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Season 2 Episode 3: The Missing and the Accused in Isadore, MI- Part 2

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00:01:10 On this episode of Common Mystics, we continue our salacious story out of Isadore, Michigan. I'm Jennifer James. Jill Stanley. We are Common Mystics. We find extraordinary stories in ordinary places, and we're ready for part two of Isadore, Michigan.

00:01:27 So guys, just to recap, where we left off is in Isadore, Michigan. A 33 year old nun, Sister Janina, is missing on the day of August 23rd, 1907. It would be 11 years before any trace of Sister Janina would be found.

00:01:43 The housekeeper was accused, tried and convicted of the murder. Her name was Stanislaw, or Stella, Lipczynska. And the narrative told again and again in the media was that sister Janina was having an affair with the priest, Father Andrew, and the housekeeper Stella Lipczynska killed her in a jealous rage and buried her in the cellar because she herself was in love with Father Andrew.

00:02:09 Well, we call bullshit on that. [Makes a noise.] That is my bullshit button.

00:02:20 Like we can't find better sound effects for free online. That's terrible. I'm editing that out.

00:02:31 Oh, you're not! Leave it in. Okay. So again... bullshit.

00:02:33 So much about this does not add up.

00:02:36 It really doesn't. It really doesn't. So let's go through the cast of characters, to bring light to who these people are.

00:02:43 Let's do it. Let's start with Stella. Yeah, the housekeeper. Yes. Okay. So you will remember, we are talking about Isadore, which is a Polish community that was established by Polish immigrants from Poland who were originally in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, who settled in Isadore.

00:03:01 Like the Pilgrims but without the boat. I remember. They're Polish pilgrims. Polish pilgrims. I like that. Okay, go on.

00:03:07 So there's this, there's this community of Polish pilgrims. And so Stella was in her twenties, in her late twenties when her husband passed away. But on his deathbed, he made Stella promise never to remarry. Dick move. Such a dick move. In 1900, she moved to the United States from Poland, with her daughter, Mary, because she had some distant relatives in Isadore. She settled there. Now she herself spoke very little English and of course she spoke Polish. Now she did keep her promise to her husband and she never remarried

00:03:42 So sad because women don't have a lot of options. She's really lucky that she had found a position at the time.

00:03:48 She is, and the church was her life. And she was honored to be of service to Father Andrew and to work in the parish as a housekeeper. And not only she, but also her daughter, Mary, both lived in the Holy Rosary Parish and worked there. Now at the time of the disappearance of sister Janina, Stella was 37 years old. She was a petite lady. She was four foot seven. Little. Yeah. But she was a hard, proud worker. Now people in the community thought her to be unfriendly at best. She was known to be kind of strange, antisocial. She looked down on the nuns, apparently, because the nuns in her opinion were less dutiful than they should be, specifically Sister Janina.

00:04:39 Okay. What does that look like? They didn't work as hard as they should. They would take naps during the day. Sister Janina was often wandering about with no rhyme or reason, like going off, taking long walks into the woods. She described the nuns as like the wives of the priest rather than being devoted to God. And that for sure would have put a devout Polish, hard worker over the edge, at least, the Polish hard workers that I know.

00:05:05 Right. You get the feeling reading about Stella, that she felt that the nuns thought that they were above her, that they didn't have to work as hard, that they, their priorities were different. Right.

00:05:20 Instead of working harder because they had a more serious connection to the Lord and to the piety of the church, they were blessed.

00:05:29 Oh, oh, right. So anyway... So we read about Stella. We kind of identify with Stella, right? Like I was saying... Like the Polish women I know... that what we're describing really fits within what we know of Polish immigrants coming to the country: the pride in their hard work; the devotion that they have to the Lord. So this like, checks out for me.

00:05:51 Well, not only that, but the community of Isadore feels in some ways kind of familiar because of our own family who settled on the South Side of Chicago in a Polish community. It's not the same. So I think us having that experience growing up in a situation where you have a Polish community and you see the way that life revolves around the church... like this whole situation kind of felt familiar.

