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REPLACEMENT OF ROOF NEEDED

The original Shrine Church roof (under aging asphalt shingles) was installed about 135 years ago. That original roof is UNINSURABLE today. This is a big replacement job ! The fundraising campaign has already begun and will take some time, but the time to play a role is now. We as Alumni & Friends can step up to help this major long term project and play a needed role to save our beautiful landmark — The Shrine Church of St. Stanislaus. Many of us have support motives from our memories and family roots that date back to the original construction. (See editor note on page 3.)



ROOF RESTORATION FUND

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RAINY DAY FUND -- RESULTS SINCE JULY 2024 SPIRE

Thank you for all your support to our fund.

Your donations AGAIN allow us to continue The Spire newsletters as well as our support for St. Stan's Elementary School.

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School Corner

Dr. Martin

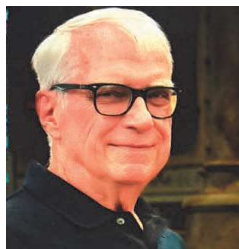
The school year is in full swing with the first quarter almost complete! New teachers. New students. New windows! Our school is blessed.

Of note this year especially is the increase in our ELL (English Language Learners). We currently have 46 students who attend Saint Stanislaus School whose first language is not English. We have students who speak Swahili and Spanish, most from other countries. We are honored that they have chosen Saint Stanislaus School as the place to educate their children. To help serve these students and their families better, we have added staff members who are fluent in their languages.

Our ties across the parking lot are getting stronger. Last year, CCC sent half of their students over for Wednesday Mass. They sat at the back and on the sides. This year, we have paired every student at CCC with a student from SSS. They come to our school and pick them up for Mass. We have also shared our first retreat of the school year with our new prayer buddies.



With 252 students passing through the hallways, our school is buzzing with learning and growing and prayer.



Why Give Back A Reflection

by Bob Sledz, Editor

For many years now the K-12 campus is an example of Legacy Schools in action.

St. Stanislaus School Principal Dr. Deborah Martin and Central Catholic High School principal Sr. Allison Marie, and President, John Simon and their dedicated staff have created the “Drop them off for kindergarten and pick them up to go to college” reality. As a result, – as in the past, – there are many alumni who want to give back to the St. Stanislaus Parish.

For those of us with family roots to St. Stanislaus Parish and schools the opportunity to help with the Shrine Church Roof Replacement is quite timely. As I write these thoughts – I’m 81 years old – yet I can very vividly recall a special fond memory from my freshman year at the high school in early 1958. It was an unusual period for our family because my dad – who I rarely saw on our family phone – but over the previous months was busy with my uncles coordinating driving Grandma Stefania Sledz to doctor appointments and tests.

My Dad, Roman “Ray” Sledz grew up at 3668 East 63rd St., he was the oldest of five brothers with an older sister. My memories of family gatherings at Grandma Sledz’s house were – great food, lots of fun with cousins, and not much of a chance to visit one on one with her – wonderful times, but a fast moving blur.

My unforgettable memory began on a school day in early March 1958, there was a special school service in church then we had early dismissal. A small group of us freshman were chatting in front of the church on Foreman – Larry G, Judy K, Karen S and myself, we meandered our way through the alley between E. 65th and E. 63rd St. next to the Sledz building. I am amazed how these details are still so clear to me.

As we separated to go home in different directions – I decided to visit grandma because I was right in front of her house. Grandma welcomed me in at the back porch door and offered me some Paczki and milk. I recall doing an errand for her down into the cellar to get a can of soup – then we had time to visit just the two of us. She asked how high school was for me and I said school was tough – especially Latin and that I liked basketball but the season just ended. Then she asked how old I was so I said...13.

Grandma paused for a few moments, then said –

“13 that was how old your dad was when his father, Grandpa Michael, died in 1923. Your Grandpa was only 37 years old.”

Then she continued with family history I did not know about the importance of

our family and neighbors to her now that she was a widow with six children, had to take care of grandpa’s saloon on E. 65th St., AND that the government started prohibition in 1920, so there were no alcohol sales in the bar.



