

A very difficult decision was made recently; prayers were said, discussions were held with my husband, family members, Fr. Ken, Mrs. Malinconico and friends and as a result, I decided to retire. It was a hard decision because of the educational and spiritual environment that St. Stanislaus Kostka School exhibits. I have truly enjoyed teaching the students at St. Stan's throughout the years, working with the staff, and serving the parish community during liturgies. From the liturgies, the very special Masses, the prayer services to all of the extra activities, Catholic Schools Week, Field Day are very special. Learning is achieved, also.

The saying, "It takes a village to raise a child", applies to St. Stan's. It takes everybody involved in the parish to educate and nurture our students. Because of the leadership of Fr. Ken Murphy, the children have spiritual, academic and athletic opportunities to grow. Thank you for helping me grow spiritually throughout the years while preparing the liturgies for the school. Mrs. Malinconico, I have known you as the 1<sup>st</sup> grade teacher. We shared many ideas relating to the education of children, and now you serve as the principal. You challenged me to grow technically while observing history lessons being told as a story. There is so much to be said about the staff. Everybody is greeted with an enthusiastic, "Good Morning", even if a person has something on their mind. At St. Stan's, the staff supports each other. I have enjoyed, working with the teachers, each unique, and each brings their own personality, and style. I will miss you all.

In today's society, two parents have to work to support a family. The HSA board and membership have sacrificed time, talent and treasure to provide the students with so much, from special desserts, meals, activities and learning opportunities. You do everything with joy; I am always amazed. When Field Day was postponed, parents were able to change their work schedule to make Field Day a successful event. The HSA has also given the teachers special gifts that show that we are supported and special. Thank you for all that you have done, and will continue to do for our students and the teachers.

The students make St. Stan's the school that it is. They greet the teachers with a delightful, "Good morning". The respect would be envied by teachers in other schools. It has been very special teaching the students throughout the years. They often come back to visit and share success stories of how we have prepared them for high school and even college. The goodbye notes, posters, hugs, and gifts will be remembered and treasured for years to come. Thank you.

The parish community supports, encourages and prays for St. Stan's School. The donations from the Benefactors provided so much, especially for the technology curriculum. Smiles from the parishioners, whether at a Holy Day of Obligation Mass, or an event are welcoming. Thank you for all your kind words and support.

Leaving St. Stan's is bitter/sweet. I will be able to spend more time with my husband, Leon, and three children and the grandchildren, along with my family and friends. I do have some thoughts, with the grace of God, He will direct.

God bless you. You will be in my prayers, and I hope I am in yours.

Musically yours,  
Mrs. Kubeck