

# Ascension of Our Lord



The task entrusted to pioneers is a difficult one. It requires of them a stout heart, an extraordinary spirit of sacrifice, and a greatness of soul. The rich heritage that was left to us, is evidence that the pioneers of our parish possessed and exhibited these qualities in great measure. In the span of fifty years, most of them have departed this life to receive God's reward for their labors. To them, and to those still living, we express our deep gratitude and appreciation for the legacy handed down to us, and promise to enrich and ennoble it in the years to come.

May those who are dead rest in eternal peace, and those still living enjoy for many more years the fruits of their labor.

## *Tribute to the Pioneers*

### ASCENSION OF OUR LORD EVANSTON, ILLINOIS



1912



1962

### *Hold Pionerom*

Praca pionerska jest trudnym zadaniem. Wymaga ona dzielnego serca, nadzwyczajnego ducha poświęcenia, i wielkoduszności. Bogate dziedzictwo, które otrzymaliśmy, świadczy że pionierzy naszej parafii posiadali i okazywali te cechy we wielkiej mierze. W przeciągu pięćdziesięciu lat, większość ich pożegnała się z tym światem, aby otrzymać Boską nagrodę za swe trudy i mokoły. Im i tym, którzy są jeszcze z nami, wyrażamy głębokie uczucia wdzięczności i poważania za dziedzictwo nam wręczone, i obiecujemy je dalej uwspaniać i uczynić w przyszłości.

Niechaj ci, którzy już nas opuścili, spoczywają we wiekuistym pokoju, a ci, którzy są z nami, cieszą się długie lata z owoców swej pracy.



Most Holy Father  
Rev. Vincent Nowakowski

humbly prostrate at the feet of Your Holiness  
begs Your

Apostolic Blessing  
for the

Priests, Sisters and members of the  
Ascension Parish

on the 50th Anniversary of its founding  
as a pledge of God's choicest graces unto life  
everlasting

*In Dominus benigne accipit precibus  
et orationibus vestris. die 18 Junii 1912*

*V. Nowakowski*  
Archiep. Polonus





*His Holiness Pope John xxiii*

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

*Chancery Office*

719 NORTH WABASH AVENUE  
CHICAGO 11, ILLINOIS

June 14, 1962

My dear Father Nowakowski:

I wish to extend to you, to your priests, Sisters and people my very best wishes and congratulations on the forthcoming Golden Jubilee of Ascension of Our Lord Parish. Through fifty years your parish has served the people of Polish origin very faithfully and has afforded them every opportunity for their spiritual exercises. It will be my pleasure to be present on this happy occasion and to join with you in celebrating this very joyous day.

Reassuring you of my best wishes and felicitations, I remain,

Very sincerely yours in Christ,

*+ Albert Cardinal Meyer*  
Archbishop of Chicago

Reverend Vincent Nowakowski  
Ascension of Our Lord Rectory  
1534 Wilder Street  
Evanston, Illinois





ST. ANDREW'S RECTORY  
3548 NORTH PAULINA STREET  
CHICAGO 13, ILLINOIS

June 18, 1962

My dear Father Nowakowski:

It is a pleasure to extend my heartfelt congratulations to you, the priests, the sisters and the people of Ascension of Our Lord Church on this memorable occasion of the Golden Jubilee of the Parish.

The many fine things accomplished throughout the past years are a tribute to the efforts and labors of all around you and an inspiration to everyone. It is my prayer that God will continue to shower His blessings on you for many more wonderful years.

With every good wish and kindest personal regards, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Bernard J. Sheil, D. D.  
Titular Archbishop of Selge

Reverend Vincent Nowakowski, Pastor  
Ascension of Our Lord Church  
1534 Wilder Street  
Evanston, Illinois

ST. MEL - HOLY GHOST RECTORY  
22 NORTH KILDARE AVENUE  
CHICAGO 24, ILLINOIS

June 22, 1962

Dear Father Nowakowski:

I wish to congratulate you and your people  
on the occasion of the Golden Jubilee of your parish,  
and I will offer the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass for  
your intentions.

With every blessing,

*Bishop Hillinger*

Most Reverend Raymond P. Hillinger  
Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago

Reverend Vincent Nowakowski  
Ascension of Our Lord Church  
1534 Wilder Street  
Evanston, Illinois







3834 North Spaulding Avenue  
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June 14, 1962

Dear Father Nowakowski,

May I join with yourself, your assistants and parishioners and all associated in the prayerful commemoration you are making of the Golden Jubilee of your parish.

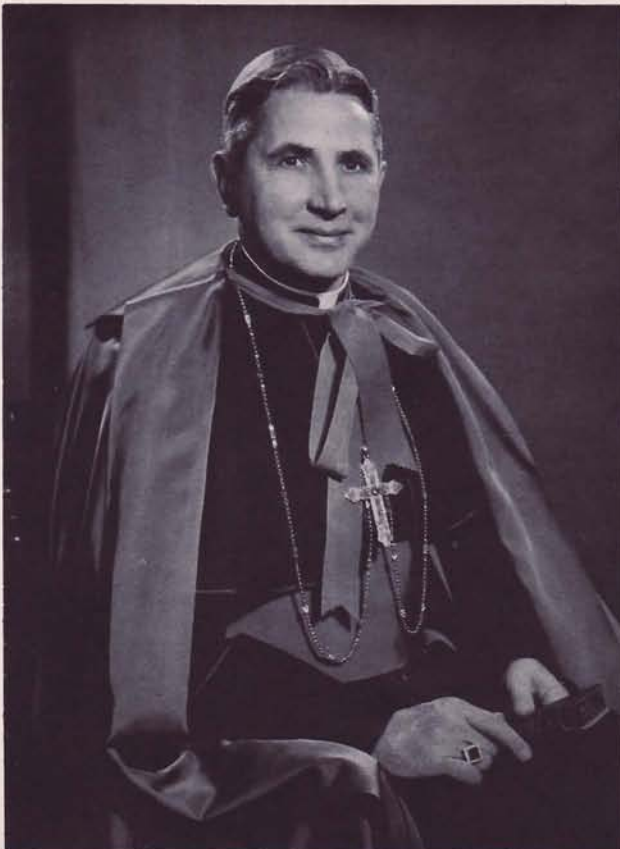
I am happy to be able to take a personal part in the Jubilee and want you further to know that I shall keep all of you in my prayers.

