



The Spire

St. Stanislaus Alumni
& Friends Newsletter



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What Is Next?

FUN

A PICNIC THIS AUGUST!

FRIENDS

*Finally after two years we will have our Alumni Picnic.
The last Annual Alumni & Friends Picnic was in July 2019.
So make ready your "Party Hats and Shoes" for:*



Sunday, August 28, 2022 • 1:00 p.m.

Klima Gardens

Pavilion and Grounds

4646 E. 71st St. • Cuyahoga Hts.

\$10 Admission

Picnic Lunch and Raffle Tickets

Sideboard Raffles

Menu

Hamburgers & Franks W / Trimmings

Potato Salad, Baked Beans

Desserts & Coffee /Tea • Bar Sales

Suggestions for Added Opportunities

Meet with Pals to go to the 11:30 Mass at Shrine Church • Contact former classmates and gather for a Mini-Reunion

We are all aware of COVID'S very unpredictability. The elderly, unvaccinated, and immunocompromised and others at high risk may continue to face greater danger also — new variants have proved more contagious.

With all this in mind, if you plan on attending this Picnic — practice Covid Safety.

**** Those organizing class groups for table reservations of 8 to 10 people please call (440) 333-7827 for reservations before Mon Aug 22.**



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

\$100 \$75 \$50 \$25 Other

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Amount enclosed _____ Phone _____

E-Mail _____

GRADUATION: ES- _____ HS- _____

Mail To:

St. Stans Alumni

The Shrine Church of St. Stanislaus

3649 East 65 Street

Cleveland, OH 44105

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 31 Rainy Day Donors allowed us to increase our working fund by \$2185 since Jan 2022.

PACESETTER (\$500+)

Florence (Karash) Nowocin '60

STAR PERFORMERS (\$100-499)

Jan Juchnowski '69
 Louis Kleis Jr '51, '55
 Larry '61 & Joyce '62 Guzy
 Joe Shaw '61
 Jan (Karash) Swift '58
 Timothy Florencki ES '72
 Ron & Wanda Halinski ES '49
 Alan Mosinski '68
 Virginia (Tokar) Pirrotta '60
 Maxine (Waszewski) Terlop ES'55
 In Memory of: Madeline (Stupczy) Bogart '61

BENEFACTORS (\$50-99)

David Anderson '64
 Jerry Ratusnik '68
 Mary Ann (Dominak) Lawrence '65
 Ron Gill '61

PATRONS (\$25-49)

Andy Guzy '59
 Gayle (Luboski) McGlumphy '65
 Dorothy (Leszczynski) Serfilippi ES'44
 Doreen Gorzelanczyk '62
 Steve Hujarski '65
 Lawrence Golubski
 Anne Fess '62
 Helen (Pruc) Pekala '69
 Anna Marie Kaczmarek '69
 Allan Burke '65
 Anna Lesniak
 Dorothy Walk
 Carol (Koprowski) Orzech '61

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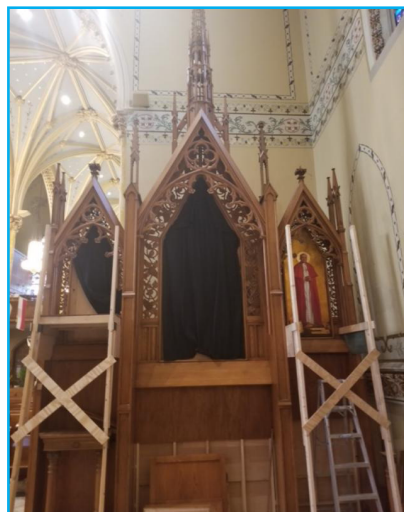
Mary Ann Stanky '61
 Donna (Leiblinger) Innocenzi GHHS '61
 Barbara (Rutkowski) Stine '58
 Ken Ferjutz '65

DIVINE MERCY UPDATE

Phase Three: Installation of completed paintings by the official Czestochowa artist **Mariusz Gradman** is in the process of happening. Our Alumni & Friends part of the Shrine is the St. Faustina panel that we sponsored. Divine Mercy History and information regarding Sister Maria Faustina (1905-1938) can be found on pg 2 of The Spire July 2020 issue. ***Previous Spire issues are located on the parish web site : www.ststanislaus.org***



Portrait laying flat and drying on Rectory floor after its arrival from Europe.



