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A pictorial history and directory in celebration of
our parish centennial.
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Most Holy Father

The People of Saint Augustine Parish

at Boyne Falls, Michigan,

humbly beg a special Apostolic Blessing
as a pledge of divine graces and favors
on the occasion of their

Celebration of One Hundred Years of Faith

1901-

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*Hinc Dominus Apostolicam Benedictionem concedit
Ex sedibus Vaticanis die 6-X-2001*

Josue Ruzante

Archiepiscopus Ectemosynarius Apostolicus

My Dear People,

In the world of fine wines, those who make a study of great wines talk about various years. They will tell you that a certain year was a good vintage year, years when the rain and sunshine are just enough to produce a wonderfully tasty wine.

Well, in our parish history – 1901 was a good, vintage year.

Bishop Henry Richter of Grand Rapids was in the 18th year of his long episcopal rule. (He died in 1916). In Rome, Pope Leo XIII still had two more years in his 25-year pontificate. In our dear United States, we were in sadness on September 16th as President William McKinley was shot on September 6, 1901 and died on September 14th. In England, 1901 saw the end of the longest reign in English History. Queen Victoria died on January 22, 1901 after a reign of almost 64 years. It was a good year and a sad year at the same time.

In Boyne Falls, 1901 was a great year for the Catholics. The Franciscan Fathers had for some time been coming to say Mass in the village, but now they would have their very own church. August Moshinski donated the property for the Church and the Bishop in appreciation took August's patron saint for the patron saint of the parish – St. Augustine of Hippo.

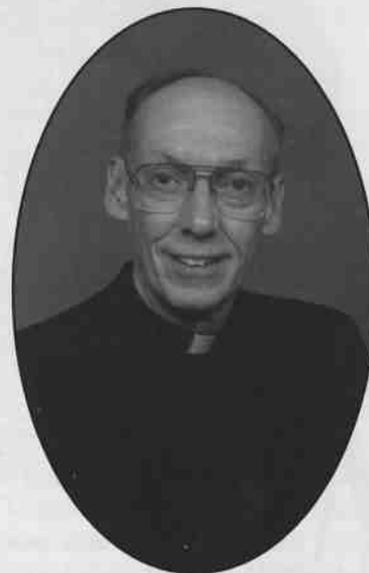
St. Augustine was born in Tagaste, North Africa in 354. His mother, St. Monica, was Christian, but his father a pagan. His mother tried to raise him as a Christian but Augustine wandered in faith and studies and did not finally accept Christianity until 387 when he was baptized by St. Ambrose in Milan, Italy. Soon after, he returned to Africa and in 396 became the bishop of Hippo, North Africa. A very scholarly man, he wrote much

including a confession of his worldly and sinful years of searching for the truth. He was a prolific writer and his works are still studied today by Catholic scholars and in Catholic seminaries. He was a person searching for truth. And once found, he embraced it and lived it to the fullest. It was Augustine who wrote – “Our hearts were made for thee, O Lord, and they will not rest until they rest in Thee.”

May we too be constant in our search for truth and be constant in our living of that truth in the Catholic Faith. May we, like St. Augustine, not rest until we rest in the truth of Jesus Christ in his Church.

May Almighty God bless this Augustinian community as we celebrate our first century as a parish. God Bless each and every one of us now and always.

Fr. Francis C. Partridge, Pastor

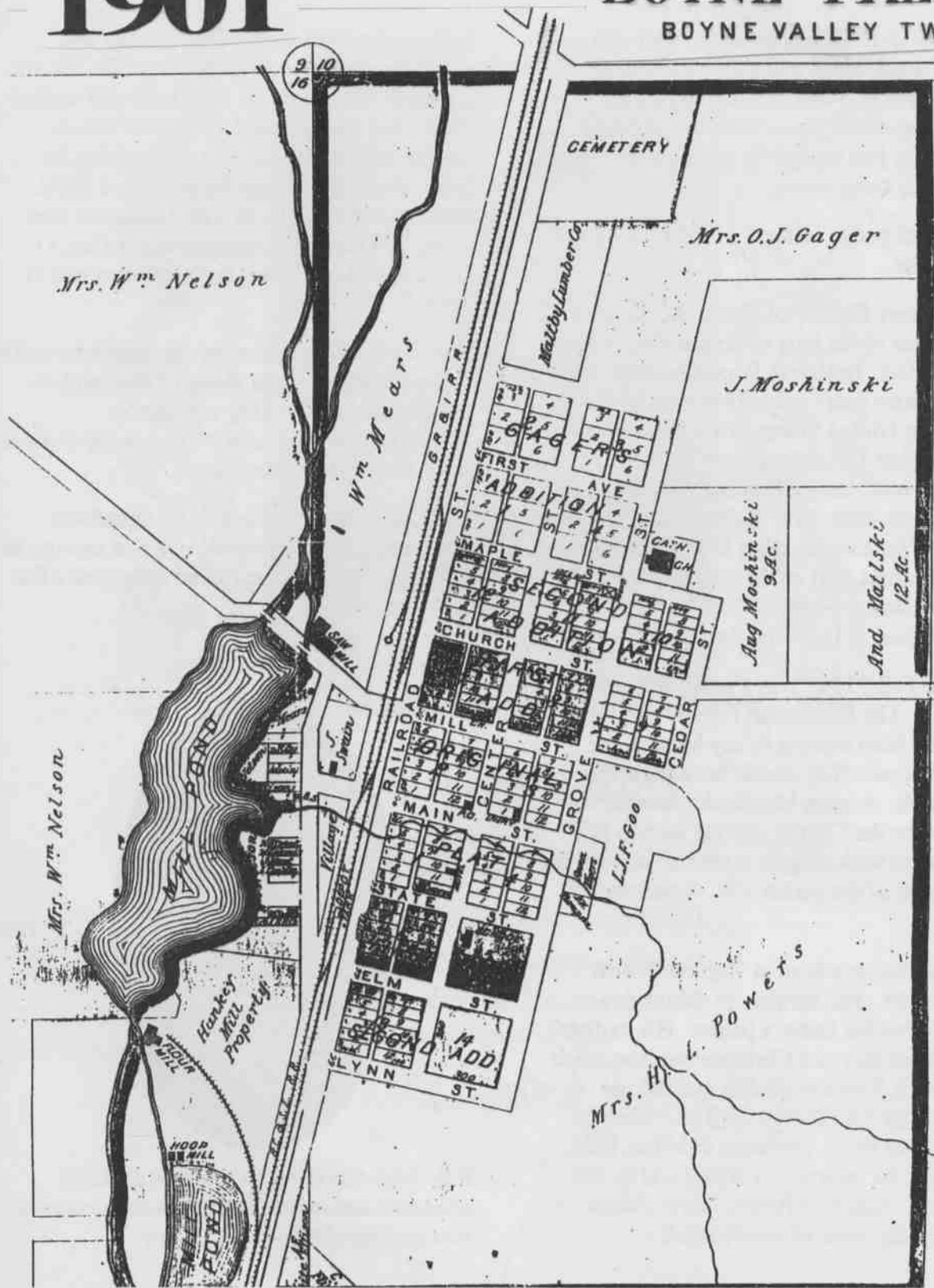


P.S. May this book be a source of much reflection and enjoyment in this our centennial year and for many years to come.

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IN THE BEGINNING...

Although Boyne Falls did not have a Catholic Church when it was incorporated as a village in 1893, there was certainly however, a very Catholic presence in the village. The village actually came into being as a result of the Grand Rapids and Indiana Railroad creating a stop in 1874. In the late 1880's, several parishes had already been established throughout Charlevoix and Emmet Counties, it was these parishes that served the growing faith community in the Boyne Falls area rapidly increasing by waves of immigrants coming north to find work in the lumber camps.

As early as 1886, the Franciscan priests from Harbor Springs and Petoskey were coming by train to Boyne Falls to say Mass for the faithful. Walking down the railroad tracks, the priests would arrive in the village and stay and celebrate Holy Mass in the home of Ursula Paszkewicz on the top of "Polack Hill".

On June 13, 1900, a foundation twenty four feet by sixty feet for a church was founded at Boyne Falls on a parcel of land donated by August Mashinsky. Mashinsky, remembered as a short, chubby, little fellow gave the only flat piece of his farm for the new Church. It's also told that the reason the Church was dedicated to St. Augustine was because of "August's" donation. Father Bruno Torka, O.F.M., from the Sacred Heart Province of Franciscans was the priest responsible for establishing the new Church and served as pastor until 1908.

It was on April 11, 1901 that the first burial of St. Augustine took place. While it is unclear from parish records if the funeral Mass actually happened inside the new church building or at her home, but the funeral was for non other than 63 year old Ursula Paszkewicz. Paszkewicz died on April 9th.

Mass was celebrated for the first time in the new church at Boyne Falls during the third weekend of August 1901. According to the Latin notes written by Fr Bruno, Holy Mass was celebrated on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, August 17, 18 and 19, 1901.

It was on Saturday, September 21, 1901, that the Most Reverend Bishop Henry Joseph Richter, D.D., first Bishop of the Diocese of Grand Rapids, traveled

north to "bless the 24' x 60' parcel of land in the name of St. Augustine Church, placed in the village of Boyne Falls, Charlevoix County, Michigan". The 24' x 60' church was consecrated in the name of St. Augustine of Hippo.



Bishop Henry J. Richter

During the blessing of the new church, Bishop Richter also confirmed the following thirteen people: Andrew Grzybowski, John Grzybowski, Frank Grzybowski, John Paszkewicz, Andrew Chotkiewicz, Andrew Prawdzik, John Paszkewicz Jr, Mary Matelska, Josie Doyle, Mary Hannis, Jessy Grzybowska, Josephine Grzybowska and Mary Belding.

There was not a lot of history recorded of life during the time of our early beginnings. Boyne Falls had become part of the Diocese of Grand Rapids when it was established as a Diocese on May 19, 1882 under the pontificate of Pope Leo XIII. Bishop Richter, an immigrant himself from Germany, served as the First Bishop and had a tenure of 33 years before dying on December 26, 1916. The President of the United States was newly appointed Theodore Roosevelt, replacing William McKinley who was assassinated one week before the blessing of our church. For sure, this tragic event in the life of the country most likely overshadowed the glorious day in the life of the new parish.

St Augustine *Catholic Church*



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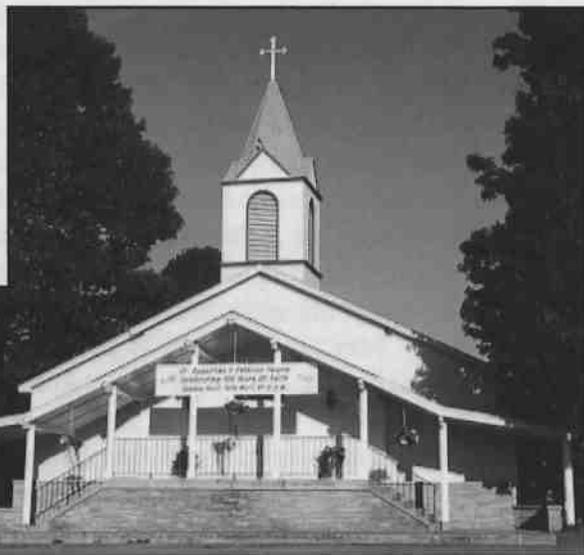
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1980's



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We, the Catholic Community of St. Augustine's in Boyne Falls, believe that Jesus is the ultimate of God's love in the world. Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, it is our Mission to hear and live the Good News of Jesus Christ and to affirm and proclaim it to all the people without reach. Come and join us.