00:06:21 I think of how Stella was so proud and doing her work, it really reminds me a lot of Grandma. Me too. There wasn't a lot of things that would impress our grandma. True. But one of the things that she really was prideful about or would be impressed by someone is not only was their house clean, but they did it themselves. Very true. If you knew how to clean a house, if you knew how to take care of your things, that was huge on the Gramma meter. Right? Hard work was hard work. And she taught us how to clean hard.

00:06:50 Really? Not how I saw it. Um, I actually have childhood memories of me, like, just having a peaceful Saturday morning with the Muppet Babies and like my cereal, Captain Crunch, Crunch Berries, and you being like, oh, we're going to help Grandma. And then me being, like, chained to something... like sweating and working hard for hours.

00:07:21 Cleaning her garage, like scrubbing her garage floor, type cleaning...

00:07:25 Her garage floor is literally cleaner than my kitchen counters.

00:07:29 Exactly. So in my opinion, nobody is a harder worker than an old Polish woman. And I'm going to stand by that statement.

00:07:36 Oh yeah. 100%. Like the garage floor. We picked up everything in her garage, wiped it down, put it outside. Then we wiped down the floor.

00:07:47 I think our listeners get it. Yeah. That was like hours. It was like an entire day. Right. Moving on.

00:07:52 So in a nutshell, we felt not only that we could identify with the community and the people in the community, but specifically Stella. Stella felt like someone that could literally be on our family tree. Absolutely. So let's move on to another one of the cast of characters, Sister Janina.

00:08:12 [Jill sings] How do you solve a problem like Janina???

00:08:15 Yeah, so, um, she was one of the three nuns who lived and worked at Holy Rosary. She was 33 years old. She was the Mother Superior at the little convent. The other two sisters

were sister Mary Angelina and sister Mary Josephine. Now all three of them, by the way, had tuberculosis.

00:08:34 You had mentioned that in part one. I did. Yeah, because that's why they stayed there for the summer. Exactly. So I'm reviewing. I'm not criticizing. It just sounded like a criticism. Wow. I'm just adding commentary.

00:08:47 Right. Okay. Okay. By all accounts, her character was very lively. Oh, this is sad. She had been orphaned at a young age and you know, this is quite interesting because usually when someone becomes a nun, I think of a calling, right? A person has a personal calling from the Lord, like, I don't know, God comes down himself apparently and says, "You're you are going to be a nun!" You know, something like that. That's how I envision it. But in this situation, it was the church, her convent, that kind of adopted her and raised her as a nun. So it's a little bit backwards from the way I imagine that it usually happens. Anyway. By all accounts, not only was she lively, but she wasn't a very good nun. Describe that to me. Well, um, she wasn't exactly committed to piety. Okay. What does that look like? What are you saying? Stop beating around the bush.

00:09:53 Well, when you're a nun, apparently, you're not supposed to, like, be alone in your bedroom with a man.

00:09:59 That seems fair. Like, that seems to check out. That's a reasonable, that's a reasonable rule.

00:10:03 Well, apparently, Sister Janina was often and repeatedly behind closed doors with men. Now, when I say men, I'm talking about one Father Andrew. Father Andrew was one of the men. Now, he was her boss. So he better than anyone should have known the "no men in your bedroom" rule. You're right. He should have known those rules. We'll get to that in a second.

00:10:27 But, um, not only that, but also, uh, the doctor. Now, you know, these days, of course, you're going to see your doctor behind closed doors, right? Yeah. But back 120 years ago, no, nuns aren't behind closed doors. Even with a doctor.

Speaker 2 00:10:45 You know, I have to stop you. You have someone in with you? Yeah. Yeah. I know. Even when I, like, get checked out for my moles, there's always someone, there's a woman in the room with me. Yeah. Anyway, Sorry. Good point. So even today, dammit, I shouldn't be alone. Maria von Tramp. Really? It's true. Oh God. [Jill sings] How d'you catch a cloud and pin it down???

00:11:08 All right. So, oh, here's another thing. In addition to all of the questionable, uh, hoochie coochie behind the scenes, behind closed doors situations with men, she apparently wasn't a hard worker. And during chore time, she would be found, uh, traipsing around the woods.