St. Faustina attached to frame and ready for mounting into Divine Mercy Shrine.



Alumni Project for Parish 150th Anniversary Year

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 seen 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.

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.



Alumni eclipse construction workers after over 600 eclipse viewers were made that day— and they are still smiling!



Photo of the “sweat shop construction line” working to make over 3700 viewers so far.

All Production at our Golubski Worksite on East 65th Street

For years **Rob Jagelewski CCC'71** has been the dedicated parish historian at St. Stanislaus. He had a weekly Sunday Church Bulletin column entitled "St. Stan's Historical Fact" that regularly added interesting insight into the parish's past. Rob also is a familiar face to many in that he is the friendly church tour guide during the annual festival weekends as well as for touring groups visiting throughout the year coming to the Shrine Church.



In an effort to recognize the 150th Anniversary of the Parish, this issue of the Spire will look back at the first 50 years (1873-1923) of the parish's history. Some of Rob's insightful articles as well as a timetable of major events will allow us to appreciate the love and dedication in the early parish history.

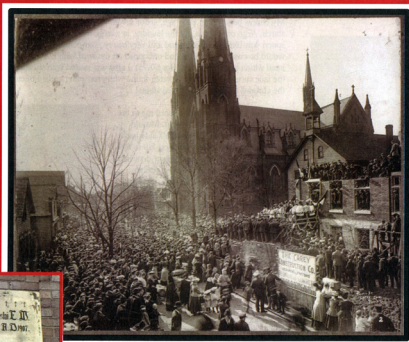
ST. STAN'S HISTORICAL FACT
by Rob Jagelewski

Father Anton Kolaszewski was a towering figure in the history of our Parish. Father Kolaszewski envisioned the building of our present church and carried through with the building of the church from 1886-1891. The church was built for the cost of \$250,000. Father Kolaszewski accrued a debt in the building of the church some of which he hid from the Diocese. He had problems with Bishop Ignatius Horstman. This eventually led to his resignation as Pastor in 1892. He was succeeded by Father Benedict Rosinski. Father Kolaszewski traveled to Syracuse, New York and became involved with the Polish National Church. He returned to Cleveland in 1894 without Bishop Horstman's permission and built Immaculate Heart of Mary, as a Polish National church. Father Kolaszewski was excommunicated from the Catholic Church. All Parishioners of our Parish, who followed Father Kolaszewski to Immaculate Heart of Mary were excommunicated as well. Father Kolaszewski and the community of Immaculate Heart of Mary were reconciled with Bishop Horstman in 1908. Father Kolaszewski resigned and Father Methodius Kielar OFM from St. Stanislaus was named Administrator of Immaculate Heart of Mary. Despite the involvement in the schism of Immaculate Heart of Mary, Father Kolaszewski is still a very important historical figure for us. He also established Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish to relieve overcrowding at St. Stanislaus.

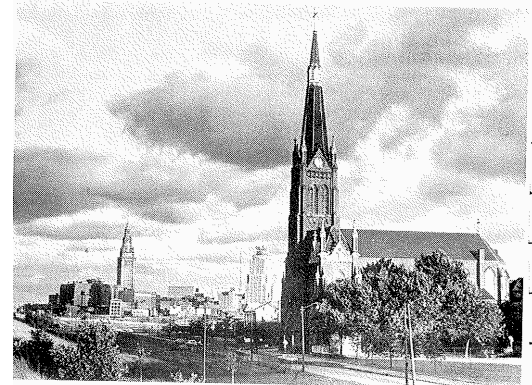


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St. Joseph's Church on Woodland Avenue and East 23rd near downtown Cleveland was the site where our Parishioners worshiped from 1879-1881. At this time our community did not have a church of their own. They would build a two-story wood structure, which served as a church and school in 1881. Our community worshiped at St. Joseph because they were under the care of Father Wolfgang Janietz OFM of the Sacred Heart Province. St. Joseph was put under Franciscan care in 1868. Soon the Friars built a chapel and friary. An old frame church was demolished in 1871. The new brick St. Joseph Church was dedicated on October 5, 1873. This was the year our community of St. Stanislaus was born. St. Joseph Church's interior was similar to ours with darker tinted wood. There were intricate wood carvings and impressive stained glass windows. Father Janietz continued to care for our community until 1883. St. Joseph's served many other ethnic groups in the same capacity as it served the Poles. Other ethnic groups that used St. Joseph for worship were the Slovaks, Czechs, and Italians. Due to a dwindling congregation and urban sprawl, St. Joseph Church was closed and deconsecrated in 1986. Sacred objects from the church were disbursed throughout the Diocese. At St. Stanislaus, the stained glass windows of St. Joseph, St. Francis, and St. Claire in our sacristy are from St. Joseph Church.