With every blessing I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ *Aloysius J. Wycislo*

Aloysius J. Wycislo  
Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago



ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO  
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CHICAGO 11, ILLINOIS

June 15, 1962

My dear Father Nowakowski:

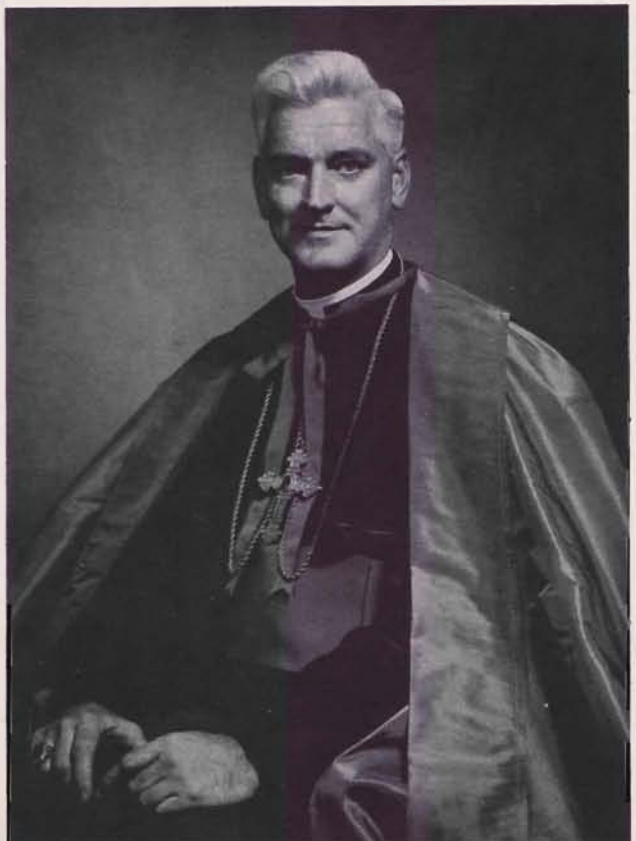
On Sunday, June 24, 1962 Ascension Parish will celebrate the Golden Jubilee of its founding. Through the past fifty years Ascension Parish has served its people well and has extended to them every opportunity and advantage to be close to Our Blessed Lord.

To you, and to your Reverend Assistant, to the Sisters and Parishioners I extend my heartfelt congratulations and best wishes, and I pray that God will continue to bless you always.

Very sincerely yours in Christ,

*C. F. O'Donnell*  
Most Reverend Cletus F. O'Donnell  
Vicar General

Reverend Vincent Nowakowski  
Ascension of Our Lord Church  
1534 Wilder Street  
Evanston, Illinois



## OUR CHURCH



INTERIOR OF OUR CHURCH

Photographs of interior of the church -

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## AND ITS APPOINTMENTS

### IN FIFTY YEARS

1,788 BAPTISMS  
1,250 FIRST COMMUNIONS  
1,000 CONFIRMATIONS  
601 MARRIAGES  
404 BURIALS

MAIN ALTAR



BLESSED VIRGIN ALTAR



SACRED HEART  
ALTAR





OUR LADY OF FATIMA



A STATION OF THE CROSS



OUR LADY OF CZESTOCHOWA



A STAINED GLASS WINDOW

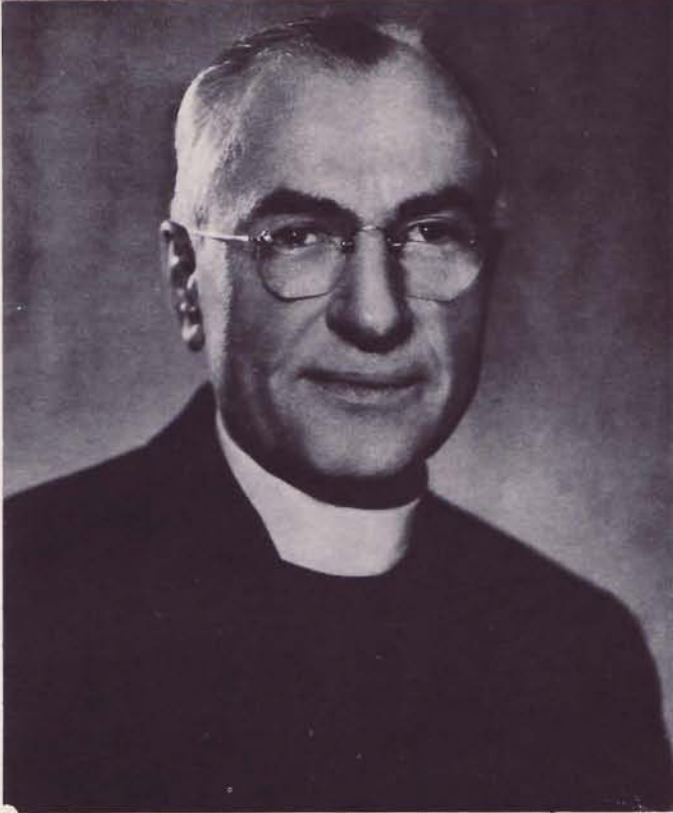


VESTIBULE OF CHURCH  
CHURCH-SCHOOL BUILDING



PARISH GARDEN (SITE OF PROPOSED NEW CHURCH)  
RECTORY



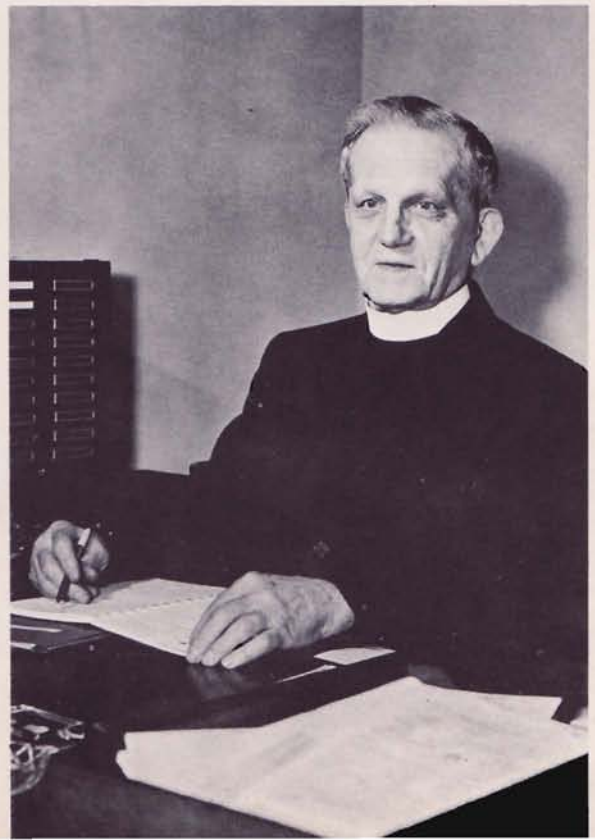


REV. VINCENT NOWAKOWSKI  
Present Pastor - 1956-

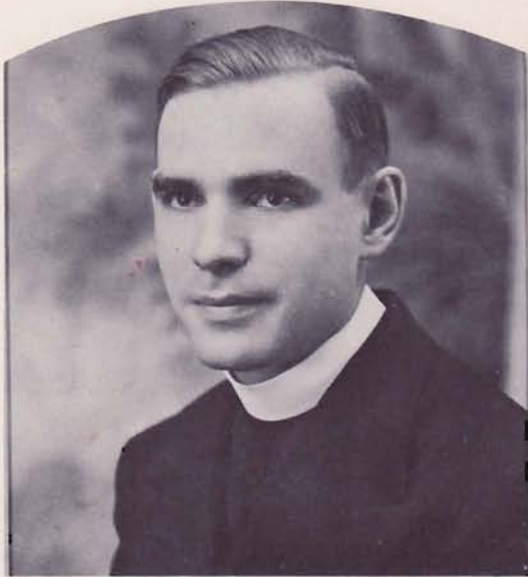


REV. STEPHEN S. GADOMSKI  
Present Assistant - 1960-

REV. JOHN V. HOFFMAN  
In Residence - 1953-



*First Parishioner---*  
*Ordained a Priest*



REV. FIDELIS V. GRABOWSKI M.I.C.  
 CLASS of 1931  
 Ordained - May 22, 1945  
 First Mass - May 27, 1945



ASSISTANTS WHO SERVED AT ASCENSION OF OUR LORD PARISH

- |                            |             |                             |             |
|----------------------------|-------------|-----------------------------|-------------|
| REV. FRANCIS C. CABANSKI - | (1939-1946) | REV. FRANCIS L. LEFKOWICZ - | (1950-1952) |
| REV. VINCENT SEKULSKI -    | (1946)      | REV. JOSEPH PRZYBYLOWICZ -  | (1952-1953) |
| REV. GEORGE GORSKI -       | (1946-1955) | REV. THEODORE B. PALUCH -   | (1955-1960) |
| REV. STEPHEN S. GADOMSKI - | (1960- )    |                             |             |



Among the Felician Sisters, who have taught at Ascension of Our Lord School - there were many, all fine teachers and dear to the hearts of the parishioners - the one who occupies a pre-eminent place in the hearts, affections and memories of all is -

## Sister Mary Salome, C.S.S.F.

She had spent over forty dedicated years of her life as a religious at Ascension of Our Lord parish. She had taught the children of the pioneers of the parish, their grandchildren, and even some of their great grand-children. In these years, by her great devotion to her vocation, her life of virtue, and her mother-like interest in her charges, she has gained the respect, friendship and love of all who came in contact with her.

