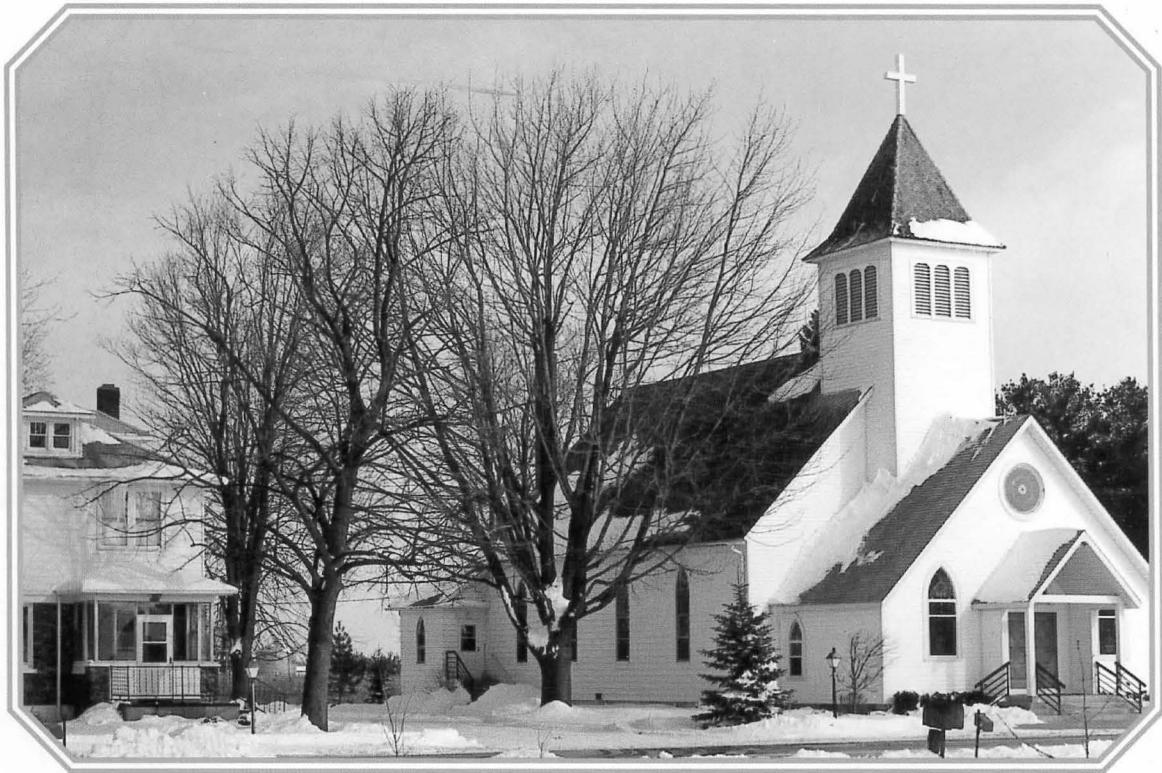


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SAINT JOSEPH'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



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Together Into Tomorrow

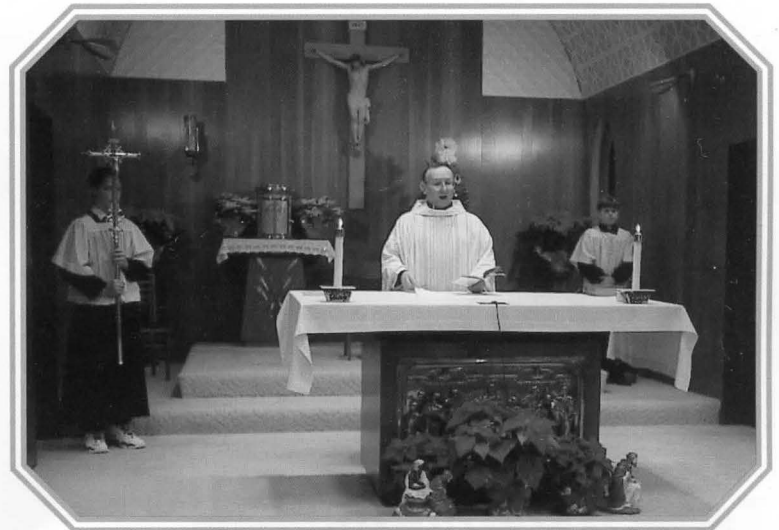
AT THE DOORWAY OF THE 21ST CENTURY

*“This...year you shall make sacred by proclaiming liberty in the land for all its inhabitants. It shall be a jubilee for you.”
(Lev. 25:10)*

With this message in mind, does the church look forward to the next millennium. Our pictorial directory, then, is a permanent reminder of the enduring faith that our two parishes embody and which together we will carry into the next century. And as we look to the future, we are ever mindful of the patronage of St. Joseph and the influence of the Holy Trinity in our lives.

Standing at the threshold of a new era, we can see how both parishes have grown and been transformed by our realization of the changing ministerial needs of its people. Now, you will see more the involvements of our youth, the greater participation of parents in the religious formation of their children, the willing support of parishioners on all levels, and the building up of our common mission through periodic social gatherings. It's amazing how much continues to be done informally, outside of the occasional societal and committee meetings. And this as we devote ourselves to infusing a renewed spirituality that will enable each family to response to the works of faith given to them.

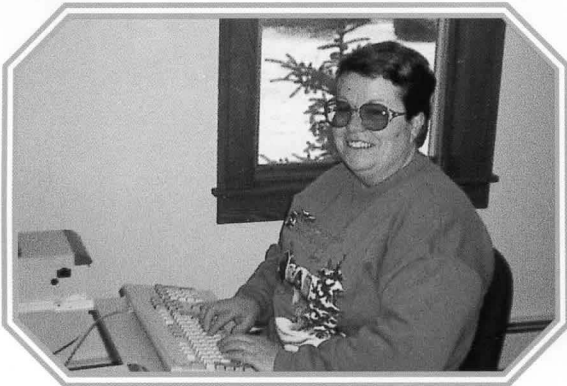
With this message in mind, we enter a new millennium more aware of the Spirit's promptings and its direction for all of us, until time ceases and eternity dawns.



