



Jubilee 100 Biography Project

Biography of Stan Storozuk

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A plumber by trade and jack of all trades at the Holy Rosary (Polish) Parish in Edmonton, Stan Storozuk exemplifies the true meaning of faithful steward. Stan has been blessed with many talents and gifts, and for the past 33 years, has faithfully shared these gifts and his time by serving others within his parish community.

Born in Matwiejowce, Poland in 1940, Stan immigrated to Alberta with his mother in 1959. They joined his father, who had emigrated earlier to settle on a farm near Glenevis, Alberta.

In 1979, the parish required the expertise of a plumber to assist with the refurbishing of the washrooms in the church hall. Stan volunteered to help out and eventually, became head of the parish maintenance committee. Since then, Stan has been very active in assisting wherever and whenever the need arises. He is the parish plumber, carpenter, roofer, locksmith, painter, furnace-man, landscaper and true friend. Stan is on call 24/7. When he receives a call that something at the parish needs to be fixed, Stan is usually there within the hour, and tackles all repairs with a sense of humour and a smile on his face. Stan will do whatever it takes to ensure that everything is running in tip top order. He has even been known to unplug toilets in his Knights of Columns regalia.

When asked why he has given so much of his time to contribute to the life and growth of Holy Rosary, he modestly answers 'that a good servant always helps out when needed'. He also adds that the parish is his second home and like any good homeowner, he takes great pride in ensuring that his second home is well maintained.

Apart from his maintenance responsibilities, Stan has been an integral part of parish organizations. In 1994, he helped found the Knights of Columbus Queen of Poland Council #11334 and within a year, became a fourth degree knight. For many years, Stan was also an active member of the Holy Rosary Men's Club and an usher. In 1984, Stan played an active role in ensuring the safety of the faithful during Pope John Paul II's Papal Mass at Namao.

For over 20 years, Stan has been in charge of organizing the parish Corpus Christi processions through the neighbourhood streets. His responsibilities include finding volunteers, coordinating the order of the procession, ensuring that altars have been set up and arranging for ample security on the streets.

Even now, at 71, Stan, with the support of his wife Mary, continues to devote his life to the parish. Although he says that he officially retired from the Maintenance Committee, he can still regularly be seen running around the church with a wrench, a plunger, a hammer, a nail or a screwdriver, making sure that nothing is broken or in need of repair. He continues to coordinate volunteers as the need arises.

In addition, he helps count the Sunday collection and is responsible for organizing the schedules for the hospitality ministers/ushers.

Holy Rosary Parish is indeed blessed to have such a faithful steward in Stan Storozuk, a man who truly epitomizes the passage “As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God’s varied grace”. (1 Peter 4:10)