It was with deep sorrow and regret that the parish saw her leave Ascension of Our Lord School, in 1961, for her present appointment at St. Michael's, in Wassau, Wisconsin. Their gain was our loss.

Ad Multos Annos, Sister Salome!

## Former Parishioners---Now Felician Sisters



**SISTER MARY CALASANTIA**  
Helen Rusek - 1930\*



**SISTER MARY LAETISSIMA**  
Bernice Smialek - 1935\*



**SISTER MARY ANDRIETTA**  
Mary Nowak - 1935\*



**SISTER MARY BONAVENTIA**  
Regina Hoffman - 1936\*



**SISTER MARY ALDONA**  
Helen Rychter - 1938\*



**SISTER MARY ASCENSIA**  
R.I.P.  
Helen Bieda - 1929\*



**SISTER MARY PRESENTINE**  
Mary Kuzma - 1942\*



**SISTER MARY LEOCRETIA**  
Jane Andrzejczak - 1943\*



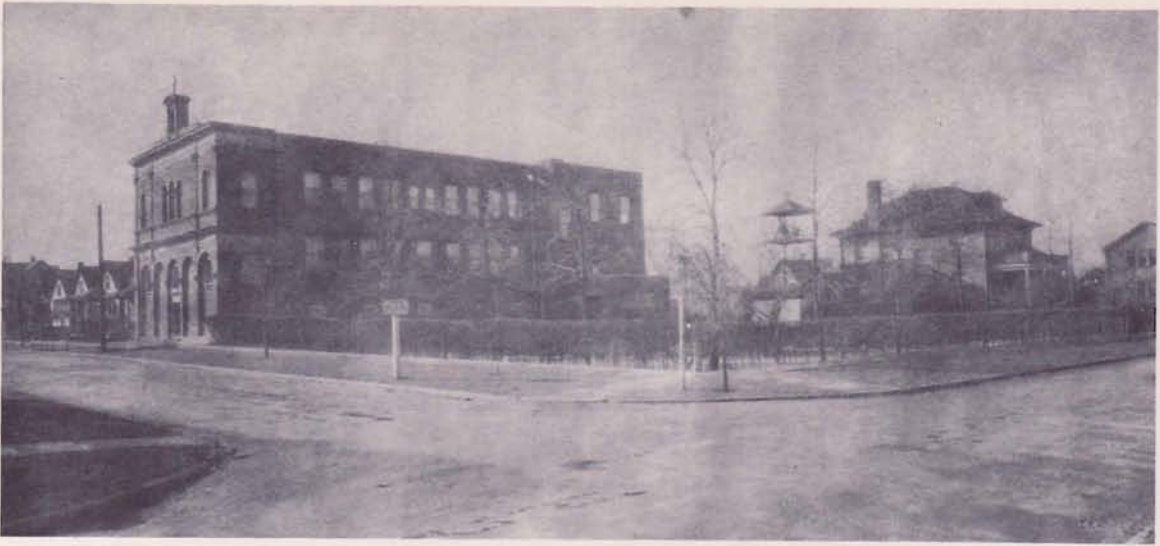
**SISTER MARY ASCENSIA**  
Dorothy Bieda - 1945\*



**SISTER MARY JANICE**  
Jacqueline Sobczynski - 1955\*

\*Date of Entrance into Convent

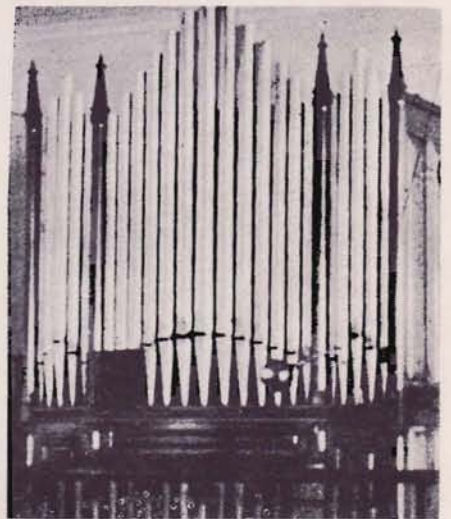




CHURCH PROPERTY (Shortly after Founding of Parish)



MAIN ALTAR DECORATED FOR FORTY HOUR DEVOTION



ORIGINAL ORGAN



REV. FELIX FELDHEIM  
First Pastor - 1912-1936

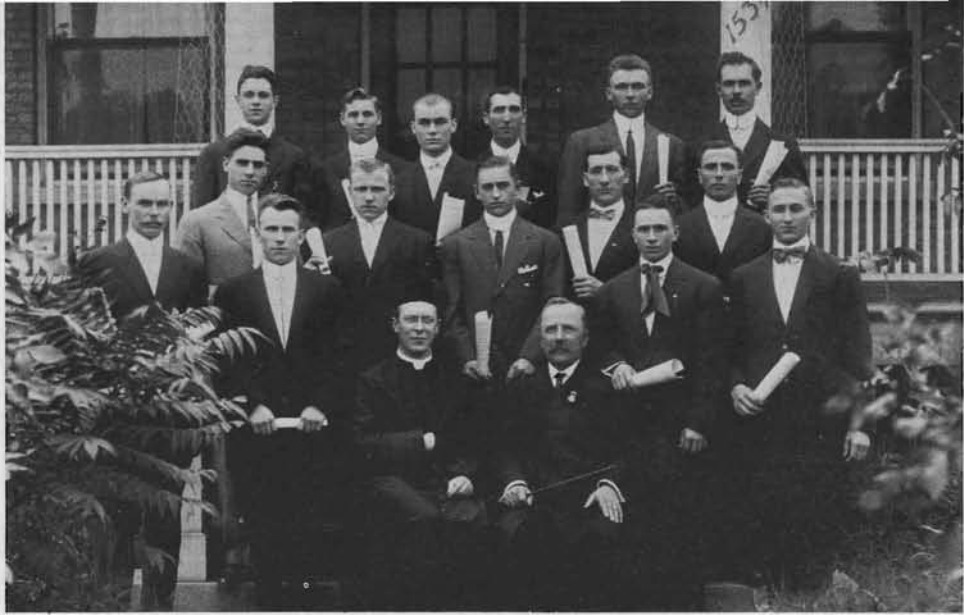
## 1912 - HISTORY - 1962

Ascension of Our Lord parish was founded fifty years ago by a handful of immigrants, who a few years before had come to America from the north-western part of Poland. Most of them were farm folk and villagers. They were poor in material resources, but rich in their religious faith and in the culture and heritage, which they brought with them from their homeland. Having come from an enslaved and oppressed nation, where they witnessed many an armed uprising for the cause of freedom, they knew well the value of freedom and the price that had to be paid for it. Leaving their homeland, and everything near and dear to them, they migrated to the States in search of it. Most of them came directly or indirectly to the great mid-western city of Chicago, where so many of their fellow countrymen had settled. In time, they found their way into the northern suburb of Evanston, where employment, more suitable to their temperament and abilities, was in greater abundance. They settled on the west side of town, not too far from the industrial district, where many of them found employment. In succeeding years, others from the same part of Poland, encouraged by the success of their friends, also came and settled in the neighborhood. The result of this was the eventual colonization of the west side of Evanston.

