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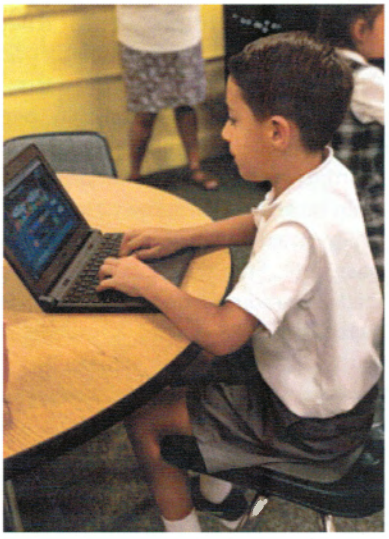
A Publication for Alumni, Alumni Parents, Friends ,and the Current Parents of St. Stanislaus Catholic School.

Dear Fr Silva Foundation Supporters,

2019-20 means we are embarking on the seventy-first year since St. Stanislaus Catholic School opened its doors. It is also the beginning of my fourth year as the principal of this amazing school. Every year has brought different blessings to our families, teachers and students but one ongoing blessing to our school is the constant support of the Fr. Silva Foundation and the unending encouragement its board members provide for us as a staff and to me as a principal.

2018-19 brought more learning opportunities for our students and Fr. Silva had a large part in creating this support. Fr. Silva's contributions were utilized to add more technology in the classroom as well as addressing building needs:

- In addition to the existing Chromebook carts, 30 more Chromebooks were added to provide ready access to our students in their classrooms. These Chromebooks are used by students for learning applications, accelerated reader, research and to create presentations.
- In addition, learning apps for Math and Reading were purchased. This allowed our struggling students to have individualized learning plans and practice so they could grow in challenging areas.
- Improvements were made throughout the school as we completed the finishing touches to our entry gate for added security, fixed the library and outside doors and added exit lights throughout the school building.



The Foundation's support has provided us with the chance to confidently make plans a reality for 2019-20. As we move into this new school year, we are excited to embark on a new project. Our school will be adding a S.T.E.A.M. (Since, Technology, Engineering, Art, Math) classroom. Our STEAM classroom will mean more hands-on learning for our students and will require investment in optimal learning furniture, iPads, Coding programs, robotics, Science kits and Art supplies, etc. Already, Fr. Silva has contributed to this project by providing moneys to purchase classroom furniture and we are so grateful for this start.

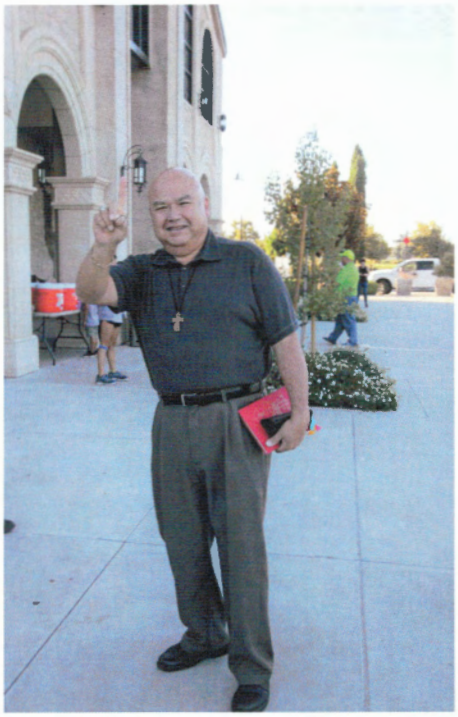
Of course, we are always grateful for the ongoing tuition assistance from the Fr Silva Foundation which continues to be vital in making Catholic education accessible to families.

On behalf of the parents, students, faculty, and staff of St. Stanislaus Catholic School, I thank the Fr. Silva Foundation's board members and all the supporters of the Fr. Silva Foundation. Please keep the work of this school, its staff, students and families in your prayers.

In His service,

Mercedes Hollcraft

Meet Deacon Jose Reyes

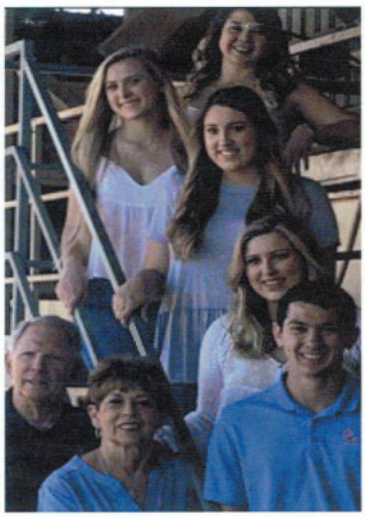


Since his ordination as a permanent deacon in 2003, Jose Reyes has been an essential member of the St. Stanislaus Parish clergy. Originally from El Salvador, Deacon Jose and his wife Margarita have two daughters and a son and two beautiful grandchildren. During a typical week, he leads funeral vigils, performs weddings and offers the homily during mass. He has become a regular visitor to the 4th grade for the Blessing of the Throats and to the 5th grade during vocations week.

Welcome

Meet our new board members! From left to right, Chris Martini and Dawna Rebiero. Both are alums of St. Stanislaus Catholic School.