00:11:30 Wow. See, now, if I were Stella, a hundred percent, I would be so angry. Like I'm triggered by that. Like, Men? Nothing, who cares? Whatever. But, like, work time? You're just, like, walking around, singing, like, "The hills are alive"? Yeah, yeah, yeah. You know what???. I never thought of the other nuns in that movie. When I saw Maria twirling around (Julie Andrews) I never thought to myself, shouldn't she be doing something???. Right? Like, isn't there a chore she should be up to? I never thought about it. This story has ruined the Sound of Music for me. I wouldn't go that far. I wouldn't go that far. That's... that there was a line you went right over it. And I stepped over it.

00:12:04 All right. We still love The Sound of Music. All right.

00:12:07 Do you think Georg [von Trapp] is hot? You do? I can tell in your face. She just smiled all big. Christopher Plummer? We need to get back to the outline. I know. All right.

00:12:21 So it appears that Janina was, she probably wasn't a bad person. She just wasn't cut out to be a nun. Seems like you said she wasn't called to be a nun. The nuns raised her to be a nun.

00:12:33 And uh, by the way, there was a rumor about her that was circulating around the time of her disappearance. And that was that she was pregnant.

00:12:42 Well, she brought that on herself. She shouldn't be behind closed doors with men. You don't seem to be very empathetic to Sister Janina, so let's move on to Father Andrew. I'm not angry with her. I'm just saying that, like... You're angry at her actions?

00:12:55 Okay. Um, exactly. Father Andrew. Father Andrew was eccentric. He was a weirdo. That's, wow. I'm sorry. I shouldn't say weirdo.

00:13:06 You're like, you're being so hard on Sister, now this mofo, he's weird. Okay. Go on. Tell me about him. He had a menagerie of exotic animals at the parish. Oh my God. What does that even mean? Didn't I just say it's like Michael Jackson before his time, you know? Like when you said that, I literally thought Tiger King. Yeah. Like full on. I was like Father Andrew, like, my whole impression of him changed.

00:13:29 He had parrots, foxes and crocodiles. Foxes are cute. Crocodiles? No way. And by the way, who do you think was taking care of those animals? It wasn't Father. Stella.

00:13:44 Oh my God. See. Oh, anyway. So Father Andrew was also 33 years old. He was really strict. He had a reputation of being strict. And if you were a school boy who attended the Holy Rosary School and you were acting out, he would hit you. Ah, the good old days. Like Father Andrew would hit the children. Bet they didn't do it again. He also looked down on people who are not completely devoted to the church. Like he was very outspoken. Like if you didn't, you know, show your piety, come to church...

00:14:17 Do you think those were the conversations he was having behind closed doors with Sister Janina? Sure. That's what it was. He was like, "You need to follow the rules... Here I am breaking them."

00:14:27 Right. I'm sure that's what they were talking about. Yeah. But I think it's important to remember, he was the one in charge in this little community, like this whole community revolved around the church. He was in charge of the church there. He was kind of like the de facto mayor, kind of.

00:14:43 What was his relationship really like with Stella? Well, he and Stella got along. She cleaned up after his exotic animals. Right? No, apparently they got along and he was fiercely loyal to her. And we'll see later, through all of these trials and tribulations that Stella has that he stands up for her and he never believed her to be guilty of the murder of Sister Janina.

00:15:11 As a matter of fact, I think you mentioned that even after her conviction and Stella being put away, he still was using his own money to find out and investigate what really happened to Sister Janina. So that's, I mean, that says a lot. It does say a lot. All right. So we have another person that we want to talk about. And that's the doctor, Dr. George Fralick. The doctor who apparently also spent a whole lot of time behind closed doors with....

00:15:38 Question. Yes? Question. Now I know you're going to say Janina. Did he spend, or has it been reported that he was going to the other nuns' rooms who also had tuberculosis? He was not. So somebody had a favorite.

00:15:52 You're absolutely right. All three had tuberculosis. And he spent most of the time and made many, many more visits to Sister Janina.

00:16:02 He was her personal physician. Yes. He sure was. So if she were pregnant, he would have known. Oh, absolutely. And he also, by the way, also would have had an opportunity to father the child.

00:16:15 Well, what about his character? Like, does that seem plausible? Well, you know what, in the book that I read, Isadore's Secret by Marty link? Tell me. It says that he actually had sort of a reputation for being a flirty, flirty womanizer. Slut.

