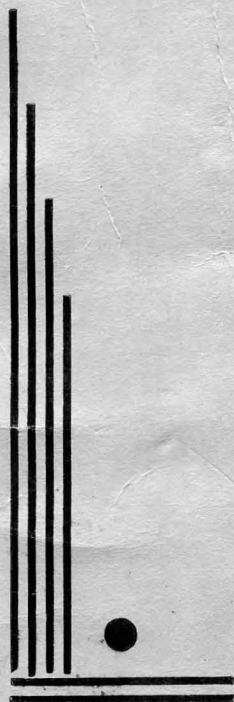


Silver Jubilee



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St. Joseph's Church*

1913 - 1938



RAPSON

*Given to Church by
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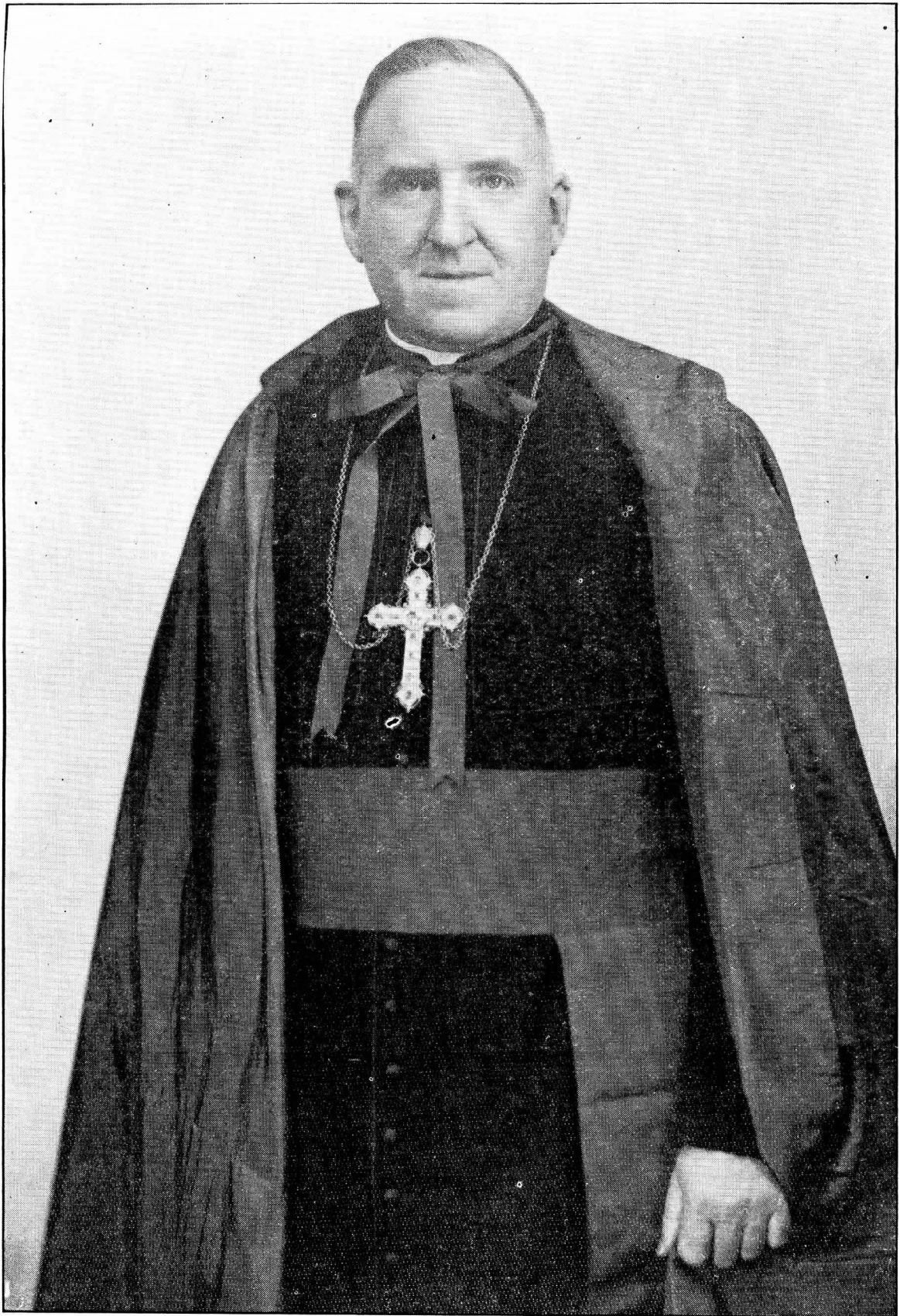
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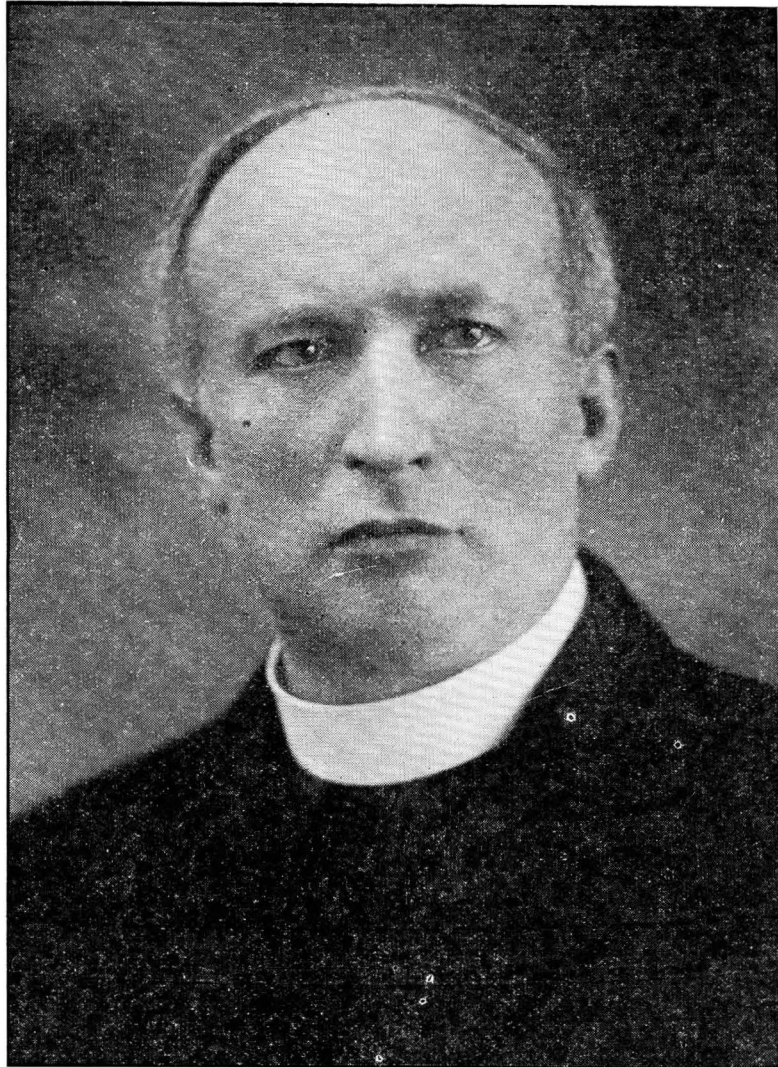
HIS EXCELLENCY
WILLIAM F. MURPHY, D. D.
Bishop of Saginaw Diocese

