



DO YOU REMEMBER THESE EVENTS FROM YOUR ST. STEPHEN GRADE SCHOOL YEARS

- ❖ The “Forty Hours” Devotions, the Holy Saturday Processions, singing the Latin Benediction and the Litany of Saints; fruit showers for the nuns.
- ❖ All students attending Sunday nine o’clock Mass, meeting in the school and marching in line to church
- ❖ The May Altar to the Blessed Mother and bring “wild” flowers to the altar.
- ❖ Sr. Henrietta Ritter- Did you know she was a basketball player for the first professional women’s basketball team founded in Warren, OH.
- ❖ The old building had hardwood floors. Do you remember how they were polished? You would put steel wool under your shoes and shuffle around. This was followed by choir practice.
- ❖ We prayed for Notre Dame every Friday during football season.
- ❖ Did you play “King on the Hill” on top of the heating plant at the rear of the school until a nun caught you?

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- ❖ The class of 1939 traveled to Cleveland by train to receive their diplomas. It was also the 25th Anniversary of Bishop McFadden.
- ❖ The girls playing “Release the Den” at recess time. Choir practice in church on Friday afternoon, Christmas skits for Christmas parties at the old McKinley Theatre.
- ❖ Father Roach and the “holy rides”, wiener roasts, and ball games he took students to.
- ❖ Sr. Helen Therese’s football team.
- ❖ The Drama Club

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- ❖ The class of 1940 were treated to a dinner at the new hall of Mt. Carmel Church on Robbins Ave.
- ❖ 1942 Fr. Gallagher took the whole school to the Mills Brothers circus as he was transferred to Cleveland.
- ❖ The Class of 1948, the “candy Girl” who sold bags of chips after lunch for 5 cents.
- ❖ Girls playing “Guess the Movie Star” on the steps of the old building.
- ❖ Holy Thursday procession in church and girls dressed in white carrying live flowers, also the St. Patrick’s Day program at the McKinley Memorial Auditorium and the singing and dancing to Irish songs.
- ❖ The school bell, and ho got to ring it, the slides in the winter on the slate sidewalks, rulers on the knuckles/paddling in the hallways.
- ❖ 3 cent milk machines, old religious articles and book store, long lines in church for the hearing of confessions.
- ❖ Miss Griffin, a lay teacher among the Sisters of the Humility of Mary, the morals ingrained by the nuns: **Honestly, Responsibility, Respect, Work Hard Attitude.**
- ❖ Serving early mass (6 am & 6:30 am), safety patrol boys, paper drives, food drives, selling the Catholic Exponent.
- ❖ The marching out to the cemetery for a Memorial Day Service and everyone got an ice cream cone.
- ❖ In 1962 a student remembers that in the 7th grade he had a Crystal Radio Kit in class and he listened to John Glenn’s historical flight and re-entry from space and kept his schoolmates informed.

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- ❖ The Water Bucket trophy, the Football Championship Trophy between St. Stephen and Mt. Carmel Schools
- ❖ As part of the celebration of the 125th Anniversary of our parish, the 7th and 8th grade students of St. Stephen participated in an Essay contest, “RELIGION LIGHTS UP MY LIFE”.

Following are excerpts from some of the essays:

“The greatest way religion lights up my life is knowing that God gave me everything I have. Being able to see flowers and colors, or hear people talking, or just having the gift of life makes religion an important part of my life because without it, I would be nothing.”

Debby Shaulis- gr. 7

“If you didn’t have religion we wouldn’t have God in our lives, and everyone needs God in their lives”.

Lisa Ruman- gr. 7

“This proud parish of St. Stephen, which is celebrating their 125th anniversary, shows to all that during these years, thousands of people have gained in religious knowledge, and changed their lives, changed for the better by being members of this congregation.

Don Mihokovich- gr. 8

As a member of St. Stephen School, I’ve found a goal for my life that will make me shine. St. Paul told us, “Whatsoever you do, do it with your whole heart”. I plan to live the rest of my life dedicated with my whole heart, to the work God has planned for me.”

Suzan Hartzell- gr. 8