00:16:31 Exactly. Wow. Right. So I mean that, all that all falls in line, you know? What was father Andrew thinking about him? Father Andrew never trusted him. Shut up. Talk to me. He, when the sheriff was investigating the murder, Father Andrew kept bringing Dr. Fralick back up saying, you really need to look in the doctor. You really need to look into the doctor. Wow. And they didn't, they didn't follow that lead for whatever reason. We don't know. Well, it didn't fit their narrative as we'll talk about in a minute to be honest. Okay. So Jen, this story has a lot of moving parts. So much. There's a lot to the story. So much. But through the weeds, you and I for months had meditated, thought about the story, and actually put it on the back burner until we thought about, psychically, how this really played out, because none of this sat well with us. And what were our psychic impressions and what do we believe really went down and what happened to Sister Janina on the morning of August 23rd, 1907?

00:17:35 Sister Janina is a nun with a plan. She is in love with someone and she's carrying her lover's baby. Sister Janina waits until the fishing party departs, the staff returns to work, and the other sisters to their chores or to their cells to take their naps. She takes advantage of everyone being gone, fishing or busy with the preparations for the bishop's visit. And that moment, she leaves Holy Rosary. She leaves without her scapular and her prayer book, two things that a nun should never leave.

00:18:04 You say she leaves. You mean she's leaving the church physically? Or do you mean that she is literally leaving her calling, leaving the life of a nun?

00:18:15 Excellent question. I say both. And I think that the fact that she left behind things like her scapular and her prayer book show that she was leaving her faith behind in some respects, at least the calling or the position. Yeah. The whole life of a nun she was leaving behind. When she left, where did she go? She goes to the woods and she paces. She sings. She hums. And she waits for someone to come and get her there in the woods. And it appears that she was waiting for quite a bit of time by the footprints that were found there. And the fact that there were men in the area who heard singing that evening. Now we surmise that she must've been getting worried that her companion may not come. But eventually we believe that she's picked up on the road where the dog lost her scent. Now, why would she take such a drastic step and leave the church Jill? Well, she was leaving the life, like we said, she was leaving the church. She was leaving her position. She wasn't cut out for the holy cloth. She never chose this life. This life chose her. So, you know, you believe that she was headed off to start a new life with her lover. I believe that she thought that she was gonna run away with her savior and start a beautiful new life as a mom, as a mom, probably somewhere outside of the community. Because that probably would have been looked down on.

00:19:47 So psychically, what do you think happened after she was picked up by her companion or whomever picked her up? I think she was ambushed by her lover and tricked and

he said, "Hey, now that you're here, we're going to get you an abortion." Because he never, ever planned on leaving with her. He just wanted to get her away from the church to have the abortion. He didn't plan on killing her, but he just wanted that baby gone because he wasn't going to leave with her. He had a life there. So what happened next? So there was a botched abortion and she ended up dying of her injuries when they tried to terminate the pregnancy.

00:20:23 This is all our conjecture, our psychic beliefs. And then after she passed away from the botched abortion, they brought her body back to the church and buried her in the cellar, in the crawl space. And they did it for two reasons. One to get rid of the body. But two, also to implicate someone at that church and that unfortunate soul ended up being poor Stella. Mm mm mm mm. There's another reason. Do tell. Well, the church is notorious for keeping things in house. Oh, look at you. Right. And so if there's a crime that's committed within the church, the church isn't very forthcoming about investigating the crime.

Speaker 2 00:21:11 Mind is blown. I didn't even think of that. Don't you think that makes sense? When you said it... Yes. Yeah. So what do you think? Farfetched? I feel like I should drop a mic right now. No, I mean, I think it's much more plausible than the narrative that's been in the media for a hundred years.

00:21:34 Let's examine that narrative. Let's look, let's really deep dive in on it. All right. So according to the media, the newspapers, the prosecution's story was that Stella, the housekeeper, the five foot seven housekeeper or... I'm sorry....FOUR foot seven... was busy preparing for the bishop's visit that day. So she stopped and took time away from her chores to murder sister Janina in the church basement, which was a crawl space, banging her in the head. So let's think about that for a second. I'm going to hit someone in the head with a blunt object, a shovel. There is going to be blood everywhere. Not just on me, not just on the victim, but all around this crawl space. So let's consider that for a moment. Then what, Jen?