His Excellency

William F. Murphy, D. D.

His Excellency our Bishop was elevated to the dignity of Bishop by the Holy Father. His consecration took place in the Blessed Sacrament Church of the Arch Diocese of Detroit on the 17th of May, 1938.

On June 1st, 1938, His Excellency was installed as the first Bishop of the new Diocese of Saginaw.



THE REV. BOLESLAUS STEFANSKI
First Pastor of Rapson
1913-1919

The Rev. B. Stefanski

1913-19

Father Stefanski who was resident pastor in Dwight accepted this parish as a mission in the year of 1913.

How much Father Stefanski sacrificed for this parish is hard to realize, because to the ordinary layman the spiritual care that is exercised over the faithful by the priest is hard to understand, but if one stops to consider, only such things as inclement weather and means of transportation which prevailed in those years, that alone commands respect and Father Stefanski surely met with these adverse conditions. Many a time Father was marooned in the snow drifts waiting hours for help yet for 5 years he conscientiously as a good pastor discharged his duties.

The people who knew Father Stefanski then and are still here today, rejoice with him and especially are honored by his presence as celebrant of today's anniversary.

Ad Multos Annos to you

Father Stefanski



REV. RAPHAEL CHRZASZRZ

Rev. Father R. Chrzaszcz

Father Chrzaszcz, known to most everyone as Father Chance, was the next in line in whose care the parish was placed and that was for a period of 4 years until 1923. Father Chance won for himself the admiration and love of these people. He had a lovable personality and although the parish remained at a standstill insofar as material progress was concerned it did show signs of a new spiritual life among its members and it is this spiritual life which is a forerunner to success in any community.

Father Chance is the only one of the pastors who has passed on into eternity, but this much can be said that very few priests are remembered as well in their prayers as is Father Chance by the people in Rapson.

Requiescat in Pace.



REV. MICHAEL SAJNAJ
Third Pastor
1925-1928

Rev. M. Sajnaj

1925-28

In May of 1925 Rev. Father Sajnaj was appointed first resident pastor of Rapson.

Father Sajnaj being a young energetic man, began his duties with great interest and zeal.

The parish now numbered 62 families so Father Sajnaj had greater support and immediately began laying his plans for a rectory. For the first few months he occupied a home two miles away from the church, which was very inconvenient, but the thought that the rectory was being built encouraged him to bear up under these trying circumstances.

To Father Sajnaj belongs the credit of organizing these people as a parish unit, the organization of two societies namely St. Joseph's society for the men of the parish and the Altar Society for the women of the parish.

It was through his efforts that a beautiful main altar was bought which would be a tribute to any church not alone a country church.

Father labored incessantly for the good of the parish but after two years many of the people who pledged their allegiance and faithful support disappointed him. Father began worrying and this worry about the people and finances undermined his health. After being under a physician's care for nearly a year, was advised to seek another climate to recover his health which Father did. He resigned on December 8th, 1928.

Father spent 3 years in New Mexico, regained his health, and today is pastor in Clawson, a beautiful parish, and being very successful.

Father is not here with us today but the people of the parish extend their sincere wishes for continued success in his parish.



REV. JOSEPH GORSKI
Present Pastor
1929-?

Rev. Jos. Gorski

The Present Pastor

1929-?

From December 8th, 1928, to June, 1929, the times were trying for the people of Rapson. Without the services of a priest they went from pillar to post. Their faith demanded attendance at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, so they attended the other churches, some to Harbor Beach, others to Bad Axe, but they did not meet with the same sociability as they were accustomed to when they met after church services in Rapson. They were ridiculed by others and as is the case generally, it takes a long time and many good deeds to overshadow past reflections.

In June of 1929 Father Gorski was ordered to investigate the conditions existing in the parish and to hand in the report. This was done and announced to the people.

The people being aware of the past, what had transpired before and the inconveniences they had gone through, right then and there decided to follow as instructed.

So set were they in their sincere desire to eradicate these so-called false accusations and this opinion formed by others of them that immediately they came forth not with promises of help but actual deeds so much so, that little was thought of the existing mortgage. The principle idea was, to get the parish property and premises to look like an asset to the neighborhood and to the parishioners which after nine years of cooperation with their pastor they have realized.