She then stressed what most gave her the strength and helped save our family— Grandma said: *“St. Stanislaus parish and school, the pastors, Franciscans, Sisters, Brothers, the elementary school and it’s music program. Bottom line... The parish helped save our family”.*

I cherish that visit with grandma for many reasons especially since she died of cancer two weeks later on March 19, 1958. I really didn’t appreciate the role of the parish and school on our family and myself until years later. Today I look at helping with the new roof as an opportunity to give back and remember particularly since so many of us may have connections with family who settled here and are part of the legacy of the original laying of the roof 135 years ago.

← SLEDZ CAFE - 3664 East 65th Street
Michael (Center - No Hat)



Front Porch - 3668 East 63rd St. - Sledz Family 1921
Back Row: Stefania (expecting Eugene) Cecilia, Michael
Front Row: Roman, Daniel, John, Michael

ALUMNI PICNIC - August 18, 2024 Klima's



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*Festival Oct.4-6 ,2024
Recognition Dinner
October 20, 2024*





Students Help Nab 2 Robbers



TEACHER'S A HERO, shouted the students from St. Stanislaus High School as teacher Tom Gorbett retrieved a money bag and helped capture two robbers today.

A teacher and lots of students of St. Stanislaus High School played heroes' roles today as two robbers were captured within minutes after they held up the United Savings Assn., 3662 E. 65th St.

Of the \$2702 taken by the robbers, one of whom threw the loot away during the chase, \$2435 so far has been recovered.

There were no customers in the place when the robbers, wearing stocking masks with eyeholes cut in them, rushed in at 11:25 a. m., ordered the 12 employees to lie on the floor and ransacked several cash drawers.

William Piotrowski, 38, secretary, was on the telephone when the robbers shouted "this is a holdup" and was pushed to the floor by one of the robbers when he failed to hang up.

While the pair was putting the loot in a canvas bag, Roman Trepczyk, teller, pushed the alarm button

while another employee, John Krawczyk, fled to a nearby tavern to call police.

After the robbers left, Piotrowski pursued them and assisted in their capture.

A concealed movie camera recorded the entire robbery.

One of the robbers started to race through the St. Stanislaus schoolyard just as a body of students was moving through the yard. The robber had to try to run through them.

Teacher William Lusk saw money flying from the robber's hands as he ran. He gave chase. The youngsters began shouting and also took up the pursuit.

The first children through which he pushed his way were from the elementary school. He brushed past Sister Mary Joseph and dropped a box. Coins and

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THE CLEVELAND PRESS, Thursday, Oct. 28, 1965



TEACHER WILLIAM LUSK (right) was aided by John Bondi, 14, a St. Stanislaus student, in holding robber for police.



SISTER MARY JOSEPH was bumped by robber as he ran through school yard. She helped police recover some of the stolen money he dropped.

Students Help Capture Suspects

(Continued from Page One) Tom Gorbett.

money flew from it.

Then as he ran through the group of high school students, Lusk gave chase, aided by another teacher,

As the robber reached

Baxter Ave. he tried to throw a money bag over a fence into an adjoining cemetery. Money fell on both

sides. Gorbett scooped up the bag and what cash it still held.

Lusk grabbed the robber as he neared the getaway car parked in a Baxter Ave. parking lot next to the school. At the same time, Patrolmen Richard Baranski and Fred Stauffer, guns drawn, raced up and arrested him.

**Were you there on Thursday,
October 28, 1965**

**You may have been in the
headlines that day!**

**Do you have a memory of that day to share
with the Spire?**

**If so send it to Alumni at the Parish Office
or sledzbob@yahoo.com**



MR. THOMAS GORBETT is applauded by admiring student body for his daring participation in helping apprehend a bank robber suspect. Aside from chasing bank robbers, Mr. Gorbett teaches math and conducts a junior homeroom.

THE SPIRE



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.

Rose Stiftar

Ken Pintwala

Florence (Durdella) Wisniewski '47

Nancy Marie Monica Grams - Daughter of
Ron (deceased) '56 & Joanne Grams

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Jim Goliat '60 - Husband of Donna (Ruminski) '60
& Bob Goliat '64

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