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2018 MEMBER EVENTS

Recurring Events

Movie Night - 1st Sunday each month, Austin Polish Society

History Club – 3rd Sunday each month, Austin Polish Society

Piano concerts – April and July, Austin Polish Society

More Events in 2018

Jan. – PACT Members, it's time to pay dues

Feb. – Houston, Ognisko (bonfire)

Mar. 1 – DEADLINE for PACT Directory ads and events!

*Please contact us if you are a member and want your events listed here. PACoTexas@yahoo.com

Mar. 4 - Austin, Austin Polish Society, Polish Film Screening

Mar. 4 - Cyclone, Texas, Texas Music Festival, Texas Polka Music Museum

Mar. 10 – Austin, Author's Evening, with Joanna Sokolowska-Gwizdka, Austin Polish Society



The Honorable Piotr Calbecki (in suit), Marszałek (Governor) of Kujawsko-Pomorskiego, Toruń, Poland recently visited Texas with his wife, Dagna, and two daughters, Helena and Aleksandra, and was greeted by members of PACT in Chappell Hill. Photo by Stan Aponiuk.

Mar. 17 – Austin, Bigos Cook-off, Austin Polish Society

Mar. 10 - Houston, Easter Basket Blessings

Mar. 17 - Austin - Austin Polish Society Bigos Cookoff

Mar. 25 - Austin, Easter Egg Painting, Austin Polish Society

Apr. – Deadlines for Scholarships from PACT, PNA Scholarship, and Fr. Leo. Moczygemba Fdn.

Apr. 8 - San Antonio, Divine Mercy Sunday, Seraphic Sisters

Apr. - St. Hedwig, Annunciation of the BVM Church, Annual Parish Festival - Last Sunday in Apr.

May – Dallas, St. Peter the Apostle Church, Polish Picnic

May – Austin, Picnic "Majowka", Austin Polish Society

May 6 - Bandera, St. Stanislaus Catholic Church, Parish Festival

May - Houston, Our Lady of Częstochowa Catholic Church, May Festival, May 4-6

May - Austin, Austin Polish Society Picnic

May - San Antonio, Our Lady of Sorrows, Spring Festival

Jun. 2 - Austin, Children's Day, Austin Polish Society

Jun./Jul. – Austin, Family Potluck,

Austin Polish Society

Jun. 8-10 - San Antonio, Texas Folklife Festival

Jun. 22-23 - Bremond, Bremond Chamber of Commerce, Polish Festival Days

Aug. - Kosciusko, St. Ann Catholic Church, Annual Picnic

Sept. – Houston, Our Lady of Częstochowa Catholic Church, Dożynki

Sept. or Oct. - Houston, Slavic Heritage Festival

Sept. 2 – Chappell Hill, St. Stanislaus Catholic Church, Annual Homecoming Bazaar &

2018 MEMBER EVENTS



PHOTO BY STAN APONIUK

Wawel Dance Group celebrates the 100th Anniversary and 150 years since founding of St. Stanislaus Kostka Catholic Church in Anderson, Texas. August 2017.

Dożynki (Harvest)
Mass & Celebration

Sept. 9 - Yorktown, Holy Cross Catholic Church, Parish Festival

Oct. – Polish Heritage Month

Oct. – St. Hedwig, Annunciation of the BVM Church, Polish American Priests Association Celebration

Oct. 14 - Anderson, St. Stanislaus Kostka, Annual Bazaar and Homecoming

Oct. - Panna Maria, Immaculate Conception of the BVM, Annual Turkey Dinner, Panna Maria

Oct. 20-21 - Dallas, Polish Bilingual Day, Jan Karski Polish School of Dallas

Oct./Nov. – Austin, “Ognisko”, Austin Polish Society

Oct. – Dallas, St. Peter the Apostle Church, Polish festival

Nov. - Austin, Austin Polish Society, Polish Film Festival

Nov. – Houston, Houston Polish Film Festival

Nov. – Houston, Our Lady of Częstochowa Cath-

olic Church, Singing of Polish Patriotic Songs and Polish History Competition

Nov. 10-11 - Dallas, Polish Independence Day, Jan Karski Polish School of Dallas

Nov. 17 - Chappell Hill, PACT Annual Members & Directors Meetings & Awards Banquet