The Rectory was completed and furnished, the church was furnished with the finest of statuary through the generosity of certain individuals. At all times and especially during the Holydays the church is decorated very richly, drawing many visitors.

The parish today prides itself in this that every member of the parish is a good one, some better but none who could be classed as indifferent or bad.

They can very well be proud of themselves and on this day of its anniversary the pastor's only wish is that they may preserve the good name which they strived for and acquired.



The Parish Premises as It Appears Now

I am an average priest, a pastor, a much misunderstood individual. People suspect me of being a little more than human, but continue to invite me to eat their dinners and drink their wine. If I partake of the latter they call me a "dear" and a "good fellow." If I refuse, they claim to be edified.

They expect me to have no faults but keep on searching for them, and having discovered a few — OH BOY!

When I have not prepared my sermon and my mind is cloudy and my ideas chaotic, they say I am too deep; but when I have labored zealously and memorized my sermon, I'm superficial.

When through "money talks" I meet all parish obligations, I am a "grafter;" but when I do not plead for money and the parish goes in debt, I am a "poor business man."

When my liver is out of order and I am physically ill and mentally tired, they say I look pious and saintly. When I am well and bubbling over with zeal, I am frivolous.

They think that I should love everyone in the parish, and when I make a fairly good bluff at doing so, they call me a hypocrite; but when I admit that there are some that I am not crazy about, they call me a snob.

My wealthy parishioners find fault with me if I do not call upon them. The poor ones, if I do.

The stingy souls who contribute a very, very small proportion of their income to the support of the church, pity me because I have such a hard time raising funds. Those who contribute generously think I have a very nice job.

Some wonder what I do with all my time; others pity me because I have so much to do.

If I use forceful and catchy phrases in my sermons, they say I am sensational. If I don't, they will not come to hear me.

All stockholders think I am a millionaire; book agents think I am easy; tramps know I am.

"Red-caps," Pullman car porters and dining car waiters think I am generous, but the conductor knows I am a cheap sport.

Now, I want to tell the world:

That my Roman collar changes not my human nature. I am quite the same as other men.

That I enjoy a good time just the same as they do, but I prefer to choose my own kind of sport.

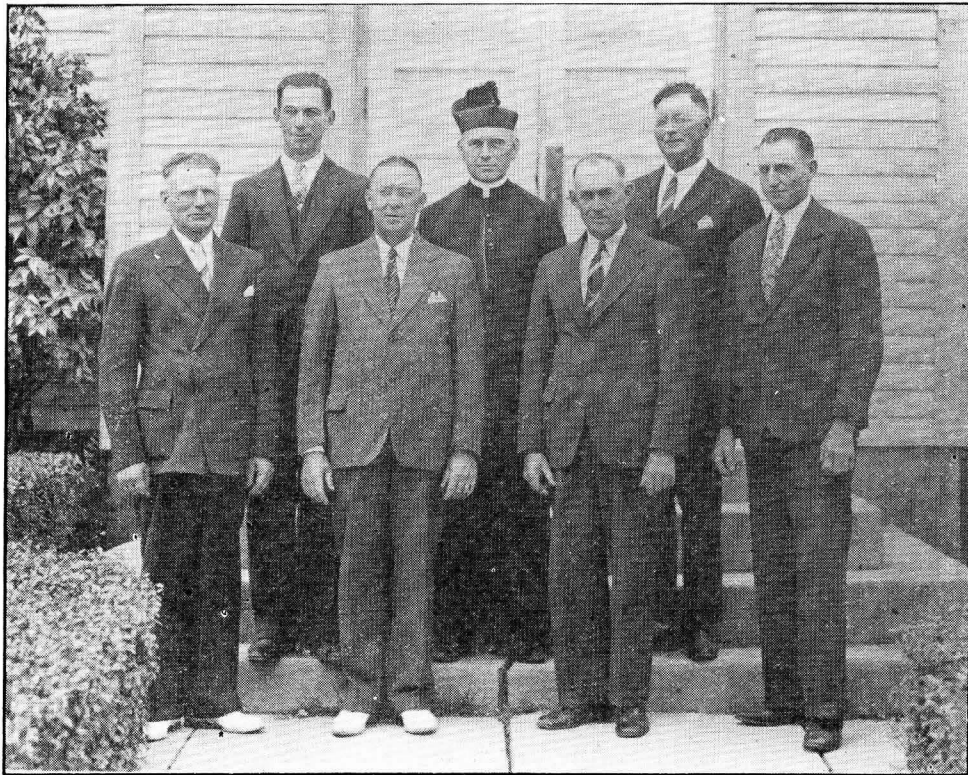
That a long, long time ago I got sick of applesauce and soft soap.

That I have grown immune to knocks and criticisms.

That I appreciate honest praise and want no man's pity.

That I am giving the best that is in me to my work and believe that God will reward me.

That I ask no favors and seek only the opportunity to prove that I am a real man and try to be a real priest.



COMMITTEE OF 1938

The Committee of 1938

This year's members of the Committee, some of whom are members of the Church Committee for four years, have rallied valiantly to the support of their Pastor in undertaking the celebration of this anniversary.

It was their insistence on it that convinced Father Gorski it would be well to arrange for the Jubilee.

Stanley Bukowski

Frank Minnick

Basil Miller

Louis Juck

Ira Polk

Wm. Osentoski



MEMBERS OF ALTAR SOCIETY
1938

Altar Society

The Altar Society existed as a society for a number of years as a private society, at all times possessing a treasury of their own and always having money in the treasury which was a consolation to the pastor when in need of funds, but in 1929 when Father Gorski became pastor they began functioning on a new basis, they became a church society in every sense of the word. Once each year an item of value would be added to beautify the church besides the ordinary supply of sanctuary necessities, the greatest contribution for one year was \$463.00. Numbering only 24 members it can readily be seen how busy they are during the year to accumulate such sums of money.