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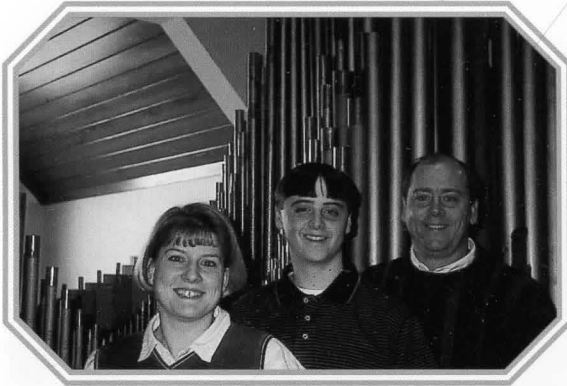
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Piping Praises as We Sing Them



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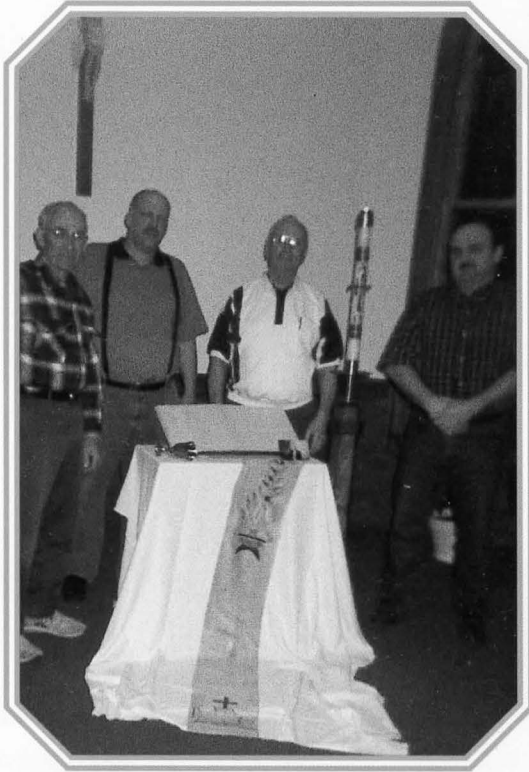


Enriching the Lord's Sanctuary



Making a joyous sound unto the Lord.

In Faithful Service



Caring for the Faithful Departed



In Service at the Lord's Table



Bearers of the Bread and the Sacred Cup

at God's Throne



Giving Voice to God's Word



Dressing Blossoms to be
Sunday's Best

Religion Lessons...



St. Ann's Scripture Group
In the eyes of Mary's Mom.



"Deep and Wide, we're a fountain, Deep and Wide."



Gifts full of youthful good cheer



With Jesse Tree and Advent Wreath, our heritage proclaimed

Learned and Lived



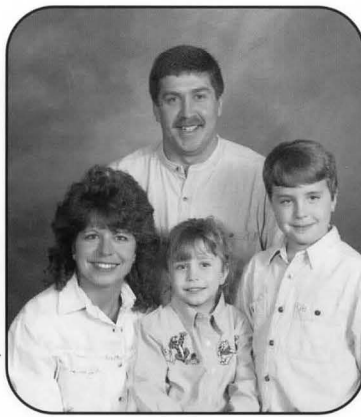
Thoughtful and generous,
now bringing on the young