Nov. – Austin, Austin Polish Film Festival, Austin Polish Society

Dec. – Austin, Christmas Party, Austin Polish Society

Dec. 2 - San Antonio, Father Leopold Moczygemba Foundation, Annual Gala

Dec. 9 – Yorktown, Holy Cross Catholic Church, Catholic Daughters, Santa Cafe and Craft Fair

Dec. – Austin, Austin Polish Society, Christmas Party

Dec. - Dallas, Christmas Celebration and Christmas Bazaar, Jan Karski Dallas

Polish School

Dec. – Houston, Polish Home, Polish National Alliance, Christmas Party

Dec. – Chappell Hill, St. Stanislaus Catholic Church, Kolędy (Christmas Caroling)

Dec. – Bremond, Bremond Chamber of Commerce, Kolędy

Dec. - Bremond, Bremond Chamber of Commerce, www.bremondtx-as.org, Trunkin' for Toys - Toy Drive

Dec. – Bremond, Bremond Chamber of Commerce, Christmas Festival Parade of Lights

Dec. - Bremond, Bremond Chamber of Commerce, www.bremondtx-as.org Polski Kolednicy

Dec. – St. Hedwig, Annunciation of the BVM Church, Wigilia

Dec. 29 - Chappell Hill, St. Stanislaus Catholic Church, Polskie Kolędy

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

Submit YOUR Member events to PACofTexas@yahoo.com

2018 Regions Represented by PACT Members & Events

*(just to name
a few!)*

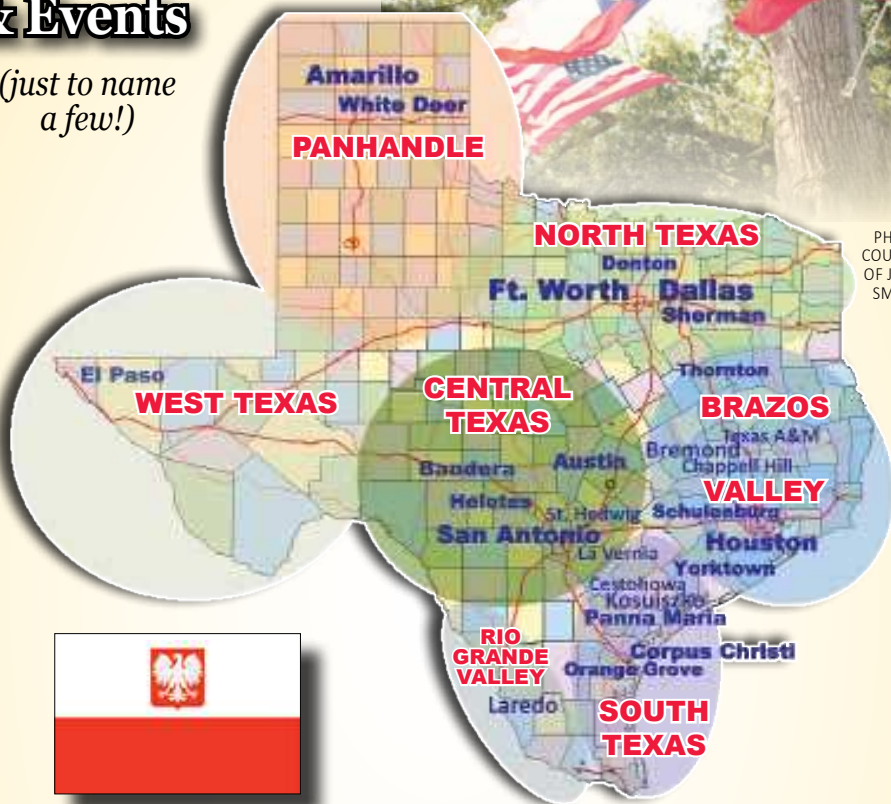


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OF JAMES
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Donations & Funding in 2017

■ **\$1,900:** Donated for school books to the Polish schools in Houston and Dallas; proceeds of a grant from the Polish Consulate General in Los Angeles to PACT.

■ **\$300:** Donated to the Houston Polish school Summer Camp for travel insurance expenses to Poland.