Since these early immigrants came from a predominantly Catholic country, they brought with themselves their traditional Catholic faith. Hence,

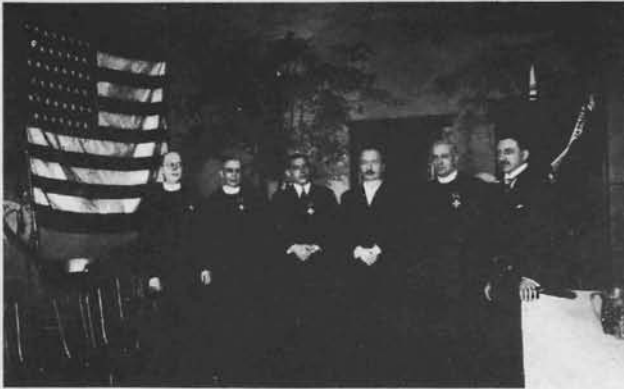
their first concern was to find a suitable place of worship, where they could conveniently fulfill their religious obligations. They were too few in number to have a church of their own, and so most of them enrolled at St. Nicholas Church on Ridge Avenue. Their lack of familiarity with the English language, however, made it impossible for them to participate fully in church services and devotions. The pastor of St. Nicholas, the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Peter Biermann soon realized this, and appreciated their plight. He proved himself to be their true friend and real benefactor, by arranging to have special services conducted for them in the Polish language. Occasionally on Sunday a priest, who spoke Polish, came from the Fathers of the Divine Word in Techny, Illinois, to conduct their devotions, to preach to them in their native tongue, and to hear their confessions. In 1911, this small group of Catholics became a mission to the parish of Transfiguration in Bowmanville. The pastor of this parish, the Rev. Francis Wojciechowski, journeyed every other Sunday to Evanston to minister to the spiritual needs of his small congregation. This situation prevailed for a whole year.

During this year the Polish population on the west side of Evanston increased appreciably, so much so, that a committee was formed, and an appeal was made to the Archbishop of Chicago for a new parish. The Archbishop honored their petition, and on June 12, 1912, the west side mission in



FIRST ALL MALE CHOIR

**Top row:** Jozef Chrust, Stan Zajaczkowski, Jozef Jozwik, Michael Kuchowicz, Stan Kendziora, Bol Turski.  
**Center row:** Jan Broniarczyk, Antoni Frankowski, Marcin Szczepaniak, Fabiszak, Frank Kuchowicz, Marian Fabiszak.  
**Bottom row:** Marcin Szczepaniak, Jozef Kwasniewski, Adam Rokocinski, Father Felix Feldheim and Mr. Malinowski, first organist and choir master.



FATHER FELDHEIM RECEIVES THE CROSS OF MERIT, "POLONIA RESTITUTA"; FROM IGNACE PADEREWSKI



FIRST MIXED CHOIR



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Evanston was raised to the status of a parish. The Rev. Felix Feldheim, previously pastor of St. Stanislaus in Kankakee, Illinois, was appointed the founding pastor of the new parish of the Ascension of Our Lord. Aided in his work by a very active parish committee, the energetic and devoted young pastor immediately began the enormous task of soliciting funds necessary for the construction of the required parish buildings. After sufficient funds had been gathered, a site was chosen, on Wilder Street, between Ashland and Florence Avenues, the land was bought, and construction began. A few months later the combination Church and school building was completed, with many of the parishioners donating much of their time and labor. The first Mass in the new church was said on the 9th of February, 1913, and on June 8th of the same year, the new church-school building was solemnly blessed by the Most Reverend Paul Rhode, auxiliary Bishop of Chicago. Soon after, the parish rectory was also built. The total cost of the new church properties and appointments was \$52,500. In September of 1913 the parish school was officially opened, and was staffed by the Felician Sisters. Three years later two large bells were purchased, blessed, and installed in a belfry to summon the faithful to church services.

As the years went by, the Polish population of Evanston increased, and the people themselves prospered. And so also did the parish. With its growth came the need for religious, fraternal, and

cultural organizations. As the need arose, these came into being—the Holy Name and St. Joseph Societies, The Rosary Womens' Sodality and St. Ann's Club, The Young Ladies Rosary Sodality, the Choir, Dramatic Circle, local groups and chapters of the Polish National Alliance, of the Polish Roman Catholic Union, of the Polish Women's Alliance, a Civic Club, the Polish American Club. The people took a more and more active part in the affairs of their community and city. They and their children began to learn and understand the English language, which once was so difficult for them. The language barrier was slowly being removed. With the help and encouragement of their pastor most of the immigrants became citizens of this their adopted land. In the first World War 102 young men of Ascension parish served in the armed forces, and fought overseas in defense of the freedom that they and their families enjoyed in America. With the passage of years, the Polish immigrants and their children became an integral part of the life of Evanston, manifesting their talents and abilities in business, in politics, and in civic affairs. The parish and its people enjoyed a high degree of prosperity during the 1920's. Under the direction of Father Feldheim a Savings and Loan association was organized at the parish. Through its services, many of the parishioners were able to buy their own homes, which many own to the present day. The parish itself was able to pay off a good part of its debt.



### FATHER FELDHEIM'S SILVER JUBILEE OF ORDINATION





## SCENES FROM PLAYS

PRESENTED BY PARISHIONERS AT THE

PARISH HALL



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Then came the depression of 1929, and everything was at a standstill, until the war years. In June of 1936, after 24 years of arduous and devoted service to his people, Father Felix Feldheim, the founding pastor of Ascension of Our Lord Parish, resigned his pastorate. To succeed him, His Eminence George Cardinal Mundelein appointed the Rev. Peter P. Witmanski as pastor. The energetic new pastor immediately began an extensive program of renovation and of remodeling. The church was completely renovated - new lighting fixtures, floor covering, and artistic windows were installed. A new heating system was put into the church-school building. The rectory was remodeled and an addition was made to the front of it, to supply office space for transacting parish business. A playground was constructed for the school children, and their school was decorated. Besides completing this program of renovation, Father Witmanski, with the generous support of his parishioners, managed to completely liquidate the parish debt. With the parish out of debt and in good physical condition, he began to plan for the building of a new church on the corner of Ashland and Wilder. All subsequent income was set aside with this purpose in mind. Father Witmanski, however, did not see his plan materialize, for in the Spring of 1947 he was promoted to the pastorate of St. Mary Magdalen parish in South Chicago. In his place Samuel Cardinal Stritch appointed the Rev. Thomas Sampolinski, previously pastor of St. Wenceslaus (De Koven St.) in Chicago.