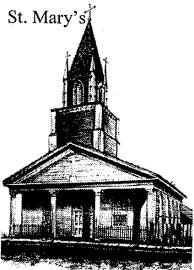
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 1907



ST JOSEPH CHURCH - WOODLAND AVE. 1973

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Ohio became a state in 1803. In 1808 all of the state of Ohio was under the care of the Diocese of Bardstown, Kentucky. A Dominican priest, Father Edward Fenwick and other missionaries visit scattered Catholic families in Ohio in 1817 and 1818. In 1821 the Diocese of Cincinnati is created. This Diocese encompasses the entire state of Ohio. The building of the Ohio and Erie canal brings a large number of Irish and German immigrants to Northern Ohio in 1825. Many of these immigrants are Catholic. The oldest parish in the present Diocese of Cleveland, Sts. Peter and Paul in Wayne County, is formed in 1827. In 1838 the first Catholic Church in Cleveland, St. Mary's of the Flats is formed. The Diocese of Cleveland is formed in 1847. The Community of St. Stanislaus is formed in 1873. Our people worship at St. Mary's of the Flats (sometimes known as Our Lady of the Lakes). The current St. Stanislaus Church under construction since 1886 is a finished building in 1891.



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In 1879 the care of St. Stanislaus Parish was taken over by Father Wolfgang Janietz OFM. Services were moved from St. Mary's of the Flats to St. Joseph Church on Woodland Avenue. By 1880 more and more Poles were moving to Cleveland from abroad or from other states. Parishioners wished to have their own church. They first searched for land near the old St. Alexis Hospital on Broadway Avenue. In 1881 they bought 13 lots for \$3,000 on the church's present site. A two story structure was erected by the fall of 1881 which had a school on the first floor and a church on the second floor. Father Janietz would walk from the friary on Woodland Avenue to St. Stanislaus. He cared for our community from 1879-1883. He baptized 455 children, solemnized 84 marriages, and buried 163, almost all children. The larger waves of immigration to this area were just starting.



ST. STANISLAUS PARISH HISTORICAL TIMELINE

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- 1873 — Father Victor Zareczny Pastor of St. Adalbert in Berea, is asked by Bishop Richard Gilmour to gather and care for the Polish Community in Cleveland and Newburgh, under the Patronage of St. Stanislaus Bishop & Martyr. Mass for this community was celebrated at St. Mary's in the Flats.
- 1877 — Fr. F. Marshall assumes responsibility for the St. Stanislaus Community.
- 1879 — Franciscan Father Wolfgang Janietz, OFM, from St. Joseph Friary on Woodland Ave is given responsibility for the St. Stanislaus Community. He invites the faithful to worship at St. Joseph Chapel.
- 1880 — A Committee is appointed by Fr. Janietz to find a suitable place for the Community to build their own church.
- 1881 — The Community buys 13 lots from farmer Ashbel Morgan for \$3,000 at the corner of Todd Avenue (East 65th St.) and Forman Ave. Construction began on a two story wood building to house a church & school. The Elementary School is founded.
- 1883 — Father Anton Kolaszewski is named Pastor of St. Stanislaus Parish.
- 1886 — Ground is broken for the present St. Stanislaus Church building.
- 1891 — St. Stanislaus Church is dedicated. The Church was built for \$250,000.
- 1892 — Father Benedict Rosinski is named Pastor.
- 1906 — The pastoral care of St. Stanislaus Parish is taken over by the Franciscan Friars of the Sacred Heart Province of St. Louis, Missouri. Father Theobald Kalamaja, OFM, is named Pastor.
- 1907 — The present St. Stanislaus Elementary School building is opened. The Congregation of the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth begin teaching at the school.
- 1909 — A severe wind storm knocks down the twin bell Spires of the church and destroys the roof. The Community restored the church but the tall Spires could not be reproduced because of safety concerns.
- 1911 — Father Damien Koziolk, OFM, is named Pastor.
- 1912 — Father Koziolk resigns due to illness. Father Wenceslaus Krzycki OFM, is named Pastor. Dramatic presentations under the direction of Fr. Sigismund Masalski OFM, bring the parish together in an atmosphere of culture and entertainment.
- 1913 — The Friars move into the present Parish Rectory building.
- 1914 — A Parish band is formed under the direction of Fr. Protase Kuberek, OFM.
- 1918 — The Sisters of the Congregation of the Holy Family of Nazareth move into their Convent building.



