

# *10 Year* **Anniversary Celebration**

**2021-2022**

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*The PACT Annual Meeting began with a General Membership meeting in the parish hall at St. Stanislaus Kostka Catholic Church in Anderson, Texas on Nov. 14, 2020.*

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**O**n behalf of the Polish American Council of Texas (PACT), we want to thank our members and sponsors as we celebrate our 10th anniversary. The PACT was founded by Bishop John W. Yanta Emeritus and several key Polonia leaders. Through their vision, we continue our organization's mission of furthering the knowledge of Polish culture, traditions, history, language, arts, current affairs and statewide events in Texas by networking among Polonia in Texas, nationally and abroad. The PACT is proud of our achievements and we look forward to expanding our efforts working together as one Polonia.

— **Dr. Jim Mazurkiewicz, President**  
*Polish American Council of Texas*



Scenes  
from 2020

# Member Events



The Polish Heritage Center  
"Champions" in early 2020,  
planning for the new center.



Austin Polish Society visits  
with the adorable Austin Polish  
school students.



Jagoda Dance  
Ensemble  
celebrating  
Polish National  
Independence  
Day, November  
2020.



We appreciate the many people who have shared photos with us and welcome all photos of member events!

## 4 Major Waves of Polish Immigration to Texas

- I Silesia Region (Prussian partition) since 1854
- II Wielkopolska / Kujawy (Prussian partition) and Malopolska / Galicia (Austrian partition) since 1867
- III Marshall Law. Poles came from all over Poland since 1980 and 1945 after World War II
- IV All of Poland and from California, the US Mid-West and East Coast since 2000-present

- I – II waves "za chlebem"  
(for bread)
- III wave "Solidarnościowa"  
(solidarity)
- IV wave "dla gospodarki"  
(for the economy)





# MEMBER EVENTS 2021~2022

*Please check the Member website for details and up-to-date information.  
Check [www.PACTX.org](http://www.PACTX.org) for more events.*

## **January**

Kosciuszko Lodge 165/Council  
182, Meeting, KC Hall, Houston

1 PACT membership renewals  
become due

10 Polish Progressive Lodge  
2336 Meeting, Houston

17 Jaselka - Nativity Play,  
Polish School, Our Lady of  
Czestochowa, Houston

21 Polish Heritage Center, virtual  
event, "The History of Texas  
Polonia"

30 PACT Directory ad deadline

30 Great Orchestra of Christmas  
Charity event, Wielki Finale,  
Austin

31 Polish Home, Annual Meeting,  
Houston

## **February**

Ognisko, Bonfire, Wawel Dance  
Group, Houston

Polish Film Fest, Austin

Polish Heritage Center, via  
Facebook, "Share Your Polish-  
Texas Stories from the Heart"

Polish Karnawał, Jagoda Dance  
Ensemble, Dallas

6 Children's Karnawał,  
Polish School, Houston

13 Carnival Ball, Polish School,  
Our Lady of Czestochowa,  
Houston

13 Valentine's Day Dance Party,  
European in Texas Market Cafe,  
Southlake

17 Ash Wednesday, Środa  
Popielcowa

## **March**

Austin Polish Film Screening

Bigos Cook-off, Austin  
Polish Society

24 Polish Heritage Center, virtual  
event, "Mary Rzeppa Schulz:  
Pioneer Entrepreneur of South  
Texas"

28 Palm Sunday

## **April**

Polonia Restaurant Annual  
Crawfish Boil, Houston

2 Good Friday

3 Children's Easter event, Our  
Lady of Czestochowa Church,  
Houston

Holy Saturday - Blessing  
of the Food - Easter - święconka

4 Easter, święta wielkanocne

5 Śmigus Dyngus -  
Monday after Easter Day

3rd Sunday Spring Festival, Our  
Lady of Sorrows, San Antonio

6 Deadline, PACT Scholarship  
applications

15 Deadline, PNA Scholarship  
applications

18 Deadline, Fr. Leo  
Moczygemba Fdn  
Scholarship applications

18 Deadline, Polish Progressive  
Lodge 2336/Kosciuszko Lodge  
165 Scholarship applications

21 Polish Heritage Center, virtual  
event, "Ask an Archivist"

25 Picnic, Polish School,  
Houston

25 Dedication of Pope JP II  
statue, Annunciation of the BVM,  
St. Hedwig

Last Sunday Feast Day,  
Annunciation of the BVM,  
St. Hedwig

## **May**

Annual Bazaar, St. Joseph  
church, Stoneham

Polish Picnic, St. Peter the  
Apostle church, Dallas

3 Houston Polish Festival

Polish Labor Day/May Day

1st Sunday Parish Festival,  
St. Stanislaus, Bandera

3 Polish Constitution Day

9 Mother's Day

19 Polish Heritage Center, virtual  
event, "Early Polish Texas  
Builders & Contributions  
to the Texas Landscape &  
Recent Preservation Project &  
Resources in Honor of Historic  
Preservation Month"