Member Highlight: Patti Raspo



Patti Raspo has been a member of Father Silva Foundation for 17 years. She has been married to Robert Raspo for 57 years. Patty and her husband, Robert, have been lifetime supporters of Catholic Education. She's been a member of St. Joseph's Parish for 45 years. Patti graduated from St. Mary's High school in Stockton. She's a member of Social Services Guild and worked at the MJC bookstore for years. Patti has been a dedicated member on the Father Silva Board to insure every donation sent in or given received Thank You notes and their family prayed for at every first Friday mass at St. Stanislaus School. She had 3 children graduate from Central Catholic High School. She's had 4 grandchildren attend St. Stanislaus School and Central Catholic High School. Her daughter- in-laws taught/teach at St. Stanislaus School. One of the many reasons Patti loves St. Stanislaus School is the teachers and how they love and care about these students and want them to succeed in life and are willing to take the extra time and care to help each student. Patti feels it's a blessing to be part of Father Silva Foundation. She says it's not a get together, but rather, it's a job where the members truly care enough about St. Stanislaus and it's future generations. She said the Foundation gives the school the extra support needed and all board members are willing to work extra hard to give it back to the St. Stanislaus students and for future students. We as a board are so thankful for Patti and her dedication and for the love she feels for our students at St. Stanislaus School.

First Day of School Traditions

Portuguese bread distribution started with Father Silva giving the children bread at special occasions. He would have them come up to the altar after mass and get their sweet treat! The Clarot family carries on this tradition in honor of Father Silva on the first day of school by distributing Portuguese bread to the students of St. Stanislaus School.

SAVE THE DATE

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INVITES YOU TO ATTEND:

THE FR. SILVA MEMORIAL DEDICATION

Monday, August 12, 2019 at 8:30 am
St. Stanislaus Catholic Church
1200 Maze Blvd. Modesto, CA

*Mass * Procession * Memorial Dedication*

This last fall we hosted our 2nd Oktoberfest 2018, We raised over $32,700 at this fundraiser. Our St. Stanislaus community enjoyed beer and wine tasting, German food and a silent auction. We can't thank our supporters enough for making this such a successful event!

Check out our new website at:
http://frsilvafoundation.org

We are excited to be able to better communicate with our school families, parishioners, and supporters!
You will be able to donate, purchase tickets for Fundraising events, and stay up to date with the foundation at
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TEACHER HIGHLIGHT: MS. JENNA MILLER

Father Silva Foundation would like to thank Ms. Jenna Miller for her 13 years of service at St. Stanislaus School.

Ms. Miller joined the St. Stanislaus family in the fall of 2006 following a teaching path that took her to St. Mary's Catholic School in Odessa Texas and then Sacred Heart Catholic School In Patterson, CA. She currently teaches 3rd Grade.

"I love the idea that I can share my faith with my students on a daily basis and I'm inspired by watching them grow their faith in Jesus Christ", she says. Ms. Miller says that her goals for her students go beyond just covering the curriculum standards. She desires to challenge each student individually, according to their capabilities, and above all, she wants them to become a better person.

She is no stranger to extra-curricular involvement, either on-campus or off. Ms. Miller currently heads up the school's Safety Patrol, the children's choir, as well as the Children's Liturgy. She is also part of a 3 year English as a New Language (ENL) program thought eh University of Notre Dame.

So what's on the horizon for Ms. Miller? Well, next year she will move back into familiar territory as the 4th-Grade teacher. "I want to showcase these students to the community; show everyone what they can really do." She envisions her students participating in everything from the Spelling Bee to Math Bowls.

And for the long-term, she sees herself right here at St. Stanislaus Catholic School. "For me, this isn't just a job, it's a calling. I can't imagine doing this anywhere else."

During the 2018-2019 school year, The Father Silva Foundation provided $28,000 in books and technology, facility and safety improvements, and tuition assistance for the students at St. Stanislaus School. The Foundation is proud of the overwhelming support from our community and friends for the help in making Catholic Education more affordable.

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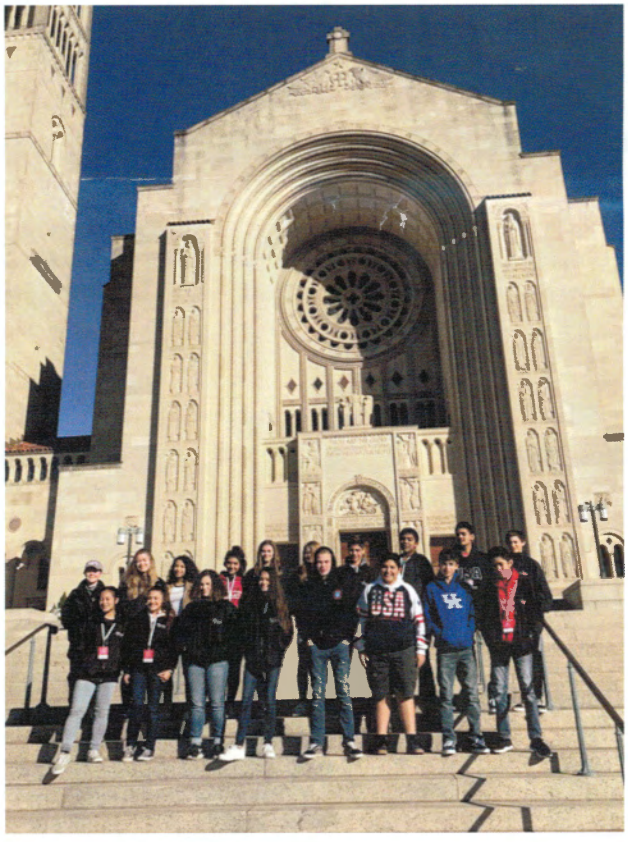

8TH GRADE WASHINGTON D.C. TRIP

St. Stanislaus Catholic School 8th graders made their annual trip to Washington DC, in October 2018. Highlights included a visit to the Holocaust Museum, the National Shrine, the Capitol, and Independence Hall. The trip reinforces the 8th grade curriculum covering U.S. History and government. A big thank you to our 12 chaperones, Mrs. Raspo, and Ms. Lesan.

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