



The Spire

St. Stanislaus Alumni
& Friends Newsletter

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150th Anniversary 1873 - 2023

Last year in November, the alumni committee decided to proceed with another Pork Chop Fund Raiser like the last one almost three years ago in 2019. We could use the Jan. 2023 Spire as the main method for advertising and reservations. PLUS- 2023 would be a very important year to celebrate. There were several reasons why it was time for the "Old Timers" to venture out again with another big project:

- After years of pandemic shutdowns, we all felt comfortable enough for large group gatherings.
- The parish was celebrating its 150th Anniversary and to plan an event on Divine Mercy Sunday for the start of the big year.
- We would provide another large alumni gathering.
- Take advantage of volunteers from principal, Dr. Martin & staff, CCC Pam Shelley & service workers, as well as the alumni committee.



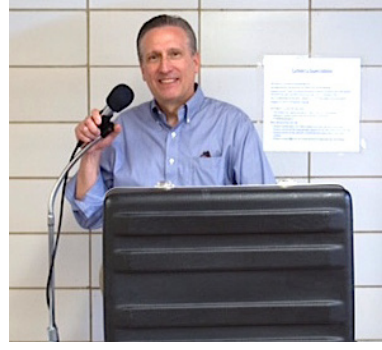
***A Big Thank You to All who made our Pork Chop Dinner a Huge Success
From all the volunteers and donors listed below and all who attended!***



**PAM SHELLEY
& CCC Volunteers**



**Co-Principals
DR. DEBORAH MARTIN,
CHRIS VASSANELLI &
STAFF OF THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**



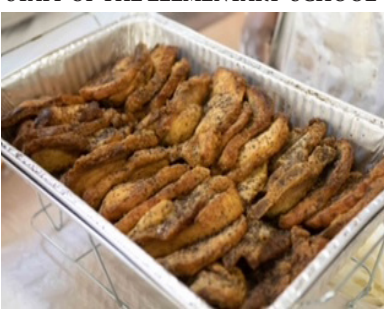
**RON ZESZUT
Our DJ**



**DONNA CIBOROWSKI
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Chef**



**Wonderful Pork Chops
TOM'S COUNTRY PLACE**



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**CLARE LARCA
Photographer**



Raffle Basket Donors— Tom Radca (2) '69 , Peggy Krynsinski, Alumni Committee (5), Dad's Club (2), David Krakowski (2), Clare Larca '65, Bernadette Smetana '63, Joanne Grams, David Kozlowski, Bonnie Anel, Therapeutic Resource Co., Ed & Diane Slovenski (2) '69 , David Krynsinski, Doreen Gorzelanczyk '62

"Thank You Pam" (May '23).

We are sorry to hear that you will not continue as CCCHS Service Time Coordinator. We truly appreciate you and all your volunteers, both students & adults, who have helped us organize the St. Stan's Alumni & Friends functions these past years.

With Sincere Best Wishes and Appreciation, Bob Sledz, Chairman



The upcoming **Annular Solar Eclipse on Saturday October. 14, 2023** will be following the St. Stan's Parish Polish Festival the previous weekend. Let's just hope for clear skies that day.
Remember the annular eclipse is the **PARTIAL BLOCKING** of our view of the sun because the moon does not cover the sun completely. Solar viewing protection is a must.