The names of these faithful society members are:

Mrs. Etta Minnick, President
Mrs. Jos. Goniwiecha, Vice-President
Mrs. Stanley Bukoski, Secretary
Mrs. Wm. Osentoski, Treasurer
Mrs. Frank Minnick
Mrs. Wm. Minnick
Mrs. Ant. Swiercz
Mrs. Ed Sherman
Mrs. Aug. Mazure
Mrs. B. Mazure
Mrs. Fr. Heleski
Mrs. Fr. Pasternacki
Mrs. Leo Miller
Mrs. Ant. Duda
Mrs. Jno. Richards
Mrs. Louis Jock
Mrs. Fr. Botorowicz
Mrs. Jno. Koncewicz
Mrs. Jno. Wochowiacz
Mrs. Bernard Hanson
Mrs. Theo. Heleski
Mrs. Gert. Maikrzik

To Father Gorski and the parish we pledge on this Anniversary, continued cooperation; what else could we do?



GROUP OF ALTAR BOYS
1938

Altar Boys

This group of Altar Boys, happy as they appear, are in reality a source of joy and satisfaction to Father Gorski. From the time they were chosen, they realized what an honor it was to be an Altar boy and as good soldiers remained faithful to the cause, not once in nine years have they failed the pastor. Many a time during the winter months when storms were heavy, at least two would always appear.

May your faithfulness and punctuality merit for you some of the better things in life.

George Duda
Alfred Mazure
Jos. Mazure
Leonard Maikrzik
Zyg. Talaski
Edward Duda
Earnest Cornett
Zig. Wachowiak



MEMBERS OF PRESENT CHOIR
1938

The Choir

This group in the Choir are the only survivors of a class of 42 which was in the first communion class of 1930. There were many chosen, some with extraordinary vocal talent, but again it may be said, these pictured are the faithful ones. Come what may, they understood that it was for the honor and glory of God that they sacrificed their time and talent.

The Pastor recognizes this and in the name of the Parish

God Bless You

Miss Frances Kroll, Organist

Rose Osentoski

Gracie Gomoluch

Eleanor Gomoluch

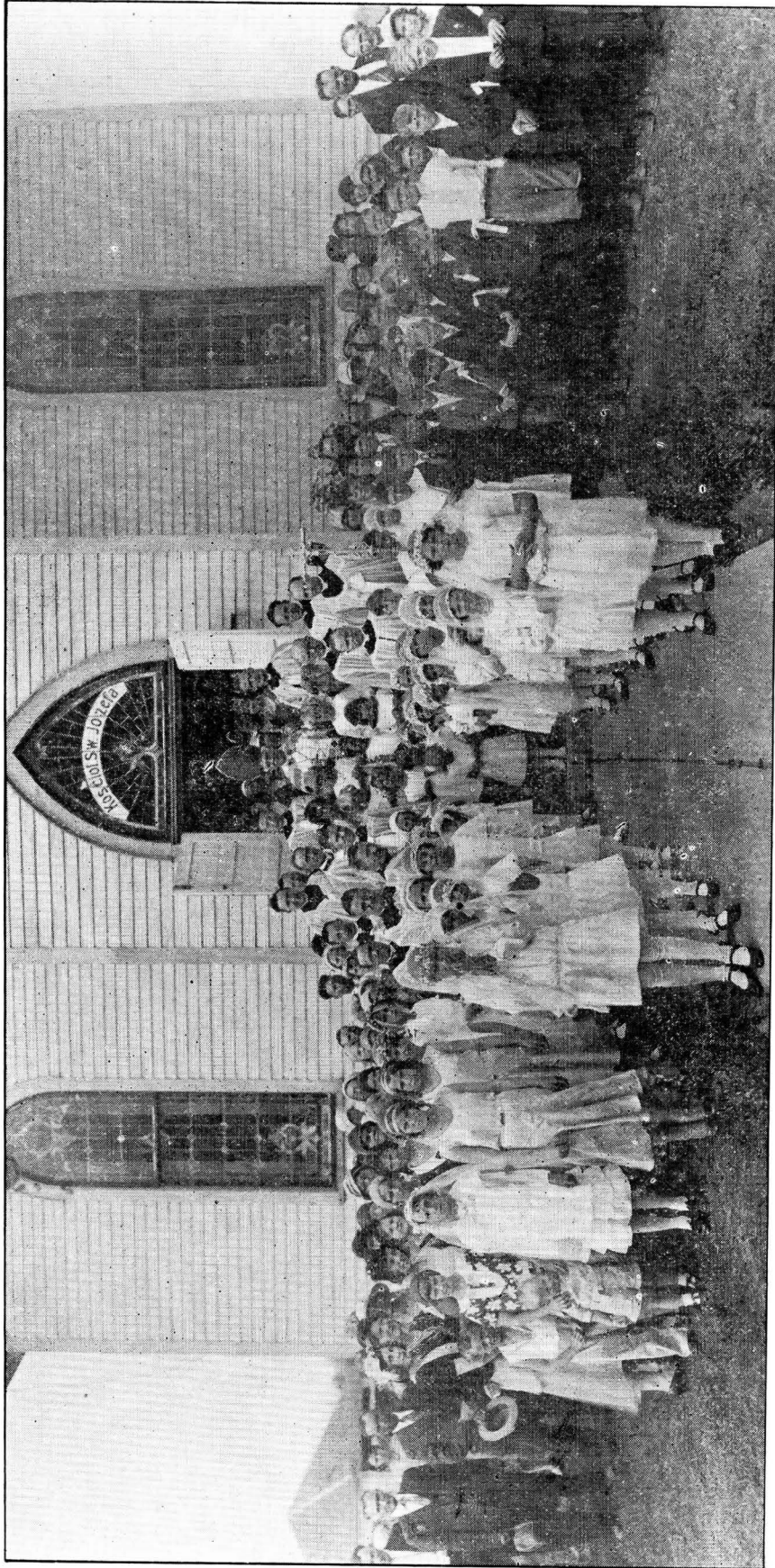
Eleanor Ksiazek

Virginia Heleski

Eleanor Mazure

Leona Mazure

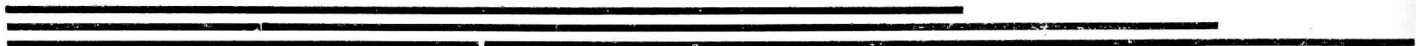
Genevieve Majewska



FIRST CONFIRMATION CLASS
OF 1930

Compliments of . . .