Faith lessons served up Family Style



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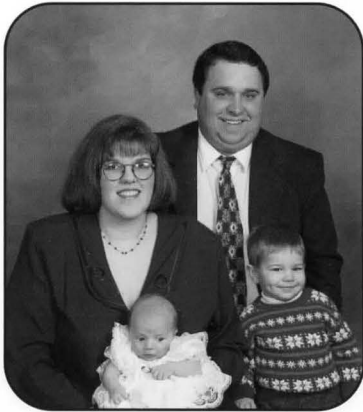
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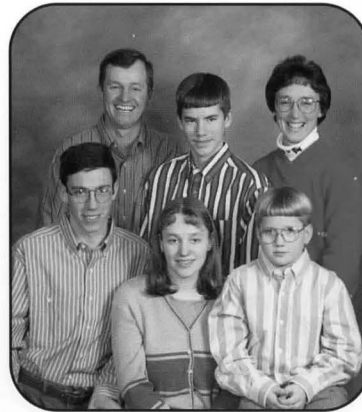
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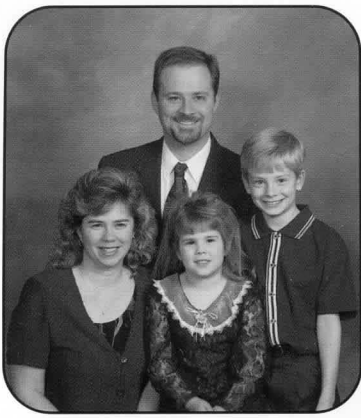
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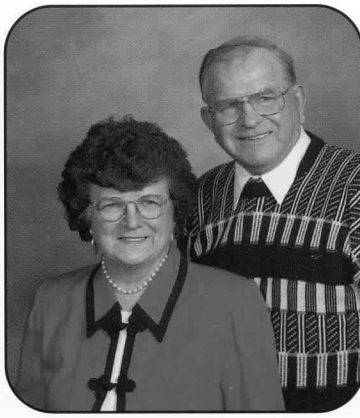
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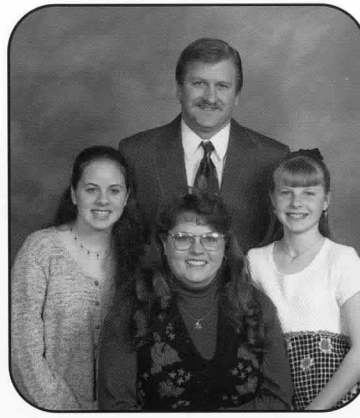
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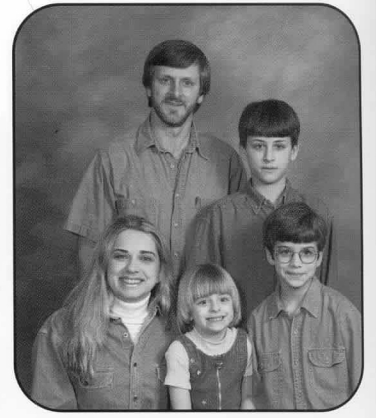
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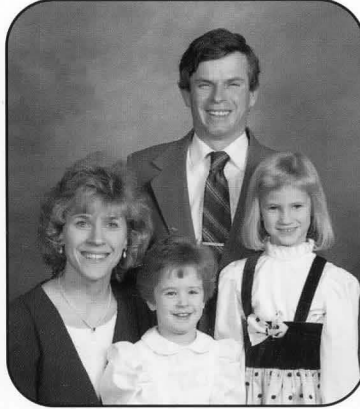
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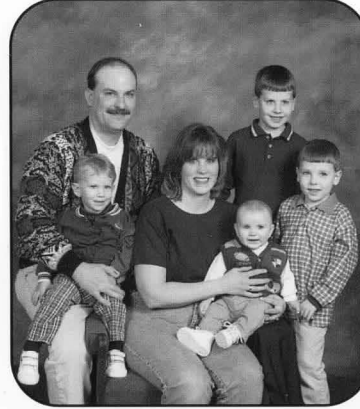
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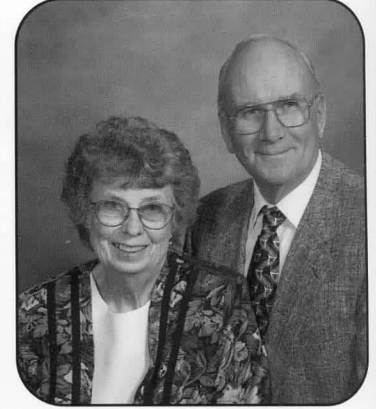
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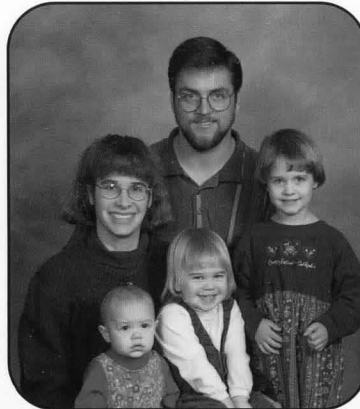
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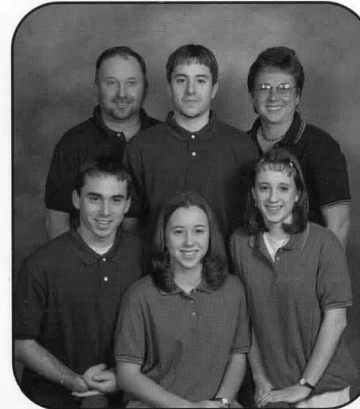
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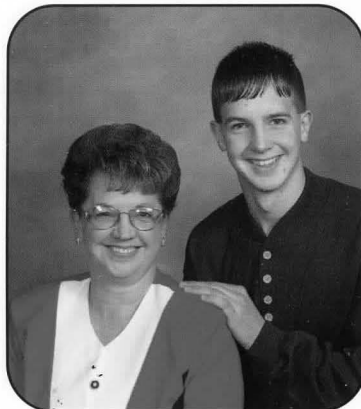
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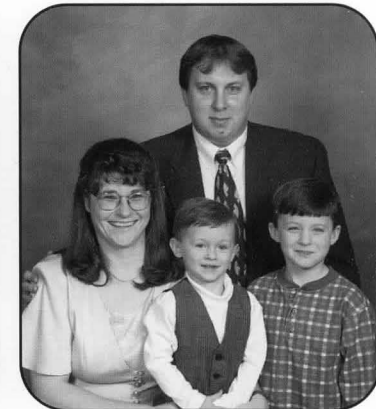
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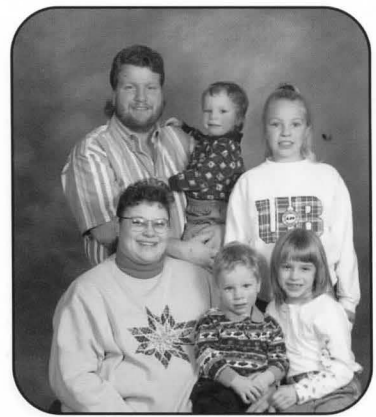
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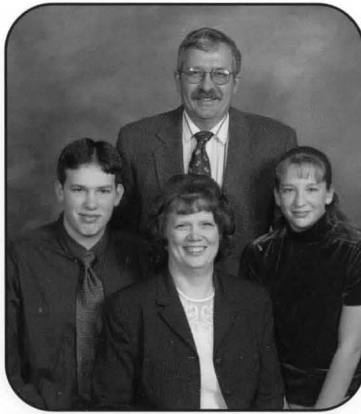
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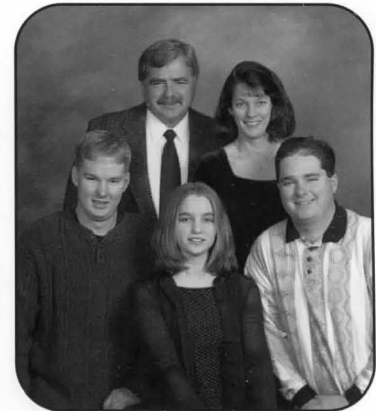
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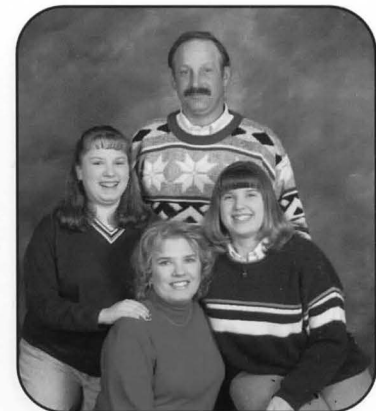
