



# The Spire

St. Stanislaus Alumni  
& Friends Newsletter



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# 150th Anniversary Celebration Begins

Join us at the start of this very Special Anniversary Year with the

## Pork Chop Dinner Fundraiser Event

sponsored by the St. Stanislaus Alumni & Friends.

Sunday, April 16, 2023 Following 11:30 am Divine Mercy Sunday Mass.

Doors Open: 12:15 pm • Social Hall on Baxter Avenue

Dinner Served 1 pm • Divine Mercy Liturgy in Church at 4 pm

Music provided by: RON ZESZUT Basket Raffle and Side Boards

Alumni want to know how they can help . . . BECOME A BASKET SPONSOR!

For information contact: Bob Sledz at 440-333-7827



Tickets Will be Held at Door. **No Tickets Sold at the Door.**

**Only 200 Tickets Sold • Ticket Deadline - April 3, 2023**

Dinner includes: Pork Chops, Homemade Mashed Potatoes with Gravy, Green Beans, Salad with dressings, Apple Sauce, Cucumber Salad, Dessert Table with Cake, Coffee, Tea, Soda & Water. No Alcohol

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Two (2) Pork Chops - \$20

\_\_\_\_\_ One (1) Pork Chop - \$15

\_\_\_\_\_ Childs (*Chicken Tenders*) - \$10

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*Your Tickets will be held at the door!*

Mail Form with Check Payable to : St. Stanislaus Alumni

3649 East 65th St., Cleveland, OH 44105 (*Mark Pork Chop Dinner on check.*)

## **RAINY DAY FUND-- RESULTS FROM NOVEMBER 2022**

*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 \$2775 since July 2022.*

***Thank you for your generosity!***

### **PACESETTER (\$500+)**

Florence (Karash) Nowocin '60

### **LEADER (\$200-499)**

Patricia Zielinski ES '51, HS '55

### **STAR PERFORMERS (\$100-199)**

In Memory of Joseph Zenda '56

Louis Kleis Jr. ES '51, HS '55

Donna (Roginski) '61 & Ed Heid

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Jan Juchnowski '69

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Ron & Wanda Halinski '49

Michele Peck '70

Jan (Karash) Swift '58

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Robert Hasinski ES '71

Helen Cooke HS '46

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### **BENEFACTORS (\$50-99)**

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Eileen (Halter) Rini '58

Cynthia (Runo) Kisk '66

Jerry Ratusnik '68

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Steve Hujarski '65

Carol (Koprowski) Orzech ES '57

Therese (Zielinski) Gapinski '52

Donna Bressan ES '66

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Timothy Florencki ES '72

### ***Alumni Picnic Profit August 28, 2022 - - \$629***

Recent Expenses: Alternate School Uniforms - - \$1000

Elementary School Religious Program (*Studio 3:15 Program*) - - \$1000

**Studio 3:15 Program** - *is a religion program for students which connects scripture to current real-life challenges that our students face. Using music and modern settings in a video format, the word of God comes to life and gives students guidance in making choices. Teacher resources are provided to engage students in discussions after each video segment is watched. Both CCC and Saint Stanislaus School are using this program.*

**Thank you to the alumni** for providing funds to pay for the balance after the grant contribution was applied.

### ***Initial 150th Anniversary Activities - 2023***

January	Jubilee Inauguration
February	Penance Theme
March	Anointing-Healing Theme
April	Baptism Theme
April 9th	Easter Sunday
April 16th	Pork Chop Dinner ( <i>Alumni Sponsored Fundraiser</i> )
May	Marriage Theme
May 12th	Four Eagles Award Banquet of Honor
June	Eucharist Theme
	Parish Picnic

# ST. STAUGH THE YEARS





### *Old Timer” Recalls Pricing Paczki*

Above is a photo of Don Kucia with two young volunteers helping with the Bakery Booth Sales at this year’s Polish Festival in October. While visiting with Don and checking the bakery items pricing — we shared a laugh about my old friend (being pressed into) volunteering at the neighborhood bakery in the early 1950’s.

When my pal Dickie was about 8 years old and lived around the corner from the Mankowski Bakery located at 3648 East 65th Street, just opposite the church rectory side door and next to Slezak Funeral Home. He was in the bakery almost every day doing family errands in the neighborhood, maintaining his polite and ‘good kid’ reputation. On this particular day an accident of some sort occurred in the back of the building and the owner’s wife was called away from the sales counter for a few minutes. Dickie was the only customer there, and well known by the wife, so she asked him to watch the counter for a few minutes. She knew he was honest, could do math and all the prices were by the items. No sooner did she leave when Dickie had his first customer by himself. In walks the elderly lady famous for her bargain hunting skills — with Jelly Donuts on her mind.