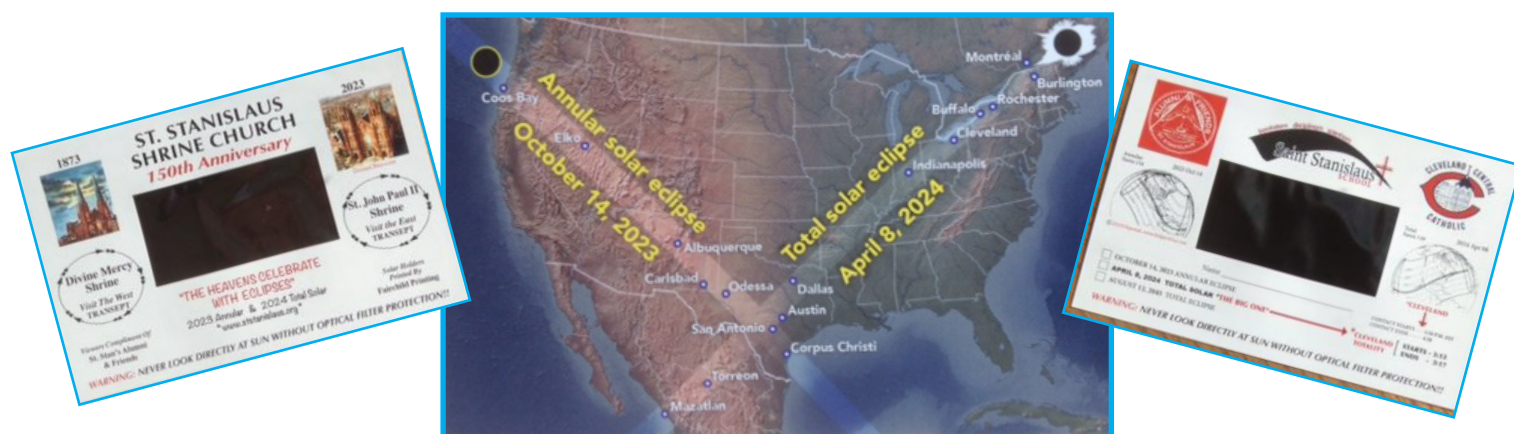
Thanks to your generous donations to our Rainy Day Fund and in an effort to help celebrate both events the Alumni & Friends are in the process of constructing thousands of SAFE SOLAR VIEWERS to commemorate the Parish and Astronomical events. This is our gift to the parish & schools. These will be given FREE, one per person, to parishioners, St. Stan's Elementary & Cleveland Central Catholic students & teachers, participating Rainy Day Donors & supporters as well as special parish guests. The Alumni Committee feels this is a very good way to celebrate both events.

We have all heard the expression -"Timing is Everything"- and that is especially true regarding the 150th Anniversary Celebration of St. Stanislaus Parish. The parish was started in 1873, the celebration will begin next year in 2023 and extend over to 2024.

In that time there will be TWO solar eclipses that can be see in all 48 states.

- * An ANNULAR Solar Eclipse on Saturday October 14, 2023 moves from Oregon's Pacific Coast southeastward crossing through Texas. Everyone in all 48 states will see at least 10% partial annular eclipse. (Cleveland about 35%).
- * A TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE on Monday April 8, 2024 moves from Mexico Northeastward to the Atlantic coast of Labrador. Every location in the 48 states will have at least 16% partial eclipse. CLEVELAND WILL HAVE ALMOST 4 MIN OF TOTALITY !

SAFE SOLAR VIEWERS ARE A MUST FOR OBSERVERS.



St Stanislaus Alumni & Friends - Rainy Day Fund - Call for Support

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Amount enclosed _____ Phone _____

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GRADUATION: ES- _____ HS- _____

Mail To:

St. Stans Alumni

The Shrine Church of St. Stanislaus

3649 East 65 Street

Cleveland, OH 44105

Bill Dix '60 remembers — WHAT ARE THE ODDS ??

I found this 1947 kindergarten class photo the other day and it immediately brought back many memories. The teacher was Sister Rose at Christmas time and a majority of these kids went on to St. Stan's high school — however, there is more to it.

In 1996, my wife Nancy was working at T.R.W.'s estate loan department in Cleveland. She often talked to a gentleman named Warren Weathers who was the Deputy Chief Appraiser for Hillsborough County (Tampa, Fla). She mentioned in passing, that we were going to visit Tampa in a few weeks, he then invited us to lunch when we came at the Columbia Restaurant in Ybor City. He brought one of his assistants named Dahlia with him. We had a very pleasant time talking about many things. I kept staring at Dahlia until finally asked: "don't I know you?". She said that I looked familiar and that she spent part of her childhood in Cleveland. I asked where she went to school and she replied: ST. STANISLAUS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL! (Her family came from Latvia). After the third grade they moved to Florida. She remembered Sister Rose, and I remembered her blond hair. 1300 miles and 49 years later — unbelievable!! What are the odds? It is a small world after all.



(In the photo, Bill is behind Sister with the glasses, Dahlia is the cute girl with braids in front on the right side).