■ **\$500:** Awarded in Scholarships in 2017 - \$3,000 in 2018!

■ **\$500:** Donated to The Polish Mission of the Orchard Lake Schools for the Seal of Biliteracy and a standardized testing program for the Polish language.

■ **\$500:** Donated to the Polish folk dancing groups in Texas: Dance Group Wawel and Jagoda Polish Folk Dancers.

■ Donations to victims of the Hurricane Harvey disaster were provided through private donations from generous members of PACT.

2017 Polish Texan Lifetime Achievement Awards

Steve Okonski & Band and Brian Marshall



Family members of the late Steve Okonski and Band accepting the Lifetime Achievement Award at the PACT Annual Meeting in Bremond on Nov. 18, 2017.

Brian Marshall shows his Polish Texan Lifetime Achievement Award, presented by PACT President, Dr. Jim Mazurkiewicz at the Nov. 18, 2017 Annual Meeting and Awards Banquet in Bremond.



Congratulations and Dziękuję

to Brian Marshall and the family of the late Steve Okonski and his Band!

Thanks for all the music and memories!

Gratulacje!

To the recipients of the 2018 PACT Essay Scholarship Awards - \$1,000 to each

DAVID LUKE CHEUVRONT

Antonian College Preparatory High School

PATRYK TOMASZKIEWICZ

Texas A&M University Undergraduate

KASIA KROZEL

Texas A&M Graduate program

Congratulations!

*Enter the
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American
Council of
Texas
Essay Contest
and win a
Scholarship!*

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

They were Slovak Polish immigrants who settled in downtown 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 a representative and Marketing Director of the Polish Heritage Center at Pecos Mills.

John was a businessman who built and lived with his family in this house which still sits in its original location in Henschel Plaza. I am blessed with this heritage which I will always treasure.

— Marlene "Ma" Brown



John & Amanda Cebrowski

In Memory of...

**Wladaw Siekierski
and
Jozefa Rzepinska Siekierski**

**Joseph
Czyz**

**Elenora Dugosh
Goodley**

- PACT Director
- Poland, USA & International Ambassador for City and County of Banderas, Texas
- Father Leopold Maczygamba Foundation, Outstanding Service Award, October 8, 2005
- Banderas County Commissioners Court Distinguished Service Award, June 12, 2008
- Founder of the Banderas County Sister Partnership with Strzelce Opolskie, Poland, co-chair Banderas County Historical Commission



**Michael
Kloss**

*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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*In memory of Poles deported
to Siberia in 1940-41.
Warsaw, September 17, 2009*



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Jolanta A. Mazewski-Dryden

*Director of Region H,
Polish National Alliance
President, Polish Program
Lodge 2333 & Representative
Council 182
Polish Hearts and Hope program
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 17, 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 classes throughout Texas. Involved in festivals, summer events, debutante balls, and banquets, church events and private events. Does speaking engagements and TV shows for the community.

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



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

Pamela Mitchell Bremond, TX

MOCZYGEMBA, *Virgil and Elaine*

*In Memory of our
Lyssy and
Moczygemba
Parents*

Our father,
Felix C. Moczygemba,
would have been
100 years old this year.
Like Daddy's tree, his roots
and those of our mother,
Rosalie Dziuk Moczygemba,
run deep in Panna Maria.

Susan
Moczygemba-McKinsey



Al & Angela Notzon

I have been working with Bishop John Yankus and have been involved in the Polish Heritage Center from its inception. I am

so thankful that my Polish ancestors risked so much to come to America and am humbled by the sacrifices they made for their future generations. I have sponsored the St. Michael's Cemetery window representation since my great-grandfather and great-grandmother Notzon are buried there, and I want to honor their memories as well as all my Polish ancestors through my gifts to the Polish Heritage Center at Panna Maria.



