

The Spire

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Church Organ Restoration

In the group photo are some of the Alumni Committee members and Dad's Club officers taken at the Saturday, November 5, 2016 Social following the Mass and Memorial Service. The Alumni & Friends wanted David Krakowski, Music Director, to know we supported his efforts and wanted to help raise funds for the Church Organ restoration.

Last issue we mailed raffle tickets with the Spire and your response was purchasing 298 tickets at \$20 each. Some of you (13 alumni) bought more than 2 - **Thank you for your generosity.**



In the picture are the following:
Standing L-R—Donna (Larca) Burovac, Peggy Krysinski, Alice Klafczynski, Wally Kase, Clare Larca, Bill Dix, Donna Ciborowski, David Krakowski, Norm Pieschalski, Ron Grams, Bernie (Larca) Smetana, Rita Golubski. **Front row**—Lary Mielczarek, Bob Sledz, Ingrid Sledz, Robert Bartczak, Frank Krajewski.

(Photo by Denise Schultz)

The winners of the \$1500 in prizes were: \$1000 -- **Joe Shaw '61** and \$500 -- **Dennis Deluga '61**. Congratulations!

Because of the raffle we were able to contribute \$4100 to the Restoration Fund...Our effort was a small portion of the \$250,000 goal to cover this project. This amount helped as a 'match' to the Alfred Geis Foundation, as well as Third Federal Foundation, individual contributors, weekly candy sales (Malley's and Olympia Chocolates), drawings for statues, quilts, sports tickets, etc. from parishioners. This is a big project and we are all glad to help David. The projected completion of the project is scheduled for EASTER 2017.

The last time the Organ was reconstructed was the 1980's. The St. Stan's Dad's Club formed a committee of seven members, who used their skills and resources from work, to do this project in its entirety. Their efforts allowed the Organ to last for the next 30 years.



Neighborhood News Story

November 1988

Festivities were held at St. Stanislaus Church to celebrate the half million dollar restoration of the church, along with the dedication of the church's newly reconstructed organ. Upon hearing it would cost \$100,000 to rebuild the original organ a group of seven dedicated parishioners decided to fix it on their own. They are shown with Pastor Frank Kordek.

They are in random order: Charles Janowski, Larry Mielczarek, Edward Glowski, Stanley Kotowski, Andrew Guzy, Glen Bojanowski, and Henry Jablonski.

What is happening this year...

The Alumni & Friends will help celebrate 2017 Catholic Schools Week by welcoming and distributing bakery and beverages at the Elementary School Open House on Thursday, February 2, 2017 at 6 p.m. **This year there will not be the usual Chili Cook Off, as in the past six years, nor the Dyngus celebration after EASTER.** However you will want to mark your Calendar for the Summer Picnic. The date will be announced in the January Sunday Bulletins and the Parish web site once the date is determined.

Major Class Reunions

Contact the following:

High School Class of 1967 - 50th Reunion

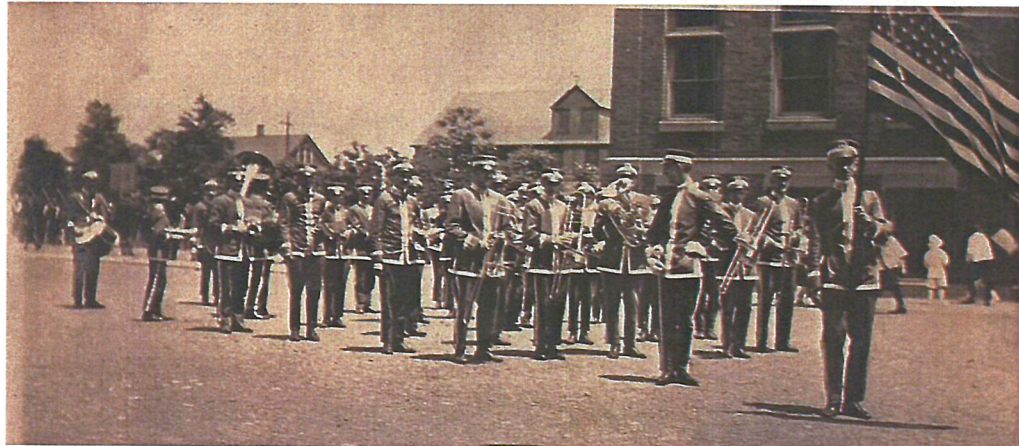
Marlene (Konopinski) Glanc -- 330-225-0944
Susan (Kopacz) Rembielak -- 440-878-0949

High School Class of 1957 - 60th Reunion

Several members are planning to attend the Summer Picnic. If you know anyone from the Class of 1957 spread the word about the picnic and join us.