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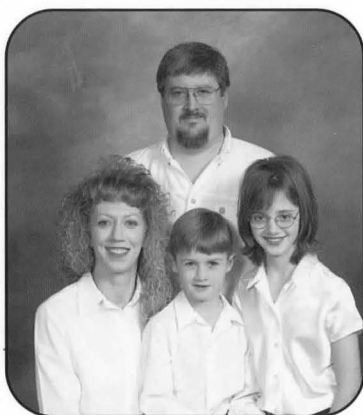
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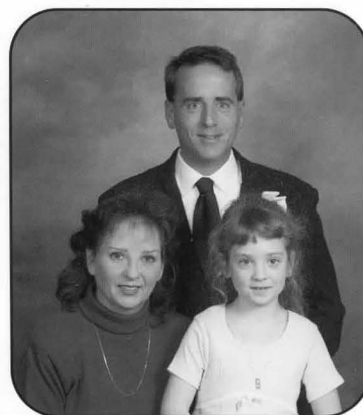
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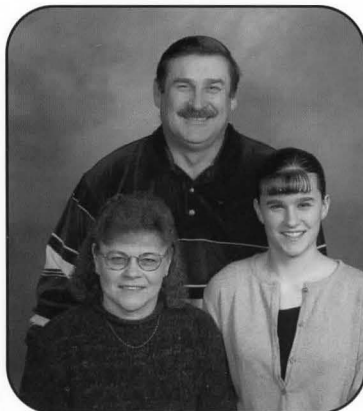
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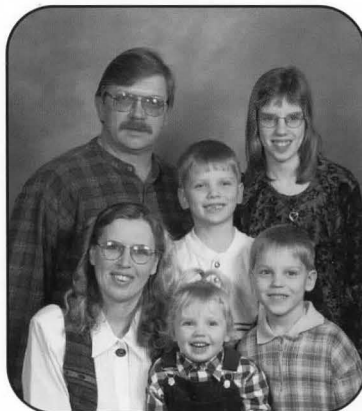
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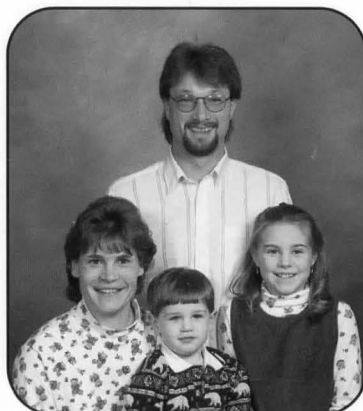
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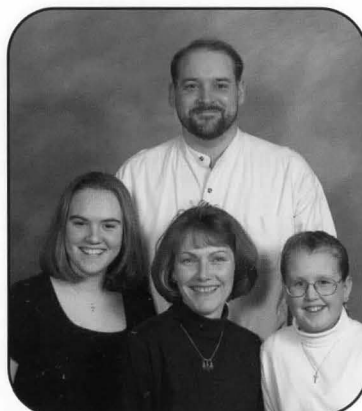
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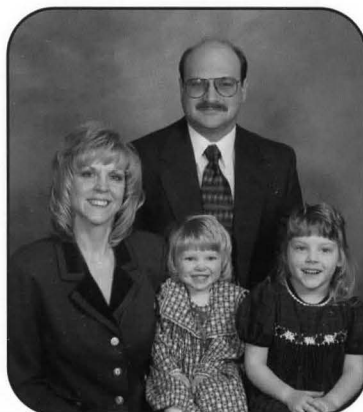
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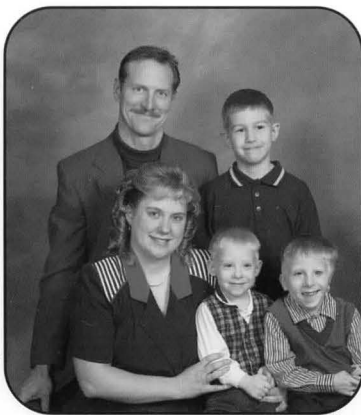
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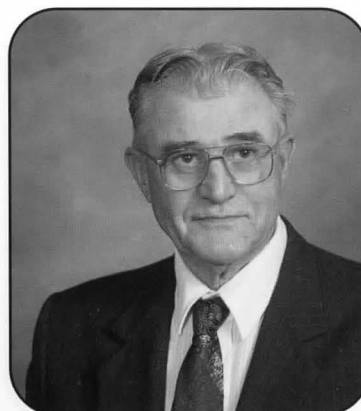
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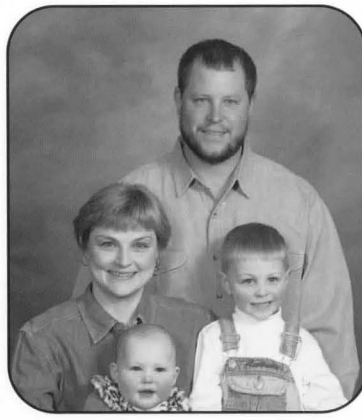
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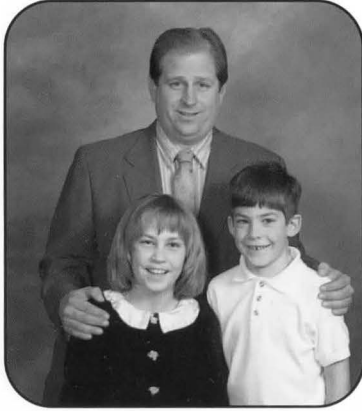
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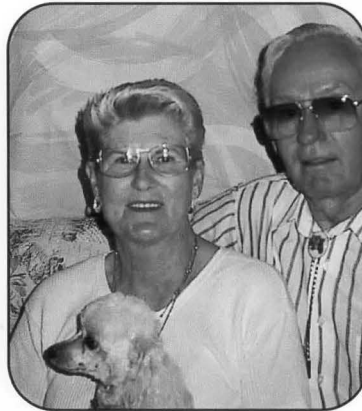
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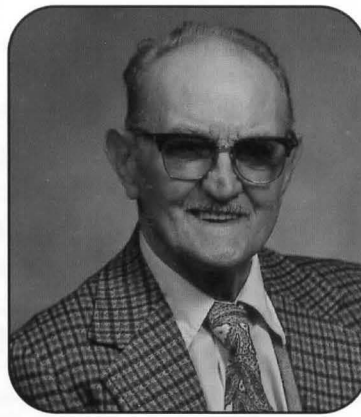
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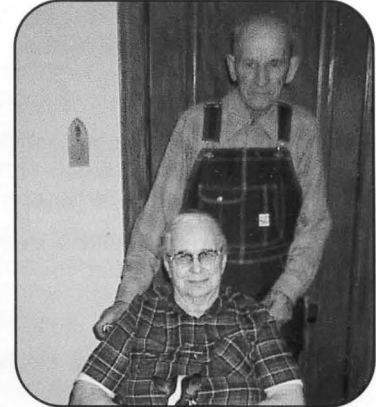
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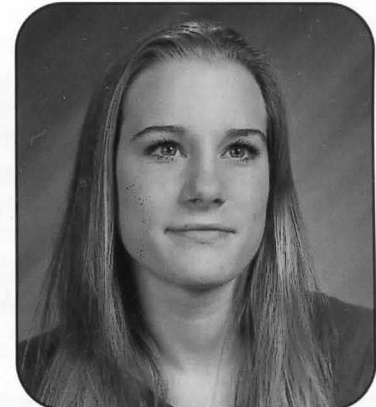
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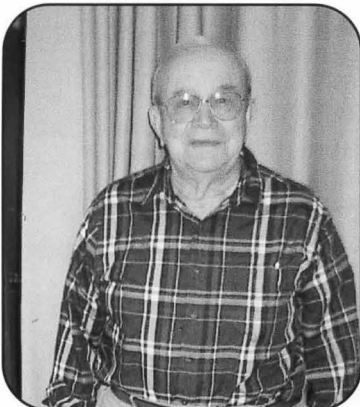
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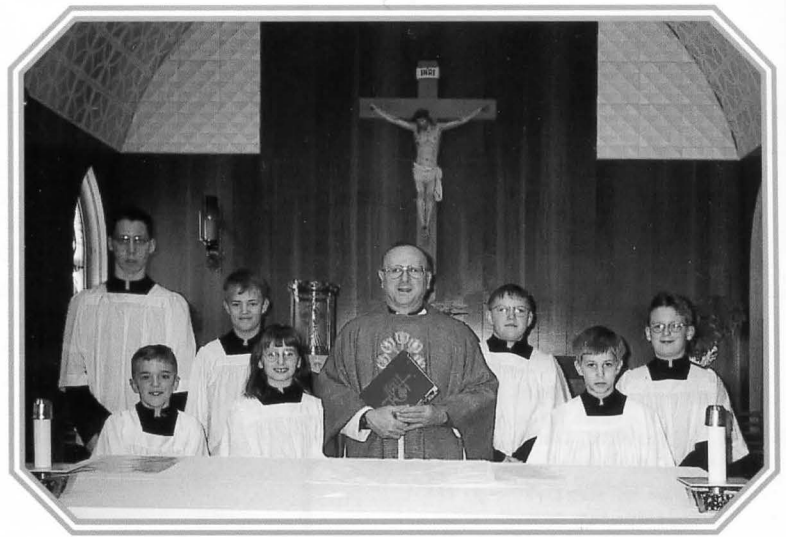
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Bearers of the Body of Christ