Fond Memory——by Richard Praszniowski ES '52 The Stars That Speak



It was one of those cloudless, windy, winter nights some 75 years ago. The air, bereft of moisture, fired our breath with exhalations of steamy puffs. My dad and I walked on Heisley Ave. and turned left onto East 65th Street. Deep within the side pocket of his three quarter length winter coat, his hand with those long fingers wrapped mine with warmth and security. My happiness was that of a nine year old son held by his hero, by the person he loved so very much.

As we turned onto East 65th St., the abrasive wind from the north assailed us. The dry snow protested our booted footfalls with crunching groans. We walked on. And then, lifting his head skyward, my dad said: "Look at them. Look at those beautiful stars above! God speaks to us in the silence of their beauty by telling us that He loves us!"

Since that night of celestial splendor, more than 27,000 stealthy nights have fled from the pursuing dawn. That wind is gone. Perhaps in its southward rush, it eventually lifted the great condors above an uninvited Andean peak. Or, perhaps, it's sighing was its dying. That snow is gone. Perhaps it vaporized and, now reincarnated, haunts some obscure Himalayan height in blizzardly swirls. Or, perhaps, it's thawing was its dying. My dad is also gone. His passing brought him to a new life in which he roves the galaxies hand in hand with the Great Hurler of Stars. I too have vanished and no longer am the little boy who walked with his beloved dad. I am old, near-sighted, and the iris of both eyes is rimmed with the dull gray of arcus senilis. But my eyes have not been washed with the waters of Lethe. Yes, those

stars do speak of God's love for us. They speak in the magnificent and recondite harmony of eloquent silence.

RAINY DAY FUND -- RESULTS FROM JANUARY 2023

Thank you for all your support to our fund. Your donations AGAIN allows us to continue The Spire newsletters as well as our support for St. Stan's Elementary School and especially our project to help celebrate the

150th Anniversary of St Stanislaus Parish in 2023 - 2024.

The following 33 Rainy Day Donors allowed us to increase our working fund by \$2440 since January 2023.

Thank you for your generosity!

PACESETTER (\$500+)

Florence (Karash) Nowocin '60

LEADER (\$150-499)

Connie (Reda) Wiget '65

STAR PERFORMERS (\$100-149)

Donna (Gutfranski) Cesen '61
Maxine (Waszewski) Terlop ES '55
Paul Blados ES '69, HS '73
Timothy Florencki ES '72
Jan (Karash) Swift ES '54, HS '58
Tom '65 & Sue (Gall) '66 Jasinski
Joyce (Blake) '62 & Larry '61 Guzy
Alan Mosinski '68
Ron ES '49 & Wanda Halinski
Jan Juchnowski '69
Dale & Linda Kast
Michele Peck

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Liz Citko ES '65, HS '69
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Kevin Brody ES '65
Jerry Ratusnik '68
Louis Kleis Jr. ES '51, HS '55
Marilyn Mosinski ES '78, HS '83
Rose Marie (Zielinski) Sweeney '59
Margaret MMHS '55 & Joan Kaminski '57

PATRONS (\$25-49)

Anna Lesniak
Helen (Pruc) Pekala ES '65, HS '69
Steve Hujarski '65
Rich '63 & Carole (Kolbay) '65 Nowak
Joe Shaw '61
Jerome Rodak
Irene (Matusik) Faron '60
Jim & Susan Halamek
Mary Garapic '54
Robert (Bob) Macaluso
Jim Havelec

POST IT NOTE CORNER

CLASS OF '54

Please contact
Sr. Madeleine Rybicki
(216) 224-9186

REGARDING AN AUGUST 26
or 27, 2023 REUNION
TO BE HELD AT HARRY'S
RESTAURANT ON ROUTE 21.

CLASS OF '61

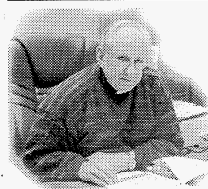
The Class of 61 is planning a
Mini Class Reunion in
September. If anyone is inter-
ested in attending, please con-
tact **Lynda Stevens Frechette** at
kwlynda@bellsouth.net or text
her at 305-393-6273. More
information and details to come.