Our Church building

When the foundation was layed for what would become St. Augustine Catholic Church in June 1900, it appears that it was the work of the community, together building a place to worship in the booming village of Boyne Falls. It's not known who or if anyone was in charge of the construction, only that the land was given by August Mashinsky and through the memories of many who have been told "my grandpa" or "my dad" helped build the Church.

The 24' x 60' building was of simple wood construction with white, wood siding and built over a typical Michigan basement. Being the prime years of the logging industry in the Boyne area, the lumber was most likely from the local forests and sawmills. While it's hard to comprehend with today's society and standards of building, especially with a church, but our forefathers were so happy to build a place to worship, that it didn't matter that they couldn't afford stained-glass windows or pews or probably even the altar, those would come many years later. Makeshift pews were created from blocks of wood and planks of lumber for sitting. Parishioner, John Paskey, who was also a carpenter, made the first set of pews for the church. The lumber came from White Lumber in Boyne City.

The church bell was crafted in 1904 and the inscription on the bell reads "By Stuckstede B F Co. St. Louis, MO 1904. St. Augustine Church, Boyne Falls, Mich."

Father Sliszka or "Father Williams" as he's affectionately remembered, was responsible for the first addition onto the church, adding a 23' x 40' area for the sanctuary, sacristy, office and a small place behind the sanctuary for the priest to stay when he came each weekend to say Mass. This addition of the

sanctuary area which created the "shadow box" appearance where the altar was placed, was probably done in 1923 as the Latin notes from the Church Register indicate that the main altar and the church interior were restored thanks to an unexpected bequest.

The existing stained-glass windows were installed during the 1920s while Fr William Sliszka was pastor. The ten windows were purchased by families as memorials to loved ones or as a commemorative of their family. The school children purchased a horizontal window for above the door. The cover of this book is a collage of the windows (there are two windows depicting the Sacred Heart).

The parish register from 1924 includes the following: "Committee saw the necessity of painting school and church, which was done." And in 1925, it's noted: "Committee: Jos. Bartholomey, Herman Ohlers, Andrew Matelski, Michael Kondrat & Albert Kroll saw fit that the Church be re-shingled. Work was begun Tuesday after Easter, April 14th 1925. The very same day at about 11:30a.m. John Kozminski fell from the scaffold injuring both wrists & leg."

The 1960s was a time of turmoil and jubilation at St Augustine's. Somewhere along the line, St Augustine had become a "mission" parish to St Matthew in Boyne City. Mission, in the meaning that St Matthew had a resident priest whose responsibility was to serve the pastoral needs of our parish too. According to the recollection of many, St Matthew's was in need of a new church, and Fr Jerome Szydowski felt that the best plan was to combine the two churches into one. An attempt was made to make First Communions and other events joint ventures. As the parishioners were accustomed to being independent for so many years, opposition to the merger mounted and resulted in many hard feelings. Unfortunately, distrust also mounted as people felt the offertory collections were

being used for the new church. While unfounded, many still say that the offerings from St Augustine helped fund the construction of St Matthew's new church. This turmoil was not to last long though, the skiing industry had prospered in Boyne Falls with Boyne Mountain and growing pains were felt. In 1963, under the direction of Fr Jerry, the next expansion onto the church began. Two, 12' x 60' "wings" were added onto the north and south of the church, giving additional room. Indoor plumbing was also added, eliminating the trips to the out-house. The front entrance was also widened adding two additional doors as well as widening the front steps. The interior was covered with prefinished panelling throughout and the exterior with aluminum siding. The communion rail was also replaced with a simpler, wood railing to match the rest of the interior décor, including the new pews, which no longer contained the family name that "owned" or rather, paid the "pew rent". Once again, the parish was proud of its achievements, yet somewhat saddened, as by this time Fr Jerry had become quite sick. And even though there may have been hard feelings at times, Fr Jerry, known to be stern and stubborn, yet very personable, was also well respected.

The next renovation came under the direction of Fr Dennis Stilwell. A rather new, young priest in his late 20's, assigned his first parishes (St Matthew & St Augustine), Fr Denny quickly won the hearts of the parish. Perhaps it was his sermon inviting himself to parishioner's homes for dinner that did it or maybe just his charm, but nonetheless, St. Augustine Parish was springing back to life after so many years of simple existence during Fr Jerry's illness. It wasn't long before planning and fundraisers began for the complete renovation of the church. Sylvester Czerkies Construction was hired to complete

the project and by Christmas 1981, the first phase was completed. Other than the overall frame of the building, everything from floor to ceiling was completely changed, some for aesthetics and others because of necessity. The old "anniversary cake" style altar and the shadow box sanctuary, remnants of the days when the priest said Mass with his back to the people, were not only replaced by a new, simple altar, but were also brought forward to be nearer to the congregation. The old altar now resides in an upstairs room at the home of Tommy Matelski. As with major renovations of many old buildings, it seems that the timing of the repair couldn't have been more appropriate, ours was no different. The main floor joist holding up the body of the church had felt its age and was about to give way to the basement. During this renovation, Sunday Mass was held across the street in the gymnasium of Boyne Falls School. Many who participated in the weekly parade of furniture and fixtures from the Church to the school and back remember it as a very exciting and spiritual time in the life of the parish. The fellowship and anticipation was shared by many, anxiously awaiting and peeking each week to see how much of the work was completed. One addition of this first phase was the creation of our first parish hall. While it was small, accomodating only about 125 people, it was a gathering space for fellowship.

On August 29, 1982, Bishop Robert Rose, the second Bishop of the Diocese of Gaylord, presided over the rededication of the newly renovated St. Augustine Church. Other priests concelebrated with Fr. Dennis Stilwell, including Fr. Howard Kerner, a Jesuit priest who spent many summers here in the Boynes. While the weather for the day was rainy and dreary, the spirit of those in attendance was very upbeat, going from a very liturgical Mass celebration to an evening of food, fun, fellowship and polka dancing.

Fr. Tom Neis was assigned to our parish in the summer of 1989 and when he arrived, he quickly realized that not only did he not have a director of religious education, but the parish was greatly lacking in facilities for the instruction of religious education. Over the course of the next year and a half a committee was established to review the needs of the parish. It was apparent that the parishioners wanted and needed an area for religious education as well as a gathering area for social functions. Once again financial pledges were sought and in the Fall of 1992, ground was broken for the construction of the new parish hall. The work was completed by Joey Skop Builders and supervised by parishioner, Andy Czerkies, a retired contractor who graciously kept a close eye on the project as if it were his own home. As the lawn on the north side of the church where the old school existed was replaced with a new parking lot, the addition also included a new entrance on the north side of the church. Again, with all changes, problems arise and must be overcome. Adding the new entrance provided easier access for elderly and handicapped, however, it also meant that the choir area needed to be relocated, which was easily accomplished by switching the altar and tabernacle with the pulpit. As Fr. Tom's time with us was short lived, leaving at the end of 1992, he did not get to see and celebrate the completion. Bishop Patrick Cooney, the third Bishop of the Diocese of Gaylord blessed our hall on July 31, 1994.

Over the years St. Augustine "Church" has grown from what started as a gathering in the home of Mrs. Paszkewicz on the top of Pollack Hill, to the construction of a humble building on a piece of property donated by August Mashinsky. A building that has seen major additions, renovations and refurbishments has become the Church building we know and gather in today, one

hundred years later, to celebrate our Catholic faith, a church that has been blessed by the sacrifices of many. Does it matter that the statues that "grandma" bought no longer adorn the Church? Is it a tragedy that the pews that we always sat in because our family paid "pew rent" have been replaced? And did the removal of the communion rail take away anything other than the barrier between us and the Altar of the Lord? While changes are inevitable, they are not always eagerly welcomed. For sure there will be changes in future years that are not welcomed by all. After the tabernacle was relocated in the last remodeling, it became apparent that it has lost the reverence of our genuflection it deserves. Modifications need to be done to correct this. There is talk of remodeling the church to relocate the altar to the west end, alleviating the many distractions during Holy Mass by people using the restroom facilities. Whatever or whenever the next renovation should take place, what is important is the reasoning for it. Perhaps our fore-fathers taught us well in their sacrifice to create a gathering place to worship; for they did not create an elaborate building but a humble church where for the past one hundred years we have gathered around the table of the Lord to partake in Holy Eucharist. May we, like them, strive to preserve our faith and make it grow.



One would have to wonder about the events of 1916, but even more so, what happened to the next page of the parish register that was either removed or lost over the years that describes the events. At the very bottom of the page preceeding the "missing page" we read that ominous signs, prodigies, occurred in Boyne Falls. "Behold, on January 21st, water from snow, became melted in the lower parts..." and then, the next page is gone!



CHURCHES

ST. MATTHEW CHURCH
Boyne City, Michigan
Rev. P. Kupinski — Pastor
Order of Masses

March 5-19 8:30
March 12-26 10:30

ST. AUGUSTINE CHURCH
Boyne Falls, Michigan

March 12-26 8:30
March 5-19 10:30

In memory of those lives lost to abortion



Our parking lot was enhanced with a special centennial imprint donated by H&D, Inc. Helping paint the work their father, Gary, created are Reggie & Roslyn Fiel.

Priests that served our parish



Fr. Bruno Torka
1901- 1908



Fr. William Sliszka
1911 - 1915

Fr. Ladislaus Czech
1909 - 1910

Fr. Damian Koziolok
1915 - 1919

Fr. Stanislaus Jaworski
1920 - 1921



Fr. William Sliszka
1921 - 1929



Fr. Adalbert Narloch
1929 - 1937



Fr. J. A. Moleski
1938 - 1939



Fr. Francis Kupinski
1939 - 1948



Fr. M.J. Ostrowski
1948 - 1952



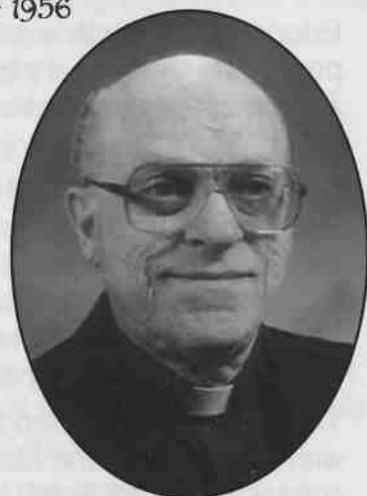
Fr. Peter Jakubowski
1952 - 1956



Fr. Jerome Szydowski
1956 - 1976



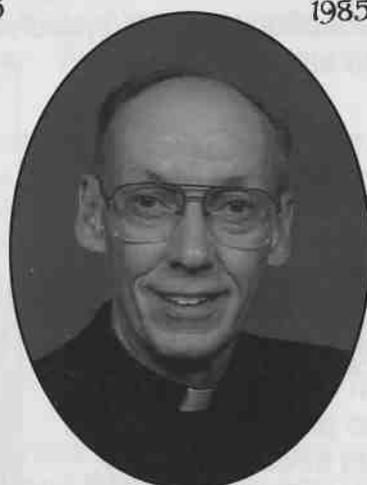
Fr. Dennis Stilwell
1977 - 1985



Fr. John O. Ladd
1985 - 1989



Fr. Thomas A. Neis
1989 - 1992



Fr. Francis C. Partridge
1993 -

Our Catholic School

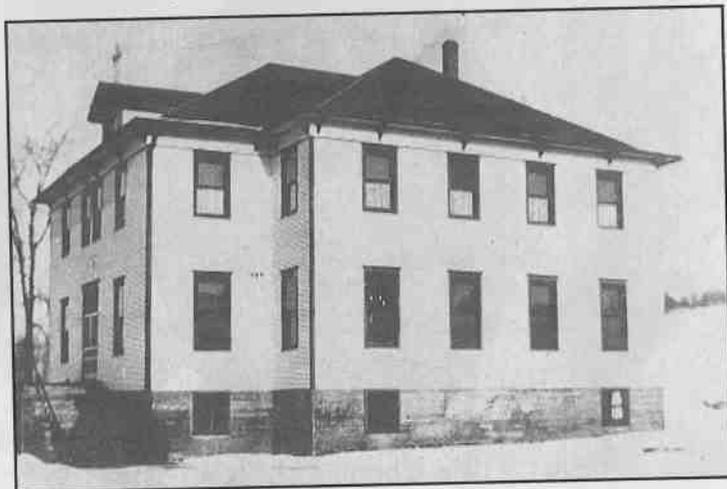


Educating its youth is an important mission of any church in order to survive and propagate the faith it professes. Our early founders also wanted to preserve a heritage. As immigrants, many barely spoke the English language, let alone were able to write it.