Eric
Opiela

**Dr. Waldemar
Priebe**



***Mary Ann
Kotara Schürmer***
**5th Generation
in Panna Maria
*Best Wishes to All!***

***Elaine Mazurek
Stephens***



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

Also descended from surnames
Gruszka, Haiduk, and Jureczki

1st Vice President, Membership
& Directory Chairman,
Polish American Council of Texas
Marketing Committee Member,
Father Leopold Moczygemba Foundation
& Polish Heritage Center at Panna Maria

**John
Zientek Jr.**

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

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

"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 Bruzek 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 Polish-Silesians 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 Mari-gor Frank Karzaj, trips to Poland and to our Polish-Silesian villages are available annually and have produced much fruit. These have established a prophetic "bridge" between Silesian Poland and Texas. Thank you, Lord, for the intercession of our Blessed Mother, Polish saints, and deceased ancestors! I am so proud of our new leaders!

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

**Krzysztof
&
Malgorzata
Gajda**

**Gabe & Bertha
Dworaczyk
Korzekwa**

In Memory Of

**Hagan Dworaczyk
and
Pelagia (Wiatrek)
Dworaczyk**

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

**Sam &
Susie
Kotara**

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

**George
&
Betty
Kowalik**

**Dr. Leon
&
Mrs. Alina
Ordon
Kundrotas**

**Descendant of Wielkopolska
and Kujawsko-Pomorskie
whose ancestors settled
in Chappell Hill, Texas
in the 1880's.**

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Piotr Przybylski, PhD

**Current 2nd Vice President of PACT
Born and raised in Kraków, 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**
**-Member of Knights of
Columbus (Council 4550)**
**at Our Lady of
Czestochowa Church,
Houston**

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Keith
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**Steven
&
Amanda
Schaefer**

**Mark
& Zhanna
Sikorski**

**Eddie
& Debbie
Skrobarcek**

John & Denise SKROBARCZYK

5th generation descendants
of immigrants
Josef & Joanna Skrobarczyk
who arrived in Panna Maria
in 1855



John (Treasurer for PACT) & Christie Wojtasczyk

Descendants of
Morawiecz, Schlesia, Pawlik,
Hagel, Migura, Bednorz,
Brzezina, Skrobarczyk,
Grabon, Kowalik, Respondek,
Czerner, & Ibroan

Interested in joining PACT?



Annual Dues

- Individuals - \$50
- Family - \$70
- Organizations, Nonprofits - \$100
- Corporations, LLCs - \$100

Join PACT at our
Annual Meetings for
Members & Directors
Nov. 17, 2018
Chappell Hill, Texas

Membership includes an ad in our Directory

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- Organizations, Nonprofits - 1/2 pg
- Corporations, LLCs - 1/2 pg

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www.PolishAmericanCouncilofTexas.org

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Church
was
founded
in 1855.*

Annunciation BVM Church



St. John Paul II Parish Center

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

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**Feast Day
Celebration**
Last Sunday in April
beginning with
Mass at 9:30 am



Austin Polish Society

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



AustinPolishSociety.org

*Presenting Polish films,
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since 2006*



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Traditional Holiday Events

Social Events

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Bremond Chamber of Commerce

Presents

Bremond Chamber of Commerce

Polski Dzień



Friday
6-11pm

Saturday
8am-1am

June 22-23, 2018

Polish Capital of Texas

Bremond  **Est. 1869**

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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.



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

"The Cowboy Capital of the World."

www.banderactyusa-sopoland.org



Father Leopold Moczygemba Foundation



In the early 1950's, Father Leopold Moczygemba, from Pienice, Silesia, a region in Europe, now northeast Poland, came to south Texas. To help his suffering friends and families in Poland the new priest encouraged them to move to Texas, settling in Pecos Mesa and many other Texas communities. Their descendants continue to call South Texas home.

The Foundation hosts annual pilgrimages from Poland, annual trips to Poland and a large annual Cadez gives out service awards and many merit scholarships, and maintains two websites, resulting in the building of bridges and relationships between Poland and Texas.



Mrs. Paula Kozak, John & Madeline Janczyk, Debbie and Edmar Wagoner, Leornita and Larry Brown accepting 2017 Outstanding Service Awards.

Congratulations to the winners of the 2017 Outstanding Service Awards:

Regina Boudreau - Barbara Janczyk -
Leornita Boudreau - Janczyk and Wagoner Families

ANNUAL GALA

December 2, 2018

www.FLMFoundation.org
www.silesianlexans.com



Leornita Boudreau presented the 2017 Outstanding Service Award for 2017 from Mrs. Paula Kozak, FLMF President.