TEXAS GAS



& OIL CO.

Bad Axe, Mich.

St. Joseph's Parish

Its Organization

Along about the year of 1912 a goodly number of families in the vicinity of Rapson who themselves had been reared by pious and God fearing parents decided that it would be to their advantage if there was a church near by where they could attend regularly. One neighbor would suggest to another time and time again about the possibility but the project seemed too great for the little group of Catholic worshipers to undertake. By this time the officials of the Hubbard Bank had received word of their intentions. Meanwhile the Hubbard Bank had in their possession practically most of the farmers' mortgages, combined their sincere charitableness toward these people with the business interest which would naturally follow, offered \$100 toward raising a necessary fund to start the parish.

A \$100.00 in the year of 1912 was considered a sum of money to be dreamed of only and not possessed, especially by these poor farmers who had chosen this section of Huron County as their land of toil.

The Hubbard Bank by this generous offer did not only give a start but imbued and encouraged in their hearts this desire for the church. It made them think and reason and convinced them that at any cost this idea of theirs must be brought into reality, this desire fulfilled, but who was to take the responsibility? Who was going to be the sacrificial lamb who would offer himself to be the target of ridicule and insults which always follow wherever money is concerned? On February 15, 1913, there were those who volunteered in the persons of Paul Duda, Vincent Maikrzik and Paul Wruble ~~assisted by Father Van Dyke and Father Flemming.~~ They canvassed the neighborhood Catholic and non-Catholic alike and gathering up a total of \$1,700.00 they thanked God it was not in vain. They set out to see Bishop Foley to receive his approval. Bishop Foley agreed and promised to send them a priest at least every second Sunday and this was done when Father Stefanski accepted the Rapson Church as a mission to Dwight.

To write and try to describe the beginning of this parish, one would have to lend an ear to all those who survived after 25 years and are still members of the parish. One thing noteworthy is the fact that the organizers of this parish were comparatively young men. With few exceptions they were in their twenties. To have a young man or a newlywed donate fifty or a hundred dollars toward a church or any charitable cause as was the case when this parish was organized speaks well for the faith of the forefathers of those people, who instilled in the hearts of their children the greatest of all virtues namely, charity.

While the people were marking time as to when the building was to begin, Father Stefanski began

his spiritual work, by having sessions of catechetical instructions at the home of Nicholas Miller, one mile north of the present site of the church.

Having the money on hand, a call for voluntary labor was sounded. The response was highly gratifying and work began in earnest. On the twenty-sixth of July the cornerstone of the church was blessed by Bishop Kelly, assisted by Father Van Dyke and Father Flemming, and when Thanksgiving Day, the nation's holiday, was celebrated it marked history for St. Joseph's parish as on that day Father Stefanski celebrated Mass for the first time. True enough, there were inconveniences and these inconveniences lasted for some time due to the fact that this small group of people gave all that was humanly possible in order to build this church. There were no pew sittings, neither chairs. Benches were created from some odd lumber pieces, but as time passed, others in the neighborhood who at first refused to be members of this new parish because a donation was asked of them, now joined and the parish was progressing slowly.

Signs of life were shown anew when in 1923 the Bishop assigned Father Sajnaj as first resident pastor of the Rapson parish. The people of the parish, elated over the fact that now they had services every Sunday and their own pastor, once again began to cooperate with their young and energetic pastor to build a parochial residence. The bulk of the financial burden again was carried by the same few who in the beginning had organized the parish, the only difference being that they now had a leader who was shouldering the responsibility.

True enough, there were many others in the neighborhood who contracted this spirit of cooperation and sacrifice and their promises were accepted as bonafide but when it came time to pay, they were not to be found. This disappointment worried Father Sajnaj, as the skeleton of the rectory was already up, and in order to be near the laborers at all times, he occupied the rectory as living quarters even though unfinished.

The sacrifice he made under these conditions in addition to the worries caused by the disappointments seemed to undermine his health so much so that the physicians ordered him to seek refuge in New Mexico which he did after spending four years in Rapson.

For some time the parish was without a priest and services. The late Bishop Gallagher hesitated in sending a resident pastor due to the difficulties a priest had to encounter. The present pastor, Father Gorski, was sent here to investigate how matters stood. That was in June of 1929. After two weeks the people made a supreme effort to make the rectory a livable place for the pastor. This was realized and since then they have served their church faithfully and support it so well that the mere mentioning of "I belong to St. Joseph Parish of Rapson" is a tribute to the one belonging to this parish and the parish is a tribute to the diocese.

God Does Not Forget

The world will strip your failings
And hide the good you do;
And with its sharpest thorns
The ways you walk bestrew;
You'll toil for men—they'll curse you:
'Twas thus, and thus 'tis yet,
And thus it will be forever—
But God will not forget.
His eye is ever seeking
The wee things done for Him;
And that shall light the shadows
Where death waits stern and grim.
So lift your burden gladly,
Nor falter, fear or fret;
For Heaven is in the distance
And God does not forget.