23 Children's Day, Mothers/  
Father Day Picnic, Our Lady of  
Czestochowa, Houston

## **June**

20 Father's Day

25-26 Polski Dzień - Polish  
Pickle Run, Bremond

## **August**

Annual Homecoming Bazaar,  
St. Stanislaus, Chappell Hill

Annual Homecoming Bazaar,  
St. Mary, Plantersville  
Homecoming Bazaar,  
St. Stanislaus, Anderson

1st Sunday Annual Picnic,  
St. Ann, Kosciuszko

***More events on page 6.***

COVER PHOTO: Nov. 14, 2020, PACT  
Annual Meeting in Anderson, Texas. Fol-  
lowing Mass, the attendees gathered for a  
group photo in front of the St. Stanislaus  
Kostka church and then walked a short  
way to the parish hall on the beautiful par-  
ish grounds. In the center, Msgr. Adam Mc-  
Closky and Msgr. Chester Borski, who are  
native sons of St. Stanislaus Kostka, with  
Father Jozef Musiol SDS, JDC on the right.

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## **September**

St. Joseph Annual Bazaar,  
New Waverly

Polish Harvest Festival, Houston

Heritage Festival, Sts. Cyril &  
Methodius Slavic, Houston

1st Sunday Annual Homecoming  
Bazaar, Chappell Hill

5 Dożynki Mass & Homecoming  
Festival, Chappell Hill

6 Labor Day

## **October**

Polish Heritage Month

2nd Sunday Turkey Dinner &  
Homecoming, Panna Maria

Oct./Nov. Annual Dożynki,

Chappell Hill  
Oct. 9 Nov. 28 Ren Fest, Polonia  
Restaurant & Polish Activities,  
Magnolia

## **November**

Small Big Hearts Gala

Polish Film Festival, Houston

1 All Saints Day / All Souls Day

7 Fall Back - Change time

11 Polish Independence Day

13 PACT Annual Meeting,  
St. Joseph Church, New Waverly

25 Thanksgiving Day

## **December**

Polish Home Christmas Party,  
Houston

Kolędy Events, Chappell Hill  
& Bremond

24 Christmas Eve - Wigilia,  
Annunciation of the BVM,  
St. Hedwig

25 Christmas Day - Boże  
Narodzenie

31 New Year's Eve /  
Sylwester/ Nowy Rok

## **January 2022**

Polskie Kolędy, St. Stanislaus  
Catholic Church, Chappell Hill

1 PACT Membership renewals  
become due

30 PACT Directory ad deadline



The cradle of  
Polish Immigration  
for East/Brazos  
Valley, Texas.

— Polish settlers  
arrived in  
Galveston, Texas  
on April 23, 1867.

# St. Joseph Catholic Church

Hosts for the 2021 PACT  
Annual Meeting on  
Sat., November 13, 2021!

101 Elmore St., New Waverly, Texas

# 2020 Polish Texan Lifetime Achievement Awards



*Congratulations to the 2020 Polish Texan Lifetime Achievement Award recipients: L-R: Msgr. Chester Borski, Father Joseph Szymaczak (awarded posthumously; accepted by his brother), Elaine Mazurek Stephens, and Msgr. Adam McClosky (Mikołajczyk). In background, Susie Kotara, PACT Director.*

## Gratulacje!

We are proud to announce the winners of our 2020 Scholarship Essay Contest. Each student received a \$1000 scholarship, payable to their university.

**Jacob Campbell** - attends La Vernia High School, will attend Texas A&M University

**Andrew Christy** - attends Kingwood High School, will attend Texas A&M University

**James Mismash** - attends University of Texas at Austin

**Madison Dziuk** - attends Texas A&M University



*Dr. Jim Mazurkiewicz meeting one of our 2020 PACT Scholarship winners, Andrew Christy (second from right), and his family.*

Once again, we wish to say Gratulacje! to the students who have won a scholarship from PACT!