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."*

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Church

Mass:
Sat. 5 pm,
Sun. 9 am

— Panna Maria —

Founded:
1854



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



Annual
Homecoming
and Turkey
Dinner
2nd Sunday
in October

PHOTOS COURTESY: Thank you, Josephine!
also www.Panna-Maria.com

PACT Annual



Our annual meeting in Bremond included a parade with representatives from Polonia regions from all over Texas!



The decorations created by the Bremond Chamber of Commerce were beautiful!



The Texas A&M Polish Association was on hand at our annual meeting in Bremond to help with the awards banquet!



Dance Group Wawel and Jagoda Dance Group performed in Bremond during our annual meeting on November 18, 2017.

**Join PACT
at our
Annual
Meetings for
Members &
Directors
Nov. 17, 2018
Chappell Hill,
Texas**

Meeting



Our annual meetings always include Mass. At Bremond, the Mass was celebrated by Father Jozef Musiol from St. Stanislaus in Chappell Hill.



We appreciate all the hard work by Denis Kubiak (center) and the Bremond Chamber of Commerce who made our annual meeting so much fun!



The Bremond Chamber of Commerce prepared delicious Polish food for our annual meeting!



Jagoda Dancers entertained amid the beautiful decorations at our annual meeting in Bremond. Thank you, Bremond Chamber of Commerce!



Children enjoyed the music and dancing at our annual meeting in Bremond.

Jagoda

Polish Folk Dance
Ensemble



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us
today!

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www.jagodadance.org



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 traditions.

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

We prepare our students to Seal of Biliteracy exam.

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



im. Mikołaja Kopernika

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Nicolaus Copernicus Polish School in Houston

*Maintaining the awareness
of the Polish historical and
cultural heritage among
children and young people
of Polish descent who live
in Texas, United States.*



**Our Lady of Czestochowa Polish Church (Parish Hall)
1712 Oak Tree Dr., Houston, TX 77055**

Rector: Tadeusz Krawczyk - School Principal - krawczyk@houston1.com

www.szkolapolskahouston.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**

PANNA MARIA Visitors' Center & Historical Society

*Located in the Panna Maria Historic
District on FM 81 in the historic
Płarczyk's Store building*

•Thursdays
10 am-4 pm

•Saturdays
10 am-4 pm
(Sat weekdays only)

•Sundays
1-4 pm
(Sat weekdays only)

Call for tours and information

830-780-4471

or email: pmhs.vstrctr@gmail.com.

13780 FM 81, P.O. BOX 52, Panna Maria, TX 78144
www.pannamaria.org



POLISH AMERICAN
CHAMBER of COMMERCE
IN TEXAS

Founded in Houston in 2017,
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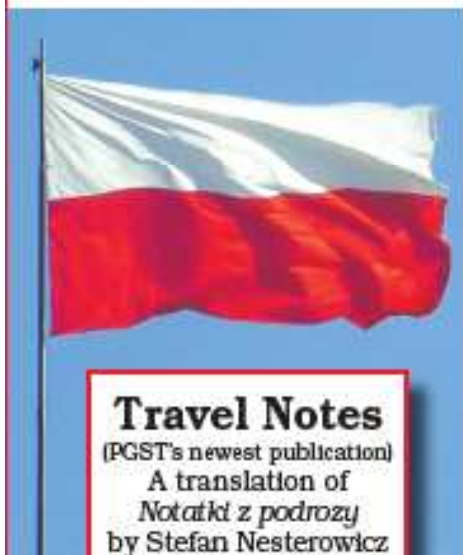
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The Polish Heritage Center at Panna Maria Foundation was established by Bishop John W. Yanta, the first Bishop and descendant of the first Polish Silesian immigrants to Texas, to recognize and celebrate the first Polish settlement in the United States at Panna Maria, Texas in 1854. The Polish Heritage Center will relate the story of the 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 Polish 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 is being built in Panna Maria, Texas, and will include the heritage of the Polish settlers and their descendants from the original Catholic Parishes including Panna Maria, Centerville, Kosciusko, Bandera, Inez, St. Hedwig, Falls City, Yorktown, San Antonio, Meyersville, Las Gallinas, McConk, and White Deer.