Called to the Altar of God



Standing Up for His Holy Name

Serving with Devotion



Council of the Wise

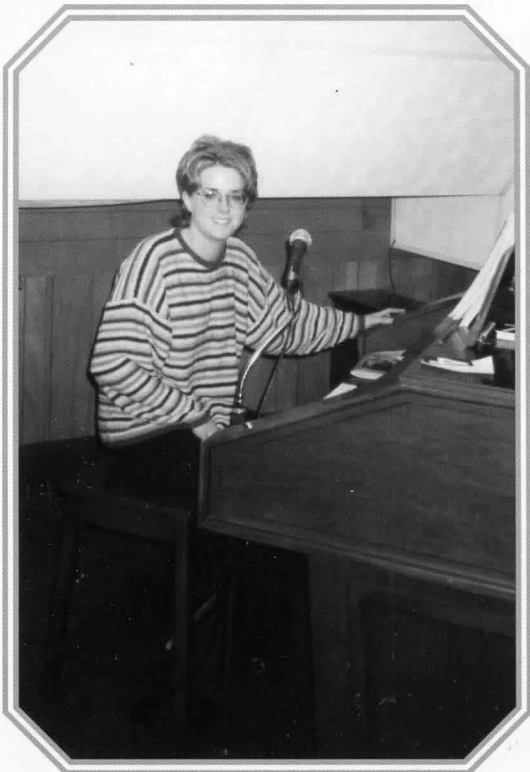


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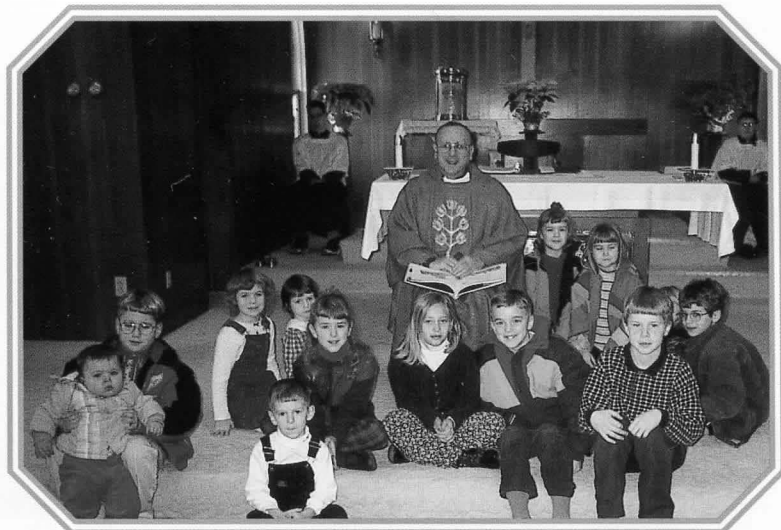


Proclaimers of God's Word

Building Up Faith,



Music Maker for the Lord



"Let the children come to me."

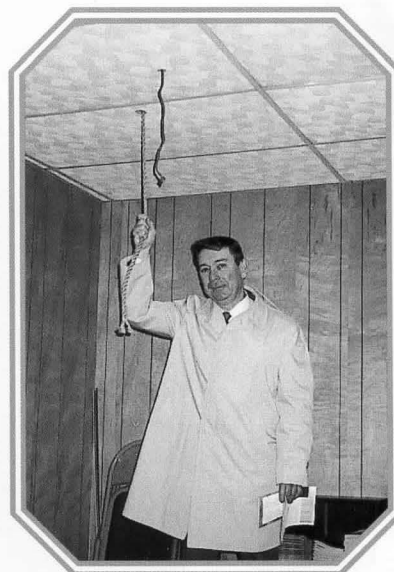


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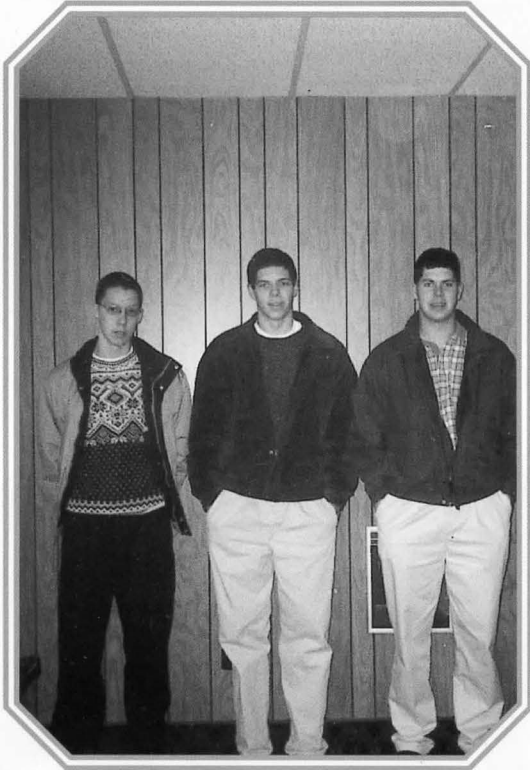