ST. STANS HISTORICAL FACT by Rob Jagelewski. Our Parish was founded in 1873. This year of 2007 we will celebrate a Parish birthday of 134 years. Before we had any type of church our community worshipped at St. Mary's in the Flats, which does not exist anymore and then at the old St. Joseph's Church on Woodland Avenue which was right next to the present Metro Campus of Cuyahoga Community College. The first priest to minister to our community was appointed by Bishop Richard Gilmour. He was Father Victor Zareczny, the Pastor of St. Adalbert in Berea. This is one of the reasons that we have a stained glass window dedicated to St. Adalbert in our church

ST. STANS HISTORICAL FACT by Rob Jagelewski. In 1890 Bishop Richard Gilmour ordered all younger members of the clergy of this Diocese to take an examination. Pastor of St. Stanislaus, Father Anton Kolaszewski wrote to the Bishop on November 5, 1890 outlining the reasons that he should not have to take this exam. Father Kolaszewski wrote, "I am right now doing the work of four priests, not one. You (the Bishop) live down at the Cathedral where they have four priests. I have many more people to take care of than has the Pastor of the Cathedral and I am for the greater part alone... At present I am finishing this great, grand, glorious church which takes all my attention. There are now working here painters, plasterers, fresco painters, oil painters, glass makers, carpenters, marble workers, and altar builders that I personally oversee. What more do you want from me? Am I idle? Dear Bishop I study more than any of your priests. I study practically and not theoretically."

*Thank You Rob Jagelewski
for all your hard work on the
interesting history of our parish.*

ST. STAN'S HISTORICAL FACT

The first priest to care for the community of St. Stanislaus in 1873 was Reverend Victor Zareczny from St. Adalbert in Berea, Ohio. The community first worshipped at St. Mary's in the Flats. Father Zareczny officiated at the wedding of Joseph Czarniecki and Michaline Skonieczny on January 11, 1874. He would return to the community 18 times in 1874. In four years Father Zareczny made the trip from Berea 60 times to baptize 98 children and to solemnize 21 marriages. In the marriage records Father Zareczny does not sign himself as Pastor but as "Curator Loci" meaning "caretaker of the place."

Saint Stanislaus Elementary Expands its Mission

Deborah Ann Martin, Principal, Saint Stanislaus School

As worn as the phrase may be, the COVID pandemic caused changes in many areas. The elementary school lifted and shifted to provide safe and continuous Catholic education to our students. Following a model of 65% students in person and 35% of students at home. Saint Stanislaus Elementary School kept its doors and hearts open. Even as we were priding ourselves on a job well done, the administration became aware of a group of students in the area for whom at-home learning was not an option. Refugees from Tanzania and Uganda were attending Catholic schools that did not have an on-site learning option. At home, no one was able to support their English learning. Several of these students had siblings at Cleveland Central Catholic. Through a wide berth of collaboration and creativity, Saint Stanislaus enrolled its first African refugees in the Fall of 2020. Fast Forward to today, there are currently 14 students attending Saint Stanislaus School whose first language is Swahili. We've hired one of the mothers to help with translation skills and are looking forward to one of the dad's joining our staff full-time in August as a Junior High Math teacher. More families whose roots are in Africa will be joining us in August as well. These Catholic family-oriented families add a delightful brand of life to our school community. Mungu awabariki and Karibu (God bless you and Welcome!)



We (my fellow alumni) often talk about bits and pieces of our childhood that comes to mind for no apparent reason... these are some of my contributions to the discussions.