As she checks out the prices, she comments to Dickie,

**“You are charging 6 cents for one PACZKI?”**

Dickie said, **“Yes, that is what is marked.”**

The old Lady replied,

**“But at Chambers Bakery they are only 5 cents each.”**

Dickie countered with, **“Well why don’t you buy them there?”**

The old Lady answered in a flustered tone, **“Because they are sold out!!”**

Then Dickie calmly replied, **“Well, after we sell them all — they are only 4 cents a Paczki.”**

*Dickie was really a Good Kid!*

***Annual St. Stanislaus  
Polish Festival  
Alumni helping out  
where they are needed!***

**Oct. 7, 8, 9, 2022**

**“PRINCIPAL, NEIGHBORS & POLICE WORK TO STOP CRIME SPREE”**

was the Sunday, November 6, 2022 Plain Dealer Front Page Headline. Who would have expected to see Principal Deborah Martin in front of St. Stanislaus School in Slavic Village mentioned in that article? After the school was broken into six times over this past Summer, ....Martin worked with the Cleveland 4th District Police and the community in hopes of cracking this case, which incurred \$38,000 in damages and losses for the school. She credits the the detectives for sticking on the case with months long investigations climaxing early November when the suspect was indicted on 13 breaking-and-entering-felonies. All told he was responsible for 16 Slavic Village break-ins this year. Principal Martin says the episode shows what communities can do together. Studio 3:16 is a religion program for students which connects scripture to current real-life challenges that our students face. Using music and modern settings in a video format, the word of God comes to life and gives students guidance in making choices. Teacher resources are provided to engage students in discussions after each video segment is watched. Both CCC and Saint Stanislaus School are using this program. Thank you to the alumni for providing the funds to pay for the balance after the grant contribution was applied.



*Deb Martin, St. Stanislaus Elementary Principal*

Dear Pam & Service Team,

Thank you all so much for your ALL DAY work and support — (FROM START → TO FINISH) at our St. Stanislaus Alumni & Friends Picnic at Klimas Grove on Sunday Aug 28.

There was Capacity attendance for this event — an event we were not able to have for the past two years.

We had great weather, terrific attendance and with much help from Cleveland Central Catholic H.S. many thankful and appreciative St. Stanislaus Alumni afterwards.

8-30-22

Please share with:  
DAIVION FITZGERALD  
DARRIUS FITZGERALD

TANISHA MEANS  
RUTHIE NELSON  
YAHARA, NELSON  
JADE STEWART  
NAKITA STEWART

WE ARE ~~THE~~ SO THANKFUL FOR YOU.

WITH SINCERE APPRECIATION  
FROM ALL OF US.

Bob Sledz  
Chairman of St. Stanislaus Alumni & Friends



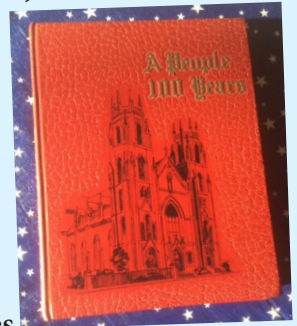
*Pam Shelly  
CCC Service Coordinator*



## 1923-1973

Below is a historical timeline that includes the major parish changes for the second period. Like last issue a collection of “St. Stan’s Historical Facts” by Rob Jagelewski — parish historian provide reflective insight over time. Thank you Donna Ciborowski for maintaining the church bulletin insert collection.

- 1923 Fr. Theobald Kalamaja returns as Pastor. (1923-1936)
- 1927 A Junior High is built which would eventually become St. Stanislaus High School.
- 1936 Fr. Sigismund Masalski, OFM, is named Pastor.
- 1939 Fr. Raymond Micek, OFM, is named Pastor.
- 1941 Fr. Thaddeus Woloszyk, OFM, is named Pastor .
- 1945 Tenth graders are accepted for St. Stanislaus High School, Fr. Vitalis Bartkowiak, OFM, is named Pastor.
- 1950 Fr. Casimir Wisniewski, OFM (1949-53), is named Pastor.
- 1954 Fr. Agnellus Sobolewski, OFM (1951-63), is named Pastor. The interior of the church is redecorated. The wooden altar, confessionals, stations of the cross, and wood carvings are restored to their natural finish.
- 1961 The Social Center is dedicated.
- 1963 Fr. Clarence Korgie, OFM (1950-73), is named Pastor.
- 1969 Cardinal Karol Wojtyla (future Pope John Paul II) 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. Centennial Book Published