Guardians of Eternal Rest



Ringin' our bell,
calling us to worship

Laborers for the Lord



Ground's Keepers,
keeping greens so trim

at Each Hour Called



Homework of the giving kind



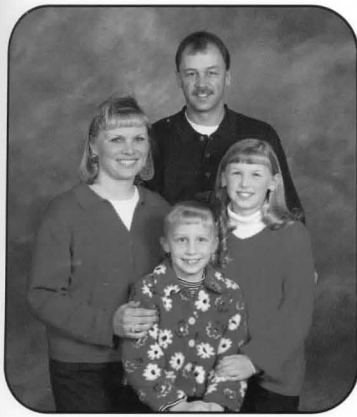
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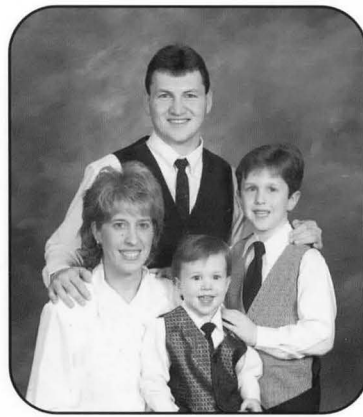
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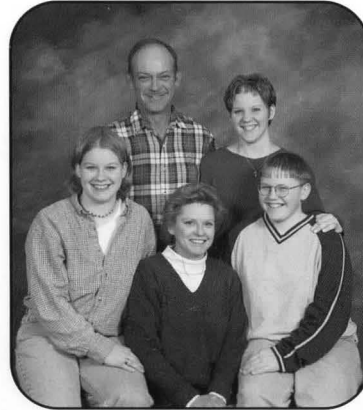
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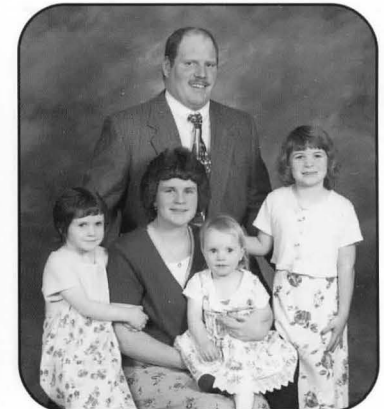
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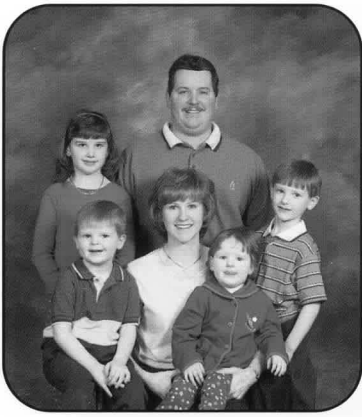
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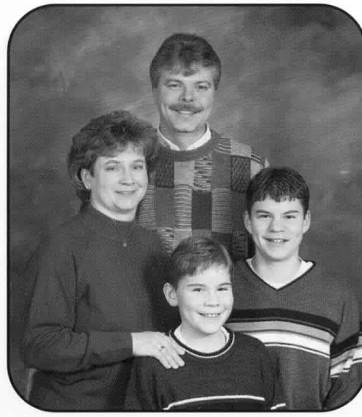
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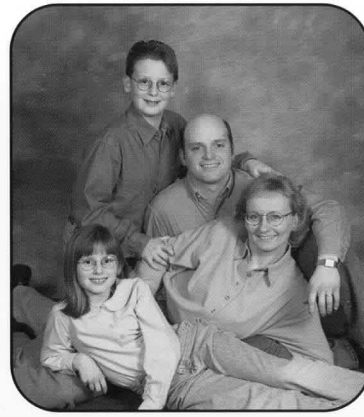
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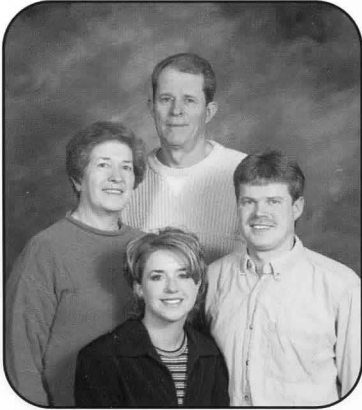
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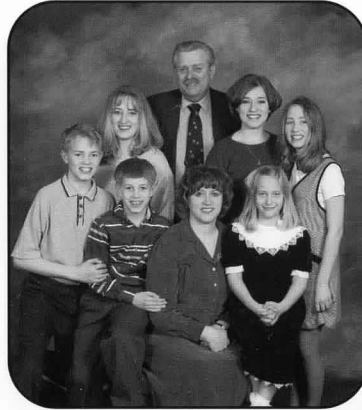
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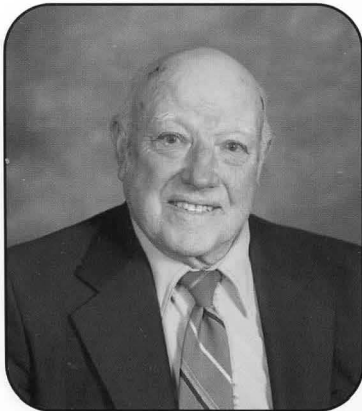
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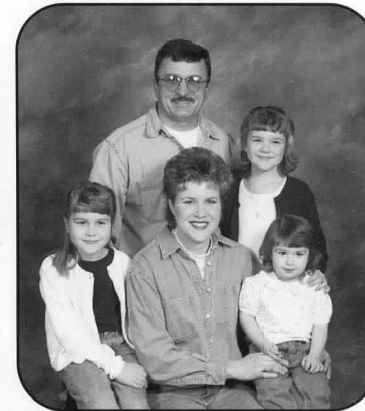
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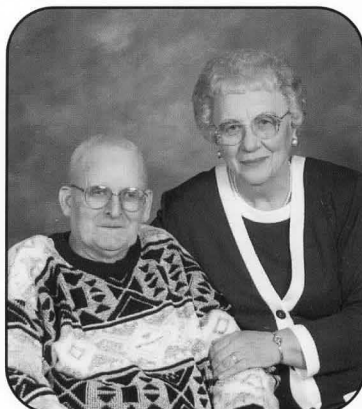
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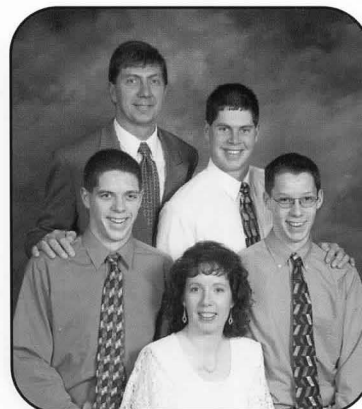
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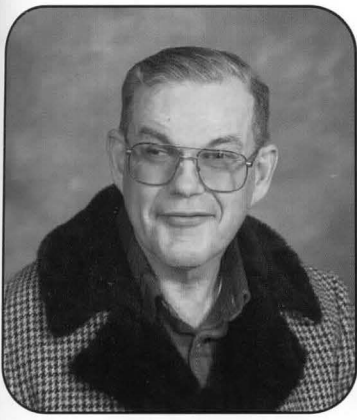
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HISTORY
OF
ST. JOSEPH, RAPSON

St. Joseph Parish, Rapson is located in Huron County, nine miles northeast of Bad Axe and in a rural area.

The early Catholic settlers, in the late 1800's and early 1900's attended Church services for the most part in Parisville and Dwight and traveled over mud roads which at times were impassible.

As more and more Catholics settled on farms near Rapson, around the year of 1912, the families then numbering 33, reared by pious and God fearing parents decided that if there were a Catholic Church nearby it would be to their greater spiritual advantage to attend regularly.

Suggestions were made from time to time and the possibility proposed and discussed but the project loomed too great and too burdensome to tackle by the then small group of Catholic worshippers.

The intentions and plans of the people around Rapson reached the ears of the officers of the Hubbard Bank in Bad Axe. The farmers did business with this bank, many mortgages were held by this banking institution, the sincerity and good will of the people were well known and the bank realized the business that would follow. So the Hubbard Bank encouraged the endeavors of the people and offered \$100.00 toward the new building fund for the erection of a Church.