**2020**  
Jacob Campbell  
Andrew Christy  
James Mismash  
Madison Dziuk

**2019**  
Alycia Caban-Johnson  
Jacob Alexander  
Kristin Krózel  
Kasia Krózel

**2018**  
David Luke Cheuvront  
Patrik Tomaszewicz  
Kasia Krózel  
**2017**  
Patrick Zajac

**Visit our website for details about our Scholarship Program.  
We welcome donations to this fund, [www.PACTX.org](http://www.PACTX.org)**



# 2020 PACT Activities

- Encouraged Texas Polonia to complete the 2020 US Census to include their Polish heritage: Feb. 5, 2020
- Taping/Recording of the Wielkopolska Polish dialect in Chappell Hill on Oct. 27, 2019 and the Silesian Polish Dialect of Panna Maria on August 22, 2020
- "Polish Texan -The History of Texas Polonia" presentation for the Texas A&M Polish Association and the Penn State University Polish Club on October 13, 2020. Available at PACTx.org.
- Hosted the St. John Paul II 100th Anniversary 2020 World Concert Series on October 25, 2020 sponsored by the Consulate General of the Republic of Poland in Houston. Available at PACTx.org.
- Co-sponsored a letter of invitation to Mr. Dariusz Bonislawski, President Stowarzyszenie Wspólnota Polska on Feb. 11, 2020 with John W. Yanta, Bishop Emeritus, Chairman of the Board, Polish Heritage in Panna Maria, Texas to visit Texas and the PHC.
- Organized and planned an eight day "Polish Texas History Visit" from March 28 to April 5 for Professors from Lublin University (KUL) and University of Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński (UKSW) in Warsaw to study "The History of Texas Polonia." Cancelled due to COVID-19.
- Prepared and submitted a letter to President Andrzej Duda for support of Project ACP on May 2020.
- Prepared and submitted a letter on behalf of PACT to all 36 Texas US House of Representatives and 2 Texas US Senators concerning the Social Security Fairness Act (H.R. 141/S.521) on September 14, 2020.
- Dr. Jim Mazurkiewicz, President of PACT was interviewed and an article was written about "Texas Strategy for Polonia" on January 3, 2020 and published in Tygodnik Solidarność by Waldemar Biniecki.
- Sent a letter of congratulations to Polish President Andrzej Duda for his re-election to a second term as President of Poland on July 14, 2020 on behalf of PACT.
- Provided an interview with Kimberly Fox with KAMU-TV for the "Around the world in 10 days" series on July 23, 2020 about Poland.
- Interview with Dr. Jim Mazurkiewicz titled "Poles from all over the world should get together" premiered on May 19, 2020 conducted by Polonia wRealu24 with 16,284 views. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5SBbkK1OZZY&t=16s>
- Prepared and submitted a letter of support on behalf of PACT on May 27, 2020 for the resolution commemorating the 80th Anniversary of the Katyn Massacre introduced to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee by US Senators Menendez, Risch and Durbin on May 7, 2020. This letter of support was submitted to Senators Menendez, Risch, Durbin, Cruz, Cornyn as well as President Trump and President Duda.
- Research information was collected from December 2019 to February 2020 and presented to Ewa Barczyk on February 13, 2020 with the Polish American Historical Association (PAHA) for a document Ewa was preparing for "Guide to Polish Historical Sites in North America. Texas Polish history included parishes, Texas Independence battles, San Jacinto, music, Polish Home in Houston and the narrative about the four Polish immigrations to Texas by Dr. Jim Mazurkiewicz.
- PACT Proclamation for the late Elenora Dugosh Goodley presented to her family for her many contributions to Texas Polonia and the City of Bandera.
- Initiated and established a "Sister City" between Bryan/College Station, Texas and Toruń, Poland confirmed on June 3, 2020 from the Mayor of Toruń, Michał Zaleski.
- Dr. Piotr Przybylski explained the current status of Texas Polonia and the reason why Poles and people of Polish descent are moving to Texas in an interview with the Polvision Polish TV from Chicago – Houston, January 2020.
- Dr. Piotr Przybylski prepared and conducted three virtual lectures about the Polish History for the students of the St. John Paul II Institute at the University of St. Thomas – April-June 2020.
- New PACT website was created (August-November 2020) – group effort led by Elaine Mazurek Stephens.
- PACT sponsored the virtual symphonic concert and recitation of some of Karol Wojtyła's poems during the 100th birth anniversary of St. John Paul II – effort organized by Krzysztof Gajda – October 25 2020
- PACT Annual Meeting in Anderson, Chairman Michael Kurtin – November 14, 2020
- Coordinated with Polish Consulate a help for a sick child and its parents to come back to Poland after successful therapy in Houston – June 2020
- Prepared, published, and distributed 2,000 PACT directories throughout Texas, U.S. and Poland.
- Added Floyd Daigle – an experienced web designer – to the PACT team.
- Added Justyna Lopez as new PACT Board Member – extended PACT to El Paso region.
- Added Elaine Mazurek-Stephens as 3rd VP of PACT – September 2020.
- Developed a strong Polish volleyball team "The White Eagles" in Houston league, with a high chance of winning the group; the finals were postponed due to Covid-19 – January-March 2020.
- Advertised and helped to find students for the first online Polish language course organized by Urszula Szuleta from Houston Polish Academy – June-August 2020.
- Added St. John Paul II Institute, Houston Polish Academy, and New Waverly Polish community to PACT – January 2020.
- Invited Dr. John Hittinger as a guest speaker about the St. John Paul II for Texas Polonia at the PACT annual meeting in Anderson – November 14 2020.
- Awarded \$4000 in scholarship to Texas students.
- Presented Polish-Texan Lifetime Achievement Awards to Msgr. Chester Borski, Father Joseph Szymaczak (awarded posthumously; accepted by his brother), Elaine Mazurek Stephens, and Msgr. Adam McClosky (Mikolajczyk).

