

6th Annual - Chili Cook Off Saturday - January 23, 2016**

The Alumni & Friends will be kicking off Catholic School Week with our Chili Cook-Off Fundraiser. This event provides a break for those of us hunkered down for the winter and an opportunity to catch up with friends and enjoy a variety of chilies from our volunteer chefs.

Since the 5 p.m. Mass is every Saturday, for those wishing to attend can join us afterwards and enjoy the Chili being served in the Social Center, on Baxter, right after the Mass. Doesn't a variety of Chilies sound good? Especially when you might need to warm up on a cold, January, Saturday Night?

All are welcome to attend;

- The \$5 admission supports the events costs,
- A panel of Judges will determine the **6th 'Golden Spoon' Winner** and
- Again this year, the **People's Choice 'Silver Spoon' Winner** will be determined by everyone attending.

*Emcee for the evening will be
Jon Loufman, 19 Action
News Team Meteorologist.*



There will be sideboards and refreshments available. This event would not be as successful if it were not for the volunteer chefs who are most generous with their **TIME, INGREDIENTS AND SKILL.**

If you have a favorite recipe and would like to participate--call Bob or Ingrid at 440-333-7827 for details. There will be no more than 20 entrants, so call early.



Gold and Silver Spoon Winners
Ann Armen and Jen Dupont with Fr. Eric

should there be a weather emergency (like 2014's Blizzard) the **'SNOW' date will be one week later on Saturday, January 30th.



Merry Christmas and A Blessed New Year!



Helen & Stan's Confectionery... A Welcoming Place to Stop!

"Most everyone remembers the friendly hangout depicted in the TV series "CHEERS" – Sam, Norm, Cliff, Carla and the gang provided the welcoming place where...

"Everyone knows your name!"

"This was the same open atmosphere that was inextricably entwined with the hospitality created at Helen & Stan's Confectionery (6516 Forman Ave, across from St. Stanislaus Church) during the 50's and 60's.

"Stan and Helen Hujarski operated more than just a 'Candy Store'; they ran a home away from home for the neighborhood. For many of us, they were a much anticipated stop right after school as we meandered our way home. After Stan returned home in 1945 from serving in WWII, the Hujarski family quickly grew by adding Steve (1947), Sandy (1948), and Stan (1949). The family was always very involved in the neighborhood and especially with the St. Stanislaus parish and school." ...**Bob Sledz—St. Stan's class of 1961.**

Just mentioning the name of the store or Stan and Helen's name brings fond memories to those who went to school and /or lived in the area: here are some stories.

Sandy Hujarski Jozefczyk –elementary school 1962 and high school 1966..."Stan and Helen were my parents so my memories are not as a customer but as a kid working at the store. I believe we had the store for about 38 years (1926-1964), first as **Krysiak Candy Store** then **Helen and Stan's Confectionery**. I remember the football players coming to the store on their lunch hours in August and flopping with just their "girdles" on to eat their sandwiches, guzzle the pop, chomp on the 8¢ bags of potato chips, and savor their 5¢ candy bars before they went back to attacking the tires with Coaches Janiak and DiCarlo.

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Then during school time they would gather in the back room and sit on the cartons of pop till Mom would say it is time to go home, so she could mop the back room. When my Dad retired from his day job, he was a Supervisor for Millbrook Bread; he was an usher at Saints and was in charge of Bingo for the school which he did till he died in 2001. My Mom was always with him, they were a team. Mom passed away in 2006.

I married my high school sweetheart Ron Jozefczyk (class of 1965) who passed away in 2007. It has been nice taking a stroll down memory lane.”

Steve Hujarski – elementary school 1961 and high school 1965... “I want to thank you very much for thinking of my Mom & Dad in this special way. They had felt very close to those who went to St Stanislaus and felt honored to be part of their lives. They tried to be the surrogate Mom & Dad to everyone. My Mom told the girls not to wear their dresses short and to cover up, much to the chagrin of the guys. My Dad told the guys to treat their dates like ladies and to behave in front of them. He even suggested nice places, to take a date. Some of my favorite stories ...

Story#1 - There was no diet pop in those days so 16 oz Pepsi & Coke were the drinks of choice. We also sold cigarettes. After school and during lunch, everyone would come to the store for the drink, chips, and penny candy. They all sat in the back on pop cases or hung out outside. When a nun, a priest or a teacher would come by to see if they were smoking, my Mom would alert them to hurry out the back door so they would not get into trouble.