Stay tuned! Thanks, Lynda

PARISH HISTORY PART 3. (1973-2023)

- 1969 Cardinal Karol Wojtyla visits St. Stanislaus Parish and presents a relic of St. Stanislaus to the community. St Stanislaus High School merges with three other parish high schools to form Cleveland Central Catholic High School.
- 1973 St. Stanislaus Parish celebrates its Centennial. The Weeping Virgin Statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary visits St. Stanislaus Parish.
- 1976 Bishop Julian Groblicki, from Kracow Poland, visits St. Stanislaus Parish.
- 1978 The Parish celebrates the election of Polish Cardinal Karol Wojtyla as Pope John Paul II.
1980. St. Stanislaus mourns the death of long serving sacristan, Brother Fidelis Veselak, OFM.
- 1982 A \$500 donation is the first contribution to the St. Stanislaus Restoration Fund. Father Carl Ciprian, OFM, is named Pastor.
- 1983 Father John Kent Burzynski, OFM, is named Pastor. Restoration work on the Church organ is begun. A renovation fund is initiated to restore the church.
- 1986 Father Frank Kordek, OFM, is named Pastor. A new roof is put on the church, Stained glass windows are repaired, and exterior brick is tuck pointed.
- 1989 The Franciscan Friars of the Sacred Heart Province transfer the care of St. Stanislaus Parish Community into the hands of the Franciscan Friars of the Assumption Province of Pulask Wisconsin. Father Alcuin Mikulanis, OFM, is named Pastor.
1993. Father William Gulas, OFM, is named Pastor.
- 1996 A committee is formed to begin the process of the renovation of the church interior.
- 1998 St. Stanislaus church is renovated in time for the 125th Anniversary of the Founding of the Parish Community.
- 2000 Lightning strikes church bell tower.

PASTORAL MESSAGE



A QUIET MAN WITH MUCH TO SAY

It has been said that St. Joseph, the foster father of Jesus and husband of the Blessed Virgin, was "a quiet man with much to say." Not a word of his is found in the Sacred Scriptures, but his dreams and actions are there.

As we focus on fathers this Father's Day, we turn to St. Joseph for inspiration and direction for all fathers. Our Holy Father, Pope John Paul II, is one writer who has not kept silent about the "silent" saint.

St. Joseph, the Holy Father has pointed out, "always lived with an attitude of total abandonment to divine Providence." What a marvelous attitude that can be an encouraging example for fathers of all ages, who in a complicated world frequently has no where to turn for advice except to take God at His word.

"How necessary it is," says the Pope, "to rediscover the value of simplicity and obedience, of respect and the loving search for God's will" — qualities of a father that are learned and honed in a family setting. It was in his family, centered on Jesus and Mary, that Joseph learned them.



St. Joseph

Joseph is a model for all fathers how "to rule" a family and how to serve it. He models, as John Paul again says, "the humble practice of obedience, a virtue which shines in his silence and hidden life of hard work." In a world where false ideas of human freedom, autonomy and success dominate our culture, a father who dedicates his life to humble service to his wife and children and makes that service the main focus of all his activities may be branded as "less a man" and a fool. Thank heavens, his wife and family know better and are better for having such a wonderful father as a model for his own children. Like Joseph, such fathers are easily recognized as "quiet men with much to say."

Hopefully, as we celebrate Father's Day, wives and children are not "quiet" in their praise of the father in their home and have much to say in praising him for his many acts of kindness, service and love.

Happy Father's Day, Dads!

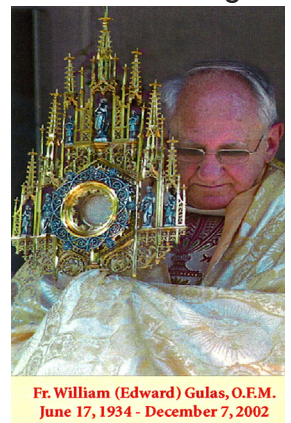
Fr. William

Fr. William Gulas, OFM.

Monthly words of Wisdom!