00:22:25 Well then you're going to bury her in a shallow grave. So digging, digging a hole. Let's think about this, digging a hole and burying her under apparently what was a pile of wood. So now she's moving wood. And then what does she do? She has to clean herself up. She sure does. And go back to the yeast for the baking day for the Bishop. Right? Because she was baking bread and she has to do all this without letting Mary know that she left the kitchen because Mary, the whole time believes her mom. She believes her mom to be in the next room, baking the bread. Right.

00:22:57 And let's not forget, you would also have to dispose of her clothing. Mm right, right. Clean up. Right. Clean up the basement. Absolutely. Absolutely. So not only that, but they searched the basement. No way. That day they searched the basement. The nuns, the two nuns who woke up, were searching the basement. And then when Father Andrew came, they searched it by lantern light. And then days later they, Father Andrew, brought that notable search dog to the property. Right. If, if this happened the way the prosecution believed it did, then the dog would have at least, at the very least, found the body. You would think. No traces of blood and bloody clothing were found anywhere around Stella. Right.

00:23:41 In fact, Jill, there was absolutely no physical evidence found supporting this alleged crime. So what did the prosecution have? Like how did anyone listen to this and not be like, um, there's no evidence guys.

00:23:55 Well, what they did have was a bitch ass, undercover police officer. Where did they get one of those? So there was a sheriff. Okay. So the sheriff hired an undercover officer to

pose as a friend to Stella in jail. Okay. And this undercover officer was paid more if she could get Stella to admit that she committed this crime. Conflict of interest. Yeah. I mean, exactly. Yeah. So, and what you have is... Stella never confessed... Stella said that she never confessed to the crime and the bitch ass police officer says that she did. Did she ever sign a confession or anything? They tried to get her to sign a confession, but she wouldn't. And they even tried to get her to sign a blank statement. And they were like, oh, we'll fill it in later. Wow.

00:24:51 She didn't. So proud of Stella. I know. Okay. What other dick moves did the sheriff do? Okay. So while Stella was in jail, she reported being tortured by her jailer. Oh my God. What does that even mean? Okay. So apparently they were trying to make her crazy. They, according to her, were trying to make her crazy. They were tormenting her. They had taken a skeleton and, like, strung it up marionette style and, like, moved the skull and was like, "You killed me! Hi, I'm sister Janina! You killed me!" Yeah. Oh my God. That's what she reported.

00:25:30 Oh, okay. So tell me about her lawyer. Speak to me. They refused to let her see her lawyer or her defense team. Like they would go to the jail and be like, "Hey, we're here to see Stella." And the Sheriff's people would be like, yeah, no, you're not allowed to. So he didn't even get to talk to her. He did not get to talk to her or see if she was well or not. Oh my gosh. Yeah. So that bitch ass female undercover officer, um, said that Stella confessed to the crime and to a priest in Milwaukee and Stella said that no, that never really happened.

00:26:02 So obviously the sheriff stopped investigating any potential criminals of this crime and really cultivated his own evidence to support his theory. Exactly. Right. I know it's terrible. It's terrible. But there was another problem here. Tell me about it. What the prosecution had going for them is the fact that Stella wasn't well-liked in the community and people were kind of like afraid of her and saw her as kind of unusual and unfriendly. And that didn't really help her case. Okay. What did they say about her? Well, they called people who knew her and they said that she said mean things.

00:26:40 What does that mean? What does that mean? Who doesn't? Tell me what she said.

00:26:45 Very inappropriate things about the nuns in particular. Lazy ass nuns that would go twirling on the hills singing? Tell me, what did she say? She called them, um, sluts and whores. Okay. I have to stop you. Okay. I don't speak Polish. I don't speak Polish either. However, we grew up around a lot of Polish speaking people. Polish was our people's first language. That is true. And although we were able to pick up on some words, the one that I know the best is the word for whore. That is true.

00:27:23 We do know the word for whore. We don't know a lot of Polish, but we know maybe a prayer or two, and whore. It was used quite a bit. It was very versatile. That is an excellent point. So if you were driving down the street, someone cuts you off..."Whore!" Right? If you got stuck by a train, "Whore!" Exactly. Stub your toe, "Whore!" Exactly. It's a very versatile word. Kind of like the F word. It is exactly like the F word. It really is.

