gala

Dec. (TBA) -
AUSTIN, Austin
Polish Society,
Christmas Party

Dec. 18 - **SAN
ANTONIO**, Polish
American Center,
Polonia Woodrow
Wilson Society PNA
Lodge 2540,
Christmas Party

Dec. (TBA) -
HOUSTON, Polish
Home, Polish
National Alliance,
Christmas Party

Dec. 26 -
CHAPPELL HILL,
St. Stanislaus
Catholic Church,
Kolędy (Christmas
Caroling)

Dec. 31 - **SAN
ANTONIO**, Polish
American Cen-
ter, Polonia
Woodrow Wilson
Society PNA Lodge
2540, New Year's
Eve Party

1st & 3rd Sunday
of each month -
AUSTIN, Austin
Polish Film Festival
Series

*Please check
member pages
and websites for
up-to-date info.*



In memory of my great-great-grandparents, John Kush and Josephine Opiala Kush.

They were Slovak Polish immigrants who settled in central San Antonio after their arrival in 1854.

I hope to honor them by serving as a Director for the Polish American Council of Texas and as a representative of the Panna Maria Heritage Center.

John was a businessman who built and lived with his family in this house which still exists in what is now Henshale Place. I am blessed by this heritage which I will always treasure.

— Maura Brown

Elenora Dugosh Goodley



- PACT Vice President
- Poland, USA & International Ambassador for City and County of Benders, Texas
- Father Leopold Marzygamba Foundation, Outstanding Service Award, October 8, 2005
- Benders County Commissioners Court Distinguished Service Award, June 12, 2008
- Founder of the Benders County Sister Partnership with Staszek Opalskie, Poland, co-chair Benders County Historical Commission

**Mary Rapstine
Haynes
El Paso, Texas**

Proud
to be a descendant
of the original
Rapstine Polish
settlers in
Panna Maria

**Bertha
Dworaczyk
Korzekwa**

In Memory Of

**Hagaa Dworaczyk
and
Pelagia (Winstrek)
Dworaczyk**

**Benedict Korzekwa
and
Hattie (Hoffmann)
Korzekwa**

Sam and Susie Kotara

**Actively involved in promoting
the development of the
Panna Maria Heritage Center.**

*I'm a proud
descendant
of 1850 Polish
settlers, the
Kosub & Ploch
families.*



Genny Kraus

Mazurka Polish Dancer
PACT Member

**Proudly helping
Grimes County
and beyond with
genealogy and
translations!**

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Ph. D.*



*Then &
Now*

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Jolanta A. Mazewski-Dryden

*Director of Region II,
Polish National Alliance
President, Polish Progressive
League 2333 & Representative
Council 182
Polish Events and Happenings
in Texas and Beyond*



Emigrated from Poland in the early 80's to Texas.
Has been actively involved in the Polish community
since she was five, performing with the Polish Eagle
Dance Group & holding a variety of positions in the
Polish National Alliance for over four decades.

Active promoter of Polish culture, history, language
and arts via Polish displays throughout Texas. Involved
in festivals, consumer events, charitable balls, and ba-
zars, church events and private events. Does speaking
engagements and TV prones for the community.

Uses Polish Events and Happenings in Texas and Beyond
to promote Polish cultural events, arts & culture,
language and concert events. Owns & Operates
PR and Marketing firm, Dryden Event Productions.
Check out: <https://www.facebook.com/PolishEventsandHappeningsinTexas/>
Contact: jolsa@drydeneventproductions.com

**Descendant of
Wielkopolska that
settled in Chappell Hill,
TX in the late 1880s.**

*Dr. Jim Mazurkiewicz, Regent's Fellow
Professor & Leadership Program Director
Texas A&M AgrLife Extension Service
Department of Agricultural Leadership,
Education and Communication
Texas A&M University*

2nd Vice President & PACT Board Member

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*Happy to be part of the
PACT as it fosters
continued interest in the
wonderful Polish Heritage.*
— Sue McCarthy

*Virgil and Elaine
Moczygemba*

**PROUD TO BE
SILESIAN POLISH**

**Pamela
Mitchell
Bremond, TX**

**Eric
Opiela**

Dr. Waldemar Priebe

Piotr Przybylski, PhD

Current 2nd Vice President of PACT

Born and raised in Krakow, Poland



*Happy husband
and father of
Adam, Isabela
and Christopher*

Education:

M.S. in Geology (AGH and Freiberg)

PhD in Geophysics (Purdue)

Geologist (British Petroleum, Houston)

- Actively involved in Polish communities**
- Round Table Coordinator of Knights of Columbus (Council 4550) at Our Lady of Coenobium Church, Houston**



Best Wishes from

***Mary Ann
Kotara Schirmer***

of

**Panna Maria, Texas
and Redwing, Colorado**

Mark Sikorski

Elaine Mazurek Stephens



**Descendant
of Thomas
Mazurek,
one of the
original
Polish
settlers in
Bandera,
Texas.**

**Vice President & Membership Chairman,
Polish American Council of Texas**

**Marketing Assistant, Father Leopold
Moczygemba Foundation**

President, La Vernia Historical Association

**Alamo Area Council of Governments
Regional Citizen of the Year - 2015**

P.O. Box 1357, La Vernia, Texas 78121

John Wojtasczyk

Zbigniew Wojciechowski

**Honorary Consul
of Republic of Poland**

Don't be left out!

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in next year's PACT Directory,
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or visit
www.PolishAmericanCouncilofTexas.org.

**POLISH AMERICAN
COUNCIL OF
TEXAS**

Founder & Chairman Emeritus
of the Polish American Council of Texas
Most Rev. John W. Yanta,
Bishop Emeritus,
Diocese of Amarillo

**Divine Providence:
Looking Back to See God's
Loving Plan Unfolding**

• I attended the 1971 Youth Summer Study Program of the Kosciuszko Foundation, New York City, at the Jagiellonian University in Krakow, Poland.

• In 1972, I attended the Summer Study Program of the University of Kansas at the Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznan. Like the previous year, I spent several weekends with Dr. Andrzej Brożek visiting the Silesian parishes, their cemeteries, and ancestral villages looking for my relatives and ancestors.



• These two summer courses gave me the self-confidence to organize and do the following: In the early summer of 1973, by God's design, I led the first-ever group of Texas Silesian Polish back to the "Old Country" to visit Poland and especially a 4-day visit with ancestral relatives in the villages of our Silesian ancestors. Now, thanks to the presence of several priests from Poland locally, especially Monsignor Frank Kurzaj, (1-830-216-7706), trips to Poland and to our Silesian villages are available annually and have produced much fruit. These have established a prophetic "bridge" between Silesian Poland and Texas. Thank you, Lord, the intercession of our Blessed Mother, Polish saints, and deceased ancestors!

P.O. Box 28125 – San Antonio, Texas 78228

The
Church
was
founded
in 1855.

Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Roman Catholic Church



*Parish center renamed after
St. John Paul II*

**Pastor, Fr. Bill (Boleslaw)
Zadara, SDS**

FM 1346, P.O. Box 100
Saint Hedwig, TX 78152
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FAX: 210-667-9088
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www.sinct.com



**Our annual
Church Festival is
the last weekend
in April.**



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Austin Polish Society

*Celebrating Polish Heritage,
Culture, Language, and Arts*



AustinPolishSociety.org

*Presenting Polish films,
poster art, and artists
since 2006*



AustinPolishFilm.com

Cultural and Artistic events

**Support for the Polish Studies
Endowment at the University
of Texas at Austin**

**Polish Language Classes
Call Magda Boufal, 512-226-1104**

**Monthly Polish Films
at the Public Library**

Polish Books Collection

Cooking Classes

Traditional Holiday Events

Social Events

**JOIN us!
We are on Facebook and Twitter**

BANDERA COUNTY SISTER PARTNERSHIP ASSOCIATION

The Mission of the Bandera County Sister Partnership (BCSPA) is to advance peace through lasting relationships and international understanding, friendships, and diplomatic relations.

We take the United States of America, Texas, and Bandera County with us when we go abroad. Our goal is to spread peace and goodwill through sister partnerships with international cities, counties, schools, citizens, and diplomatic exchanges; to promote Bandera as the USA's best western cowboy culture vacation attraction helping to expand economic development in the city and county of Bandera.

The BCSPA promotes tourism, culture, and the cowboy traditions of Bandera County, Texas since first established in 2004.

BCSPA is a non-profit association

www.banderactyusa-sopoland.org




The world is opening their arms and ready to embrace Bandera County and the City of Bandera,

"The Cowboy Capital of the World."