The Hubbard Bank by this generous offer not only gave a start but furthermore boosted the hopes and encouraged the hearts of the congregation at Rapson. On February 15, 1913, Paul Duda, Vincent Maikrzek and Paul Wruble volunteered to set forth among the people and gather up whatever funds could be obtained. They canvassed the neighborhood, both Catholic and non-Catholic and obtained pledges and notes to the amount of \$1,700.00. With this start and with the encouragement of Father Van Dyke, pastor of Sacred Heart Church, Bad Axe, they set out to petition Bishop John Foley, then Ordinary of the Diocese of Detroit. Bishop Foley heartily agreed and promised to send a priest for the people if a Church was built.

Property was then bought from John Bezemek who sold one acre of land and donated another acre. Work on the Church which still stands today, was begun and the organizers of the Parish, being young men, volunteered their labor and took time off from their farm work to help build the Church.

On July 26, 1913, the cornerstone was blessed by Bishop Edward Kelly, assisted by Fathers Van Dyke and Raymond T. Fleming.

On Thanksgiving Day, 1913, the parishioners gathered for the first time in the memorable event to have the first Mass celebrated by their new pastor, Rev. Boleslaus Stefanski of St. Mary's Parish, Dwight.

St. Joseph Church then became a mission of Dwight.

It was fortunate, too that through the intercession of Edward Gajewski, the Church bell now used, was acquired and donated by Father Gzella, then pastor of St. Stanislaus Church in Detroit.

On the day of the first Mass in Rapson, the first baptism also took place when Gertrude Duda, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Duda was baptized.

For five (5) years Father Boleslaus Stefanski ministered to this parish. His was a difficult task, coming in all kinds of weather, often through snow drifts, with a horse and buggy and accompanied by the organist, Stanley Karolewski of Dwight.

From 1919 to 1923 Rev. Raphael Chraszcz took charge of the parish. It was through his loving personality and zeal that he encouraged the parishioners in their spiritual endeavors and worked hard to have this mission Church established as a parish.

He was succeeded by Rev. Xavier Rosinski in July, 1924, who from the Dwight Parish administered for one year to the spiritual needs of the people.

In May, 1925, Rev. Michael Sajnaj was appointed by Bishop Michael Gallagher as the first pastor of St. Joseph Parish, Rapson.

Father Sajnaj being an energetic and zealous young man began his duties as new pastor with great enthusiasm. The parish then had about 62 families.

With the help of the parishioners, construction of the rectory began while the priest resided temporarily at a home two miles east of the Church. Due to failing health Father Sajnaj was forced to leave the parish on December 8, 1928, and moved to New Mexico.

From December 9, 1928, to June, 1929 the people of Rapson were without the services of a resident pastor and were compelled to attend Holy Mass in the churches of the neighboring parishes.

It was not until June, 1929, that Rev. Joseph Gorski was named as pastor and served St. Joseph for ten (10) years. Father Gorski was instrumental in improving the Church furnishings and completed the building of the rectory.

On February 6, 1939, Father Leo Piaskowski was appointed pastor by Bishop William Murphy. The parish then was burdened with debt on the rectory and church. Father Piaskowski set forth to refinance the total indebtedness at a lower rate of interest thus saving the parish a considerable amount of money. He also had a new asbestos roof built on the Church which was badly needed. Fr. Piaskowski remained for four (4) years and was then transferred to Saginaw.

On September 1, 1943, Rev. Stephen Kozak succeeded him as pastor of Rapson and Smith Corners. A young priest his first pastorate, Father Kozak led the parish in paying the balance of debt and began the work of remodeling the interior of the Church at a cost of \$1,500.00. Father Kozak was then transferred to St. Charles, Michigan in 1945.

Father Leonard Kwasigroch succeeded Fr. Kozak on March 25, 1945. The parish being free from debt, he improved the Church grounds and was instrumental in making facilities for parking west of the rectory on parish property. Fr. Kwasigroch died at Rapson on March 7, 1946. His funeral took place at St. Joseph Church, Rapson and his remains were taken to repose in St. Stanislaus Cemetery, Bay City.

Rev. Glenn Wm. Cronkite was appointed as administrator until Bishop William Murphy appointed Rev. Francis C. Lukowicz, who was installed on May 1, 1946. He was known to the parishioners as Father "Luke".

In March, 1959, Bishop Woznicki had appointed Father Arthur Mulka to serve as pastor of St. Joseph till September, 1959, while arrangements were being made to get the aid of the Benedictine Fathers of Cleveland, St. Andrew's Abbey for the Diocese.

In September, 1959, Abbot Theodore Kojis, O.B.S. appointed Father Joseph Karaba, as the first Benedictine to the Diocese of Saginaw. Father Karaba served as pastor from fall 1959 through fall of 1974. During this time a lot of work had been done on the church and additions added. In 1961, the road in front of the Church was black topped and part of the property. Due to health reasons Father Karaba retired to the Abbey in Cleveland in 1974.

Father John Zemen served as pastor from 1974 till October, 1976. During this time the Church hall was built.

In October, 1976, Father Stephen Sramek also from the Abbey came to serve as pastor. During this time the Sacrament of Confirmation was changed to High School level and a new program was set up. A new organ was also purchased. The parish ran smoothly until the unexpected death of Father Sramek on January 27, 1984. After his death the parish was without a pastor until July, 1984. During this span the Eucharistic Ministers help with services. Also, Father Herbert Zacharies came from Saginaw to service Mass on Sundays and there were no weekly Masses.

In July, 1984, Father Cecil O'Donnell was appointed by Bishop Kenneth Untener to serve as pastor of St. Joseph. He taught High School in the Lansing area and had served as associate pastor at St. Thomas Aquinas Church, East Lansing prior to his appointment at Rapson. During this time a new furnace was installed, ceiling fans installed and new carpeting in the Sanctuary. The Church windows were also replaced.

Father Cecil O'Donnell remained at St. Joseph till July 14, 1986, when he was assigned to St. Michael Parish, Wilmot and St. Joseph, Mayville.

St. Joseph Parish was very fortunate to have Father John Cotter serve as pastor beginning July 14, 1986. Father Cotter served as an Associate Pastor at St. Hyacinth, Bay City, SS. Peter and Paul, Saginaw, St. Stanislaus, Bay City, St. John the Evangelist, Essexville, and St. Helen, Saginaw. The parishioners of St. Joseph are very pleased to have Father Cotter as pastor. Presently St. Joseph's has approximately 175 families. There are two Masses held. On Saturdays at 7:30 P.M. and Sundays at 10:00 A.M.

Plans are being made to renovate the Church this summer. Hopefully the the remodeling will be done in time to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of the Church on Thanksgiving, 1988.

*** NOTE: The organ that served St. Joseph was purchased in 1970-1971 by Fr. Karaba. And pipe speakers were added later when Fr. John Zemen was her in 1975.