The new pastor's plans coincided with those of his predecessor, for he too shared the hope and dream of his parishioners, that some day Ascension of Our Lord parish would have a new church. All during his pastorate he labored and saved with this purpose in mind. By 1953, there was over \$82,000.00, in the parish treasury. Father Sampolinski died in 1953 and the Rev. Francis Krakowski, a former Quigley professor, and till then pastor of Old St. Stephen's, in Chicago, was appointed his successor.



REV. PETER P. WITMANSKI  
Second Pastor - 1936-1947



ADDITION TO FRONT OF RECTORY



SILVER JUBILEE COMMITTEE

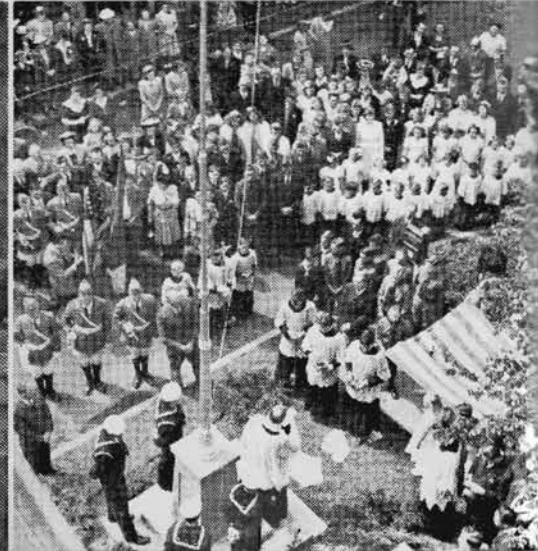
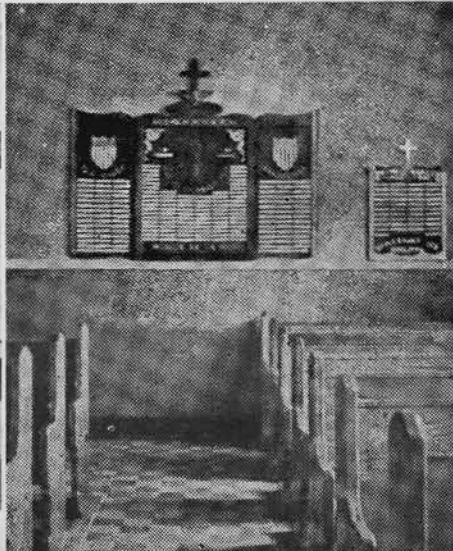
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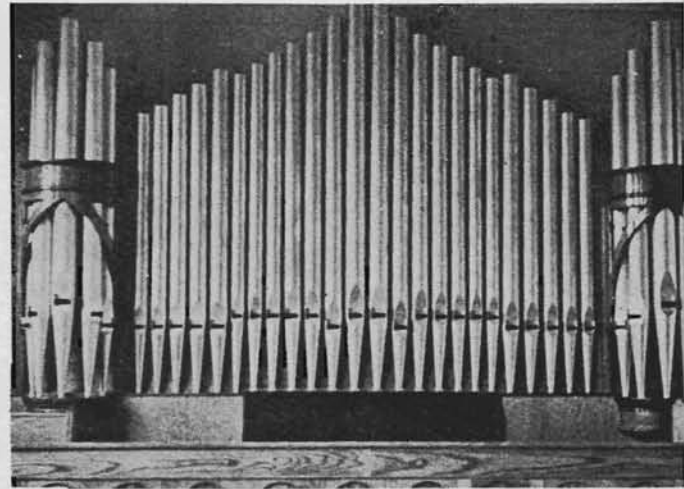
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INTERIOR OF CHURCH 1944



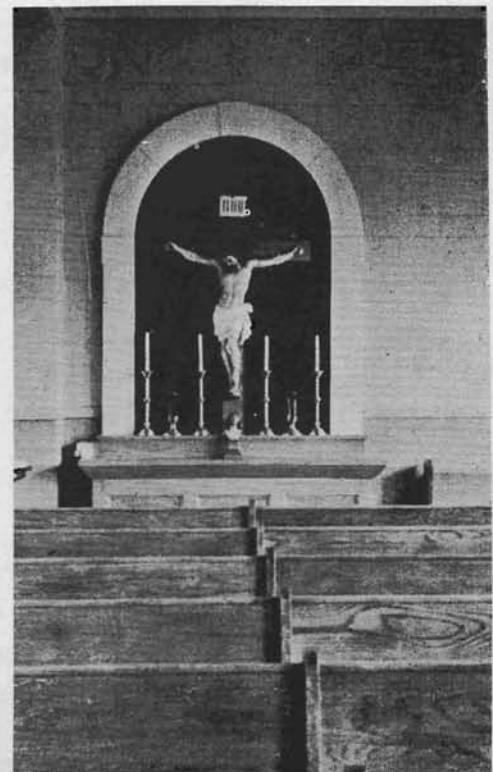
SECOND ORGAN



SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF CZESTOCHOWA



MAIN ALTAR



MISSION CROSS





BLESSING OF THE STATUE OF OUR LADY  
(Parish Garden)



VESTMENT CASE



CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND



ALTAR BOYS



CHILDREN'S CRUSADE OF PRAYER  
World War II



REV. THOMAS M. SAMPOLINSKI  
Third Pastor - 1947-1953



REV. FRANCIS R. KRAKOWSKI  
Fourth Pastor - 1953-1956



REV. VINCENT NOWAKOWSKI  
Present Pastor - 1956

The post war years were years of prosperity, and of great change. A good number of the younger parishioners, having married during the war years or immediately after, eventually were able to purchase homes of their own, and moved into the swiftly developing northern and western suburbs. Father Krakowski was faced with the dilemma of whether to go on with the plans to build a new church, or whether to renovate the existing church properties. The former would have entailed many more years of gathering funds, since building costs were sky rocketing, and the laying of a huge burden upon the shoulders of the slowly decreasing parish membership. It also would have meant, that very little could have been done to keep up the existing properties, or to prevent them from deteriorating. Together with his parishioners, he decided that, in view of existing conditions, the prudent course of action was to renovate completely the existing properties. This he did. The interior of the church was completely modernized - a panelled sanctuary, new altars, statues, stations of the cross, accoustic ceiling, new flooring. The class rooms and rectory took on a new modern look, and a new garage was built for the priests. Father Krakowski was in the process of remodeling the sisters quarters, when he was promoted to St. Roman's parish in Chicago.

The Rev. Vincent Nowakowski, the present pastor, was appointed as his successor in February of 1956. He had previously been pastor of St. Wenceslaus Church (De Koven St.) in Chicago. During Father Nowakowski's administration, the remodeling of the sisters' quarters was completed, the parish hall was completely renovated, the electrical system in the church-school building was completely overhauled, and a fire detection system was installed in the whole building. In preparation for the Golden Jubilee, the church building had been tuckpointed, cleaned, and painted. The interior of the church and the hall have been newly decorated. The childrens' playground has been extended and newly black topped. This Spring, Father Nowakowski has completed the remodeling of the parish rectory.

Fifty years have wrought quite a change at the Ascension of Our Lord parish. Most of the original Polish immigrants have died and their place has been taken by their children and grandchildren. The Polish language which once was so necessary, both in church and in the school, now occupies only a secondary place in the lives of the people. Most of the first generation Polish Americans still can speak it rather fluently, but their children use the English language almost exclusively. For years now the Polish language has not been taught at Ascension school. All sermons, at the Masses on Sunday, except for the one at the 7:30 AM Mass, are preached in English. There is little at the Ascension of Our Lord parish, that differentiates it from other Catholic parishes in Evanston.

