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



Dear Fr Silva Foundation members and friends,

Thank you very much for your constant support and prayers. We are proud of what our school has accomplished this past year as we rose above the challenges of the past two years. Once again, we were able to gather at our traditional events throughout the year and to give thanks for the gift of being together in person. Our students returned to the classrooms full time with enthusiasm and brought much joy to our school halls and student-centered events. They participated in leadership opportunities, became actively involved in the school liturgies and took part in the athletic programs that were available to them. In fact, this was the first year that we had a cross country team of 40 students competing in CYO against other Catholic Schools.

St. Stanislaus is blessed to have a very active and supportive parent group. Not only did our parents work hard to make all our fundraising and events a success, but they also kicked off our first annual Spring Fling Dinner Dance to benefit our Operation Hardscape project - With this help and support from parents, the parish and other donors, our school will finally be able to replace the broken and battered blacktop playground with a brand new concrete playground. There is still much to improve on our campus, but I am proud to say that our parent group is a hardworking and motivated group who will get things done in years to come!



Of course, so much of our success is due to the continued support of the Father Silva Foundation. This year, we continued making improvements to our curriculum and our facilities as well as providing tuition assistance to families in need. An exciting addition to our classrooms were the interactive panels placed in every single classroom from Kindergarten to 8th grade. The majority of these panels were made possible with money from Father Silva... so, thank you from the bottom of our hearts and please keep us and all our school endeavors in your prayers.

In His service,
Mercedes Hollcraft

Up Close With

Margaret Ott



Can You tell us a little bit about your time here at St. Stanislaus Catholic School?

On March 16th, 2022, I celebrated 30 years at St. Stanislaus Catholic School. I have loved every minute of it! In my first 12 years at St. Stanislaus, I was employed as the Bookkeeper and Office Manager, as all services were performed "in-house", and not contracted out. I then spent the next 17 years serving as a Kindergarten aide, yard duty and then last year I was in 1st grade. Throughout this time, I also worked with morning and afternoon extended care. I am also an alumna, so I have a vested interest in my school.

When you look back over your time at St. Stanislaus Catholic School, how does it make you feel?

I love my school. I think we have an awesome staff, kids and parents. I feel like home at St. Stans'. The kids are like my own during the day and I treat them like they are my own. I love giving and getting my daily hugs from them. It's the highlight of my day.

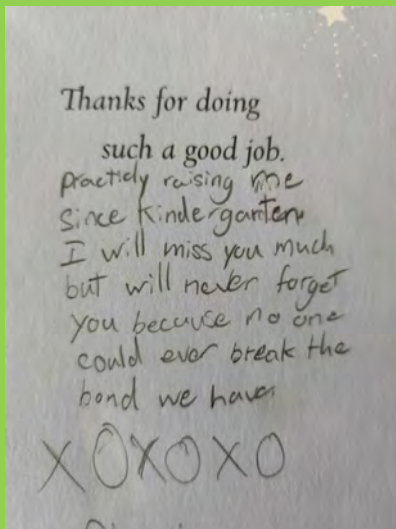
What is your most memorable moment at St. Stanislaus Catholic School?

Every year for the past 18 years I have given each student a birthday card with a Skittles inside. On my 60th birthday during our morning prayers in the gym the surprised me with a little birthday celebration. I received cards from almost every student, many having Skittles inside them. The staff surprised me with a shadow box picture with a huge heart made of colorful Skittles made by Judee Sani and Mike Munoz.



Did you know Fr. Silva? How do you remember him?

Yes! Fr. Silva was a gentle and kind man. He loved St. Stanislaus kids, the school, the parish families, and of course, the staff. That is why it was important to him to form the Fr. Silva Foundation.