Scenes  
from the  
2020



# PACT Annual Meeting

in Anderson, Texas  
Nov. 14, 2020



Harvey and Helen Wise, members of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Bryan, Texas, attending the PACT Annual Meeting. Helen has Polish roots from Bremond, Texas. Our condolences to their family on the passing of Mr. Wise in February 2021.



Following Mass, the attendees gathered for a group photo in front of the church and then walked a short way to the parish hall on the beautiful parish grounds. The blessing of the meal was said by Fr. Jozef Musiol, Pastor of St. Stanislaus Catholic Church in Chappell Hill, Texas.

Once again, we say *Dziekuje bardzo!* to Anderson and St. Stanislaus Catholic Parish for making our annual meetings fun and outstanding!

Visit our NEW website for MORE photos of the 2020 Annual Meeting - [PACTx.org](http://PACTx.org).

**Celebrate PACT's 10 year anniversary with a recap of past annual meetings on pages 10-11.**



Left: Ted Zawistowski, Bill Orodowicz. Right: John Zientek, Gerome Bielamowicz.



L-R: Dr. Jim and Kathy Mazurkiewicz with Michael Kurtin, Annual Meeting Chairman, right. COVID precautions were in place as participants donned masks, had their temperature taken at the entrance, and used many bottles of hand sanitizer throughout the meeting.

**2011**



Jan 27, 2011, in San Antonio, Bishop John Y. Yanta, right, invited several people to attend a meeting; with the vision of creating an organization to represent Polish-Texans. In the same year, the name, Polish American Council of Texas was adopted. L-R: Janet Dawson Ebrom, Joseph Cicherski, Dorothy Pawelek, and Bishop Yanta. Also in attendance were Fr. Frank Kurzaj, Fr. Bill Zadora SDS, Fr. Stanislaus Pieczara SDS, Fr. Stan Fiuk, Fr. Mariusz Lazarek, Sr. Mary Martha Janysek, Genny Kraus, Ed and Sue McCarthy, Elenora Dugosh Goodley, Elaine Mazurek Stephens, Rosalie and Lambert Titzman, Allen and Regina Kosub, and the Seraphic Sisters who prepared lunch for us, at The Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa in San Antonio.

# Celebrating

**2011**



On March 19, 2011, another meeting was held to continue discussing Bishop Yanta's vision of establishing the Polish American Council of Texas. In attendance were Dr. Zbigniew Wojciechowski, Laura Felusiak, Darek Ostatek, Art Gmurowski, Fr. Frank Kurzaj, Ed and Sue McCarthy, Dorothy Pawelek, Bob Malina, Dr. Marian Kruzel, Joseph Cicherski, Beata Burgeson, and Elaine Mazurek Stephens. Once again, the Seraphic Sisters at the Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa kindly prepared refreshments for us.