On September 13, 1914, a school under the direction of Bishop Richter, was organized. Serving as masters of the new school were Fr Bruno Torka, OFM, and several other religious and lay people. There were 16 students from Boyne Falls and 12 from Elmira. The school was located on the north side of the church, in the area where the parking lot is today. Like the church, the building was constructed by the people of the parish. The building was a quite large, two-story building set on top of a block basement, with the lower floor serving as classrooms and the upper as a convent.

The school was staffed from the beginning by the Dominican nuns from Grand Rapids, with Sister Celestine McCue serving as the first Superior. Unfortunately, the Catholic school was short lived, closing in 1920. Afterwards, the building was used for many years by the public school. The school burned down on September 22, 1945 following a wedding reception by the Wojciechowski family. Fortunately, it was after everyone had left so no one was injured.

The following are memories of two sisters who were in Boyne Falls. We are greatly appreciative to Sr Lisa Marie Lazio for making us aware of their existence, and to Sr Michael Ellen Carling, for not only allowing us to print them, but who also searched through Sr Mary Andrew's photo album for photographs.



Memories of Sister Huberta Charron, O.P.
Written March 12, 1976

In September of 1914, I went to Saints Peter and Paul School in Grand Rapids for only about five weeks.

Mother Aquinata called and asked if I were prepared to teach grades 5-6-7-8 in a northern mission. My answer was, *Oh, no, Mother. I'm afraid I'm not prepared for this teaching of grades 7 and 8.* Mother assured me that Mother Gonsalva would stay with me and help me with much of the work. I dared not say *No* now – so the answer was *I'll try, and doing this in obedience would be rewarding.*

Packing took place over the weekend and on Monday morning Sister Seraphica took me to the train and did all the preliminaries – bought my ticket or she might have had a pass – and then checked my baggage to Traverse City. At Traverse Mother Gonsalva was a real mother. She said, *You are going to Boyne Falls and I will stay there and go over your texts and help you with everything which will keep you abreast of the material until Christmas. At Christmas you may go to Mancelona and get the help you need.* My greatest fear was the subject of Agriculture, a subject I knew nothing about and Mother Gonsalva said, *Your eighth graders will be expected to take the County examination.*

A few days later Mother Gonsalva and I were on our way to Petoskey where we changed trains and onward to Boyne Falls. I was relieving Sister Celestine who had been trying to give lessons in music and teach grades 5-6-7-8. I could quote many funny instances but that is not what you want.

Sister Celestine was music teacher, not the organist. Sister Hilary taught grades 1-2-3-4. I taught grades 5-6-7-8. Sister Celestine took all the reading and spelling in order to help me and I taught all the other subjects. Sister Stanislaus was our housekeeper.

We received no salary – only what Sister Celestine received for her music lessons – which was very scanty. The farmers supported us with meat and vegetables. When large pieces of meat arrived we had the men of the parish build boxes outside a couple of windows thereby keeping our meat frozen all winter. We had no refrigeration whatever – yet we managed to keep food from spoiling.

We had about 90 or 100 students in two *large* classrooms. I had only three eighth graders. Later one of the boys became a lawyer – he was our former Sister Eusebia's brother. Our former Sister Eusebia was still at home – Cecilia Topolinski. She left our community after spending many years with us. She was organist.

The convent consisted of the upper floor of the school. We had private sleeping rooms but the convent was exceedingly cold in the winter. Our furnace in the basement was one taken from a locomotive and we burnt logs all winter. The three *novices* banked the big ox of a furnace each evening during the winter.

The pastor came from Petoskey on Friday and returned to the monastery on Tuesday each week. Father gave us our fare to return to Grand Rapids at the end of June.

Boyne Falls, Michigan

St. Augustine

From an interview with Sister Mary Andrew Szturmowska, February 1976

At 7:00 a.m. on the morning of March 9, 1918, Sister Raphael O'Rourke, Mrs. Davidson and her sister boarded the train in Grand Rapids on their return trip to Mancelona where they lived. They were to reach their destination in the early afternoon. Traveling along with Sister Raphael's group were two young novices, Sisters Valencia Schwind and Mary Andrew Szturmowska. These two young Sisters had received the Dominican habit along with Mrs. Davidson's daughter, Margaret (Sister Constantia) and were on their way to their first mission in Boyne Falls which they were due to reach at 2:30 that afternoon. The other three women were returning home after having attended the reception at St. John's Home on the morning of March 7 in the beautiful chapel.

At the time the travelers left Grand Rapids that morning, a terrific snowstorm was raging, but the travelers gave no thought to that. They were intent on reaching the end of their journeys and were confident that everything would work out to suit their plans.

However, at 6:00 p.m. that evening, they had not only not reached their destination, but were some distance from it, having reached Kalkaska. Suddenly, the train came to a stop. The conductor went through the coaches, explaining that because of the storm the train could travel no further that evening. All passengers excepting those whose destination was Kalkaska, could spend the night in the coach.

After some time, some passengers rose and went out in the storm to find a restaurant where a sandwich and a hot drink could be procured. One of the women passengers rose, went out in the storm to find a telephone. She had a sister living in this town, and she called her asking if it would be possible for her to prepare a hot meal for eight passengers. The answer was, Yes. Then our friend hurried to the coach, came up to the three Sisters and the two women and invited them to partake of the hot meal her sister would have ready for them and for the two priests, also traveling in the train. One was the pastor from Big Rapids, and the other Father William, the Franciscan pastor of St. Anthony Parish, Mancelona, on his way to offer the Sunday Mass for his parishioners. Needless to say, when the lady arrived with her traveling friends to her sister's home, they received a warm welcome and a heart-warming meal.

In time, we returned to the train and made ourselves as comfortable as we were able, hoping to be able to sleep through the night hours. The next morning brought little change in the condition of the storm, so the thing to do was to hope for the best. We learned that a snow plow came down from some place north of us and was attempting to clear the tracks for the train when it ran into a huge bank of snow, and was still there, trying to extricate itself from the heavy snow. Besides the day was Sunday, where would we be able to hear Mass? Father William, the Franciscan from Mancelona fasted until 1:30 in the afternoon, hoping that the train would soon be able to travel the short distance there. Such was not the case.

THE SISTERS THAT SERVED OUR SCHOOL



I-r Sister
Honora McGarry &
Sister Mary Andrew

1914-1915

Sr Celestine McCue (1872-1929) Superior
Sr Huberta Charron (1893-1990)
Sr Hilary Pawlowski (1894-1967)
Sr Stanislaus Souwlewski (1894-1973)

1916-1917

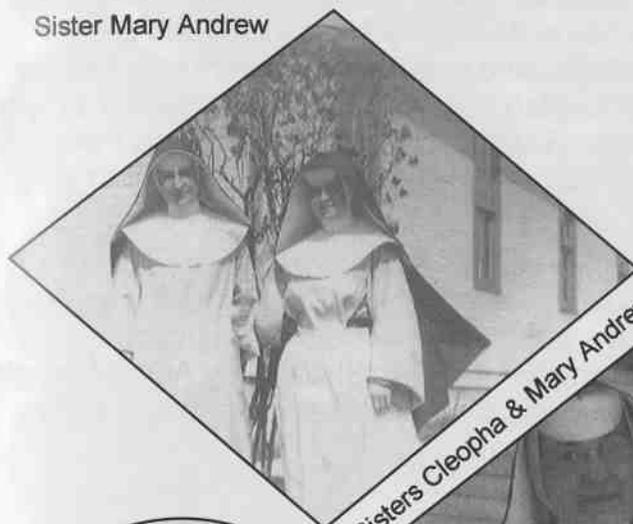
Sr Laura Garstecki (1899-1986)

1917-1918

Sr Henrica Frans (1877-1974) Superior, Grades 7-8
Sr Laura Garstecki (1899-1986)
Sr Albina Homminga (1892-1989) Grades 4-5
Sr Mary Andrew Szturmowska (1898-1998)
Sr Valencia Schwind (1891-1986)



Sister Mary Andrew with her brother,
Father Edward Joseph Szturmowski



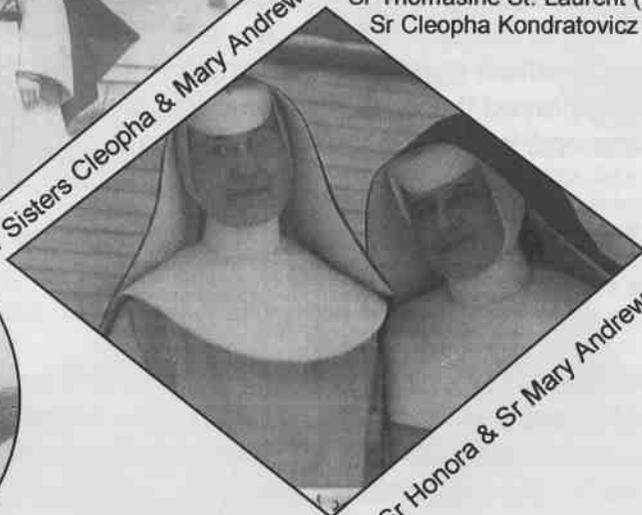
I-r Sisters Cleopha & Mary Andrew

1918-1919

Sr Raymond Hudzinski (1873-1959) Superior
Sr Laura Garstecki (1899-1986)
Sr Mary Andrew Szturmowska (1898-1998)
Sr Thomasine St. Laurent (1883-1950) Grades 1-2-3
Sr Cleopha Kondratovicz (1895-1971) Grade 1-5



Sister Honora



I-r Sr Honora & Sr Mary Andrew

1919-1920

Sr Honora McGarry (1891-1950) Superior
Sr Mary Andrew Szturmowska (1898-1998)

Sunday evening around 6:00 p.m. the tracks had been cleared and the train was able to make its slow way through a tunnel of snow – the sides of the snow banks on either side were so high their tops were not visible from the train windows. Arrived in Mancelona at St. Anthony's Convent, Sister Raphael said to the two novices, Sister Valencia and Sister Mary Andrew, *This is as far as you two are going tonight. You can go to Boyne Falls tomorrow.* So we, indeed, were glad for a good night's rest. This was our first realization that what our Novice Mistress had told us was so true – that a Dominican Sister can be at home in any Dominican convent.