If there is richness and righteousness in us, then we can make a difference in the lives of others, just as key individuals have influenced the lives of each of us for good and made us richer than we otherwise would have been - Spencer W. Kimball

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

Greetings! My name is Fr. Adrian "Ace" Cisneros. I am the new administrator of St. Stanislaus Catholic Community. I am so very excited to be here to serve and be an "alter Christus" (another Christ) to all in this community. I am not completely new to St. Stanislaus as I was here for a school year as a seminarian 2016-17, and I have also been here as a parochial vicar since July of 2021.



I am originally from Lodi and my parents still live there, so I go home to visit when I can. Growing up in the restaurant business, I enjoy cooking and baking cookies. With a background in horticulture, I also enjoy tinkering with plants in the garden.

Often, I am reminded that I too get one free day a week, so when can take it, and remember to take it, I will usually visit my family, or go play golf, or simply relax and take a breath.

I was ordained a priest on July 6, 2019-a whole three years ago! While I am still trying to wrap my head around what it means for me, as an ordained priest, to participate in the one true Priesthood of Jesus Christ, I love to serve and to listen to people. Please always feel free to introduce yourself to me or reach out to me.

I am looking forward to meeting all of you and getting to know you. And please remember you are always welcome here at St. Stanislaus!

In Christ,
Fr. Adrian

Fr. Silva Foundation Gives Back!

During the 2021-2022 school year, the Father Silva Foundation provided over **\$33,700** in financial assistance to St. Stanislaus Catholic School, including the following:

- New Interactive Smart Boards
- School Carpeting
- New Outside Fencing
- Tuition Assistance

The Foundation is proud of the overwhelming support from our community and friends for their help in making Catholic Education safe, achievable, and affordable. Thank you all!



WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT!

The support we provide to our school community is only possible through your generous and continued support. Please take some time to visit our website and read about our foundation. You will learn how you can get involved, donate, purchase tickets for fundraising events, and stay up to date with the foundation. We are always excited to communicate with our school families, parishioners, and supporters!

Visit our website at:



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Congratulations St. Stanislaus Catholic School Class of 2022



Charles Benninger
Mehtaab Bhangu
David Brown
Eddie Castillo
Italia Farias
Grant Freitas
Eric Frias
Bell Garza
Brianna Hancock
Etash Johal
Aryan Kapoor

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Matthew Lopez
Jonathan Mabilog
Jordan Magana
Ashlyn McDonald
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Be One with Us “Operation Hardscape”

On May 14th, St. Stanislaus Catholic School held our first annual Spring Fling fundraiser, an event created to bring community together to make the dreams of our students a reality. The fundraiser was a great success thanks to the 230 attendees joining together to raise funds for the biggest improvement to our grounds in over 20 years. Operation hardscape began immediately after school closed for summer break with the removal of all the asphalt in the preschool, quad, and behind classrooms 1, 2 and 3. These areas will be replaced with concrete and will provide safe play areas for our children including new basketball and volleyball courts, as well as new seating and shade structures.

This is just the beginning! We are creating a clean slate and with your continued generosity, the possibilities for our school children and the St. Stanislaus community are endless. The success of our mission and is undeniably due to the support of our faculty, families, parishioners, and community members. Your generosity will enable us to add soccer fields, age-appropriate playground equipment, security improvements, and an outdoor amphitheater that will provide a wonderful stage for outdoor community prayer, class enrichment, special celebrations and parish events for all to enjoy. Join us as we continue the beautification of our grounds for the St. Stanislaus Catholic School community for generations to come.

Please feel free to contact ptg@ststanscc.org or the school office at (209)524-9036 with any questions.

please detach and include with your contribution

I/We are thrilled to be part of this wonderful project. Enclosed is my (our) tax deductible contribution of \$_____.
(Checks payable to St. Stanislaus Catholic School)

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First Day of School—August 2022

Thank you to Sue Clarot for donating and keeping the tradition of Portuguese Bread for our students after Mass. Pictured, (Left to right) Susan Lara, Sue Clarot, Kathy Etchebarne, Amy Gallo and Margaret Ott, and St. Stanislaus students.