As written in the Sunday Mass Bulletin 6-16-2002

2002. Beloved Pastor Fr. William Gulas, OFM, killed, Rectory set on fire.
- 2003 Fr Michael Surufka, OFM, is named Pastor.
2004. St. Stanislaus is dedicated as a Diocesan Shrine Church by Bishop Pilla. Friars move back into the renovated Rectory.
- 2005 Fr. Michael Surufka, OFM, and David Krakowski, Director of Music, receive the Mitre of Blessed Pope John Paul II from Cardinal Stanislaus Dziwisz.
- 2006 Addition to CCCHS built, Elementary School Open House, St. Stan's Alumni & Friends formed.
2007. 100 year celebration of Franciscan Presence & 100 yr Sisters of Holy Family of Nazareth teaching at school. Parish commissioned the writing of the icon of St. Stanislaus Bishop & Martyr and Blessed John Paul II. The Icon was installed in the new east shrine area of the church.
- 2010 Nazareth Park, on the site of the former convent, is dedicated in honor of the centennial of the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth in America. A renovation led to the reopening of the fourth floor of St. Stanislaus School Which included a science lab area, computer & music rooms, library space and stage (*which was part of the original structure*).
- 2012 The Franciscan Friars of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Province of Wisconsin transfer the care of the Parish to the Diocese of Cleveland. Fr. Eric Orzech is named Pastor of St. Stanislaus & St. Casimir Parishes.
- 2014 Cardinal Stanislaus Dziwicz Archbishop of Krakow honored at annual Four Eagle Award.
- 2015 Ordination in the Diocese of Cleveland of Father Robert C. Ramser, native Son of St. Stanislaus Parish.
- 2016 125th Anniversary of the Dedication of the St. Stanislaus Church Building.
- 2017 Dedication of the newly restored church organ.
- 2018 Divine Mercy Shrine construction begins at West Transept of the Church.
- 2020 MARCH- Corona Virus Pandemic, church closed, on line/streaming Masses. MAY— Church reopens for in-person Mass.
- 2023 Celebration begins for 150th Anniversary of the Founding of St. Stanislaus Parish Community.



Fr. William (Edward) Gulas, O.F.M.
June 17, 1934 - December 7, 2002



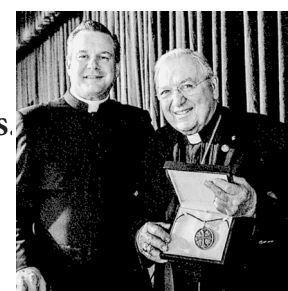
100 year celebration of Franciscans



Cardinal Dziwicz
Archbishop of Krakow



Fr. Robert Ramser



Fr. Eric w/ Bishop Gries
2018 Four Eagle's Award



The St. Stanislaus Alumni and Friends extends its condolences to the family and friends of the recently departed and pray the Lord will welcome them into everlasting life.

Ron Grams '56 , Dad's Club Officer
 Thomas Perchinske , HS teacher
 Jim (Szewczyk) Steel '68
 Greg Gladys's '69
 Ken Szymanski '57
 Theresa (Springer) Kowal '49
 Elaine (Szczepanski) Krawulski '60
 Edwina (Klimek) Gress
 Diane (Golubski) Toronski , wife of Jack Toronski '54

Karen (Krajewski) Puchajda , daughter of Frank Krajewski '66
 Mary Ann (Sasak) Sklodowski '51, wife of Ed Sklodowski '51
 Henry "Hank" Gosiewski '54
 Anthony Dardzinski '68
 Sylvia Priebe wife of Tom Priebe '60
 Michaeline (Kamczyc) Marhefka '68



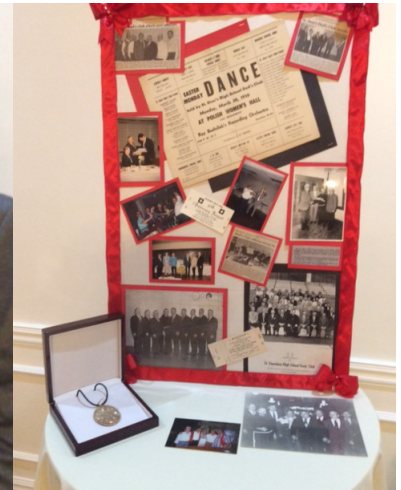
Mary Ann (Sasak) Sklodowski '51

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 or Donna (Roginski) Heid at dheid1961@gmail.com

Four Eagle Award Dinner May 12, 2023. Honoring the Dad's Club
Our Fathers and Grandfathers have been St. Stan's Dad Club members since the end of the 1940's.
They will always be among us in spirit and we will always remember them!

2023
Four Eagle Award
Recipient
St. Stan's Dad's Club

Represented by
 Frank Krajewski
 John Sklodowski
 Larry Mielczarek



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