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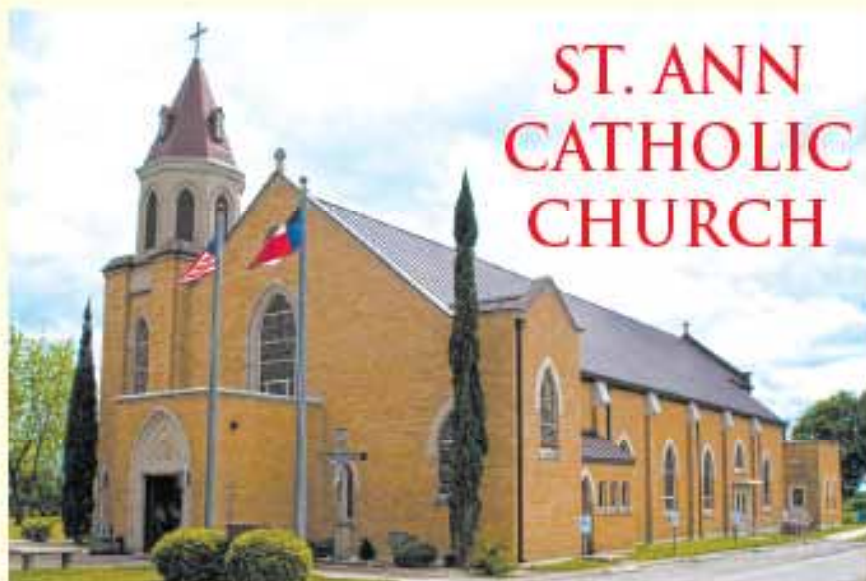


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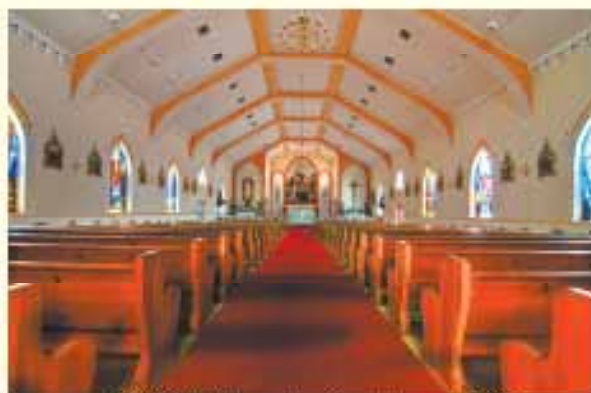
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ST. ANN CATHOLIC CHURCH



COURTESY: Thank you, James Smack aka www.Polish-Texas.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

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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 Kajsiewicz 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



(pictured above left) was pastor of St. Michael's for 48 years - 1912 to 1960. His assistant, Msgr. Edward Dworaczynk 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 by Urban Renewal 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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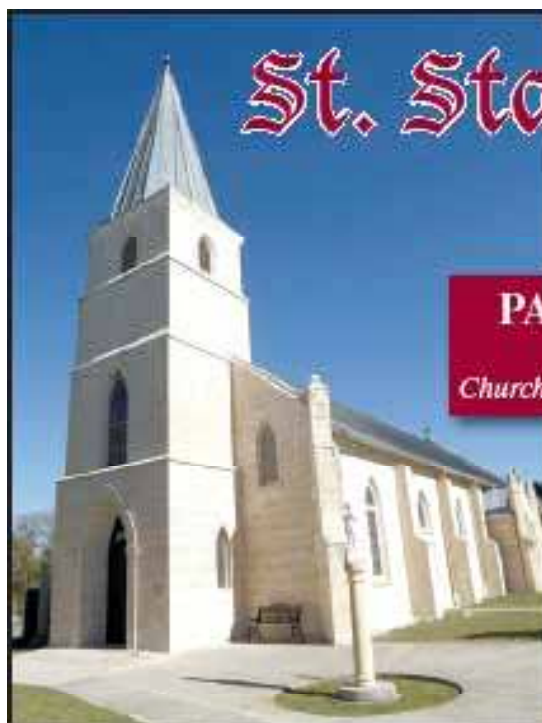
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