The present membership of the parish is about 350 families. The parish school, still staffed by the Felician Sisters, has an enrollment of 120 pupils in its eight grades. Many of its former pupils have and are distinguishing themselves in almost every field of human endeavor, and can be found occupying responsible positions throughout the United States, whether it be in the professions, in business, or in industry.

Ascension of Our Lord Parish looks back with pride and joy upon its accomplishments of the past fifty years, and looks forward with courage and anticipation towards the next fifty.

S.S.G.



KINDERGARDEN 1951



FATHER SAMPOLINSKI  
VESTED AS HONORARY  
CANON OF A DIOCESE  
IN POLAND.



ASCENSION  
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OUR LORD  
PARISH  
FLOAT  
AT  
CENTENNIAL  
CELEBRATION  
OF  
NORTHWESTERN  
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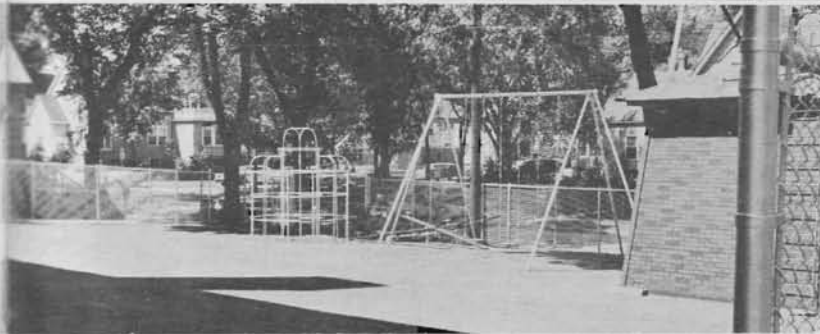




CHILDREN OF MARY SODALITY  
ALTAR BOYS



REV. THEODORE B. PALUCH  
OFFICIATING AT A WEDDING



CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND



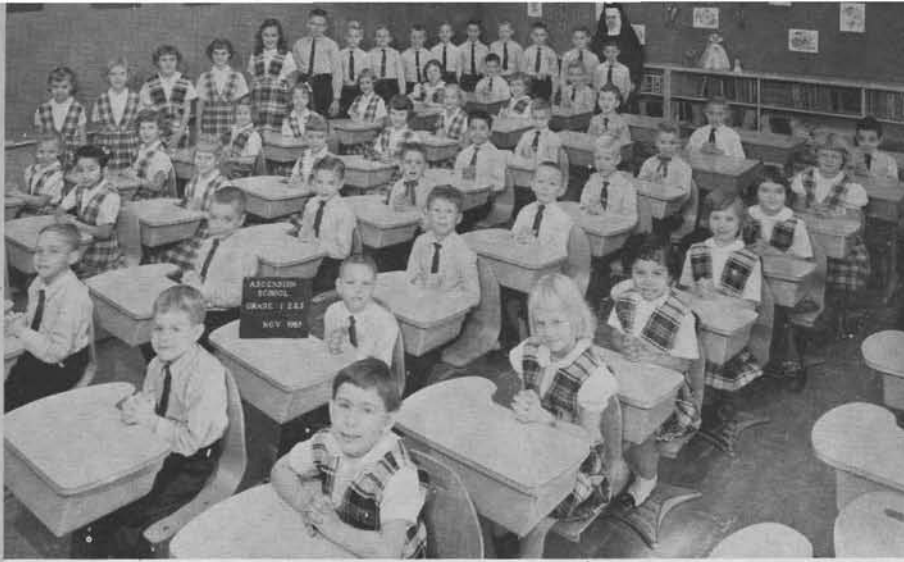
SIDE ALTAR DECORATED FOR  
HOLY THURSDAY

GRADUATION DAY 1961



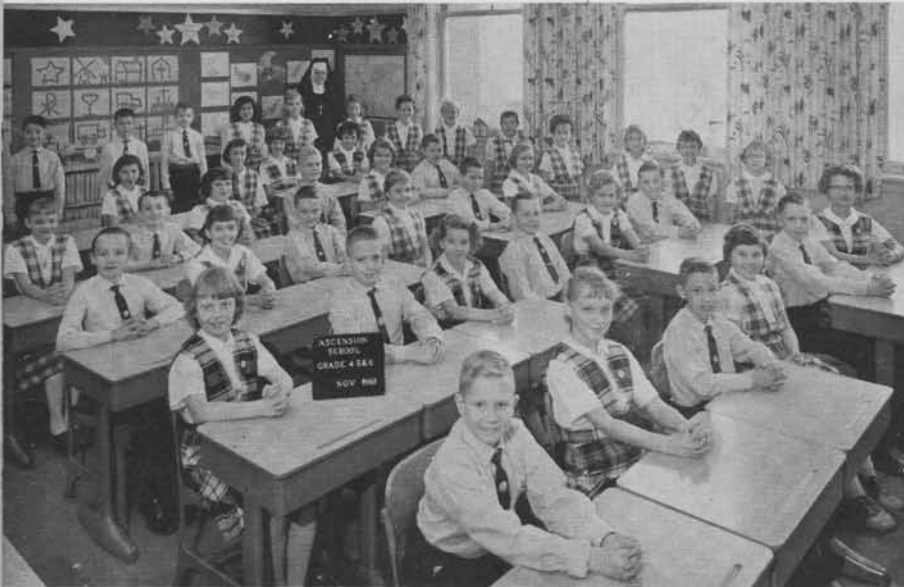
REV. THEODORE B. PALUCH'S  
SILVER JUBILEE OF ORDINATION





FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD GRADES

## GOLDEN JUBILEE CLASSES and FACULTY



THIRD, FOURTH AND FIFTH GRADES



Standing - Sister M. Capistrana, Sister M. Avita  
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SEVENTH, AND EIGHTH GRADES

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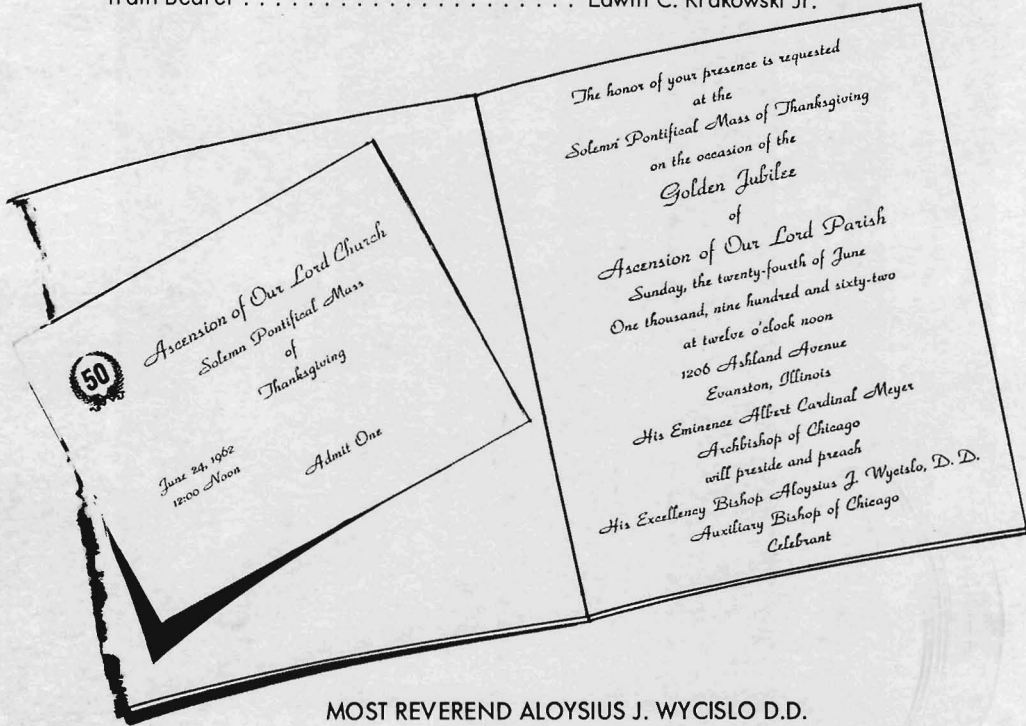
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# GOLDEN JUBILEE BANQUET AND DINNER DANCE