00:27:51 So the fact that she was saying "whore" all the time or referring to someone as a whore, like, yeah. That's what some Polish people would do. At least our Polish people, our Polish people said this word all the time. I'm sure my aunt called me a whore. I am absolutely sure. Me too. I'm sure our aunt called you a whore. You're right. Yeah.

00:28:16 So basically she was just running at the mouth. She was just running at the mouth out of frustration. Right. But what an asshole thing to do if you're her friends, the people that she trusted in the community. To be like, oh yes, I did hear that. So we, you know what we

understand, like, this seems completely natural that Stella would call the nuns whores because we have some empathy and understanding of who Stella was because of our own circle of reference. Right. So it would have been helpful if someone on the jury had that same kind of familiarity with Polish people and this community of Isadore. Who was on the jury? No women and no Polish people. They were all farmers from around Leland. Wow. Yeah. No one from Isadore apparently. So there's absolutely no way that they would have been able to identify with her, understand the way that she would speak. Exactly.

00:29:15 Not only that, but there was no interpreter offered to Stella. Okay. And so she's speaking, broken English. Now, now I have seen, I have seen distraught, highly emotional Polish women speak Polish. Oh yeah. Jennifer, it's scary. You don't want to see that. Wow. I understand. Can you describe to me how mom would, how she would behave when she was upset, speaking Polish? There's a lot of pounding and yelling, pounding and yelling and a lot of exclamations. It's like all exclamation points and capitals. It's a lot, a lot like Hitler at the podium. Screaming and pounding. So if you are not familiar, you're looking at that and like, sure. You're afraid. So absolutely... Guilty, guilty, guilty. She crazy.

00:30:10 You know what? I have to tell you, I'm looking back at the book and the newspaper reporters at the time said that Stella did get emotional on the stand near the end. But, um, overall she did an excellent job and was an excellent witness for herself. So it wasn't as bad as all that. Oh my God. But they would not have understood her, certainly. Well, kudos to Stella, because I'm distraught just thinking about this. Right? So I certainly am under the impression that this was a miscarriage of justice, but to add to the injury, to insult the narrative that was created as a result of this was so completely asinine. And like you said, plays and movies, again and again, and again, people thought that Stella was in love with Father Andrew, which does not even pass the smell test. That is not who she was. He was a weird, dude. He was kind of angry and he had a lot of birds and exotic animals, crocodiles. Not, not feeling it. Not hot. Not hot. So tell me, lastly, Jen, about Father Andrew completely trusting Stella.

00:31:15 Right. He never thought, he never believed her to be the killer. Never. And in fact, he trusted her so much that he hired her at his new parish in Manistee and he never, ever stopped investigating on his own using his own personal money and funding to try to find the real killer. Wow. And I'll just finish up the story...

00:31:40 She went to prison, she was convicted, like we said, and she was sentenced to life in prison. That is correct. She was sentenced to life. She was convicted and sentenced to life in prison. Eventually she was paroled by the governor of Michigan years and years later after her release from prison, and the Felician convent in Milwaukee hired Stella as a cook, even though she was convicted of killing one of their own. Somebody didn't do a background check. Didn't run that name through the system.

00:32:17 Oh my gosh. And she was employed there for over 30 years before her death at the age of 92. So it seems like not even father believed that she was a murderer. Not even the nuns. And the governor paroled her. This is just too much. Oh God. Yeah. It's far more likely that the hard working Polish woman was just disgusted at the nuns' lack of piety and laziness. Absolutely. That would make anyone cranky. Right. Whores. In conclusion, maybe you don't believe our psychic theory is plausible. I totally do. If I do say so myself. Even if you don't believe our psychic theory is plausible, you have to accept that it is improbable that the housekeeper Stella killed sister Janina and buried her in the church basement and then went

back to her chores that day. Absolutely. The body would have been found during the extensive search that followed in the days and weeks after her disappearance.

00:33:26 So Jen. Yes. Let's debrief. There's so much going on in the story. Let's talk about it. First clues. I was feeling a witch hunt. Yes. I found the witch hunt. It checks out. It totally checks out. Feelings of familiarity. Gosh, these people are family. Stella is our family. Oh yeah, not literally, but I feel like Stella is family. Absolutely. And her name...