**2012**

On June 16, 2012, we met in San Antonio, where we approved By-Laws and elected the first slate of Officers: Art Gmurowski, President; Elenora Dugosh Goodley, Vice President; Marian Kruzel, 1st Vice President; Elaine Mazurek Stephens, Secretary; Beata Zadrozna, Treasurer.



**2014**

On November 15, 2014, PACT officers met at the Texas Cattle Company in Austin for a small but fruitful Annual Meeting. L-R: Elaine Mazurek Stephens, Art Gmurowski, Bishop John W. Yanta, DDS, Sue McCarthy, Elenora Dugosh Goodley, and John Goodley.

In 2015, the PACT Annual Meeting was held at St. John Catholic Church in San Marcos. The meal was catered by Apolonia Catering. In attendance were Bishop John W. Yanta DDS, Fr. Stanislaus Pieczara SDS, Beata Burgeson, Sue McCarthy, Sam and Susie Kotara, James Mazurkiewicz, Dr. Jim Mazurkiewicz, Elenora Dugosh Goodley, Maureen Brown, Bob Malina, Art Gmurowski, John Wojtasczyk, Angelica Firlej, and Elaine Mazurek Stephens.

**2013**



November 23, 2013 - The first annual meeting of PACT was held on a cold day in Bremond at the Texas Slav and German Warehouse and was hosted by owners, Jason and Denise Gouge.



**2015**





# 10 Years



**2016**

*In 2016, PACT membership grew considerably. The Annual Meeting was held in Panna Maria and was the first time the event included Mass, a procession, awards, and entertainment.*



**2017**

*On November 18, 2017, our PACT Annual Meeting returned to Bremond where the community again welcomed us with open arms. The day included meetings, Mass, a welcome by local officials, awards, dance performances, a procession, and a great meal.*



**2019**

*On November 16, 2019, we held our Annual Meeting in the Cowboy Capital of the World, Bandera, Texas. The locals had a real hoe-down for us! Beginning with a big breakfast meeting hosted by the St. Stanislaus Knights of Columbus and parishioners, followed by a Texas-sized greeting on the Courthouse lawn, our procession led to Holy Mass at St. Stanislaus. We then went to The Farm Country Club for great entertainment, a silent auction, awards, and a great meal.*



**2018**

*On Nov. 17, 2018, Chappell Hill was the venue for our Annual Meeting, hosted by St. Stanislaus Catholic Church. On that beautiful day, we celebrated with a big welcoming ceremony, a procession to Mass followed by a delicious meal, entertainment, awards, a silent auction, and lots of fun. Photo courtesy of James Smock*



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

They both came to Texas from the region of Silesia, in Poland. John arrived on the first ship in 1854 and was a stonemason who settled in downtown San Antonio and helped build many churches and buildings, including St. Michael's Church that stood in the footprint of the Tower of Americas, and where the couple wed in 1868. Josephine had come to Texas with her parents, Nicolaus and Josephine Opiela (buried in Panna Maria) and seven siblings in 1856. Their family home John Kush built remains in its original location in Hemisfair Park. I hope to honor them by serving as Director for the PACT and Marketing Director for the Polish Heritage Center at Panna Maria. I only learned of my Polish ancestors after working with the PHC, Bishop Yanta, and the communities and now I am blessed and will treasure this heritage and will pass on to my family.

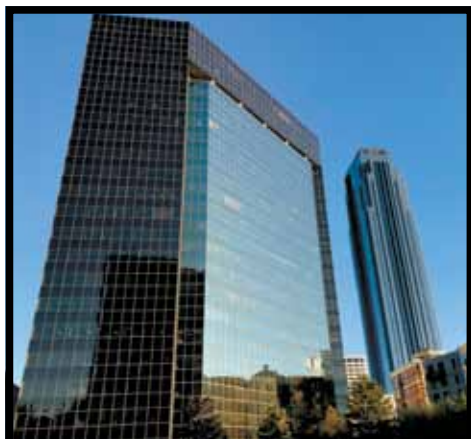
— Maureen "Mo" Brown



**John & Amanda Cebrowski**

***In Memory of...***

**Wacław Siekierski  
and  
Jozefa Rzańska Siekierski**



**Consulate General  
of the Republic of Poland  
in Houston**

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**Zuzanna  
Kobrzynski**

**Director of the Texas  
Foreign Trade Office  
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Trade Agency**

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

**Genny Kraus**

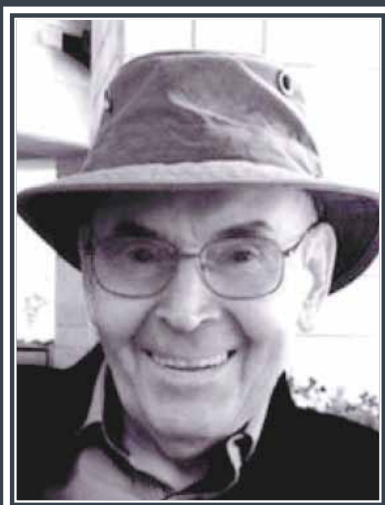
**Mazurka Polish Dancer  
PACT Member**



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

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***Dr. Witold Lukaszewski***