Bremond Chamber of Commerce

**Polish
Festival Days
Fri.-Sat.,
June 24-25**



Bremond, Texas  **Est. 1869**

www.BremondTexas.org



Father Leopold Moczygemba Foundation



In the early 1850s, Father Leopold Moczygemba, from Pionia, Silesia, a region in Europe, now southwest Poland, came to north Texas. To help his suffering friends and families in Poland the new priest encouraged them to move to Texas, settling in Pecos Mts. Their descendants continue to call North Texas home.

The Foundation hosts annual pilgrimages from Poland, annual trips to Poland and a large annual Gala presents service awards and essay contest scholarships, sponsors the Polish booth at the Texas Folklife Festival and maintains two websites, resulting in the building of bridges and relationships between Poland and Texas.



The 2015 Gala included Thomas in traditional Silesian dress.

ANNUAL GALA December 4, 2016

www.FLMFoundation.org
www.silesianlexans.com



Our Polish booth at the Texas Folklife Festival

Holy Cross Catholic Church



Rev. Roger Hawes

1214 ZORN ROAD

YORKTOWN, TX 78164

361-564-2893

HOLYCROSSYORKTOWN.NET

Mass: Sat. 5 pm;

Sun. 9:30 am

PARISH FESTIVAL - 2ND SUNDAY IN SEPTEMBER

"We are proud of our Holy Cross Catholic Church Cemetery and our ancestors whose memories we honor there."

The Houston Polonia Memorial

There are approximately 250,000 Polish-Americans in the State of Texas, and 55,000 of them live here, in the Houston Metropolitan Area. Our Lady of Consolation (OLC) Roman Catholic Church is the spiritual center for our Houston Polish community, and offers a rich variety of religious, cultural, social, and educational activities. The parish has been established in 1982 and is considered to be one of the most vibrant Polish parishes in the USA. It is open not only to those of Polish lineage, who appreciate the priceless treasure of Polish culture, traditions, and customs steeped in 1,000 years of devotion to the Catholic faith, but to all ethnic groups of our church. The parish is also a home for the Polish School at Houston.

In 2010 the Parish Council of OLC and the Polish American Congress, Texas Division, established "The Houston Polonia Memorial Fund" in order to support building a monument, a visible sign, dedicated to preservation



of our culture and celebration of the memory of those who had passed away and who visibly enriched the life of our community. Our final desire to build the Memorial is another way. Our goal is to make the Houston Polonia Memorial as beautiful as our Church and the Parish Hall. We invite you to join us in building this monument. For each contribution a personalized Commemorative Plaque (bricks/engraved) with your name engraved on it will be placed in a prominent surrounding the statue of Saint Pope John Paul II, a

final point of the Plans. Also, in memory of those who passed away, you can order a Commemorative Plaque that will be placed on the Memorial Wall, an integral part of the Plans. All donations are tax-deductible, and we appreciate your generosity.

God Bless you!

For more information please contact Dr. Marian Krowal, a project coordinator, at 832-479-3693 or e-mail mariam.krowal@gmail.com.

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Church

Mass:
Sat. 5 pm,
Sun. 9 am

— Panna Maria —

Founded:
1854



13879 N. Fann Rd. 81
Panna Maria, Texas 78144
830-780-2748



Annual
Homecoming
and Turkey
Dinner
2nd Sunday
in October

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also www.Polish-Americans.com



Jan Karski Polish School of Dallas offers classes for children 4 and up.
Students learn reading, writing and speaking in Polish,
the history and geography of Poland, as well as Polish culture and tradition.

Children and adults who do not speak Polish are learning Polish
as a second language in two "Polish 101" classes.

For more information please contact us at jankarski@polishschooldallas.org
or visit our website www.polishschooldallas.org

Jan Karski Polish School, PO BOX 271415, Flower Mound, TX 75027



OUR LADY OF CZESTOCHOWA PARISH

Serving Polish Community under the spiritual guidance of Society of Christ Fathers



Church Services:

Saturday, 6:00 PM in Polish
Sunday, 9:00 AM in English
Sunday, 11:00 AM in Polish



Our school was established at the Our Lady of Czestochowa Polish Parish in 1982. We accept children 4 to 11 years old. We provide classes of Polish language, literature and history, geography and religion; also dance and singing.