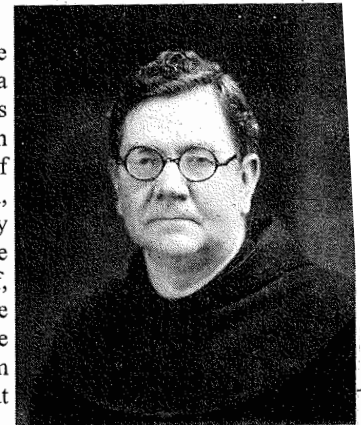
### ST. STAN'S HISTORICAL FACT

by Rob Jagelewski

Father Sigismund Masalski OFM had three tours of duty with the people of St. Stanislaus Parish. He was here as an Assistant to the Pastor from 1912–1923 and from 1946–1950. During his stay here between the years 1929–1939, Father Masalski was appointed Pastor from 1936–1939. He was succeeded as Pastor by Father Raymond Micek OFM. Father Masalski was a gifted actor. He instituted dramatic stage performances in the fourth floor auditorium of the elementary school. These events brought parishioners together in an atmosphere of culture and entertainment. These plays were of a religious or historical nature. The auditorium was filled on Sunday afternoons and evenings in the hottest weather. As Pastor, Father Masalski began the envelope system for Sunday collections. Prior to the envelope system, the priests would go house to house in the parish at intervals to collect money to support the parish.

by Rob Jagelewski

A *Cleveland Press* newspaper article from the early 1930’s states, “Father Theobald Kalamaja OFM, pastor of St. Stanislaus Parish, oversees seven priests and three brothers of the Franciscan Order as well as 50 Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth as teachers in the school. The Church, rectory, school, power plant, and supplementary buildings cover a city block in the Heart of Little Poland. These elements including staff, parishioners, and equipment constitute one of the largest religious enterprises of any Church in the City...Nine Masses are said at the Church on Sundays in almost continuous services beginning at 6:30 AM and continuing until noon.”



### ST. STAN'S HISTORICAL FACT by Rob Jagelewski

High school football teams have started their new seasons. St. Stanislaus High School and Cleveland Central Catholic own a proud football tradition. One of the greatest high school coaches in the history of Cleveland was right here at St. Stanislaus High School from 1948– 1968. Len Janiak was a football star at South High School. Janiak went on to play football at Ohio University where he became one of the state’s top scorers and is a member of Ohio University’s Athletic Hall of Fame. Professionally, Janiak went on to play for the Brooklyn Dodgers in 1939 and the Cleveland Rams in 1940–42. Janiak became the head football coach at St. Stanislaus High School in 1948. His twenty year record of coaching the St. Stanislaus Panthers was 103 wins, 64 losses, and 6 ties. Janiak was named the first Athletic Director of Cleveland Central Catholic High School in 1969.



**ST. STAN'S HISTORICAL FACT**

*by Rob Jagelewski*

Brother Fidelis Veselak OFM was a long serving sacristan at St. Stanislaus Church. He was born in 1896 and died in 1980. "Brother," as he was affectionately known by parishioners, was a very religious man and a gentle soul who lived the Franciscan life. As children, many parishioners helped "Brother" make hosts and received scraps from that endeavor for a reward. "Brother" was a tireless worker in and around the church. He was blind in his later years but knew every inch of the church. He was the first into the church in the early morning and the last to leave late at night. "Brother" crafted the wheat and angels around the tabernacle from the silver from spent flashbulbs he gathered from wedding photographers. On his last Christmas Eve in 1980, "Brother" erected the Christmas crib, went into his room in the rectory, laid down on his bed while saying the rosary, and went to celebrate Christmas with Jesus. Many of those parishioners who still help in and around the church knew Brother Fidelis and were influenced by his example.



**ST. STAN'S HISTORICAL FACT**

*by Rob Jagelewski*

Cardinal Karol Wojtyla, the Cardinal Archbishop of Krakow, Poland (and later Pope John Paul II) visited the Cleveland area and celebrated Mass in our Church. He was and still is probably the greatest Church dignitary to visit our Parish. Concelebrating the Mass with Cardinal Wojtyla were Bishop Clarence G. Issemann of Cleveland, a number of Polish Bishops, and all of the Greater Cleveland Polish Pastors. At the end of the Mass Cardinal Wojtyla called longtime sacristan Brother Fidelis Veselak, whose picture graces our main sacristy, into the sanctuary and presented the relic of St. Stanislaus to the parish. The relic was given to the parish to keep for the Poles of Cleveland from a grateful people of Poland for all of the support the community gave to Poland during and following World War II. The relic currently resides in our shrine area along with the miter of Pope John Paul II and the icon of St. Stanislaus and Pope John Paul II.