***Then & Now***



# John and Frances Lewandowski - Chappell Hill



**John Lewandowski**  
(1875 - 1957)

*John and Frances  
Jensurski  
Lewandowski  
arrived  
in Chappell Hill  
in 1899.*



**Frances Lewandowski**  
(1879 - 1960)

**We are the second and third generation of their offspring,  
Pete and Theresa Kapchinski Lewandowski.**



*Stanley, F. B. "Ski" and  
Johnnie Lewandowski*



*Norman and Evelyn Lewandowski  
Mushinski and F.B. "Ski" Lewandowski*



*F. B. "Ski" Lewandowski*



*Johnnie  
and Evelyn  
Mushinski  
Lewandowski,  
Brenda  
Lewandowski,  
James  
Mushinski  
family*

**Congratulations to PACT  
and much success for all  
endeavors in 2021!**

*Jolanta A.  
Mazewski- Dryden*



- ◆ Secretary – Polish American Council of Texas
- ◆ Fraternal Advisor – Region H, Polish National Alliance (Texas, Colorado, Florida, Missouri & Nebraska)
- ◆ Sales Representative – Polish National Alliance Fraternal Insurance
- ◆ President, Polish Progressive Lodge 2336 & Council 182 Representative
- ◆ Polish Events and Happenings in Texas & Beyond

Immigrated from Poland in the early 60's to Texas. Actively involved in the Polish community and organizations since the age of 5, performed with the Polish Eagle dancers for over 30 years. Held a variety of positions in the Polish community for five decades. Active promoter of the Polish culture, history, language, arts, and heritage via Polish displays throughout Texas. Involved in festivals, consumer events, bazaars, and private events. Does speaking engagements and TV promos. Check out Polish Events and Happening in Texas and Beyond on FB for up-to-date info in the Polish community. Owns a consulting, PR, marketing, and event production firm – Dryden Event Productions. Contact: jola@drydeneventproductions.

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

— Sue McCarthy

**Blessings  
from**

**Susan  
Moczygemba-  
McKinsey**

**Panna Maria, TX**

*"Best wishes to the Polish American Council of Texas throughout 2021!"*



**Dr. Mark Pienkos**

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*Mary Ann  
Kotara Schirmer*

**5th Generation  
in Panna Maria  
Best Wishes to All!**

**Congratulations  
to PACT on the  
Celebration of our  
10 Year Anniversary!**

**Elaine Mazurek  
Stephens**

Founding Member  
and Officer of PACT  
and Descendant of  
Thomas & Mary  
Gruszka Mazurek,  
original Polish settlers  
in Bandera, Texas,  
along with my Haiduk  
and Jureczki ancestors

*In memory of*



**Jerzy-Piotr Walicki**  
who arrived in the United States  
from the region of Bialystock  
in Poland on October 27, 1949.

Born: June 28, 1920

Deceased: June 2, 2007

— Mark G. Walicki, son  
Richard Walicki, son  
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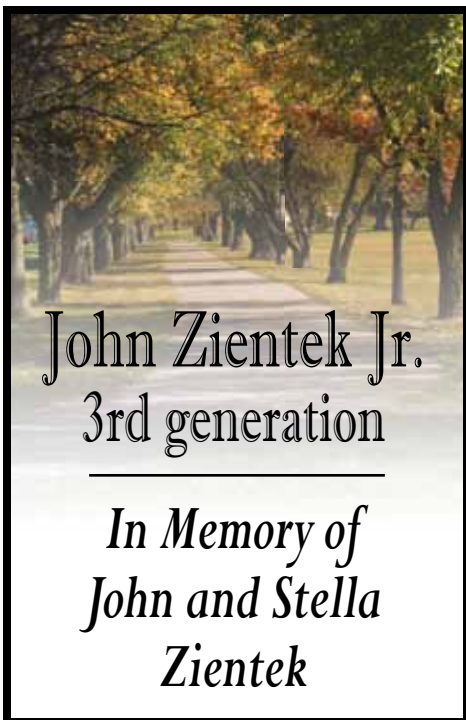
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John Zientek Jr.  
3rd generation

