



ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT



Jack Klesel, 1953

On Tuesday, February 9, 2016 schools from the diocese of Victoria gathered for the 5th Annual Distinguished Alumni Dinner at the Hilton Garden Inn in Victoria. This year's recipient from St. Rose of Lima Catholic School was Jack Klesel. The Rev. Bishop Brendan Cahill, Superintendent Dr. John Quary and principals from across the diocese were in attendance for the event.

The Distinguished Alumni Award honors alumni who have transformed their Catholic school experience into distinguished careers, service and excellence in the arts, academics, ministry within the Church or service for their community and/or to the Diocese of Victoria community. Recipients must also possess the highest standards of integrity and character which enhance the mission of the Catholic schools of the Diocese of Victoria. Honoree's citizenship and accomplishments serve as a model to inspire and challenge today's students.

Mr. Klesel attended St. Rose of Lima Catholic School, where he graduated in 1953. He went on to attend Schulenburg High School. Later, Jack opted to become a merchant and became owner of

Klesel Distributing and Equipment Company. He was also an International Harvester Dealer for tractor and farm implements, Ortho fertilizer, irrigation equipment; and for Lone Star Beer.

Mr. Klesel received the Man of the Year Award from the Texas County Agriculture Agents, and also many FFA awards as well as 4-H awards.

He has been a long time resident, member and supporter of St. Rose of Lima Parish and School. He was an active merchant in the community with business and civic groups as well as active in parish organizations. Jack has been a Knights of Columbus 3rd and 4th degree; Knights of St. Gregory; chairman of the Finance Committee for St. Rose Parish; Lions Club; Industrial Foundation; Volunteer Fire Department; Life Member VFW; American Legion and State Chair of Texas Ammonia Institute.

Mr. Klesel was instrumental in many scholarships and fundraisers for St. Rose as well as being a major part of establishing Bishop Forest High School. His support of Catholic Education and gifts to the community are appreciated and recognized with this special honor.

The Distinguished Alumni Award was Established in 2012.

Previous Honorees include:

- 2012 - Donna Kunz
- 2013 - Stacy Oeding
- 2014- Ralph Schmidt
- 2015 -Rev. Daniel Kahlich



Do you have a Distinguished Alumni Award nomination?

Contact our Advancement Office 979-743-3080 or email

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Alumni information update forms are also available on our website

www.strosecardinals.org under the alumni tab.



The Cardinal's Nest

an annual update from

St. Rose of Lima Catholic School, 3k-8th grade

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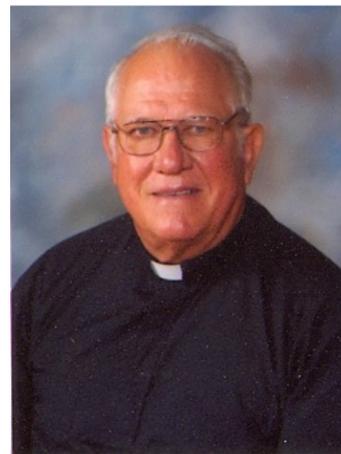
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Pastor, Father Tim Kosler

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Protecting the Fire of Faith

A strong faith is built on a firm foundation. St. Rose of Lima Catholic School keeps the flame of faith burning brightly with the support of faculty and staff who dedicate their lives to spiritual formation and strong academic standards. Last year, the St. Rose Family celebrated two special anniversaries that marked the dedication of two individuals who embody this mission.



Father Tim Kosler proudly celebrated 45 years of ordained ministry on April 23, 2016. His vocation to the priesthood has taken him many places but his time at St. Rose has been a blessing for us all. He came to St. Rose of Lima Parish and School in 1992. He has seen many principals, teachers and students during his time here and has touched the lives of many. His constant support, leadership and faithfulness has been an example for us all. The love he has for the school, especially the children, is evident in his daily visits, weekly masses, religious ceremonies and the special time he takes to get to know each child and family. He has a true servant's heart, genuine love of life, and ability to always see the good in every person and situation. We are blessed beyond measure to have him as our spiritual leader.

Donna Kunz has dedicated her entire life to St. Rose of Lima Catholic School. Having been a student here herself, she has spent most of her life as a Cardinal. Last school year she completed her 30th year of teaching and there are countless grateful and talented students singing her praises. Each of those thirty years is a brand new fresh start for every child and she dedicates all of her time and energy into preparing and executing engaging and inspiring

lessons that make learning fun. The legacy she is creating is immeasurable. As a master teacher, she is a wonderful example of commitment, determination and love.



In addition to teaching she serves as a PSIA judge, accreditation team member, assistant administrator and is active in Friends For Catholic Education. She received the first Distinguished Alumni Award for St. Rose of Lima in 2012 and is a tribute to what distinguished alumni are all about—dedicating one's life to making a difference.

The fire of faith at St. Rose of Lima is kept burning brightly by these two, all the faculty and staff, countless volunteers and supporters who strive for Excellence Through Jesus.

The Ties That Bind

Forever A Cardinal, Forever in Our Hearts

This year the St. Rose School family mourned the loss of our own. Third grader Caleb Heger went to his heavenly home in July.

The school family, classmates and supporters have banded together to wrap their arms around the Heger family in celebration of Caleb's life.

In addition to countless prayers and well wishes, a tree has been planted on campus by his classmates, who also visited his grave for his birthday in October. A special dedication at the Homecoming football game celebrated Caleb's love of the Cardinals and the Heger family's love and dedication to St. Rose School. Caleb will forever be a part of the St. Rose School family. Several memorial bricks and a bench in his memory have been added to the Dayton Helms Memorial Plaza. As the school family continues to heal from this loss, it is in coming together that comfort and peace is found.

Plans for more memorials are underway. We ask all St. Rose supporters, families and alumni to keep the Hegers lifted up in prayer.

Bricks in memory your loved ones can be purchased by contacting the school office or accessing the form online at the school website.



SRS Athletics—A Winning Tradition



The 2015-2016 school year marked a special first for the SRS athletic program. The dedication and hard work of our student athletes and coaches was rewarded with teams winning 4 DVAL championships.

Volleyball, Football and both Girls

and Boys basketball teams won the championship in the DVAL small schools division. These students demonstrate that a hard work ethic on the courts, fields and classrooms can lead to success. Balancing school work, practices and games while



using their God given talents demonstrates an amazing ability to promote our school's mission, Excellence Through Jesus.

2016-2017 ANNUAL FUND

The St. Rose of Lima Annual Fund began with the \$125,000 Challenge two years ago. Last year marked the first annual donor dinner recognizing these important contributions to St. Rose School.

Money from this fund will help us first and foremost continue to build the school's endowment fund. This fund will help to provide sustainability and security for the future of Catholic Education here in our community. We've already been able to double the endowment fund by an increase of \$80,000. Each year we plan to add 50% of monies raised in the annual

Fund to the Endowment.

Additionally, your donation will go directly to the day to day operations of serving our young people as well as making our mission known to all. Thanks to all donors listed below who have contributed to the fund and help preserve the mission, ensuring St. Rose of Lima Catholic School will always be "God's Presence to the World, Developing Excellence Through Jesus."

Donations for the 2016-2017 Annual fund are being accepted through July 31, 2017. Contact the main office for donation information.

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