Eight Miles West of
Harbor Beach

Thos. Ulfig

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TAVERN

That Is Growing
to Accommodate Its Many Friends

Compliments
of

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ANYTHING

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Line of

RELIGIOUS GOODS

DETROIT

Compliments

of the

Kinde Lumber Co.

KINDE

BAD AXE

and

PORT HOPE

When You Think of
FLOWERS

Remember

E. A. Henny

FLORIST

"WE TELEGRAPH FLOWERS"

Phone 41

Bad Axe

Michigan

Compliments

of

Farmers Elevator

KINDE

Compliments

of

Wm. Schmitt

BAD AXE

C. G.: "Guess I'll have a picture taken of my knee."

T. C.: "Why of your knee?"

C. G.: "Oh! My friends in Detroit want a picture of the joint, so I'll send them one."

Thumb Oil & Gas Corp.

Heavy Distributors of Tires

What Kind?

Goodyear

Adam Juck

One of the better members
of the parish.

Adam had a slow start but
in these last few years has
been making up for lost time.

A firm believer in, "All is
well that ends well."



Compliments

Huron Hi-Speed Co.

Bad Axe

**HI-SPEED AND
CARBON GAS**

**LEE TIRES
AND TUBES**

EARNEST MILLER, Dealer

Rapson

The first baptism was that of Gertrude Duda on Thanksgiving Day of 1913.

FRANK MINNICK

STANLEY BUKOSKI

Rapson Hardware

WE DO NOT KEEP GOOD MERCHANDISE

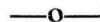
WE SELL IT

Edward Sherman

A member of the parish four years. A convert by the way.

In business on his own now. Air conditioning and plumbing.

Two baptized in the parish and one child received its first Holy Communion.



A man lost a valuable dog and advertised in a newspaper, offering \$100 for it, but got no replies. He called at the office.

"I want to see the advertising manager," he said.

"He's out," said the office boy.

"Well, his assistant."

"He's out, too, sir."

"Well, I'll see the editor."

"He's out, sir."

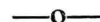
"Great Scott! Is everybody out?"

"Yes; they're all looking for your dog."

Julius Peyrek

A young man as age goes but claims,
"You are never too young or too old to
support the Church."

MORE POWER TO YOU
JULIUS



Paul Wruble

Was a member thirteen years, but now resides in Harbor Beach and doing well.

Has a host of friends and relatives in Rapson, and always refers to our parish as, "That's my parish."

Mr. Wruble was one of three, who sacrificed time and money (heavy on the money) to organize the parish.

The first organ used in the church was donated by him.

His son was one of two altar boys at the beginning.



George Wruble

Was a member eight years but had aspiration to greater responsibility, so moved to Harbor Beach where he began operating an elevator. Today known as a prosperous business man.

Supplies the parish with fuel. Finds himself perfectly at home in our midst.



WISE WORDS

"It matters not how a man dies, but how he lives."

Mrs. Catherene Mattice

A member of the parish two years.

Glad to be numbered as a parishioner.



Mrs. Thos. Kucharzyk

A member for twenty-five years and still a staunch supporter.

Proud of her record as a parishioner and has a right to be.

Two children were baptized. One daughter married, and unfortunately two funerals.



Stanley Bukoski

A member of the parish eight years. He is one of three business men in the parish. Served on Church committee for four years. He is one of many who takes very much interest in parish affairs. His wife is secretary of Altar Society.

Two children baptized in the parish, one first communion and one infant funeral.



Nicholas Zmich

A member for 24 years.

Has general store, also tavern. If you wish to meet some of the best people, visit his tavern. They are his customers.

Mr. Zmich was married in the parish and unfortunately had funeral services for two.

His parish record compares with the best.



THE FIRST WEDDING IN THE PARISH—1914 Stephen Wigga and Mrs. Pasternocki, widow.

Frank Minnick

A member for twenty-five years. Serving his third term on Church committee. You know who he is. He is the guy who will sell you a thing even if you don't need it, but later on you find the article comes in handy. A real go-getter.

His wife was the first organist in the parish; also president of Altar Society for six terms.

Seven children were baptized and four received their first communion.



Joseph Gomoluch

A member twenty-five years and quite a record in the parish. Can always be counted upon whenever parish affairs are held, to do his bit. He can very well be proud of his parish book.

Four children were baptized, four first communions and one son married in this parish.



George Cornett

A member for fifteen years and serving the parish well. He was member of Church committee two terms.

Mr. Cornett's parish book is right up to date and in most cases he pays in advance.

Four children were baptized, one first communion and his mother's funeral was held in this parish.

His son belongs to the group of faithful altar boys.



HE MEANT WELL

Lady (to apple vender)—Two of the apples you sold me yesterday were rotten. I was going to take them along to show you, but I forgot—

Apple Vender (politely)—Doesn't matter, ma'am; your word is as good as the apples.

Joseph Duda

A member for twenty-five years. Did you ever talk to Mr. Duda? His favorite expression is, "I'll do it, I'm slow, but I'll do it." It's the same in parochial affairs.

It seems he forgets about the parish but when the end of the year comes Mr. Duda has a clear slate.

Four children were baptized, four first communions and two unfortunate funerals.



Jack Goniwucha

Wishes to be listed among those who are congratulating the parish on this occasion.

Jack was married by the pastor of this church and his wife's funeral service was held in this parish.

Jack is a thrasher of grain.



Sylvester Wruble

A member twelve years and in keeping with the record of his dad, he is living up to his standard.

Syl was one of the first two altar boys in the parish 25 years ago.

He was married here. Five children baptized and one infant buried from this church.



THE CHURCH BELL

Was gotten through the intercession of a Mr. Ed Gajewski who was a frequent visitor here. The bell was in St. Stanislaus church, Detroit. Father Gzella donated it to the parish.