The next day we traveled on to Boyne Falls, and were met by our Superior, Sister Henrica Frans and Sister Laura Garstecki, her companion. After welcoming us, inquiring about the delay, etc., Sister Henrica began to speak of the work we two had been assigned to do. Sister Valencia had been sent as a housekeeper, and though inexperienced, she was willing to try. Sister Mary Andrew was to teach Polish in grades 2-5.

This posed a problem for Sister Mary Andrew who had not had the opportunity to study the language in school, although she had attended three different schools in her hometown of Muskegon. She had attended St. Mary's (English speaking parish), St. Joseph's (German speaking parish) and St. Jean's (French speaking parish), but no school where Polish was taught as a school subject. Being youngest in the family, she knew the language which was spoken in the home, always by her parents and older brothers and sisters. This was a great advantage, and in due time, Sister Mary Andrew became well versed in her duties of teaching English and Polish reading, spelling, prayers and catechism and arithmetic and penmanship. Sister Laura was also to teach Polish because the parish was made up of people of this nationality. However, they both succeeded very well in their apostolate.

Sister Mary Andrew was given grades 2-5. In Grade 2 there were but two pupils. In grade 5, there were five pupils. There were but fifty children in all eight grades, so the teachers were well able, under Sister Henrica – and later under Sister Raymond Hudzinska's tutelage, to affect much good among the people. Sister Mary Andrew taught piano after school and played the organ for Masses. Sister Mary Andrew taught at St. Augustine's until June and for the two succeeding years.

Taken from Autobiography of Sister Mary Andrew
Written in August 1929

Two days after reception we plowed through a blizzard to the depot to board the train for Boyne Falls. I never heard thunder and lightning in a snowstorm before. ... We reached Boyne Falls on Monday about 3:00 p.m. We were kindly received by the two Sisters who had been alone there for the past two months.

The generosity of the people there surpassed any other place I have been and it seemed so cold to step out of that building and lock the doors behind us never to be re-opened by our Sisters. The public school now uses it for the first four grades.



Donated by the School Children

"As a child I remember thinking that what was meant by 'speaking in tongues'."

"When the children came into my catechism class, I could always recognize them by the family resemblance in their faces."

Freda Kullik

"The Class of religious education in the late 1930s came down with the chicken pox. Even the nuns who would come to Boyne Falls from Grand Rapids to teach us got them."

Virginia Winters

Our Sacramental Life

The basis of our Catholic liturgical life revolves around the Sacrifice of the Mass and the Sacraments. We have seven sacraments in the Church: Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist, Penance, Anointing of the Sick, Matrimony and Holy Orders. The Church teaches that the sacraments are all instituted by Jesus Christ and handed down to us through the apostles. We read in the Catechism of the Catholic Church that the sacraments are "of the Church" in the double sense that they are "by her" and "for her." (1118). They are by the Church, for it is in the sacraments that Christ's actions are seen at work, by his people, through the power of the Holy Spirit, guiding us to the paschal mystery. They are for the Church, as Jesus gave us the sacraments to make the Church and lead us to the mystery of communion with God. By faith we are led to the sacraments, for in the sacraments we are sanctified, and work to build up the Body of Christ as well as to worship God.



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Baptism

After Jesus' resurrection he instructed his apostles, "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit" (Matthew 28:19). And since the time of Pentecost, the Church has celebrated holy Baptism.

Through the waters of Baptism we are initiated into the Christian faith and given new life. Baptism makes us members of the Body of Christ. Washed anew we are freed from sin, and sealed with the indelible spiritual mark of our belonging to Christ. Belonging no longer to ourselves, but to him who died and rose for us.

On September 22, 1901, Christian, child of Frank & Lizzie Trombley, was the first to be baptized. And at the end of 100 years, Josephine, daughter of Timothy & Mary Smith was baptized September 8, 2001.



Fr Jerry Szydowski
baptizing Marlene Czerkies



Fr Dennis Stilwell
baptizing Nicole Wasylewski

*I baptize you
In the name
of the Father,
And of the Son,
And of the
Holy Spirit.
Amen.*



Fr John Ladd
baptizing Tiffany Matelski



Fr Tom Neis
baptizing Ryan Matelski



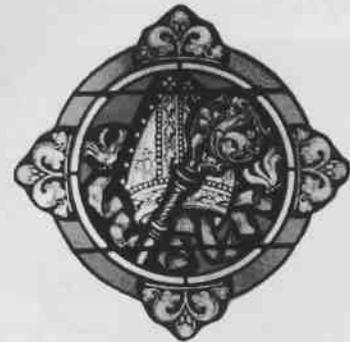
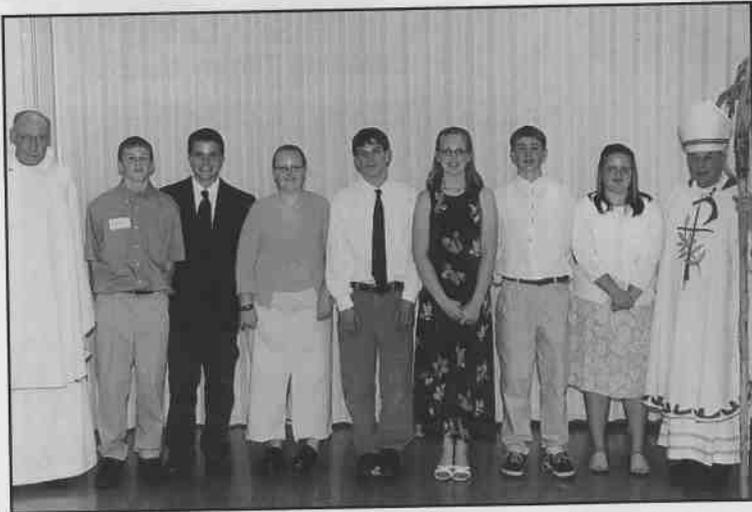
Fr Francis Partridge
baptizing Mathew Klekotka

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Confirmation

After being born anew by Baptism, we are strengthened by the Sacrament of Confirmation. Confirmation completes the sacrament of baptism and seals us with the special strength of the Holy Spirit, whom Jesus promised to send on our behalf.

Since the time of the apostles, the outpouring of the Holy Spirit has come through the imposition of hands. "Then they laid their hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit." (Acts 8:17).



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*Be sealed with the
Gift of the Holy Spirit.*



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Eucharist

On the night before he died, while sitting at table with his disciples sharing the passover meal, Jesus took bread, blessed it, broke it and gave it to them. "Take this and eat it," he said, "this is my body which will be given up for you." Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them. "All of you must drink from it," he said, "for this is my blood, the blood of the new and everlasting covenant. It will be shed for you and for all, so that sins may be forgiven" (Mt 26:26, Mk 14:24). With those words, Jesus instituted the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist, the sacrament of Himself, the Sacrifice of his body and blood.

Each time we gather at Mass to celebrate the paschal mystery and share in the Eucharistic Banquet of the Lord, we do as Jesus commanded us, "Do this in memory of me" (Lk 22:19). Gathering around the table of the Lord, we gather as the Church has for over two thousand years, celebrating the memorial of Our Lord's death and resurrection, making present the sacrifice of the Cross, the sacrifice won once for all by Christ. In the Eucharistic Sacrifice, Christ left us a means to share in his eternal sacrifice on the Cross until he comes again.

In the Eucharist, the Church finds the fullness of her life. All sacraments lead us to the Eucharist and flow from the Eucharist. The sacrament of Holy Eucharist completes Christian initiation, begun in Baptism and strengthened in Confirmation. For when we receive the Lord in Holy Communion, we believe, through the power of the Holy Spirit, we receive Jesus himself, Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity.



Fr Partridge, Christine Dixon
and Ryan Matelski



The Blood of Christ. Amen.
Paige Smith receiving the Cup



Presenting
the Gifts
Shelby Pedigo &
Danielle Reynolds



Fr Denny, Shani Hawes,
Cheryl Wasylewski & Eric Franckowiak

In memory of JERRY GREENOUGH & BERNETTA JAMIESON



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The Body of Christ.
Amen.



Frank Dombrowski



1920's



In loving memory of FRANK & ANTONIA FLORENSKI and
JOHN & JOSEPHINE KUJAWSKI
by Edward & Ruth Kujawski

Our First Communion Classes

FIRST COMMUNION 1923

Front row(l-r): Frances Kondrat, Stella Szepelak and Lottie Szepelak.

Second row(l-r): ???, Mary Jazwinski, Sophia Salisz, ???, and ??? .

Back row(l-r): ???, ???, ??? and ??? .

Others in group but not identified: Francis Boyer, Walter Skop, Bernard Skop, John Romanik, John Guzniczak, Bernice Jarema, Bernice Staszak, Helen Teszluk and Bernadette Kozminska.



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**FIRST
COMMUNION
1938**



Front row (l-r): Walter Kaminski, William Matelski, Charles Kobylczak, Albert Fiel, Edward Salisz, Stanley Klekotka, Eugene Kobylczak and Gus Organek. **Second row (l-r):** Barbara Anderson, Theresa Matelski, Theresa Jaglowski, Felicia Skop, Katherine Fiel, Wanda Wasylewski and Anna Czerkies. **Third row (l-r):** John Spakowski, Walter Sevenski, Robert Sevenski, John Jarema, Walter Kondrat, Frank Kaminski, Felix Wasylewski and Frank Romaniak. **Back row:** Anna Tymoc, Cecilia Jaglowski, Josephine Cieslak, Edward Skop, Rev. Moleski, Margaret Rackner, Josephine Skop and Irene Renkie.



**FIRST
COMMUNION
1940**

Front row (l-r): Anna Jarema, Verna Skop, Sophia Jarema, Irene Matelski, Pauline Bernadyn, Virginia Klekotka, Dorothy Kipisz, Dorothy Mumich, Victoria Kowalski, Josephine Bernadyn, Angeline Skop and Anna Kondrat. **Second row (l-r):** Walter Bernadyn, Edwin Renkie, Peter Skop, Julius Kowalski, Thomas Kondrat, Joseph Skop, Raymond Skop, Edward Romanik and Edward Mumich. **Back row:** Rev. Francis J.Kupinski

Sponsored by VALLEY EXCAVATING



FIRST COMMUNION 1942

Front row (l-r): Hillary Wojciechowski, Virginia Kosc, Regina Cieslak, Catherine Jarema, Bernice Czerkies, Rita Skop, Anna Czerkies, Mary Szczepaniak, Mildred Cieslak and Stephanie Cieslak.
Second row (l-r): Patricia Kondrat, Stella Mary Skop, Lorraine Kipisz and Patricia Snyder.
Third row (l-r): Francis Jarema, Joseph Tymoc, Stephen Mumich, John Konopaski, Larry Sevenski, Floyd Tomaszewski, Basil Kondrat, Thomas Prawdzik and John Cieslak.
Back row: Rev. Francis Kupinski



FIRST COMMUNION 1944

Front row(l-r): Geraldine Wojciechowski, Florence Romanik, Frances Konopaski, Esther Szczepaniak, Emily Tymoc, Cecilia Damer, Eleanor Kuzmik, Eleanor Jaglowski, Stella Esther Skop and Joan Howard
Second row(l-r): Stanley Jarema, Helen Cieslak, Irene Kosc, Joan Sevenski, Genevieve Tomaszewski, Eileen Reynolds and John Jarema.
Back row (l-r): Derald Reynolds, Frank Wasylewski, Augustine Fiel, Sylvester Czerkies, Elwin Green, Rev. Francis J. Kupinski, Joseph Cieslak, Frank Damer and Louis Matelski.