*In Memory of  
John and Stella  
Zientek*

## Founder & Chairman Emeritus of the Polish American Council of Texas:

**Bishop  
John W.  
Yanta**



Above: President of the Republic of Poland, Andrzej Duda, presenting the highest award to a non-citizen of Poland, the **Commander's Cross of the Order of Merit** during his Presidential visit to Our Lady of Częstochowa Church, Houston, Texas, June 13, 2019. This award was presented for Bishop Yanta's long history of promoting, supporting, and preserving Polonia not only here in Texas, but throughout America.

On right: the **Commander's Cross of the Order of Merit** award with certificate of authenticity.



**John & Debbie  
Brzezinski**



**Paul & Laura  
Dylla**

*In Memory of*  
**Engelbert & Elenora Krawietz**  
and  
**Lawrence & Alice Dylla**

**Malgorzata  
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T. Gajda,  
MD, FAAP  
&  
Krzysztof  
(Christopher)  
J. Gajda,  
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**Gabe & Bertha  
Dworaczyk  
Korzekwa**



*In Memory Of*  
**Hagan Dworaczyk & Pelagia (Wiatrek)  
Dworaczyk**      **Benedict Korzekwa  
& Hattie (Hoffmann)  
Korzekwa**

# Sam & Susie Kotara

**Honoring the Polish heritage of the Broll, Kotara, and Wojtasczyk families while being actively involved in the development of the Polish Heritage Center USA at Panna Maria and the PACT.**

## *The Kuciemba Family*



**Rebel Ian, Rusty, Liberty Rose, Wuisayo, Katarzyna Victoria**



*We pay Tribute to our ancestors and honor their sacrifices.*

## **George & Betty Kowalik**

Supporting the Polish Heritage Center to instill pride and knowledge of our ancestors' Polish heritage, faith, family and community and working to keep their history from being lost.



## Na cześć naszych polskich rodzin



Mikolaj Kubiak &  
Katherina Kuzniarek  
Parents of Marcin Kubiak - standing

We Remember  
and  
Honor Our  
Beloved Bremond  
Ancestors

Denis Kubiak  
Bremond

Nicholas Kubiak  
& Family  
Rockwall



Jan Slawkow & Marisa Filip  
On Wedding Day (date unknown)

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*President & PACT Board Member  
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at Panna Maria  
Board Member, Polish American Chamber  
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Professor, Regents Fellow &  
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**Al & Angela  
Notzon**



I have been working with Bishop John Yanta 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.

**Dr. Piotr  
Przybylski**

**•1st Vice President of PACT  
and PACT Board Member**

**•Born and raised in Kraków, Poland**

**•University of St. Thomas  
Polish Studies Development Advisor**



## John & Denise SKROBARCZYK

5th generation descendants  
of immigrants

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who arrived in Panna Maria  
in 1855



**Rising Hope**, a  
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(Pawelek) Titzman



**John** (Treasurer for PACT) &  
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Church  
was  
founded  
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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,

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**The Center for European Studies (CES) at University of Texas at Austin** promotes the study of Europe in the form of: language study; providing courses on European culture, history, economics, business, and politics; creating opportunities for study abroad and internships abroad; and assisting students in pursuing work opportunities connected to Europe.

CES also serves civic, nonprofit, and business associations with activities in Europe; academic leaders and institutions from Europe with collaborative agreements with UT; governmental and multilateral agencies dedicated to social and economic betterment in Europe; and the general public in Texas and the U.S. whose world outlook includes Europe.

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## Polish Studies at UT!

The Department of Slavic & Eurasian Studies offers first through third year Polish language classes in addition to coursework on Central Europe that features Polish history, literature, film and culture!

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The **Polish Studies Endowment** currently funds student scholarships for Polish language learning or research during the summer and we're hoping to build the endowment to additionally support a full-time lecturer position in Polish Studies.



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## Father Leopold Moczygemba Foundation



In the early 1850s, Father Leopold Moczygemba, from Pluznica, Silesia, a region in Europe, now southwest 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 Panna Maria and many other Texas communities. Their descendants continue to call South Texas home.