St. Stanislaus Historical Fact:

In 1914 Pastor, Father Wenceslaus Krzycki OFM proposed the idea of an adult Parish Band. The purpose of the band was wholesome recreation and enhancing religious and civic celebrations of the community. The band leader was Fr. Protase Kuberek OFM. By Christmas of 1914 there were 35 members coming twice a week for practice. The first public appearance was leading the First Communicants to church. The band grew to become a Parish institution. They played at Music Hall downtown, City parks, and baseball stadiums. Performing at a Nationality Program in Public Hall in the 1930's brought recognition from fellow musicians and music lovers and initiated a reputation for excellence throughout the City.



1920 photo of Band in Church parking lot...notice the present High School was not yet built.



Rev. Protase Kuberek O.F.M.
April 30, 1879 – June 6, 1959

"Alice's Cherished Music Memory"...
Then and now!



Alice (Bednarski) Klafczynski (ES '45 & HS '49) was born in the early 1930's in her home at 3164 East 61st Street. Today, as a lifelong parishioner she is reflecting on her experience as a young student, later an art teacher, then as a parent, a grandparent and even today as leader of the St. Stanislaus Hospitality Committee. Most folks would describe her as a "dynamo" that is creative and thoughtful. Thank you Alice for sharing your story in your own words...

Editor Bob Sledz '61.



"This summer while working in the basement of the St. Stanislaus Rectory - I came across an old oil portrait of Fr. Protase (at right) and the memories started resurfacing.

I remember so well Fr. Protase Kuberek O.F.M. and the St. Stanislaus Marching Band -- especially in the mid 1940's.

My fond memories are as one of the children coming out of the Great Depression and band music provided a positive experience as America entered World War II. Many of the band members were parishioners who were drafted or enlisted as the war began - so - the band quickly decreased in size. Fr. Protase turned to the elementary school children (the enrollment was about 700 students for grades 1-8) to keep the band going. I was among the students who took the opportunity to learn as Fr. Protase began to teach us to read music and play an instrument.



SCHOOL UNIFORM NEEDS:

Principal, Mrs. Deborah Martin has expressed a need for some help in maintaining the school uniform policy. There are a few families that cannot afford the uniform purchase –plus-some students have an extra growth spurt in 7th and 8th grades. They need help.

To accommodate the policy –Mrs. Martin explained a \$2000 uniform budget would help to get them through the 2016-2017 school years. In October, the Alumni Committee appropriated \$1000 to help with this situation. If any alumni would like to donate towards the uniform fund you could contact Mrs. Martin at 216-88313307 or Bob Sledz at 440-333-7827.

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.

Florence Piskach
Linda (Travagliante) Derwis '62
Ken Burke '60
Helen Frankowski

Mike Sipko & Nancy Sipko
David Klonowski
Christopher Luboski
Helen Sielaty
(Mother of Sharon Kozak & Tina Krosky)

To inform the Alumni about the death of a member of the Alumni & Friends family please contact either:

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**Special \$5
Cut Out
Raffle**



To help support The Spire Newsletter printing and mailing, we are having another **SPECIAL \$100 Drawing** at the Alumni Committee April planning meeting. 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. Thank you for your continued support and Good Luck!

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E-Mail _____ Friend of Alumni _____

City _____ State ____ Zip _____

Grade School Year _____ High School Year _____

First I learned to play the snare drum - to keep time and rhythm, then later the trumpet. The music we played was mostly Sousa Marches, such as "Stars and Stripes".

But the parades, THEY WERE SOMETHING!! Starting at Broadway & Aetna, near the Grabler Co, our parade route was often to march south uphill on Broadway past Harvard to Miles and then east on Miles to Calvary Cemetery. We had to avoid stepping into the trolley tracks along the way. This was the Memorial Day and June 14 Flag Day routes -- it was ONE LONG "CELEBRATION", especially in a woolen uniform on a hot day. We also paraded for Corpus Christi and at St. Jude, a Franciscan extension, and played classic Polish music.



The fourth floor of the grade school was our music haven. An "early after school program" Fr, Protase created to keep us busy while we waited for our lessons, was to work on the parishioner donated Sales Tax Stamps. Our job was to sort and bundle them for rebates Father would use to support band needs.

As a child of the Great Depression I was very grateful for the opportunity to learn music and play instruments -- it was a luxury not affordable to many families in those lean years.

It occurred to me that the fourth floor of the school had undergone a complete renovation and is now a first rate study center. How ironic that as far as music history is concerned, we have come full circle."

Elementary School update: Largest ministry of the Parish.

We are all reminded that many good things, going on in the diocese and at St. Stanislaus. are done by faithful people. We educate the youth not because they are Catholic, but because we are Catholic.

Mrs. Deborah Martin, principal, informs us that today music lessons are on the fourth floor again, all through teacher Mr. Josh Wortman, which consist of:

Instrument Lessons
4th, 5th & 6th grades



Guitar Lessons
7th & 8th grades



Singing Choir
K thru 3rd grades



Thursdays Weekly Student Mass