In memory of the WOJCIECHOWSKI FAMILIES

FIRST COMMUNION 1946



Front row (l-r): Waneta Carson, Loretta Kullik, Mary Cieslak, Rose Bernadyn, Pauline Cherry and Josephine Romanik.

Second row (l-r): Clara Sevenski, Sam Carson, Bill Sevenski, Jack Sevenski, Julian Skop, John Bernadyn, Gerald Prawdzik, Paul Kuzmik and Anna Rose Carson.

Third row (l-r): Chester Szczepaniak, Leonard Damer, Francis Kuzmik, Francis Skop, Raymond Kuzmik and John Jaglowski.

Fourth row: Fr. Francis Kupinski.



FIRST COMMUNION 1949

Front row (l-r): Genevieve Mumich, Bernadette Kondrat, Genevieve Jarema, Irene Damer, Virginia Szczepaniak, Kathleen Reynolds, Evelyn DeButts, Patricia Skop, Ruth Mumich and Sally Morris.

Second row (l-r): Warren Topolinski, Chester Bernadyn, William Kondrat, Daniel Sevenski, Ronald Florenski, Albert Tousley, Victor Kosc, Richard Kuzmik, Frank Bernadyn and Anthony Sevenski.

Third row (l-r): Patricia Howard, Walter Cieslak, Leon Jarema, Ron Green, Albert Tousley, Joseph Jarema, Patrick Collon, Donald Prawdzik, Gerald Howard and Jenny Konopaski.

Fourth row (l-r): Sisters (unknown), Rev. Max Ostrowski.

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FIRST COMMUNION 1951

Front row: Bonnie Sloane.

Second row (l-r): Jacqueline Chmielewski, JoAnn Gibes, Carole Topolinski and Mary Renkie.

Third row (l-r): Ronald Skop, Donald Kullik, Sylvester Kuzmik and Patrick Topolinski.

Fourth row (l-r): Robert Kuzmik, Ronald Kuzmik and Victor Szczepaniak.

Back row (l-r): Sr. M.Lucius, Rev Max Ostrowski and Sr. M.Frances Therese.

FIRST COMMUNION 1955



St Augustine & St Matthew combined classes (St Matthew students not identified)

Front row (l-r): 1st from left Dennis Craig.

Second row (l-r): Joseph Konopaski, John Braun, Camille Wojciechowski, Susan Wasylewski, Carol Cook, Mary Cook and Michael Wasylewski.

Back row (l-r): 3rd from left Christine Kondrat, Jean Renkie, Ann Simpson, Ruth Kuzmik, Fr. Peter Jakubowski and Andrew Kosc.

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FIRST COMMUNION 1961



Front row (l-r): David Matelski, Carl Fiel and Gerald Matelski.

Second row (l-r): Charles Kobylczak, Michael Sevenski and Wilbur Jankowski.

Third row (l-r): David Morris and Colleen Reynolds.

Fourth row (l-r): Mary Jane Morris and Helen Jankowski.

Back row: Fr. Jerome Szydowski.



Front row (l-r): David Fiel, Karen Hausler, Gary Erber, Janet Mumich and Thomas Fiel.

Second row (l-r): Mark Kondrat, Godfrey Grobaski, Mark Jarema, Edward Kuzmik, Kenneth Liskie and David Jankowski.

Back row: Rev. Jerome Szydowski.

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FIRST COMMUNION 1962



FIRST COMMUNION 1964

St Augustine & St Matthew combined classes

Front row (l-r): Anthony Matelski (2nd), Louis Puroll (6th).

Second row (l-r): Kathleen Kowalski (1st), Cindy Hausler (7th) and Janet Czerkies (9th).

Back row: Rev. Jerome Szydlowski, Susan Jarema (2nd).

FIRST COMMUNION 1965



Front row (l-r): Rigena Gasco, Mary Jo Kowalski, Darlene Damer, Elaine Reynolds and Colleen Damer.

Back row (l-r): John Sevenski, Gary Fiel, Fr. Jerome Szydlowski, Joel Wasylewski, Larry Czerkies, Robert Damer, Patrick Sevenski, George Matelski, Joey Skop and Louis Matelski.

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**FIRST
COMMUNION
1966**



Front row (l-r): Fr. Jerome Szydowski, Norma Sevenski, Judy Matelski and Cecilia Sevenski.
Back row (l-r): Rickie Erber, Randy Fiel, Duane Reynolds, Roger Sevenski and Garrett Wasylewski.



**FIRST
COMMUNION
1967**

Front row (l-r): Daniel Sevenski, Janice Matelski, Mary Lou Wasylewski, Judy Bauman, Elizabeth Czerkies, Freda Damer and Richard Sayles.
Back row (l-r): Bart Gasco, Julius Kowalski, Gregory Grobaski, Fr. Jerome Szydowski, Terry Erber, Blane Wasylewski and James Kondrat.

Sponsored by BAJKO CONCRETE



FIRST COMMUNION 1968

Front row (l-r): Thomas Payton, Timothy Skop, JoAnn Fiel, Lori Leazier and Eric Hausler.

Back row (l-r): Fr. Jerome Szydlowski, John Skop, Tamyra Kondrat, David Reynolds and Michele Wasylewski.

FIRST COMMUNION 1969



Front row (l-r): Robert Skop, Benjamin Matelski, Daryl Kowalski, Lester Stark, Andrew Matelski and Robert Fiel.

Back row (l-r): Fr. Jerome Szydlowski, Jane Kondrat, Cynthia Czerkies, Sara Wasylewski, Anna Sides and Lisa Kullik.

In memory of TONY KULLIK, IRVING HENNING & HERMAN SPOHN families

**FIRST
COMMUNION
1970**



Front row (l-r): Theresa Stark, Kathleen Bauman, Deborah Sevenski and Debra Towne.

Back row (l-r): Stephen Gasco, Donald Sevenski, Byron Damer, Donald Green, Randal Reynolds, Edward Jankowski, Richard Matelski and Fr. Jerome Szydowski.



Front row (l-r): Sally Bauman, Sue Sevenski, Janice Green, Sheryl Wierzbinski and Lynda Damer.

Back row (l-r): Fr. Jerome Szydowski, Frank D. Wasylewski, Steven Kondrat, Paul Fiel and Richard Marchinkewicz.

**FIRST
COMMUNION
1971**

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**FIRST
COMMUNION
1974**

Front Row (l-r): Karen Franckowiak, Melissa Kondrat and Nancy Witenski.
Back row (l-r): Anthony Clark, David Gray, Philip Marchinkewicz,
 Christopher Matelski, Marc Mentel and Fr. Jerome Szydlowski.

**FIRST
COMMUNION
1983**



Front row (l-r): Jason Wilson, Jeffery Denise, Shawn McNew, Wendi LaCroix and
 Monica Sevenski.
Middle row (l-r): Paul Mikula and Eric Jarema.
Back row (l-r): Stanley Malkowicz, Nathan Matelski, Stephen Seelye, Gary Matelski, Douglas
 Bearss, Keith Sevenski and Carl Oelfke. **Not pictured:** Michael Sevenski and Charles Oelfke.

Sponsored by KAREN CAMPBELL & ANDREW

**FIRST
COMMUNION
1984**



Front row (l-r): Michelle Oelfke, Jessica Gray, Heidi Johnson, Lindee Skop, Christopher Fiel and Deborah Bearss.

Second row (l-r): Stacie Sevenski, Wendy Grobaski, Amy Smith, Richard Matelski and Daniel Matelski.

Back row(l-r): Rev. Dennis Stilwell and Rev. Thomas Keiser.



**FIRST
COMMUNION
1986**

Front row (l-r): Kristi Skop, Erin Hawes, Todd Moody, Joyce Bernadyn and Corinna Matelski.

Back row (l-r): Mark Kondrat II, Joslyn Cleary, Jamie Woodard, Erin Redmond, Kristy Grobaski and Andrew Grobaski.

Sponsored by MARK AND CHRISTINE THOMAS



FIRST COMMUNION 1987

Front row (l-r): Jessica Skop, Kelly Woodard, Nicholas Matelski and Brad Moody.

Back row (l-r): Amanda Conklin, Mark Bearss, Kevin Marchinkewicz, Stacey Adkison and Trisha Denise.

FIRST COMMUNION 1988



Front row (l-r): Andrea Kondrat, Rebecca Kuhn, Erin Gray and Monica Conklin.

Back row (l-r): Trisha Kondrat, Andrew Bearss, Gerald Morden Jr., Justin Cleary and Susan Sevenski.

Sponsored by TOWN & COUNTRY CEDAR HOMES

FIRST COMMUNION 1989



Front row (l-r): Staci Ann Seelye, Audrey Wasylewski and Julie Wasylewski.
Back row (l-r): Clyde Payton, Chad Matelski, Brad Matelski and Ryan Fiel.



(l-r): Jessica Kondrat, Rene Fiel and Fr. Thomas Neis.
Not pictured: Daniel Bearss and Jeremy Smith.

FIRST COMMUNION 1991

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FIRST COMMUNION 1992

Front row (l-r): Lillian Florenski, Nicole Wasylewski and Jennifer Kuhn.

Back row (l-r): Jacob Wasylewski, Adam Utley, Michael Matelski and Kurtis Reynolds.

FIRST COMMUNION 1994

(l-r): Trista Sparks, Bradley Brewster, John Sevenski Jr. and Christine Dixon.



FIRST COMMUNION 1995

(l-r): Michael Dvorak, Anthony Hawkins, Eric Smith and Joshua Jarema.

Sponsored by HONEYWELL

**FIRST
COMMUNION
1996**



(l-r): Benjamin Kondrat, Carissa Reynolds, Tiffany Matelski, Elizabeth Kosc, Fr. Frances Partridge, Matthew Matelski, Paige Smith and Nathan Wasylewski.



(l-r): Nicholas Sevenski, Andrew Reynolds, Craig Reynolds and Kellie Kondrat.

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FIRST COMMUNION



1999

Travis Smith
Fr. Frances Partridge
Roslyn Fiel



1998

(l-r): Tyler Reynolds, Chad Deming, Terra Wasylewski,
Ryan Matelski and Timothy Kondrat.



2001

(l-r): Sydney Plona, Alyssa Bearss, Reggie Fiel, Kaitlan Deming and Rosemarie Goodman.

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Steve & Cathy Czerkes

**FIRST
COMMUNION
2002**



Front row (l-r): Peter Jarema, Caitlin Strobel, Danielle Reynolds and Brandyn Reynolds.
Back row (l-r): Shelby Pedigo, Fr. Francis Partridge, Kristen Matelski and Magdalena Wasylewski.

*Our Father,
who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.*

Amen.

Sponsored by FRANK, ANIA, MAGDA, JASIU & LESZEK WASYLEWSKI

The Anointing of the Sick

"In my name...they will lay their hands on the sick, and they will recover." (Mk 16:17-18). Through the sacrament of Anointing of the Sick special grace is conferred to the Christian experiencing the difficulties inherent in the condition of grave illness or old age. Over the years, the sacrament has changed from "Extreme Unction", or anointing only when someone was near death, to the Anointing of the Sick, when the believer begins to be in danger of death because of illness or old age.



Above: Fr Partridge anoints Louise Puroll



Right: Fr Partridge anoints Marge Kondrat and Ed Bobowski

The Sacrament of Penance

Penance is one of the two sacraments of healing. "On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, Jesus showed himself to his apostles. He breathed on them, and said to them: "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive men's sins, they are forgiven; if you hold them bound, they are held bound" (Jn 20:19,22-23).