The ceiling fans were installed when Fr. Steve was at St. Joseph, also the insulation was blown into the church walls and so was the Rectory insulated.

Fr. Zeman reorganized our religious education program from the two week summer program to a weekly program; from September thru spring with lay teachers. Then when Fr. O'Donnell came he reorganized the CCD program again with more teachers, one for each grade and new text books.

FORMER PASTORS - HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, SMITH CORNERS 1858 - 1986

Fr. Peter Kluck	1858 - 1869	Parisville
Fr. Simon Wieczorek	1869 - 1872	"
Fr. Michael Dziurowicz	1872 - 1880	"
Fr. John Guatza	1881 - 1883	"
Fr. Rudolph Marker	1883 - 1889	Ruth
Fr. George Laugel	1889 - 1899	Ruth
Fr. Charles Hennigan	1899 - 1913	Harbor Beach
Fr. Raymond Fleming	1913 - 1919	"
Fr. Bernard Jarzembowski	1919 - 1923	Ubly
Fr. Vincent Balcer	1923 - 1925	Ubly
Fr. Joseph Nowaczyk	1925	Ubly
Fr. Michael Sajnaj	1925 - 1928	Rapson
Fr. Joseph Gorski	1929 - 1939	"
Fr. Leo Piaskowski	1939 - 1943	"
Fr. Stephen Kozak	1943 - 1945	"
Fr. Leonard Kwasigroch	1945 - 1946	"
Fr. Francis Lukowicz	1946 - 1959	"
Fr. Arthur Milka	1959 March (approx. 6 months)	"
Fr. Joseph Karaba	1959 - 1974	"
Fr. John Zemen	1974 - 1976	"
Fr. Stephen Sramek	1976 - 1984 Oct. - Jan.	"
Fr. Cecil O'Donnell	1984 - 1986 July - July 13	"
Fr. John Cotter	1986 - July 14	"

MOST HOLY TRINITY

SMITH CORNERS

PARISH HISTORY

Many of the records, which would be helpful to our understanding of the history of the parish of Most Holy Trinity, Smith Corners, are not available because of several fires that ravaged the church and the surrounding area. Another consideration is that never during its one hundred twenty-eight year history did the parish ever have a resident pastor. Five neighboring parishes have at different times been the place of the pastor's residence. This, obviously, contributes to the likelihood significant records are lost or scattered.

The first priest to serve Smith Corners was Rev. Peter Kluck. He had been sent to Parisville by Bishop Lafefere of Detroit in 1858. In an early inventory sent back to the bishop, mention is made of a Station B where he looked after the spiritual needs of a small group of Irish and German families. It is believed this station was in the vicinity of the present church.

Fr. Kluck visited the area once a month to celebrate mass in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Christian Regier, which was across the road from the present church. On July 1, 1861, the transfer of land donated by Christian and Francesca Regier for a church to be built on the present site of the cemetery was registered at the county seat of Vjerona Mills. The first church was built the same year. Twenty years later it burned to the ground in the fire of 1881.

With the help of the Catholic Extension Society another church was built in 1881 on a site more to the north and closer to the road. In 1883 Bishop Borgess of Detroit appointed Rev. Rudolph Marker the pastor, when he was assigned to the parish in Ruth. This association with SS. Peter and Paul, Ruth, remained in effect during the pastorate of his successor, Rev. George Laugel.

On January 13, 1913, the second church was also destroyed by fire. That same year the church now standing was constructed under the direction of Rev. Charles Hennigan, who began serving as pastor of Most Holy Trinity when he

arrived at Harbor Beach in 1899. For many years he left Harbor Beach every third Sunday of the month on the afternoon train to Ubly. A parishioner from Most Holy Trinity would meet him with a horse and buggy to take him to Smith Corners, where he stayed at the house of Philip Schmitt. On Monday he attended to the spiritual needs of the mission parish, starting with mass in the morning, then catechizing and whatever else was necessary, before returning to Harbor Beach.

Fr. Hennigan's successor in Harbor Beach, Rev. Raymond Fleming, was also assigned as pastor of Most Holy Trinity. In 1919 Bishop Gallagher transferred the mission to the pastor of St. John the Evangelist, Ubly. It was to remain so throughout the pastorates of Rev. Bernard Jarzembowski, Rev. Vincent Balcer, and Rev. John Nowaczyk. In 1925, after a rectory was built in Rapson, the first pastor to reside there, Rev. Michael Sajnaj, took over at Smith Corners as well.

The last priest to serve in the parish, while it was still located in the Archdiocese of Detroit, was Rev. Joseph Gorski, who succeeded Fr. Sajnaj in 1929. Huron County was included in the sixteen counties Pope Pius XI separated from the Diocese of Grand Rapids and the Archdiocese of Detroit on February 26, 1938, to form the new Diocese of Saginaw. His counterparts to succeed him from this diocese were the following: Rev. Leo Piaskowski, 1939-43; Rev. Stephen Kozak, 1943-45; Rev. Leonard Kwasigroch, 1945-46; Rev. Francis Lukowicz, 1946-59; and Rev. Arthur Mulka, 1959.

In September of 1959 Abbot Theodore Kojis, O.S.B., St. Andrew Abbey, Cleveland, Ohio, finalized arrangements with Bishop Stepehn Woznicki to provide priests for several parishes in Huron County. Most Holy Trinity was to be one of them. The Benedictines came to the Diocese of Saginaw with the desire of eventually founding a second abbey on the east side of Huron County. As their ranks increased, the understanding was that the Bishop of Saginaw would make room for them in the neighboring parishes of the county.

Rev. Joseph Karaba, O.S.B., was the first of three Benedictine pastors of Most Holy Trinity. He arrived in 1959 and stayed until 1974. During the later years of Fr. Karaba's pastorate, Detroit Edison bought up over ten

square miles of land adjoining the parish. Consequently, the homes and barns of many parish families were flattened to make way for what was supposedly to be a nuclear power plant that never happened. The land was sold to the State of Michigan in 1987 and is managed by the Department of Natural Resources as the Verona State Game Area. The parish may not be quite as large as it once was, but it remains the linchpin of a hardy people with a determined faith. Fr. Karaba's successor was Rev. John Zeman, O.S.B., who in turn was followed by Rev. Stephen Sramek, O.S.B. Fr. Sramek died suddenly on January 27, 1984.

From 1984 to 1986 the pastor was a priest from the Toledo-Detroit Province of the Oblates of St. Francis De Sales, Rev. Cecil O'Donnell, O.S.F.S. During the last year of his stay, the parish built the hall on the west side of the church. In 1986 Bishop Untener assigned a priest of the Diocese of Saginaw as pastor for the first time since 1959. He is the Rev. John Cotter, native son of Sacred Heart Parish, Mt. Pleasant.

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