Story# 2 - After we closed the store, some of the guys still wanted to get together with my Folks. One of the things they did for a few years was to visit us before going to midnight Mass at St Stan's or wherever else they actually went and brought a half gallon of VO Whiskey. My Dad would make whiskey sours for everyone so I am sure wherever they went afterwards, Church or otherwise, they sang those Christmas songs loud and clear.

Story# 3 - For one of the homecoming dances, my Mom and Dad were asked to be chaperones. They were both so honored for everyone to think of them and Mom used it as an excuse to get a new dress. They thoroughly enjoyed themselves at the dance and more students talked to them than to any of the teachers. My folks just loved everyone like they were their own children.

God Bless you for this. I was lucky enough to be a member of the football team that won the 1964 NCC Champions Trophy. I look forward to supporting the efforts of *The Spire Newsletter* and wish you all the best. God has surely blessed us all with many great memories from the hallowed halls of Saints High.”



Sandy & Dad—1962,
8th Grade Graduation



L-R – Stan ('67), Sandy ('66), and Steve ('65)
children of Stan and Helen Hujarski.

Dan Kane Jr. – St Stanislaus Parish Business Manager...

“I started working for the parish in December 1998. One of the first meetings I had was with Stan. He wanted to insure I knew how to record the necessary information regarding the parish BINGO game. Over the years, I had nothing but admiration for the crew that Stan headed. Each Monday from around 4 p.m. until 11 p.m. these guys worked to raise money for St. Stan's. Most of the guys from that era are now deceased, and missed.”

George Chase – St. Stan's Class of 1961... “I have many fond memories of my days at St. Stanislaus High School. The bus rides to the Friday night football games, the “canteen” dances where none of the guys danced fast, Homecoming Weekend, and on and on. But the one that stands out the most were our daily gatherings at the little candy store across the street. Helen and Stan were the owners and probably didn't make a lot of money catering to a bunch of high schoolers spending 20 cents a day on a bottle of Pepsi and a candy bar or chips. But they both seemed to love to have their little store being a happy place where kids could stop for a few minutes after school and laugh until our faces hurt. I remember Tom Alec, Paul Rogers and Jim Orzech being the guys who always had an extremely funny story about our “Blessed” nuns and teachers or about something that happened that day. We'd be sitting on the coolers, cases of pop, and even the floor just laughing and having fun. I remember in my sophomore year, we started to call the place ‘Ma's' Now that I look back, I'm thinking what a wonderful tribute to Helen and Stan. They were great people who made us kids feel as though we were at home. “



Stan & Helen's 50th Anniversary

**WHAT IS NEXT...
MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

- ...**CHILI COOK-OFF – 6th Annual**
Saturday, January 23, 2016
6 p.m. – (5 p.m. Mass in Church)
Social Center on Baxter
- ...**DYNGUS-SMYGUS**
After Easter Celebration
Saturday, April 2, 2016
Social Center on Baxter
- ...**Four Eagle Award Banquet**
Friday, May 6, 2016
Social Center on Baxter
- ...**May Crowning / Mother's Day**
Sunday, May 8, 2016
4 p.m. Shrine Church of St. Stanislaus
- ...**Corpus Christie Procession**
Sunday, May 29, 2016
10:30 Shrine Church of St. Stanislaus
(Trolley available for those who can't walk)

**Contact information for the
50th Reunion Plans for Class of 1966**

High School – Frank Krajewski
216-441-4258

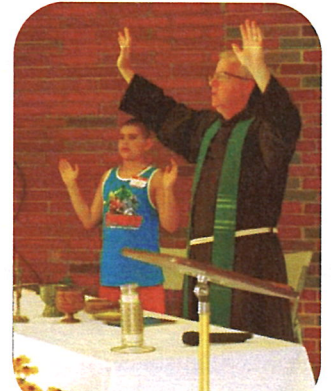
Elementary School – Sharon Kozak
330-233-6935 or
sharonkozak@yahoo.com

**WHAT HAS HAPPENED BETWEEN
JULY/DECEMBER 2015?**

*Alumni 10th
Anniversary Mass
and Picnic...*

*Klima's Grove
August 9, 2015*

Mass and Picnic
Sponsored by
The St. Stanislaus Alumni & Friends
Sunday, August 9, 2015
Picnic Donation:
\$10 per person
Hamburgers, hot dogs,
side dishes and dessert.
Cash Bar