Our sins wound the relationship we have with God. The sacrament of Penance reconciles us to God and His grace. But not only to God are we reconciled, but with our neighbor whom we've wronged and to the Church where we gather around the Eucharistic Table. Only God forgives sins. The priest, acting on behalf of Christ is the moderator for the penitent, forgiving sins in His name and leading the penitent towards healing.

As confession is a personal sacrament between Christ and penitent, its reception is not recorded.

**I absolve you from your sins in the name
of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.**

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Matrimony

"It is not good that the man should be alone." (Gen 2:18). Scripture affirms that man and woman were created for one another. As God who created man out of love in his own image, also calls him to love. And this love is to be fruitful as "God blessed them, saying: 'Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it'."

Jesus' first miracle at the beginning of his public life was during a wedding feast. His presence there, turning water into wine at his mother's request, shows the importance of the sacrament. In the sacrament, husband and wife give themselves, each to the other, in the presence of the celebrant, witnesses and the assembly of the faithful.

The first marriage recorded at St. Augustine's was Stanislaus Jackymowicz & Constance Boydauska on Feb 16, 1897 and the last of our centennial was Daniel Matelski and Joslyn Cleary on July 28, 2001.



Wanda Salisz & George Mastaler



Fr Max Ostrowski marrying
Charles Kobylczak &
Caroline Leazier



Fr Peter Jakubowski marrying
Frank Wasylewski &
Joan Sevenski



Fr Jerome Szydlowski marrying
Jeanette Florenski & Dominic Francis

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I take you to be my wife



Fr Denny marrying
Melissa Kondrat & Michael Gapinski



Christine Smith &
Mark Thomas

Kelly Raymond &
Chris Matelski



I do



Fr Ladd marrying
Mary Marchinkewicz & George Matelski

I take you to be my husband



Daniel Matelski & Joslyn Cleary
Fr Francis



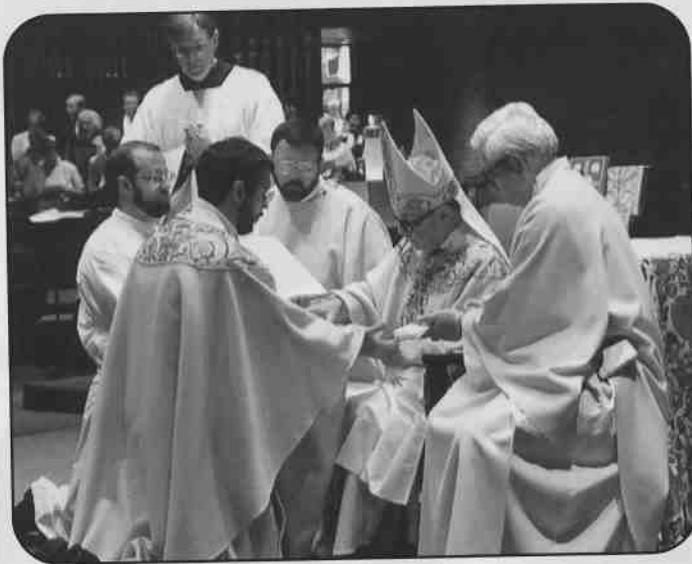
Fr Tom Neis
Marie & Walter Kaminski

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Holy Orders

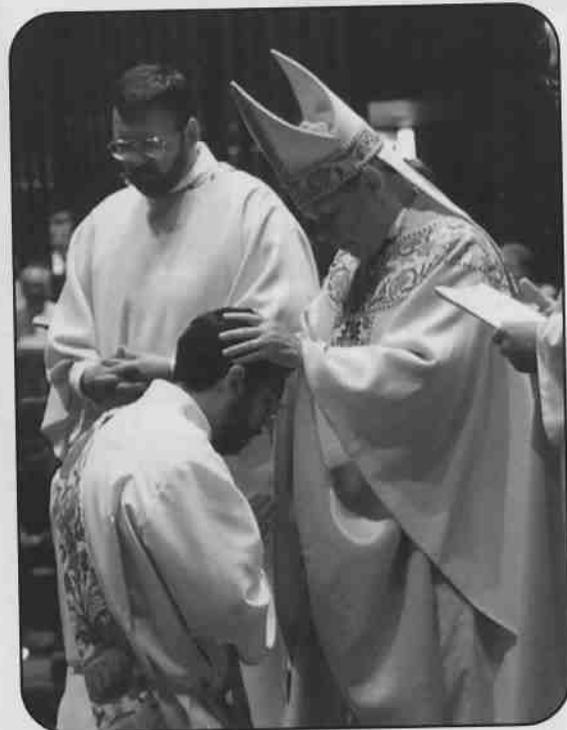
The Sacrament of Holy Orders is a call to service. While all are called in Baptism to be priest, prophet and king, it is through the sacrament of Holy Orders that priests share in the universal mission that was entrusted to the apostles, serving in the name and in the person of Christ. They are consecrated in order to preach the Gospel and shepherd the faithful. Yet, more importantly, acting in the person of Christ and proclaiming his mystery, the priest unites the faithful in the sacrifice of the Mass, celebrating the unique sacrifice of Christ offering himself once for all to the Father. For it is in the Eucharistic celebration that the faithful are strengthened, and by which the priest draws his strength.

We have been very blessed to have one of our own ordained to the priesthood. Reverend James M. Bearss was ordained to the priesthood on June 14, 1997 for the Diocese of Gaylord by the Most Reverend Bishop, Patrick R. Cooney.



Anointing with Holy Chrism

I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands. (2 Tim 1:6)



The laying on of hands. Bishop Cooney confers the sacrament of Holy Orders on James Bearss

In honor of FATHER JAMES BEARSS



2001 Religious Education Classes. Front row (l-r) Mathew Klekotka, Jasiu Wasylewski, Charlene Bearss, Calsey Matelski, Emily Matelski, Andrea Reynolds, Jacob Florenski and Frank Wasylewski. Second Row (l-r) Evelyn Starr, Julie Jarema, Sydney Plona, Roslyn Fiel, Ali Bearss, Reggie Fiel, Kristen Matelski, Danielle Reynolds, Peter Jarema, Brandyn Reynolds and Magda Wasylewski. Third Row (l-r) Renee Wasylewski, Carissa Reynolds, Terra Wasylewski, Elaine Jarema, Tiffany Matelski, Travis Smith, Ryan Matelski, Aaron Himmelpach, Rob Ouimette and Kaitlan Jarema. Back Row (l-r) Nicole Wasylewski, Nathan Wasylewski, Ben Kondrat, Paige Smith, Beth Kosc, Matt Matelski, Kellie Kondrat, Julie Haase, Jim Dixon and Mary Matelski.

Religious Education

Over the years, the religious instruction of the youth of our parish has seen drastic changes. Back in the "olden" days, there was no question who would teach our children their catechism, that was the priests' and nuns' job. The Dominican nuns would come from Grand Rapids every-other summer to prepare children for First Communion. Classes would be every day for a month. For a lot of kids from the country it was a lot of fun as they would stay "in town" with relatives or friends during that time and escape the daily chores on the farm. During the winter months, the priest would teach catechism on Saturdays. This was the norm for decades, lasting until the early 1960's. Unfortunately, instead of having pleasant thoughts of a loving God, many children had unpleasant memories of being hit by the ropes of the Franciscans' robes for misbehaving or kneeling on hard floors for not knowing prayers. While such treatment can never be justified, it seems much easier to remember the harsh treatment received from the priests and nuns and yet forget that this was not only the norm in public school, but at home as well. During this period of time, religious education seemed more about learning doctrine than learning to build a relationship with the God who created us and loves us.

The Second Vatican Council brought about change to the catechesis of our parish. With Father Jerry being sick, the implementation of the program by the laity was probably more a necessity, rather than a transformation. In the early 1960's, four women from our parish went through the year long instructional process of Confraternity of Catholic Doctrine (CCD) in order to begin teaching catechism in our parish. Those women were Emily Chmielewski, Martha Jarema, Freda Kullik and Joan Wasylewski. While never officially titled as such for years, Joan Wasylewski

served as director of the program and served in that capacity for over 20 years. Not only was religious education held once a week throughout the entire school year, but also was held during school hours so that the children could walk across from the public school and were dismissed in time to ride the bus home. The shared-time format was possible because many mothers did not work outside the home and were available to serve as catechists. The Baltimore Catechism, with its question and answer format was very popular during this era of time.

In the early eighties when the church was remodeled, the few individual classrooms that existed were eliminated and religious-ed classes were then held after school so as to utilize the classrooms of the public school. JoAnn Gibes took on the position of coordinator of the religious education program. While short lived, a full time director was hired to oversee and administer the programs at both, St Augustine and St Matthew Churches. While Sister Lisa's position in the parish was more pastoral and administrative, she too, was actively involved in the program.

The eighties also saw the creation of a "youth group". While less structured in doctrinal instruction, the attempt is to not only keep our teenage youth actively involved in their religious instruction, but to allow the formation started within, take root and become their own. Meeting with a group of their peers, the youth gain support and strength of others trying to live as Catholic Christians in a secular world.

Deacon Ed Vondra and Marian Skop facilitated the program beginning in 1987 until Deacon Ed's departure from the parish in June 1989. During that time, classes began to be held on Sunday mornings after Mass.

When Father Tom Neis arrived during the summer of 1989 the parish was without a director for the religious education program. Frank Wasylewski accepted the responsibility and continues as director today. One of the biggest needs facing the parish was adequate facilities for classrooms and social gatherings. Our parish hall with classroom facilities is a testimony to the importance Father Tom saw of the faith formation of our youth.

And now in the new millenium, we are faced with yet more changes in the direction of the faith formation of our parish. In a pastoral letter issued in January 2001, Bishop Cooney called for the restoration of the order of the sacraments of initiation. Under the Bishop's decree, effective January 1, 2003, within the Diocese of Gaylord, the sequence for the initiation process for children is Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. This practice took place in the earliest centuries of the Church. With the Bishop's decree comes the realization that the faith formation of our children is an endless challenge. Yet, however challenging, an important mission so as to continue the propogation of faith that the future of not only our parish, but the whole Church depends. Over the years many people have been involved with the catechizing of our youth. However, perhaps the bigger challenge is not only realizing that the religious formation of our youth is important, but the continued formation of each baptized

Christian is equally important. It's sad to say, but many never expand upon their religious education once they've completed their religious education classes, and continue to see God and His church in the same perception of their childhood. This then may be the mission of the third millenium, to catechize not only our youth, but our whole parish.