The Foundation sponsors an annual essay scholarship contest, and maintains two websites, resulting in the building of bridges and relationships between Poland and Texas.

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•**The Father Leopold Moczygemba Foundation** book prepared in 2019 answers the questions, "What is the purpose of the Foundation?" "How did it get started?" "Who is involved in this organization?"

•**Silesia for Silesian Texans**, prepared by Rev. Msgr. Franciszek Kurzaj in 2019, was edited by Sue Mason and researched by the Silesian Profiles Committee. ISBN 978-83-7342-687-0.

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# Holy Cross Catholic Church



**Rev. Roger Hawes**

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## POLISH AMERICAN CHAMBER of COMMERCE IN TEXAS

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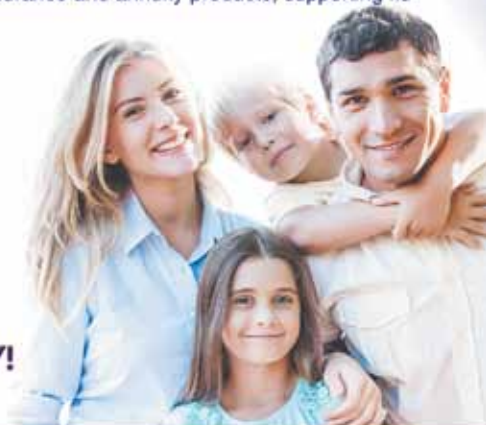
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# Polish Genealogical Society of Texas



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•**Genealogy Room & Oral History** with computer stations for visitors to access family research and photographs

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The Polish Heritage Center at Panna Maria is currently under construction & the PHCPM

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**SUN. 8:00 AM**

# St. Michael Catholic Church



The original St. Michael Catholic Church was the center of the third oldest parish in San Antonio, Texas, and a nucleus for the Polish people of the city. It began with the arrival of Father Vincent Barzynski of the Resurrectionist Order who was the earliest resident pastor. On November 18, 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 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.

This historic church, with St. Michael the Archangel as its standard bearer, was demolished to make room for the 1968 HemisFair. Info courtesy of [SilesianTexans.com](http://SilesianTexans.com).

**Please see [SilesianTexans.com](http://SilesianTexans.com) for beautiful images and more information about this historic church.**

**The modern St. Michael Catholic Church is located at 418 Indiana St., San Antonio, Texas 78210. For information please call 210-263-7270.**



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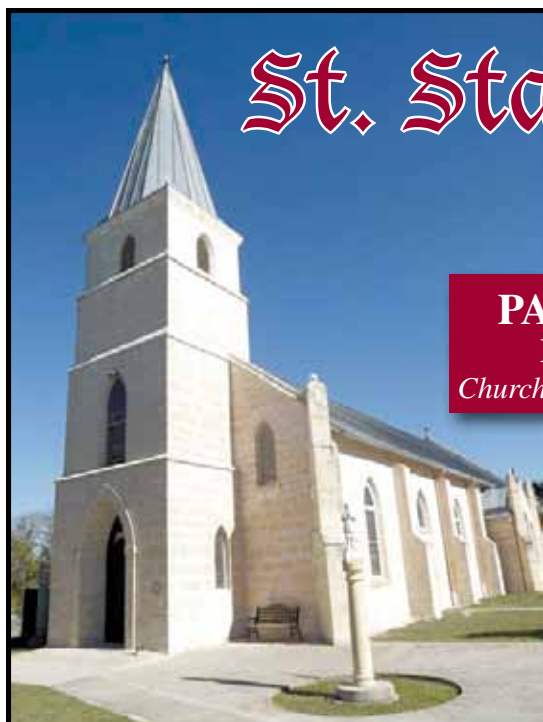


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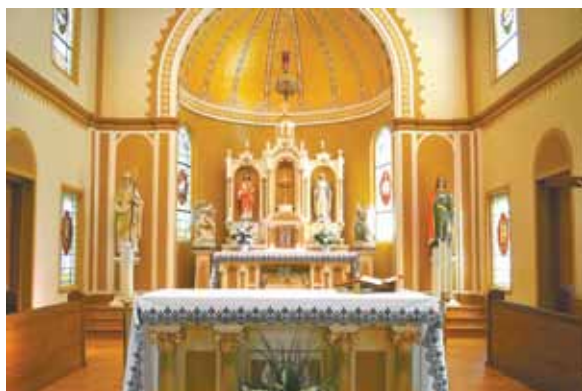
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