Mrs. William Minnick

A member twenty-five years and all those years a credit to the Minnick name. She may be in Detroit and at times in Port Huron, but when the annual report is read Mrs. Minnick holds her place.

An adopted son received his first communion and the funeral of her husband took place in this parish.



Louis Jock

A member of the parish eight years. As a young man he supported the church with the best of them. Now being married, he doubled his efforts.

Any pastor having parishioners as is Louis Jock, wouldn't grow any gray hair from financial worries.

Two children baptized and four infants buried.

His wife is an active member of the Altar Society.

Raymond Peyrek

A member eleven years and one upon whom the pastor can bank on, whether it be financial aid or labor help.

Ray served on the church committee seven years and figures he should be pensioned for his long and faithful service.

Two children baptized in the parish.



Anthony Swiercz

A member twenty-three years and a firm believer in "If it's for the good of the parish, mark me down."

His wife is a member of the Altar Society and is a willing and capable worker.

Record of family was not handed in.



Mrs. Frank Minnick was organist, later succeeded by her daughter.

Joseph Micek

A member five years and judging from his contribution toward church support, one would think he is trying to catch up with the older ones.

Married in this church and one child baptized.



Haver Parak

A member seven years. Glad to be listed in a parish where all are known as good parishioners.

Supports every parochial affair.



Joseph Kalacki

A member three years.
Always waiting for an opportunity to do something for the parish.

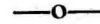
No need in asking twice.
A very worthy supporter financially.



Mrs. Anthony Wojewoda

A member three years.
Speaking of willing workers she could be placed in the first group both as to finance and parochial help.

Two children received first communion.



THE THREE ORGANIZERS

Mr. P. Duda, Mr. V. Maikrzik, Mr. P. Wruble.

Mat Skrzypinski, Jr.

A newlywed and already right in line with the other parishioners helping to swell the list of good parishioners. A very creditable first year record.

One child baptized in the parish.



Theodore Heleski

A member twenty-five years. Very much interested in parochial affairs. Has a very good record.

His wife is a member of the Altar Society and never shirks her share of work.

Family record handed in too late.



Frank Heleski

A member four years.

Frank is not settled down yet but that does not in any way effect his church support. At the end of each year he comes to the rectory with "I want to pay what I owe."

Frank was married here and his wife is a member of the Altar Society.



Frank Pasternacki

A member two years. When any announcements are made, Frank is one of the first to respond, showing the right spirit at all times.

His wife is a member of the Altar Society.



THE TWO ALTAR BOYS Sylvester Wruble, Aloisius Miller

Anthony Duda

Always trying to keep ahead of time and his church dues are no exception.

"Toney" was also a member of the Church committee.

His wife, a member of the Altar Society, is very active.

One child baptized, two children received first communion, and one darling of a daughter was buried from this parish.



Theodore Wruble

A member thirteen years.

A very creditable record in the parish. He now takes in jobs of carpentry and other odd jobs.

Theodore was married here, six children were baptized, two received first communion and buried his first wife from this parish church.



Paul Duda

A member twenty-five years and what a parishioner! One of the three committeemen who sacrificed all to organize this parish.

There wasn't anything done in the parish unless Mr. Duda had a hand in it, backing up his efforts and leading the way with financial support. One distinction that is his is—he was the first to receive any service from the parish. His daughter, Gertrude, was the first one baptized in this parish.



Edward Bezemek

Eddie is a bachelor and keeping up the name of Bezemek where it belongs. His folks donated the piece of land on which the church stands.

Eddie is doing right well by the parish and proud of his accomplishments as a parishioner.



AN AD

WANTED: A furnished room by elderly lady with electric lights.

John Ksiazek

A member twenty-four years. One of the faithful families of the parish, supporting every parochial cause.

Families of his kind give the parish a bright future.

Ten children were baptized and seven have received their first communion in this parish.



Wm. Osentoski

A member of the parish twenty-five years and a parishioner since his marriage fifteen years ago in this church.

He has been a member of the Committee seven years.

Besides being a regular contributor with the best of them, he has done more than anyone else when it came to odd jobs on the parish premises.



Is It Possible?

The following is from the Life Insurance Independent:

The certificate clerk in copying the application, made by members runs across many curious statements. In the application of a young widow for membership, in answer to the question, "What is your husband's occupation?" she replied, "An angel."

In other applications we ran across the following statements:

Mother died in infancy.

An uncle died of cancer on his mother's side.

Father went to bed feeling well and the next morning woke up dead.

Applicant does not know cause of mother's death but states that she fully recovered from her last illness.

Applicant has never been fatally sick.

Father died suddenly; nothing serious.

Applicant's brother, who was an infant, died when he was a mere child.

Grandfather died from gunshot wound caused by an arrow shot by an Indian.

Mother's last illness was caused by chronic rheumatism, but she was cured before death.

August Mazure

A member 25 years. Even though he served on Church Committee on two occasions, he still thinks it is possible to do more good for the parish without being on the Committee.

A firm believer in the adage "Money talks."

It can safely be stated that he is the greatest contributor to the parish. His parish book should be framed.

Three children were baptized, five received their first holy communion, and celebrated his silver jubilee in the parish.

Basil Miller

One of the new parishioners to fall in line and is helping to make it a good parish. Serving his second year as a committeeman.

It will not be long before he is right up with the leaders.



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Bull dog for sale; will eat anything; very fond of children.

Barney Mazure

A member 25 years.

Glad to be in the parish and thinks a legal holiday should be announced when he defeats his pastor in a game of cards.

Coming along in fine style.

Two children baptized and two received first communion in the parish.



John Duda

A member 25 years.

John is the highest member in the parish, because through him the cross on the steeple was gotten and it is the highest point.

His boy, by the way, is the second child to be baptized in this parish. First of the boys.