Sunday, twenty-fourth of June  
Nineteen hundred and sixty-two  
at six o'clock in the evening

Grand Ballroom  
of  
Sherman House  
Clark and Randolph Streets  
Chicago, Illinois



*Menu*

Melon Ball Supreme

Chicken Brecht with Rice

Hearts of Celery      Jambo Olives

Roast Top Sirloin of Beef au jus

Baked Idaho Potato      String Beans Au Gratin

Chef's Special Salad  
Wine Vinaigrette Dressing

Individual Baked Apples, Plums in Sauce      Strawberry Sauce

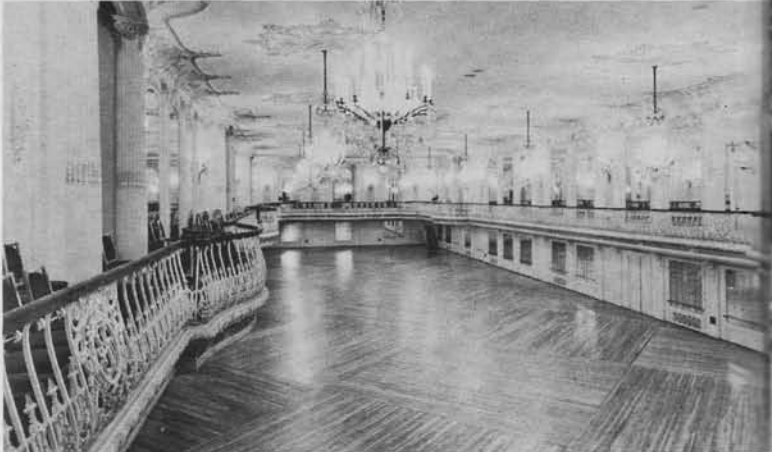
Coffee

*Program*

1. National Anthem by Miss DORNA MARIE WROBLEWSKI
2. Blessing by REV. STEPHEN S. GADOMSKI  
Dinner Music: ANTHONY KAWALOWSKI AND ORCHESTRA
3. Introduction of Toastmaster by REV. GEORGE GRESKI by REV. STEPHEN S. GADOMSKI
4. Tribute by Mr. JOSEPH OLAJA
5. Piano Recital — Prelude in B Minor by F. Chopin by Miss DORNA MARIE WROBLEWSKI
6. Message by REV. JOHN GRABONSKI, C. R.
7. Piano Recital — Polka by F. Chopin by Miss DORNA MARIE WROBLEWSKI
8. Message and Thanksgiving by REV. VINCENT NOWAKOWSKI Pastor  
Dinner Music: ANTHONY KAWALOWSKI AND ORCHESTRA



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ATTENDANCE 450 PERSONS





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Miss Donna Marie Wroblewski



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of the  
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of  
Ascension of Our Lord  
Parish*

EVANSTON, ILLINOIS  
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### ST. ANNE'S CLUB

The St. Anne's Club was organized more than 30 years ago, by Father Felix F. Feldheim with Mrs. Clara Majewski, as its first president.

It is a social club attached to the parish, whose aim is to help raise funds for various parish needs. Hence, each year it sponsors a number of social events for this purpose.

There are at present 113 members in the St. Anne's Club.

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Best wishes and congratulations on the occasion of the Gold Jubilee of the founding of the Ascension of Our Lord Parish.

May Our Lord bless and prosper all the clergy, the nuns, and the parishioners whose efforts have made this parish what it is today.

We extend our deepest gratitude to them.

#### ROSARY LADIES SODALITY

The Rosary Ladies Sodality is a religious organization, whose purpose is to foster in its members a devotion to the Mother of God through the Holy Rosary, and thus to lead them to personal holiness and a more active practice of the faith. In pursuance of this purpose the members recite, each week, the fifteen decades of the Rosary, receive Holy Communion in a body on the first Sunday of every month, make days of recollection, and take part in various spiritual and charitable activities of the church.

The Rosary Sodality was founded in the parish by a group of thirty ladies in October of 1913. Its first president was Mrs. S. Wozniak. After her came Mrs. Helen Przybylski, presently living in Florida, who remained the president of the sodality for twenty five years. In the years since its founding, the Rosary Sodality has been a very important part of the parish, and has contributed much to its spiritual and material welfare.

#### Rosary Ladies' Sodality

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### HOLY NAME SOCIETY

The Holy Name Society is an established Confraternity of the Church. It was founded by Blessed John of Vercelli in 1274.

Father Charles H. McKenna, O.P., the Apostle of the Holy Name of America, obtained permission from Pope Leo XIII, May 20, 1896 to establish the Society in any parish in the United States.

Theoretically any male who has reached the age of reason (about seven years old) may join the Holy Name Society.

Once a man becomes a member of the Holy Name Society he remains such unless he professes some heretical doctrine.

The primary objectives of the Holy Name Society are the honor and glory of our triune God and the personal sanctification of its members by acts of love and devotion to the Most Holy Name of Jesus.

Some of the secondary objectives of the Society are, taking care of the delinquent, helping the blind get to church, and visiting the sick.

In a word, the Holy Name Society seeks to preserve, protect, and advance Christian practices.