*Classes at the Polish Church
1731 Blalock Road
every Saturday
from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.*

www.czkolapolishahouston.com

**If you are interested in Catholic faith, which flows forth from a 1000-year
of the Polish culture, traditions and customs please visit our church.**

phone: 713-973-1081 • e-mail: proboscen@parafiahouston.com • website: www.parafiahouston.com



Our Lady of Sorrows

Pastor Rev. Thaddeus Tabak, SDS

Polish Catholic
Mission
of San Antonio
*An outreach
program*

Mass on the first
Saturday of the
month, 7 pm
www.pmk-sa.com

Spring Festival 3rd Sunday of May

3107 N. St. Mary's St., San Antonio
210-732-6295

www.ourladyofsorrows-sa.org

Masses:
Saturdays
6 pm, English
Sundays

8:30 am, Spanish
10 am, English
11:30 am, English
1 pm, Polish

Polish American Center

Polonia Woodrow Wilson Society, PNA Lodge 2540



SAUSAGE FESTIVAL
October 6

HARVEST FESTIVAL
September 18
and much more!

2611 Mission Road, San Antonio, Texas 78214
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PANNA MARIA HERITAGE CENTER



FAITH, FAMILY, COMMUNITY



A MEMORIAL TRIBUTE TO OUR SILESIAN POLISH IMMIGRANT ANCESTORS

The Panna Maria Heritage Center Foundation was established by Bishop John W. Yuta, the first Bishop and descendant of the first Silesian Polish immigrants to Texas, to recognize and celebrate the first Polish settlement in the United States at Panna Maria, Texas in 1854. The Panna Maria Heritage Center will relate the story of the Silesian Polish immigration to Texas, and the subsequent "Polish Renaissance" that began in the late 1960s, to rekindle a new generation's interest in Polish and Silesian heritages. The stories will serve as a mirror to reflect the history of our nation and will act as a lens to focus on the meaning of faith, family, and community. The Center will be built in Panna Maria, Texas, and will include the heritage of the Silesian Polish settlers and their descendants from the original Catholic Parishes including Panna Maria, Combsboro, Koscisko, Bandera, Ince, St. Hedwig, Falls City, Yorktown, San Antonio, Mayersville, Las Gallinas, McCook, and White Deer.

The mission of the Panna Maria Heritage Center is to retain for posterity the values, beliefs, and traditions of the first Silesian Polish settlers, and their descendants, and will inspire, engage, inform, and educate all visitors. The further goal is to keep Silesian Polish customs, beliefs, and values vibrant and relevant in today's constantly changing cultural environment. The 16,000-square-foot Heritage Center facility will be a destination for families, educational groups, scholars, researchers, and tourists and will include permanent and temporary exhibit space, a theater, an archive, a genealogy room and oral history collection area, a library and reading room, event space, and a gift shop and concessions area.

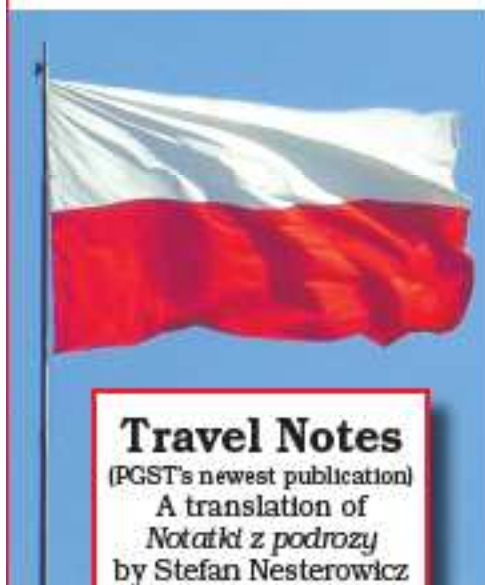
For further information please contact us at P.O. Box 28125, San Antonio, Texas 78228, 210-263-7270.

PLEASE JOIN US IN THE CELEBRATION OF YOUR
SILESIAN POLISH HERITAGE.

WWW.PANNAMARIACENTER.ORG



Polish Genealogical Society of Texas



Travel Notes

(PGST's newest publication)

A translation of
Notatki z podróży
by Stefan Nesterowicz
(1910) is available
for purchase through
our website.