Hard-Earned Wages

An artist, who was employed to renovate and retouch the great oil paintings in an old church in Belgium, rendered a bill of \$67.30 for his services. The church wardens, however, required an itemized bill, and the following was duly presented, audited and paid:

<p>For correcting the Ten Commandments\$ 5.12</p> <p>Renewing Heaven and adjusting stars 7.15</p> <p>For touching up Purgatory and restoring lost souls 3.06</p> <p>For brightening up the flames of Hell, putting a new tail on the Devil, and doing odd jobs for the damned 7.17</p> <p>For putting a new stone in David's sling and enlarging head of Goliath 6.13</p>	<p>For mending shirt of Prodigal Son and cleaning his ear 3.39</p> <p>For embellishing Pontius Pilate and putting new ribbon on his bonnet 3.02</p> <p>For putting new tail and comb on St. Peter's rooster 2.20</p> <p>For re-pluming and re-gilding left wing of the Guardian Angel 5.18</p> <p>For washing the Servant of High Priest and putting carmine on his cheek 5.02</p> <p>For taking the spots off the sons of Tobias 10.30</p> <p>For putting earrings in Sarah's ears 5.26</p> <p>For decorating Noah's Ark and a new head on Sem 4.31</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Total\$67.30</p>
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Leonard Jock

A young man of the parish who was considered the most stubborn in the parish by his pastor. He didn't consider the insult worth ten dollars; after dickering back and forth, here it is:

One hundred dollars.

My how stubborn some people are!

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Names of those who organized this parish and to whose
memory this Jubilee book is dedicated:

Paul Duda
Paul Wruble
William Minnick
Vincent Maikrzik
Nicholas Miller
Joseph Barzia
Leo Miller
Anthony Kociba
John Talaski
Anthony Swiercz
Ignatius Paloski
John Myjak
John Osentoski
John Gornowicz
Andrew Gwizdala
Frank Peyrek
Joseph Goniwiecha
Theodore Heleski
John Duda
Thomas Ksiazek
John Paloski
Joseph Duda
Robert Klama
James Stickney
Theodore Bezemek
Joseph Gomoluch
Peter Dudek
Alexander Talaski
Frank Pasternacki

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C. Thompson
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August Mazure
Barney Mazure
Stephen Talaski
Paul Pulcer
John Heleski
John Abrahms
Thos. Kucharzyk
Frank Minnick
Anastasia Warchok
Joseph Minnick
John Duggan
James Duggan
Thos. Murray
Joseph Murray
Stephen Wizga
John Bezemek
Mathew Skrzypinski, Sr.

To those of the living, may God bless you abundantly in all your undertaking.

To those deceased may God have mercy upon your souls.

Names of those parishioners who reported too late for publication and all others who comprise this parish of all good members:

Joseph Goniwiecha
Peter Goniwiecha
Sylvester Goniwiecha
Frank Peyrek
Edward Peyrek
Earnest Sosnowski
Wm. Talaski
Leo Miller
Earnest Miller
Bernard Leppek
August Miller
Albert Miller
Fabian Paloski
Joseph Partyka
Peter Skrzypinski
Roy Skrzypinski
John Myjak
Edward Kociba
Anthony Kociba
John Mackzik
Joseph Burejza
Frank Ksiazek

Joseph Ksiazek
Adam Juck
Josn Pychla
Frank Miller
John Duda
Mrs. Etta Minnick
Ira Polk
Walter Majewski
John Wachowiak
Harry Gorny
Bernard Hanson
Alex Talaski
Frank Talaski
Lawrence Talaski
Elmer Duda
John Richards
John Koncewicz
Henry Elandt
Frank Pawloski
Joseph Choppa
George Choppa
Edward Choppa
Bernard Pettit
Edward Murauski
Anthony Dzinkala
Wm. Forbing
Julius Gomoluch

A Word From The Pastor

Is it possible for me to show my appreciation to all concerned? Probably by asking my faithful parishioners to join with me in asking God to bless you and leave it to the providence of God Almighty, will be the safest way out. I myself am not capable.

Nevertheless I am deeply grateful to our Most Rev. Bishop William Murphy for his presence here today. The parish is highly elated and will have this occasion indelibly impressed in their minds and hearts, so much the more because it is the first time a parish in Huron County had the honor of having their Bishop with them.

To the choir of the Felecian Convent for the honor they bestowed upon the parish in accepting this invitation to make our church celebration a splendid one.

We are thankful to Father Peter Walkowiak, a benefactor of our parish in many ways and very well known here, for his presence here today.

To the Texas Oil Co. for their ad which tops any in our Jubilee Book, and all others who have

reserved a space in this Jubilee Book. This celebration and banquet were made possible through your contributions and may it be known to all who scan over these pages that the smallest contribution listed is ten dollars.

And last but not least, I wish to thank my many friends and those of my parish for the support rendered in any and all ways and means.

To the Committee, briefly I shall say, "Well done, faithful servants."

Thank you and may the Almighty Lord bless with His choicest blessings.

REV. JOSEPH GORSKI,

Pastor.

Things To Forget

If you would increase your happiness and prolong your life forget your neighbor's faults. Forget all the slander you have ever heard. Forget the temptations. Forget the fault-finding and give little thought to the cause which provokes it.

Forget the peculiarities of your friends, and only remember the good points which make you fond of them. Forget all the personal quarrels or histories you may have heard by accident, which, if repeated, would seem a thousand times worse than they are. Blot out as far as possible all the disagreeables of life; they will come, but they will grow larger when you remember them, and constant thought of the acts of meanness makes you more familiar with them.

Obliterate everything disagreeable from yesterday; start out anew with a clean heart today, so that you may write a clean sheet for sweet memory's sake only those things which are pure and lovely—Catholic Record.

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