00:33:55 Jennifer. What? Let me remind you when we were in the car and you were wanting to go to a cemetery, I was like, we're not going into that cemetery. Do you recall what cemetery you wanted me to drive to? No, I remember it had some Polish name though. It did have a Polish name. That was it. I'm not going to read the Polish name, but I'm going to tell you that Polish named cemetery is the Holy Rosary Catholic Cemetery in Isadore, Michigan. Are you serious? Where Janina's body was buried after the sexton (not dirty) put her body there. Get outta here, get out of here. I'm not lying. See, you should have driven over there. I hear you. I see you. You are important to me. Wait, hold on. Whatever happened to her bones? Do we know? Are they still there? No. What happened is that after they exhumed her from the cemetery at the foot of that big cross, and they did the autopsy (in air quotes), um, they don't know where her bones are. Some of the sisters, the Felician Sisters, said that they had taken the bones with them and buried them. But there is no record of any burial. So nobody knows. She's lost to history. She's lost to history. I hope for Janina, just because of the sensational, um, aspect to the story, that they actually hid her and have her in a safe place. That's really what I wish for her. I hope so. Knock on wood. That's a very kind wish, but there's more. Yes. Go for it. So, the cemetery that I compromised with you on, the Oakwood Cemetery, the one with the park-like atmosphere, where we can go and have picnics with our dead relatives? Guess who was buried there?

00:35:42 I have no idea. Dr. George Fralick! Get outta here. The doctor was buried in that cemetery. The doctor that had private time with sister, that was put on the witness stand as, as a material witness to testify as to the manner of death of Janina. Wow. That's very interesting when you put it that way. Yes. What do you think that means? What do you think? It means that we ended up at the Oakwood Cemetery where it just happens that Dr. Fralick is buried,

00:36:25 I really believe that he was the doctor that performed that abortion. I think the point is that spirit led us there. And this isn't a coincidence. It is not a coincidence that Dr. Fralick was buried in that cemetery.

00:36:41 And it wasn't a coincidence that I didn't want to go the Holy Rosary Cemetery. Right? No, but I think the point is Dr. Fralick was responsible for her death, either way because he performed that abortion. And then of course being one of the people who is called by the prosecution, he's going to, you know, support someone else being responsible.

00:37:06 He's like, anyone but me, anyone but me. This is unbelievable. So I have a question for you. So we already talked about Stella being like family to us. She feels like family. She's so close to us that as we discussed, we can't even decide whether or not we like her because she's just like, it doesn't matter. Do you think that that clouds our judgment at all? Well, yes and no. I mean, we're not crime investigators. We're psychics. We rely on spirits to lead us places. Right. And send us stories. And I think there's a reason why these spirits found us in particular. Because we do understand. Right, right. And we're able to get through the bullshit. So I don't think we have to be objective about this. We can't be. Right. You know, we are giving voice to

the voiceless. And who do you think that is? Whose voice do you think really needs to be heard right now? Well, obviously Stella's, but I do think that this new narrative, this new plausible narrative may have helped sister Janina rest a little easier. You think? We called her a whore and Maria Von Tramp a bunch of times. She's probably rolling over wherever she is. I don't know. I think it clears some things up. You think?

00:38:39 Yeah. We didn't put her in a room alone with these men. We didn't, but it's more understandable. I feel like I know a little bit more about Janina now that it's not that she was a bad nun. It's that she never wanted to be a nun. She wasn't a bad person. She wasn't a bad person. You know what I would have done? I don't like to work hard either...

00:39:00 Oh my gosh. Well, this was a fun one. This is exhausting. Thank you guys so much for listening. I feel like we went in and out of rabbit holes. Jill, tell the people where they can find us. Well, check out our Insta and Facebook pages. Check out our website at [commonmystics.net](http://commonmystics.net). Listen in on Amazon, Stitcher, Tuned In, Spotify, Google podcasts, and Apple Podcasts, where you can please, please leave us a positive review. We do appreciate them. So other people can find us. Thank you for listening. Thank you so much for listening. We'll see you guys next week.