THE KITCHEN

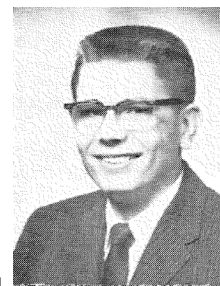
~~I'll never forget my mother's 'Ground-Meat' soup which we had at least twice a week. She never drained the meat after browning and if you looked carefully you could see 100's of amoeba shaped grease floaters—yum-yum.

~~At Easter time, my job was to shred the horseradish. I sat under the kitchen table with a bowl and shredder. Before long, my eyes teared up and I proceeded to shred my knuckles producing pink horseradish. I still hate horseradish to this day.

~~My mother made what she called "Crazy Cake" by cubing left over pieces of dry sponge cake or angel food and mixing it with a Jello-like substance. I'm sure Doctor Heimlich's Maneuver was developed after a dose of "Crazy Cake."

~~Mealtime was always in the kitchen, not the dining room. My mother would say: "If you don't like the food, come back tomorrow—the people in Europe are starving!"

~~The kitchen table was used for meals, to do homework, listen to the radio and as the 'TRIBUNAL'. If I got into trouble in school or the neighborhood, I would hear "wait till your father comes home." It was Billy on one end of the table and my father at the other end. There was ONE light bulb hanging over the table (I kid you not) and my father would place one of his huge hands flat on the table and ripple his fingers—"THUMP, THUMP, THUMP, THUMP, THUMP." I remember that the windows shook and so did I. In less than a minute I would confess to everything. The spanking felt like getting hit by five flat windmill blades.



William J. Dix

IMPRESSIONABLE BILLY

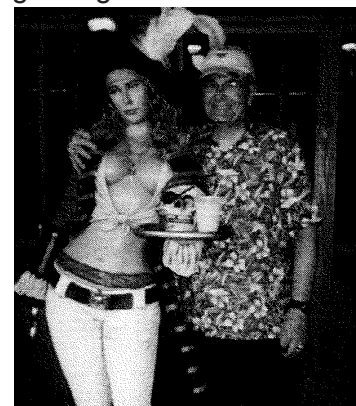
~~My father told me that several tiny people lived in the radio, a Motorola Console and that their little city could be seen at night. I peeked, and he was right! Actually they were the glowing vacuum tubes.

~~One of my comic books advertised a "Space Ring" that glowed at night.

I saved up the money and sent for it. It really did glow in the dark and being afraid it would wear out, I covered it with a heavy cloth!

~~My mother and her sister Flo, would give each other permanents. It took hours and smelled horrible. I thought the liquid could really be used to kill large insects

When "young little Billy Dix" wasn't being forced to do the shredding of the family horseradish —or —looking inside the Motorola Radio for the glowing little city people: he would spend time under the kitchen table dreaming what future pirate life would be like when he was an Old Man. (Editor's Note)



Greetings for Cleveland Central Catholic High School. I readily admit it was a surreal experience walking in to the building on my first day as President of CCC last June, exactly fifty years removed from my senior year at this school. I started my high school career as a St Stan's Panther and finished as a Cleveland Central Catholic Ironman. As I walked in that day I was flooded with memories of my time as a student, my classmates and friends, the teachers and administrators who dedicated their lives to helping me, my siblings and the generations of students who came after me. I could not help but feel a great sense of pride. It truly was a great day to be an Ironman as has every single day before and since.



As I write this I am hopeful we are seeing the impacts of COVID on our daily lives diminish. Seeing things from this side of the desk, I have a whole new understanding and appreciation for the havoc COVID brought on our school and the entire education system. Those early days required nothing short of heroic efforts from administrators, faculty and staff to pivot to remote learning which had never been tried on that large scale. Many lessons were learned over the past two years. The main lesson is that high school students learn better in person. Students also need the emotional and social support of classmates and teachers that make for a healthy well-rounded education experience.

As better times appear to be on the horizon I can't help but think about the students and parents who missed out on so much the past two years. I am glad our sports teams and school activities are back to normal since the first of the year and prom is just a month away.

This school is blessed in so many ways. We have amazing alumni/ alumnae, benefactors and partnerships. One of the shining lights is our long term partnership with The Third Federal Foundation and by extension Third Federal Savings and Loan. They have provided talent as well as treasure, particularly through the Stefanski Service Scholarship Program, that has helped so many of our students and families afford a CCC education.