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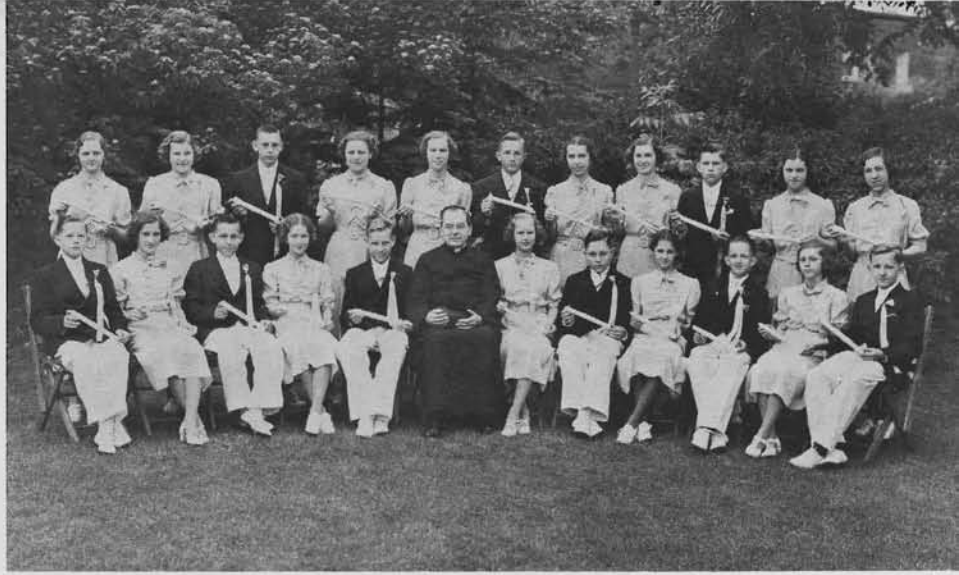
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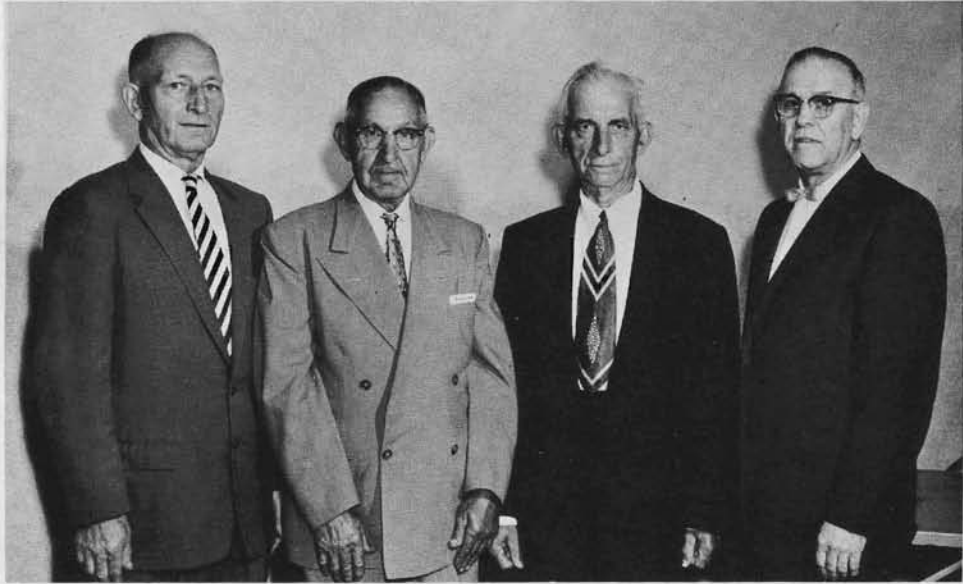
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#### ST. JOSEPH SOCIETY

The St. Joseph Society was organized in 1914 strictly as a church society, for the purpose of supplementing the efforts of the women of the parish in promoting the welfare of the parish. In the years that have intervened the society has donated many useful gifts to the church.

Bearing the name of St. Joseph, the society originally limited its membership to men, whose first name was Joseph. Its first officers were Mr. Garbowicz, Mr. Wiczorek, and Mr. Cieslak. The society still functions, but not with the same capacity as before. The membership now numbers 12, and most of the members are in their declining years. The society still supplies the following benefits to its members: a Mass for the repose of a member's soul, pall bearers for the funeral, and a limosine for the pall bearers.

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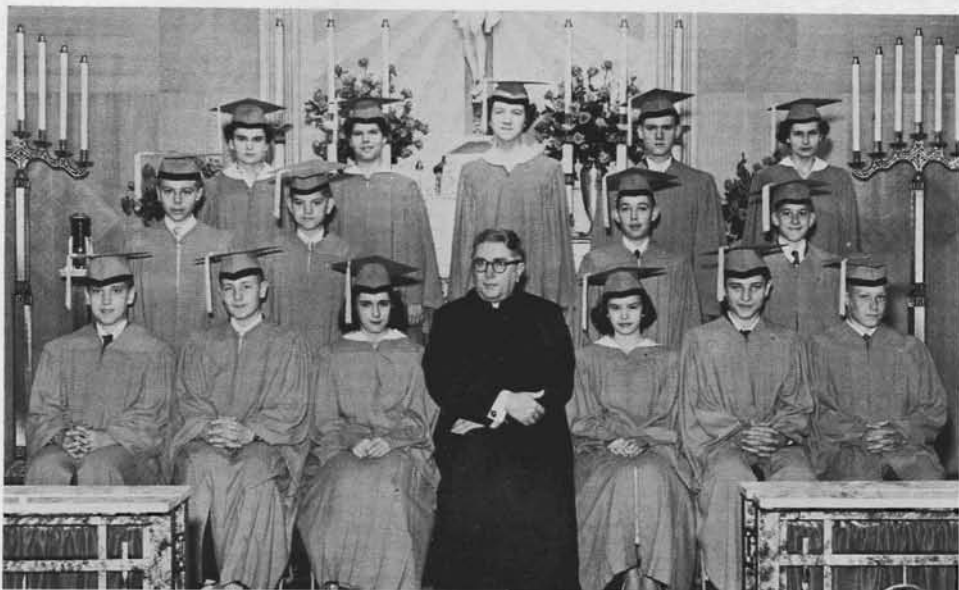
### ASCENSION PARENTS' GUILD

A group of parents, having the interest of their children and school at heart, felt that by forming a parents' group, a closer relationship between the parent, child and teacher could be achieved. With this objective in mind, therefore, the Ascension Parents' Guild was formed in the fall of 1956, with Mrs. Michael Przybylski acting as President, Mrs. George Messner - Vice President, Mrs. Stephen Wroblewski - Secretary, and Mrs. Ted Celmer - Treasurer.

Soon after, their constitution and by-laws were drawn up, emphasizing the fact that this group would not in any way set school policy, but would endeavor to assist the Nuns in every way possible, by providing needed supplies and teaching aids. A sound projector, phonographs, reference books and other equipment have been donated by the Ascension Parents' Guild during the past years.

The Guild also sponsors an annual picnic, Halloween Party, various field trips for the school children and a breakfast for the June Graduates and their parents, at which it gives an award to the outstanding student.





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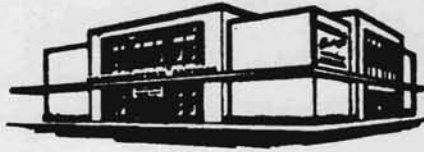
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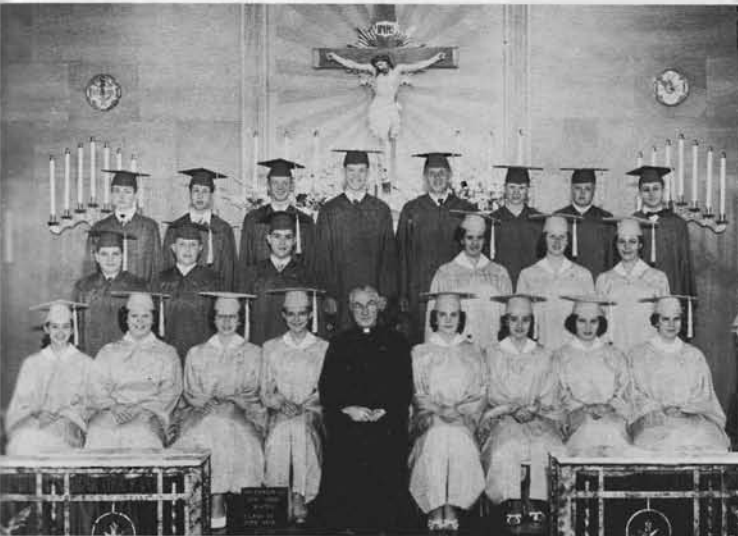
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