**ST. STAN'S HISTORICAL FACT**

*by Rob Jagelewski*

The finding of a time capsule from 1917 in the convent cornerstone brings to mind that there is another time capsule situated in the cornerstone of the Social Center. The cornerstone was laid in 1960. It was blessed in a special liturgy. One of the items that resides in the cornerstone in the Social Center is a scroll containing the names of parishioners who contributed to the Social Center building fund. The scroll was placed into a metal box and sealed within the cornerstone. This time capsule is only 49 years old. The convent time capsule is 92 years old. The Social Center cost a total of \$849,423.62 to build. The parish broke ground for the Social Center construction in 1959. Construction continued for 19 months. The Social Center was dedicated on April 9, 1961.

**ST. STAN'S HISTORICAL FACT**

*by Rob Jagelewski*

On August 28, 1907 thirteen Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth arrived to take up residence at St. Stanislaus Parish. On November 3, 1907 Bishop Ignatius Horstman blessed the new school building. The enrollment in the school in 1907 was 1,500 pupils. In the school year of 1914-15 the school had an enrollment of 1,668. In the peak enrollment year of 1933 the school population reached 2,686. There were 46 nuns teaching in the school at that time. When St. Stanislaus High School began in 1947 our Sisters added duties of teaching and administering in the secondary school. The Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth have been ministering in our Parish for over 100 years.

*The Faculty*



Rev. Clarence Korgie, OFM  
Pastor



Rev. Michael  
Windolph  
Religion I



Rev. John  
Przybylski  
Religion III



Rev. John Kent  
Buzynski  
Religion IV



Sr. M. Severine  
American History  
Religion II  
World Geography  
World Affairs Club



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Biology  
Chemistry  
Student Council  
Student Activities



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Algebra I  
Gen. Math  
Latin I  
Religion IV  
Guidance Counsellor



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Assist. Principal  
Office Practice  
Bookkeeping I  
Stenography II  
Business Honor Society



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Health  
Gymnastics  
Cheerleaders



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Gorbett  
Economics  
Algebra I  
Applied Math



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Physical Education  
Head Football Coach  
Athletic Director  
Baseball Coach



Mr. David DiCarlo  
Problems of Democracy  
American History  
Physical Education  
Basketball Coach



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Electricity  
Radio Club  
Golf Team



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Senior Science  
General Science  
Science Club



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Religion I



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Librarian  
Library Service Club



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English III  
Religion III  
Sodality



Sr. M. Alice  
English IV  
Religion IV  
Journalism I, II  
Spire Adviser



Sr. M. Alberta  
Art  
Art Club



Mr. Toman  
Religion I  
English I, IV  
Literary Club



Sr. M. Yolande  
English II  
Religion III  
Red Cross Unit  
Future Nurses



Sr. M. Phillippe  
Religion II  
Music  
Glee Club



Sr. M. Dolores  
Principal



Sr. M. Bonaventure  
Religion II  
French I, II  
Latin II  
Religion IV  
Future Teachers  
of America



Mr. Peter Sterk  
Geometry  
Physics  
Trigonometry  
Algebra II



Mrs. Gilda Andrusky  
Home Economics



Sr. M. Elaine  
Religion III  
Shorthand I  
General Business  
Typing I  
Vocational Guidance

**1964-1965**



Sr. M. Dolores  
Principal



Sr. M. Bonaventure  
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French I, II  
Latin II  
Religion IV  
Future Teachers  
of America



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Vocational Guidance



**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.**

- Adele (Kudlaty) Tresten '62
- Edward Kupski '60
- Jim Leciejewski '67
- Rodney Taylor '62
- Sandra (Grucza) Donovan '65
- Paulette Bayerski '62
- Eugene Pawlowski ES '55
- Richard Krzynowek '62
- Andy Guzy '59
- Kay Edwards '62
- Irene (Depta) Semancik '61
- Helene (Kudelski) Orzech  
(Mother of Rev. Fr. Eric Orzech, Pastor)
- Norma Janiak (age 98)  
(Mother of Ken Janiak)
- Cynthia Jeric GHHS '60
- Sophie (Rutkowski) Wasielwski (age 99)  
(Golden Agers)



*Sophie receiving her Four Eagles Award May 2022*

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**Forever Remembered Plaques  
Displayed Today on  
St. Joseph Altar**

! In the late 1940's Fr. Thadeus Woloszyk OFM, prays for the brave soldiers who died in World War II and whose names are found on the plaque before him.

During World War II, our parishioners and Parish Band give our fallen soldiers a 21 Gun Salute in the church parking lot on Memorial Day.

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

\_\_\_\$100 \_\_\_\$75 \_\_\_\$50  
 \_\_\_\$25 \_\_\_Other

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