**WE ARE CHILDREN
OF THE LORD!**



**SOUPER BOWL
SUNDAY**



YOUTH MASSES



Singing God's Praise



Epiphany



Proclaiming God's Word



Cantoring

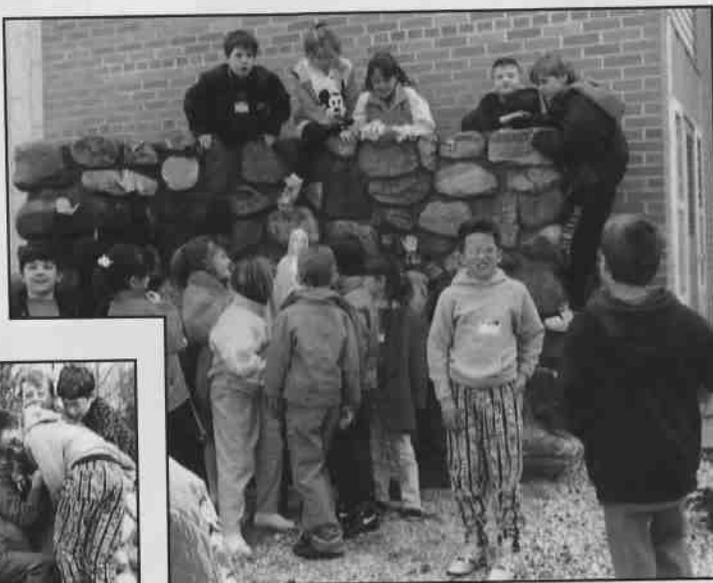


Presenting Our Gifts





OUR FIRST COMMUNION BREAD PARTIES



Making bread

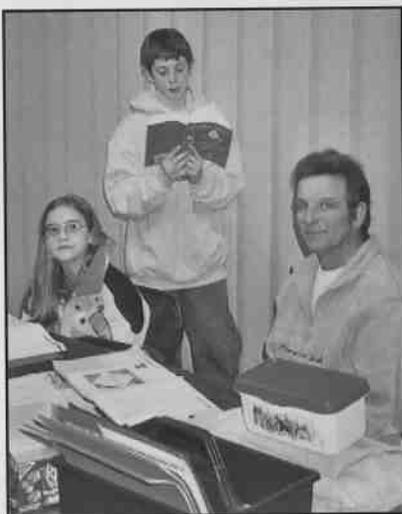
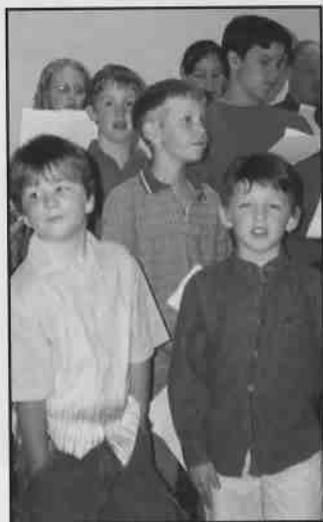


... and wine





Our greetings to Pope John Paul II
on the occasion of his 50th
ordination to the Priesthood.





Christmas projects



End of year trip to the Shrine



Praying on top of Polack Hill



Ice cream "sundae"



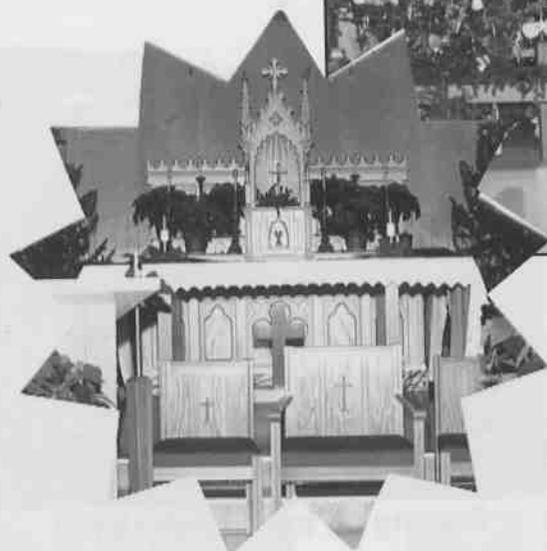
Yes! You too, Mrs Hawes!



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Christmas time at St. Augustine



Silent
Night





O Come let us adore him



Our Cemeteries

Catholics hold the treatment of their beloved dead in high regard; hence the Seventh Corporal Work of Mercy is to bury the dead. Most Catholic Churches have a cemetery separate from their brethren of other religious faiths and St. Augustine Church was no different.

In 1908, upon request of their Superintendent, Joe Locke, Cobbs & Mitchell Lumber Company donated two acres of land to the Church for a cemetery. The land, located in Section 10 of Boyne Valley Township, is along Thumb Lake Road. Given most likely for the need to bury many Catholic "camp-men" who lost their lives while working in the many lumber camps around the Boyne Falls area, as well as to save them from continuing to be buried in the Township's "public" cemetery. The lumberjacks cleared the land in exchange for burial spaces (many of which are in Block One along the fence in unmarked graves). The cemetery was consecrated shortly thereafter and was now hallowed ground.

The first burial in St. Augustine's new cemetery took place in 1909. On September 21, 1909, Father Ladislaus Czech, OFM, buried Felix Filipowicz.

Our earliest known gravedigger was John (Paszkwicz) Paskey. Although it's unknown how long he served in this capacity, he died in 1933 and Thomas Matelski Sr. took over the job. And after several years of helping his father dig graves, Thomas "Tommy" Matelski, Jr. just assumed the job until 1997 when Daniel Sevenski, Sr. began helping him, eventually taking over until his death in 2000 at which point Robert Sevenski assumed the position.

Greeting people as they drive in and around the mound in the center of the circle drive is a large, simple crucifix that was placed under the direction of Fr Narloch. Many landscape changes took place shortly after World War II while Fr Kupinski was pastor that are still very prevalent. John Salisz Construction Company made the fieldstone corner and gate posts. An iron fence

was added shortly thereafter with a wrought iron gate designed by Herman Spohn and built by Stanley Jarema. Spohn sketched the design on an envelope and gave it to Jarema to make. And blue spruce trees were planted throughout that came from George Hemingway's nursery when he was closing out his business.

Burial spaces generally were pretty cheap. During the 1930's and 40's, lots (which is 8 graves) sold for \$5.00. With so many large families and because of the number of infant and childhood deaths, families generally purchased a whole lot. During the late 1940's, lots sold for \$10.00. It probably wasn't until the late 1970's that burial spaces were purchased individually. Even then, burials were relatively cheap at \$75.

Anyone driving into the cemetery can't help but notice one very large, attractive head stone with the Holy Family marking the Stanley Staszak family lot. After careful observance one quickly begins to wonder why mother and father both died on the same date in August of 1945. Not only was this homicide - suicide a tragic event for the family, it also marks an obscure period in church history. As Stanley had committed suicide he was not allowed to be buried within the consecrated ground of the cemetery as suicide was understood to be a mortal sin and a Christian burial was refused. His son, Joe, prayed the rosary over his grave while he was buried outside the fence. Fortunately, through the diligence of the family, permission was received from Rome to allow his body to be moved into the cemetery next to his wife.

Another sad misunderstanding in church history was the teaching of Limbo. While never an official Church teaching, it was common thought throughout the land. The notion of limbo applied to babies that died before they were baptized. Since they were not baptized, they could never obtain the fullness of heaven and they, too, were sadly denied a Christian burial. Many babies born stillborn or dying shortly after birth were buried in

Cemetery Mass

“Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord ...”



“...and let perpetual light shine upon them.”

the back corner of the cemetery in what has been referred to as "baby corner." A marker was purchased in the late 1990s to mark the many unknown burials of God's most innocent. And even more importantly, this sad misinterpretation has been clarified.

For many years, the total care of the cemetery seemed to just have been left in the hands of Tommy Matelski. Not only responsible for digging the graves, Tommy also maintained the cemetery, mowing the grass and making sure that water was available. There was no well at the cemetery, and the water came from a reservoir on top of the hill across the road that had to be opened each spring. Not until the late 1970's when Father Dennis Stilwell arrived did others become involved in the care of the cemetery. No records or maps of the cemetery existed and so Fr Denny sought to retrieve the many years of history that existed and record them on paper. After many hours and days of walking through the cemetery with Tommy Matelski, transcribing from notes on various pieces of paper, memory and even the bumper of his pick-up truck, maps of the cemetery were created showing the lay-out as well as burials and ownership of lots. Once that task was done, the back two sections of the cemetery were then staked out and marked for burials.

On Memorial Day 1989, Fr Tom Neis held our first Cemetery Mass. Fr Tom thought it most appropriate to honor not only our Veterans, but all our beloved dead, by celebrating Mass in the cemetery. With a make shift altar and an accordion to lead those gathered, the Mass became an annual event. With the arrival of Fr Frank Partridge the Mass expanded to all three summer holidays. In 1993, while playing the accordion during one of the Masses, an idea came to the mind of Mary Jane Kirby to build a permanent altar. Each family was asked to bring a special stone and leave it at the cemetery that would be formed into a new altar.

On August 11, 1993, the new altar was built. Many people turned out to help construct the altar which not only contains all the sturdy stones of our families, but the altar stone from the personal

chapel of former pastor, Fr Narloch. Bishop Cooney blessed the altar July 31, 1994.

Under the direction of Fr Partridge a cemetery board was created. Fifteen people attended the first meeting of the Cemetery Board on June 26, 1996. Father gave reasons for creation of board: a group in charge to make and enforce regulations, liability issues, establishing/maintaining prices of lots, foreseeing long term needs, including expansion and officially assume responsibility for the care of the Ukrainian Cemetery on Skop Road that the parish had been taking care of. The first officers were Chairman, Peter Skop, Vice Chairman, Ed Kelenske, Secretary, Frank D. Wasylewski and Treasurer Della Sevenski.

The Cemetery Board has since made the overall care of the cemetery its concern. Realizing that the existing two acres may be adequate for several more years, it will not, however, always serve the parish needs. The addition of Holy Cross Catholic Cemetery on Skop Road should provide for many additional years of burials. Burial spaces increased in 1999 for the first time in many years, going from \$75 to \$200. Many of the trees that were planted in the 1940s were dying and needed to be dealt with. Many were marked for removal, and by some weird coincidence, a freak wind-storm swept through the cemetery in September 1998 uprooting many of them. And as if God were in control of the whole situation, not a single grave stone received any significant damage. A groundskeeper was also hired to continue to make the burial place of our beloved dead a respectable place to visit.

Time always lends itself to heal wounds and teachings of the past. While the entire cemetery is no longer consecrated, each burial space is now blessed individually. Non-Catholics are allowed to be buried next to their spouse, the notion of suicide and the final judgement is left solely for God to decide, and who could believe that our loving Father wouldn't welcome an innocent child to heaven, just because he wasn't baptized.



**Ed Kelenske
building of the altar**



One stone at a time



Our family altar



Harry Reynolds mixing the cement



**Norman Arman with
our family stones**



**Gloria Reynolds, Norm Arman,
Harry Reynolds, Al Reynolds
and Andy Czerkies**



**Cleanup after the big storm
September 1998**

HOLY CROSS CEMETERY



On July 29, 1918, Mike and Paraska Skop deeded one acre of their property on Skop Road to the Ukrainian National Greek Catholic Church of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. This land was to be used as a cemetery for the congregation. Unfortunately this parish never really took hold and lasted only about 10 years. The property where the church stood finally was sold on a tax sale and the cemetery property finally was put back on the Skop family tax rolls.

Over the years a few residents of the area were buried there but little was done to care for the place. In 1993 St Augustine's began caring for the property and Joey Skop donated and erected a new cross which was blessed by Bishop Cooney on July 31, 1994. Once again the cemetery had a dignity about it as a cemetery should have.

In 1993, Father Partridge made serious attempts to locate the Diocese that had jurisdiction over this parish, but with no luck. None of the dioceses that Father contacted had any knowledge of this local church.