Our Goals:

- Introduce and unite Polish researchers
- Provide medium for sharing research
- Publish books for previously undocumented matters relating to Polish immigration to Texas
- Sponsor meetings and workshops on historical and genealogical topics helpful to researchers of Polish ancestors
- Provide speakers to educate others about Polish immigration to Texas and Polish culture
- PGST meets four times a year: February, May, September, and November at the Tracy Gee Community Center in Houston.



PO Box 820386, Houston, TX 77282

www.pgst.org

501(c)(3) Organization

Delegates traveling through Texas



One of the stops for the Polish delegation on the tour of Texas included the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Church in Panna Maria.



L-R: One of the delegates from the Cereal Producers of Poland is greeted at Panna Maria by our Founder, Bishop John W. Yanta, and his assistant, our Director, John Wojtaszyk, and Rev. Wieslaw Iwaniec of Immaculate Conception of the B.V.M. The delegates visited in January 2016.

Polish American Priests Association



**Founder: Bishop Emeritus John W. Yanta, D.D.
of the Amarillo Diocese**

Celebrating 25 years in Texas.

There are now 76 Polish Priests in P.A.P.A. serving in Texas.



Polish National Alliance

PNA is the largest Polish - American fraternal benefit society!

Personally serving families since 1880, providing a wide array of life insurance and annuity products and supporting its members through fraternal benefits.



In addition to the fine array of Insurance and Annuity Products there are many benefits to belonging to the PNA family.

Programs Include:

- Quarterly Magazine Zgodz
- Support of Polish Dance & Choral Groups
- Support of Polish Language Schools
- College Scholarship Programs
- Sports Programs
- Senior Meetings
- Participation in local PNA lodges

PERMANENT INSURANCE PLANS

- ✓ 20 Pay Life, Life paid up at 65, Life Paid up at 90, Single Premium, Universal Life

TERM INSURANCE PLANS

- ✓ 2 Year Term, 10 Year Term, 20 Year Term, Student Term to Age 25

ANNUITY PLANS

- ✓ Traditional IRA, Roth IRA, Tax Deferred Annuity

Life Insurance helps you prepare for the unexpected, so the future will always be bright for the ones you love.

BECOME A MEMBER OF OUR FRATERNAL FAMILY

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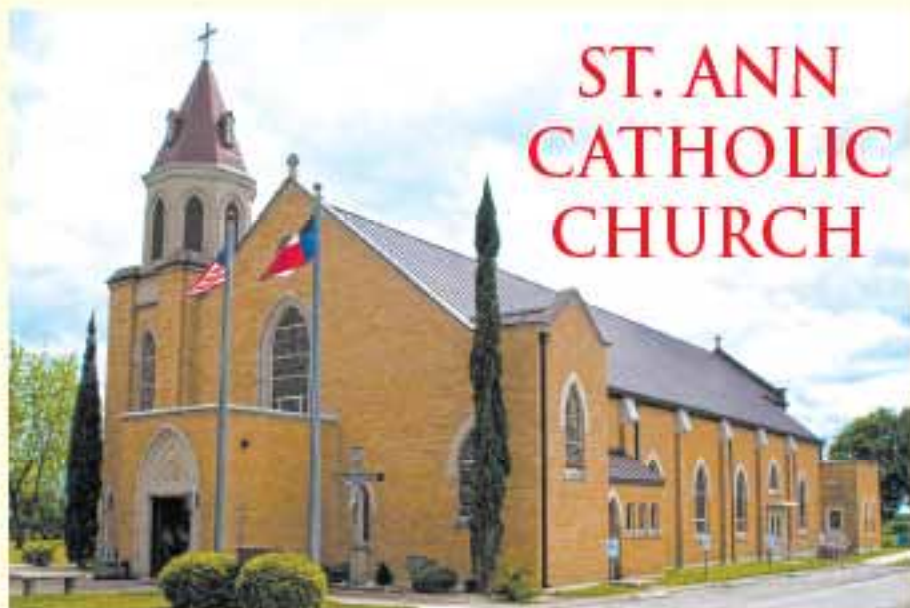


SACRED HEART HISTORICAL SOCIETY

*"Thankful for our
Polish ancestors"*

*Window from the original church,
moved to the present church
built in 1961*

P.O. Box 427 WHITE DIRT, TEXAS 79087



ST. ANN CATHOLIC CHURCH



COURTESY: Thank you James Smack aka www.Polish-Texans.com

Kosciusko or more properly spelled Kosciuszko was named for the Polish General Thaddeus Kosciuszko when it was established March 12, 1880 by sixty-five Polish families. In 1892 a Polish Catholic school was built. The first Church was built in 1898. The people gathered together and with \$2,000 built the first Church and named it St. Ann. The wooden church measured 80ft x 40ft.

