

# *Our school*



The first school appeared at this street in 1858—it consisted of one classroom and a room for a teacher. In 1965 there were 94 students who studied in Polish but since 1873 there was an order to teach in German (till 1945).

“The small” building was built in 1903.



# *Our church*



The church was finished in 1934. In 1942 German damaged the tower and stole the church's bells. The tower was rebuilt in 1993. There are 4950 Catholics in Murcki.



# *This is where we live!*



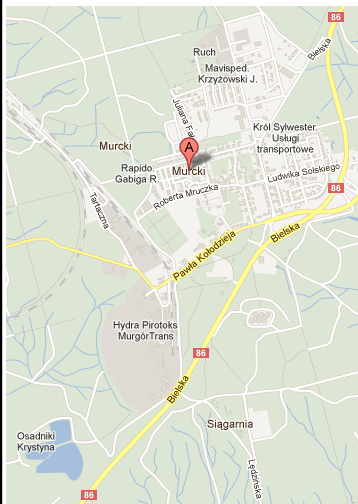
Murcki (German name of the town: Emanuelssegen) is in a southern district of Katowice in Silesian voivodeship. At the moment there are less than 6,000 people who live here (the number of inhabitants is decreasing).

The oldest legend about this area is about the place in Murcki called Siagarnia. It says that there was a witch who wanted to kill Saint Klemens (he wanted to Christianise people who lived here).

# Murcki



The whole town is surrounded by forests—in fact it is in the middle of the forest. The southern part of the forest is a nature reserve. Beech and oak trees are over 150 years old.



Murcki is half way between Katowice and Tychy—two bigger cities. In the past Murcki was part of Tychy, now it's part of Katowice

# The coal mine



In 1755 a coal mine started to work in here and it was the oldest coal mine in Silesia. The mine in Murcki was closed in 2004.

In the forest we have a grave of Hungarian soldiers who fought here and were killed by Russians over here during World War II.



# The oldest buildings