*Fr. Mike and
Altar Server, C J Horvath,
6th Grade St. Stan's Elem*



Class of 1965 at Alumni Picnic



Class of 1960



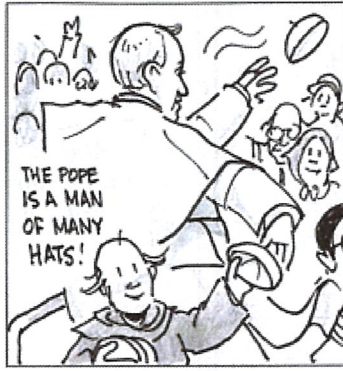
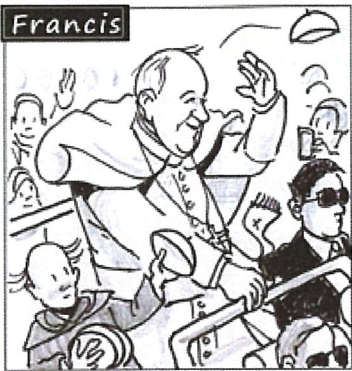
Class of 1962



Mary Zesztu drawing the winning \$100 Raffle Ticket.
Members of the Alumni Committee observing.



Parish Festival ... October 2-4, 2015



Francis
by Patrick J. Marrin

October 29, 2015

In Memoriam

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

**Paul Cuglewski
Richard Kwiecien
Helen Sobolewski**

**Stephen Tokar
Robert Jess
Eugene Jess**

**Virginia (Konkowski) Kwiecien
Rodney (Krawczyk) Taylor**

This is a list of recently deceased members as of December 1, 2015. To inform the Alumni about the death of a member of the Alumni & Friends Family please contact either:

Rita Golubski or Donna Heid
216-341-0881 dheid1961@gmail.com

Thank You!

A sincere thank you to all listed below who participated in our "Cut Out" Raffle Ticket. Your support helped greatly for this issue of The Spire Newsletter.

It was so successful that we are going to do it again!

The drawing for the \$100 prize was conducted at the Parish Polish Festival on Saturday, October 3, 2015. The lucky winner was Donna (Roginski) Heid, graduate of St. Stan's High School class of 1961.

Thank you to everyone who participated:

Thank You!



Mike & Nancy Sipko...Parma, OH
Sharon Wolf...Brookpark, OH
Allan Kuczynski...Parma Hts, OH
Dennis Deluga...York Twp, OH
Ken Pintwalla...Carnegie, PA
Paul Zuchowski...Newburgh Hts, OH
Jerome Myers...Hampton, VA
Deb Grale...Chicago, IL
Ken Bartkowiak...Eules, TX
Barbara Stine...Solon, OH

Loretta Horvath...Garfield Hts, OH
Dave Anderson...Highland Hts, OH
Marie Bobowski...Cleveland, OH
Ron Halinski...Brooklyn, CT
Michele Peck...Reston, VA
Dorothy Walk...Willowick, OH
Lucille Patrick...West Chester, OH
Lavern Mementowski...Avon, OH
Donna (Roginski) Heid...Centreville, VA

"Moments to Remember"

If you have a special memory or story related to the St. Stanislaus Schools – or – growing up in the neighborhood – you can share it with others through *The Spire*.

Try to limit your essay to around 500 words and send it to **Alumni** at the Parish address below or email to Bob Sledz.

<p>Contact information: The Shrine Church of St. Stanislaus 3649 East 65 Street Cleveland, OH 44105</p>
<p>Rectory and Parish Office: 216-341-9091 www.ststanislaus.org</p>
<p>Alumni Association Chair: Bob Sledz: 440-333-7827 sledzbob@yahoo.com</p>

Special "\$5 CUT OUT" Raffle Ticket:

To help support *The Spire* Newsletter printing and mailing, we are having another **SPECIAL \$100 DRAWING** at the Dyngus-Smigus Celebration ...Saturday, April 2. All you need to do to be eligible is cut out the form, fill it out and return with your contribution of \$5 or more to the Parish Office and make your check payable to **St. Stan's**. If you would like two or more chances at winning the \$100 prize and you send in \$10 or more, we will reproduce your ticket according to the amount you donated. Example: \$5 – one ticket, \$25 – six tickets, \$50 – 15 tickets! Thank you for your support and Good Luck!

✂ **\$100 Prize Drawing – Supporting *The Spire* Newsletter**

___ \$50 ___ \$25 ___ \$10 ___ \$5 ___ other amount

Name _____

Address _____

City, State & Zip _____

Phone _____

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