Finally everyone should know at CCC we are a Catholic school, dedicated to our mission to challenge our students to grow academically, deepen their faith in God and learn to live a life of service so they may face their future with confidence and hope. Some days are more challenging than others but the promise of brighter futures for our students makes every speed bump we encounter along the way just that, a minor obstacle. God Bless. Go Panthers! Go Ironmen!



CCC — GOOD NEIGHBORS - WITH SNOW CLEARING HELP

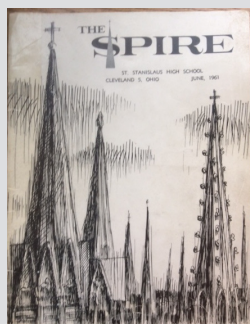
Co-Ordinator Pam Shelly

The heavy winter snow emergency in late January 2022 created a “good neighbor” situation for some students to aid nearby golden agers snowed in and isolated. CCC principal Sr. Allison and coordinator Pam Shelly arranged for students to do the tough dig out and utilized their service time available though The Third Federal Foundation.



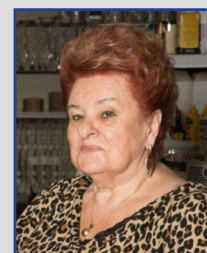


The St. Stanislaus Alumni and Friends extends its condolences to the family & friends of the recently departed and pray the Lord will welcome them into everlasting life.



"1961 St. Stanislaus H.S. Yearbook cover designed by Dennis Zaborowski."

Raymond Krolkowski '47
 Fred Badar - CCC teacher, coach
 Linda (Rudnicki) Grabowski '67
 Sophie Tyl - 7 Roses Polish Food Restaurant Owner
 Rosemary Stout - Sister of Bob Frechette
 Marie Bobowski (100) - ES '35
 Judy (Michalski) Nowogrocki '52
 Bob Burovac - Husband of Donna (Larca) Burovac '60
 Michael Grzywaczewski - Son of Robert Grzywaczewski '61
 Dennis Zaborowski '61 - Art prof. UNC Chapel Hill
 Gloria Mitalski '60
 Joanne Schultz - Mother of Denise Schultz CCC '86



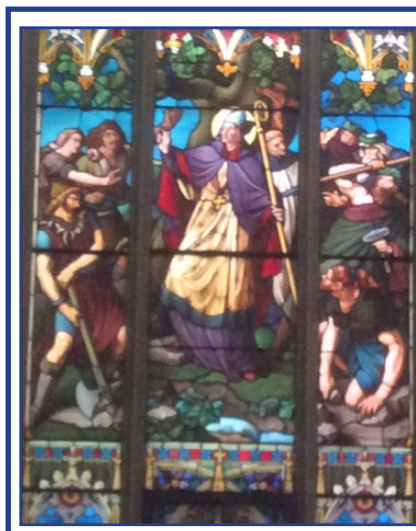
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***Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
 and let Your perpetual light shine upon them.
 May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed
 Rest in Peace. Amen.***



ST. STAN'S HISTORICAL FACT. St. Stanislaus, our Patron, was born to noble parents on July 26, 1030 near Krakow. Stanislaus was a noted preacher and a much sought after spiritual advisor. He was named Bishop of Krakow in 1072. Stanislaus incurred the enmity of the Polish King, Boleslaus the Bold when he denounced the King's cruelties and injustices. Stanislaus excommunicated the King. Boleslaus killed Stanislaus while the Bishop was saying Mass on April 11, 1079. This scene is depicted in the first stain glass window after the ramp doors on the schoolyard side of the church.



ST. STAN'S HISTORICAL FACT
 The first stained glass window on the rectory side of the church after the side door depicts St. Adalbert, the first Czech bishop of Prague. His energetic missionary work aroused the extreme nationalists, who forced him to leave Prague. He dedicated himself entirely to missionary work. He accepted the invitation of King Boleslaus I, the Great, of Poland, to organize missionary work among the Prussians on the Baltic coast. He met his martyrdom at the instigation of pagan priests. The first priest to minister to our community in 1873 was Father Victor Zareczny from St. Adalbert in Berea. This is one of the reasons why we have a stained glass window dedicated to St. Adalbert in our church.

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