

The Paduan

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From the Guest Editors Laptop

The Paduan always contains upbeat article about high school life as we experienced it. And I am onboard with that. My four years at Padua were filled with spiritually gratifying and academically satisfying experiences. However, there were adventures that could have spelled expulsion or worse. Now that 60 years have passed, I'm fairly confident the statute of limitations is in my favor.

Winters at Padua were usually memorable for the amount of snow and prolonged cold spells. The Season gave us the opportunity for sledding, ice-skating, hockey, snowball fights and for a few, adventures in the Glen. Beginning in November of each year, the Glen was closed off to the public. However, near the far end of the Padua property, there was a rarely used path that led to a mid-point in the Glen. A rusting fence that separated Padua property from the Glen had been trampled down years ago along with the "No Trespassing" sign attached to it. When we did go to the Glen in Winter, we always did so in a group of four or more because snow drifts covered the paths and stairs to the point where we had to form human chains, alternating the lead, as we forged our way through the hip-high snow and ice covered stairs.



Class of 1967 Front row: Martin Rembisz, Richard Wasek, Andy Zawoyski and John Mlynarski. Second row: Roger Hetel, Vince Serzan, John Bognacki, Reginald Stanczyk, Don Prelich, Charlie Krauss and Tom Kaczmarek. Top row: Bob Wasek, Joe Bartnikiewicz, Wayne Wojcik, Tom Orczyk and

The swirling winds created works of art as they carved their way through the snowdrifts. The ice stalagmites and stalactites where summer waters flowed over the various rock formations were most impressive. These forays into the Winter Glen, though prohibited by both Glen park management and Padua rules, were uniquely memorable and worth the risk.

There were several other adventures that could easily have resulted in significant punishment or even dismissal from the school but I beg off from expounding on them. I'll mention them categorically and those of you who participated in these adventures will know immediately what I am referring to. The "burning bush" with guards posted to alert the guilty parties of oncoming trouble. The retrieving of mimeograph masters used to print tests. The incessant singing of "99 bottles of beer" on bus trips that drove Fr. Emil crazy. The 2 AM 12-mile joy ride to Glendora Falls in Johann the carpenter's car. The building and firing of zip guns. Late night trips to the soda fountain downtown to enjoy a malt, listen to music and chat with the gals. Archery practice that turned into hunting rabbits and squirrels. There are probably several other dumb things we did and got away with, so let's just leave it there. See you at the reunion.

Bob Kaminski Class of '57



Photo By Bob Kaminski during his times at Padua

Every class has a story about sneaking into the Glen. Vince Serzan '67 recall this incident "One year, I and several of my friends snuck into the Glen during warmer weather and got stuck climbing one of the steep embankments leading from the water to the top. As we climbed, pieces of roots and shale was pulled out of the wall as we tried to use them as hand grips or foot holds to climb the hill. We got to the point where it was too dangerous to continue up or try to go back down. One of the guys managed to make it to the top and go back to the school to get some rope. Well besides rope and to our dismay, he brought back Fr Austin and an army of students to help pull us up the wall. Then at the Mothers' Day celebration, Fr Emil (then rector)" made a big deal out of it to the visiting parents. Like you said, we were lucky we didn't get thrown out.

Reunion 2017 will be held Aug 11th to the 13th

The class of 1967 will celebrate it's 50th while the class of 1957 will celebrate it's 60th.

Also celebrating milestones is the class of 62 with its 55th.

Obituary

Stasinski, Br. Gregory O.F.M.

Bro. Gregory Stasinski, O.F.M., 90, a member of the Franciscan Friars of the Assumption B.V.M. Province, died Tuesday, January 31, 2017, at a Green Bay hospital. The son of Theodore and Josephine (Banaszak) Stasinski was born February 15, 1926, in Bay City, Michigan, where he was baptized two days later and given the name "Albert." He attended elementary and junior high school in Bay City.

Perhaps his early interest in creating little works of art began with his training as a riveter (for one year) before being inducted into the United States Navy in June of 1944. His military records show that during his two years of service in the Navy he was stationed at the Naval Training Station, Great Lakes, Illinois, and the Fleet Post Office in San Francisco, California, before returning to the Great Lakes base to complete his service, receiving his honorable discharge in 1946.

Albert applied for entrance into the Assumption B.V.M. Province in February of 1950, and arrived in Pulaski on March 21, 1950. When asked his motive for entering the Franciscans, his response was: "to serve God". He entered the novitiate and was invested with the Franciscan habit on August 14, 1953, at Queen of Peace Friary in Lake Geneva, at which time he was given the religious name, "Gregory." He completed his novitiate at Queen of Peace Friary and made simple profession on August 15, 1954. Gregory made his solemn profession on August 15, 1957, in the hands of Theophane Kalinowski, O.F.M. at St. Francis Friary in Burlington.

The first recorded obedience for Gregory sent him to St. Casimir Parish in Krakow for a brief time in 1959. From there he moved to Christ the King Seminary to work in the kitchen for the next seven years.

Gregory continued to assist in the kitchens of the Province in Toledo, Sturtevant, Padua Prep Watkins Glen 1968-70, Philadelphia, Pulaski, Pittsburgh and, again, in Pulaski, where he was transferred in 1984. He assisted a number of well-known provincial cooks, including Michael Janiak, O.F.M., Daniel Poliski, O.F.M., and Donald Lucas, O.F.M. Over the years, friars experienced many innovative creations which he produced in the kitchen. One never knew from where his creative recipes derived.

Gregory was also famous for making trinkets from imaginative materials such as light bulbs, vinyl records, and used candles. He took a special delight in presenting these items to friars and friends. He never held a drivers license so he took to the streets on his bicycle all four seasons of the year. He was a familiar face to the people in the village of Pulaski as he pedaled through town.

Bro. Gregory was a devoted member of the Knights of Columbus, Bishop Bona Council #4439, Pulaski, and was a 4th Degree Knight. He enjoyed celebrating weekend liturgies with the parishioners at Assumption B.V.M. Church, where he led the rosary before the Saturday 4:00 p.m. Mass for many years.

Visit our home website paduaprep.com.

The site is rich in Padua History. In Addition to a bulletin board, picture gallery and blog it has all the Siquaeris yearbooks and back issues of the Paduan. It is a great source to help you recall those memories of our days spent there.

We are also on Facebook:

[St Anthony Of Padua, Watkins Glen NY](https://www.facebook.com/StAnthonyOfPaduaWatkinsGlenNY)

Class Notes

Class of '66

The local baseball little league is honoring Tom Malina with a memorial tournament at Clute Park in Watkins Glen. This first year's tournament is on the weekend of May 12th. Tom's family will throw out the 1st ball and his family is deeply touched by this. The field will be decorated in the Met's colors of blue and orange. Besides his family and love of God; baseball was Tom's lifelong love and coaching made him so very happy.



Things to do when visiting Watkins Glen

By [John Mielnik](#)

How far and how much will it cost to Drive to [Watkins Glen](#)?

Yes the [Glen](#) is still there and open.

Museums: [Corning Museum of Glass](#),
[Glenn Curtiss Aviation Museum](#)

Cruises: [Captain Bill's Seneca cruises](#)

Shopping: [The Windmill](#) [Waterloo](#)
[Premium Outlets](#),

[Finger Lakes Connection](#)

Places to Dine: [Montage at Glen Motor Inn](#), [Seneca Harbor Station](#)

Places to Stay: [Villager Motel](#),
[Idlwilde Inn](#), [Glen Harbor Hotel](#),
[Longhouse Lodge](#)

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