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St. Michael Catholic Church

Celebrates 150 years in 2016

Twelve years after Silesian Polish immigrants arrived in San Antonio, they received ecclesiastical permission to establish a parish. It was the year 1866 which was their way of also celebrating the 900th Anniversary of Polish Christianity and the beginning of the Polish nation. St. Michael was chosen for its name and it became the third oldest parish in historic San Antonio.



St. Michael Catholic Church, built in 1922

In this 1,050th Anniversary of Polish Christianity, the 150th Anniversary of St. Michael's Church will be celebrated Sunday, November 20, 2016 with Mass at 10 a.m. You are welcomed!

It began with the arrival of Father Vincent Barzynski of the Resurrectionist Order who was the earliest resident pastor. On November 8, 1866, the first Mass of the newly organized parish was celebrated in the San Fernando Cathedral. St. Michael's divine services were initially held in a rented one-story, rock building owned by Emanuel Rzeppa.

In 1867, Rev. Barzynski wrote to Father General Kajstewicz from San Antonio: "It is true that the population of my parish amounts to some 44 to 50 families ... the total number of people under my protection ... comes to about 250 ..." The first church was constructed in 1868, and five years later, St. Michael's School was opened.

Father Vincent Barzynski was transferred to Chicago where a large number of Polish immigrants began to arrive. In 1874, he became the pastor of St. Stanislaus Kostka Parish, the first Polish church in Chicago. He became the most influential dominant leader of Chicago's Polonia until his death in 1899.

The first native born Texas priest, Rt.

Rev. Monsignor Thomas Moczygemba, was pastor of St. Michael's for 48 years – 1912 to 1960. His assistant, Msgr. Edward Dworaczek succeeded him.

In 1922, the original church was torn down and a larger edifice of white brick was erected. The cornerstone of this majestic church was laid on July 4, 1922, followed by the dedication on October 25, 1922. The blessing of the beautiful stained glass windows took place on December 2, 1923.

The parish thrived with a grade school and even a high school. In 1947 St. Michael's was changed from a national parish to a territorial (neighborhood) parish in the Polish Quarter that was changing as many Polish residents had moved to the new suburban areas in a growing San Antonio.

This historic church was demolished in 1968 and the Polish Quarter vanished to make room for HemisFair 1968. The beautiful stained glass windows were put into Immaculate Heart of Mary Church located in the western part of downtown San Antonio. St. Michael's cemetery, located a couple of miles away from the Church, still exists but accepts no new burials.

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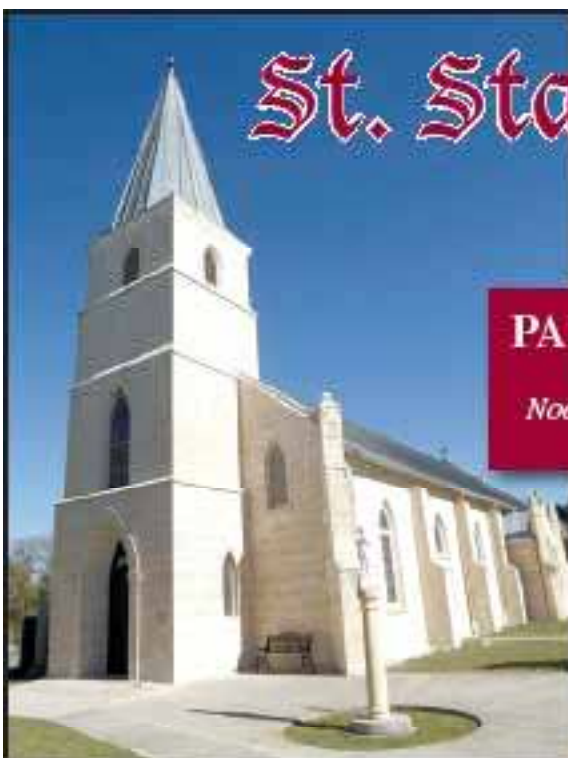
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