In 1996, Farther Partridge contacted John Jarema and asked if there was anything that could be done legally to claim this cemetery as those buried there were or had families belonging to St Augustine Parish. The case was taken to Charlevoix County Circuit Court and in the summer of 1999 the Court ordered a Default Judgement and Order Quietening Title. The ownership of the property was returned to Peter Skop since he had paid the taxes on the land for many years. Peter and his wife, Bernice, then deeded the property to the Bishop of the Diocese of Gaylord, in trust for St Augustine Parish.

In honor of the original parish, the cemetery board has named it Holy Cross Catholic Cemetery.



The Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church
Located at the intersection of Skop & Hetrick Road



Bishop Cooney Blessing the Cross

♪ Music ♪



l-r: Gertrude Matelski, Josephine Wojciechowski and Anna Prawdzik

The music ministry has long been a strong and important part of our parish, whether Latin, Polish or English, Gregorian Chant or lively polka music or played on the organ, piano or guitar. Not only music, but we've also been blessed by many strong voices over the decades leading the congregation in hymns of praise.

Most likely in the beginning years of our parish, the music was provided by the nuns that lived above the school. However, the earliest remembered organist for sure is Josephine Wojciechowski, and for good reason, "Josie" provided the parish with her talent for more than forty years. More people probably remember the roar the organ made warming up than they do the actual music that Josie and her choir provided. Josie served an important era in the parish, being able to minister to the many parishioners of Polish origin or descent in their native tongue.



Dick & Pat Theisen

With Vatican II, liturgy took on a new perspective. Liturgy was to be the "work of the people". It took a few years, but music in the parish also took on a new style. Under the guidance of Pat Theisen in the late 70's, traditional hymns as well as the new "Glory and Praise" style enhanced our liturgy. With Theisen, a very accomplished musician, the use of guitar became quite popular, however, it was not the first time a guitar was heard. Rich Kelley and his wife introduced the parish to a "guitar mass" in the early 70's. And once the choir moved from the traditional choir loft in the back, to a new position in the front of the church, a piano was added for yet another style and enhancement to the liturgy.



During Pat Theisen's many years of directing the choir, more people became involved with the choir, growing from its old three or four ladies singing in the back loft to the new twelve to fifteen mixed voices leading the congregation in song.

Although her service seemed short-lived, she left an important mark still noticeable today, the people of St Augustine love to sing and enhance each liturgy with their voices.

During a short sabbatical of choir directors, Sr. Lisa Marie Lazio provided her musical abilities until her departure from the parish. For a short period the void was filled with substitute musicians including Bea Conklin as well as the Sisters of the order of St. Joseph coming from Elmira.



Pat Theisen leading choir



Sr Lisa Marie and choir



Bea Conklin





Vickie Skop & Mary Jane Kirby

In 1985 Vickie Skop assumed the position of choir director for the parish. Although she didn't play any musical instruments, cantoring was her forte which she used to lead the congregation in song, especially when she found herself without a musician.

Approximately three years later, Mary Jane Kirby, niece of Josie Wojciechowski, became a parishioner and assumed the position of organist full time. Vickie Skop remained director until 1993 at which time Mary Jane assumed full command of the choir.



Polka Mass



John & Mary Jane Kirby

With Mary Jane, came yet more styles of music to enhance our liturgy. Not only were new instruments such as the accordion added, but additional voices and styles, too. Many people have been touched by the music our choir provides, whether it be Sunday morning Mass, a polka Mass during the Polish Festival, during the funeral of a loved one or an accordion Mass at the cemetery. On more than one occasion Bishop Cooney has expressed his joy in worshipping with us and the liveliness of our congregation in song.

Music is an integral part of our liturgy; and when done as the "work of the people" making melody to the Lord with all our heart, forms a necessary and integral part of solemn liturgy. In the words of our patron saint, St Augustine, "He who sings prays twice."



Construction of the new parish hall in the fall of 1992.

The Perfect Church

**If you could find the perfect church
Without one fault or smear,
For goodness sake, don't join that church.
You'd spoil the atmosphere.**

**But since no perfect church exists
Where people never sin
Let's cease looking for that church
And love the one we're in!**

"I remember the annual parish festival when I was a child – games, beer and fun. I also remember fellowship over coffee & doughnuts after Mass. Father Kupinski teaching us children how to open our mouths to receive communion with the handle of a brush. Father Pete going deer hunting with my father and uncles."

Joan Wasylewski



Church Picnic: Mr & Mrs Frank Romaniak, Louie & Alex Jarema, Mrs Mike Kondrat, John Baczkowski, John Skop and Stanley Romanik.



Parish picnics were common during the 1940's. Pictured in 1941 l-r: Emma Jane Overmyer, Wanda Germaine Marker, unknown, Wanda Salisz, Martha Organek Theresa Skop and Regina Skop Denise.

PROCESSIONS..



First Communion 1951



Emily Chmielewski with First Communicants: Carol Topolinski, JoAnn Gibes, Jacqueline Chmielewski and Mary Renkie. 1951.



An early procession from 1939, perhaps Corpus Christi. Holding door is Sylvester Wojciechowski. Altar Servers Bernie Wojciechowski, Walter Kipisz and Tom Matelski. L-r: Bernadette Kondrat holding onto Martha Kondrat, Martha Organek, Mrs. Joe Grobaski, Josie Wojciechowski and Stella Szepelak. Led by Father Moleski.

Parish Rededication August 29, 1982

On August 29, 1982, the newly remodelled Saint Augustine Church was rededicated by Bishop Robert Rose. Several visiting priests joined with Fr. Dennis Stilwell and the proud parishioners for the Mass of Rededication. The Church was rededicated after the massive remodelling that took place to accommodate the growing parish as well as to bring it into liturgical standards set forth by Vatican II. Other than the walls and roof, the entire church building was completely changed. Following the ceremony the congregation joined together for supper and a polka dance.



Entrance into the Church

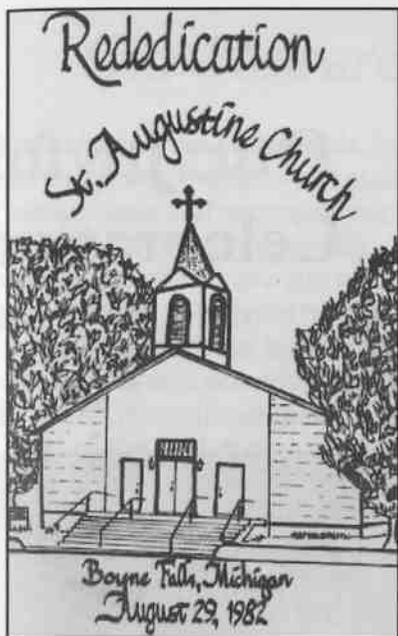


Presentation of Building
to the Bishop



Candles are lit as a
sign of rejoicing





Bishop Rose anoints the four corners of the altar with oil



The relics of the Saints are placed in the altar



Liturgy of the Eucharist



Recessional

Our Joyful Celebration



Dinner with Bishop Rose



Polka Dancing



Fellowship under the tent

...and Rain outside!



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Our Stewardship

These old financial statements from the parish present not only the financial stability of our parish, but also a historical record of people actively involved in the life of the parish.

While the parish has always had debt to some degree in order to provide for the spiritual welfare of the parishioners, there always has been enough funds to meet and provide for those needs. The early parish records contain many notations about the debt of the parish and its reduction each year. Both major renovations during the 1980s and 1990s were paid off many years before their original scheduled date. The \$155,000 borrowed in 1993 was repaid in only 7 years. And at the close of the fiscal year in 2001, the parish was very solvent.

However, what matters most is that the parish has been blessed by many faithful stewards over the years that have generously provided for the spirituality of the parish.

Financial Report

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St. Augustine Church

Boyer Falls, Michigan

1939

RECEIPTS

Balance	\$ 201.68
Organ Fund	87.50
Envelopes	483.32
Pew Rent	432.30
Offertery	173.60
Cemetery	42.50
Lenten Coll.	18.30
Sale	6.50
Charities	109.50
Fuel Collection	71.00
Donations	59.50
School Rent	150.00
Entertainments	398.73
Holy Land	8.46
Propagation of Faith	16.00
Total	\$2,239.78

Receipts \$2,239.78
Disbursements \$1,787.04

DISBURSEMENTS

Catholicism	\$ 20.03
Chancery	10.00
Pastor's Salary	620.00
Sexton	45.00
Candles, wine, bread	—
Altar needs	61.87
Furniture repairs, new furnishings for church	190.75
Fuel	98.18
Light, water, phone	85.01
Insurance	110.29
Miscellaneous	32.05
Printing, envelopes	38.00
Summer Schools	10.00
Cemetery	47.13
Charities	67.50
Holy Land	8.46
Propagation of Faith	38.20
Residence Rent	90.00
Charity Arrears	75.00
Old Bills	160.00
Total	\$1,787.04

Balance \$ 452.74

COMMITTEE

Mateleski, Thomas Skop, Wasyl
Kondrat, Stephen Renkie, John

REV. FRANCIS J. KUPINSKI, Pastor

LIST OF PARISHIONERS

	Envelopes Col.	Pew Rent	Fuel Col.	Charity Col.	Prop. of Falls	Spec. lat.
Allachin, Anna	2.00	5.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	5.00
Bartholomy, J.M.	2.50	1.00	—	—	—	—
Bartholomy, Martin	8.00	3.00	—	—	—	5.00
Ciesiewica, Lawrence	—	5.00	1.00	1.00	—	1.00
Cielak, Peter	5.50	—	—	2.00	—	—
Czerkles, James	1.05	—	—	2.00	—	—
Czerkles, Stephen	2.40	4.00	—	1.00	—	—
Domorowski, Alex	5.80	10.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Dombrowski, Mary	.70	4.50	—	—	—	—
Faszcowski, Ant.	5.15	10.00	2.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Piel, Peter	5.30	10.00	1.00	1.00	—	2.00
Florenski, Frank	3.00	—	1.00	2.00	—	—
Fanning, William	—	4.00	—	1.00	—	—
Forenski, Leon	10.65	—	—	—	—	—
Grygier, Andrew	4.25	6.00	1.00	1.00	—	1.00
Gryzbowski, Joseph	—	—	—	2.00	—	1.00
Gryzbowski, Mrs. Pr.	8.55	—	1.00	1.00	—	1.00
Gryzbowski, Andrew	2.80	10.00	1.00	1.00	—	1.00
Guziak, William	0.30	10.00	—	2.00	—	1.00
Holowicki, John	1.30	5.00	—	—	—	—
Howard, John	5.05	2.00	2.00	2.00	—	1.00
Jarema, Barbara L.	2.20	5.00	1.00	2.00	—	1.00
Jarema, Parasola L.	5.50	—	1.00	2.00	—	2.00
Jarema, Mary L.	1.30	5.00	—	2.00	—	1.00
Jarema, Antela	2.00	2.60	—	—	—	—
Jarema, Stephen	—	5.00	—	—	—	1.00
Jawinski, Mich. Sr.	8.00	10.00	—	2.00	—	1.00
Jawinski, Mich. Jr.	.35	—	—	2.00	—	—
Klipes, Stephen	5.00	5.00	1.00	2.00	—	1.00
Kliskotka, Andrew	0.30	10.00	2.00	1.00	—	3.00
Kliskotka, Stan	5.10	10.00	1.00	1.00	—	1.00
Kondrat, Michael	0.80	10.00	2.00	2.00	.50	2.00
Kondrat, Bernard	3.50	.50	—	1.00	—	—
Kondrat, John	1.35	—	1.00	2.00	—	2.00
Kondrat, Stephen	18.10	10.00	2.00	2.00	1.00	3.00
Kubyczak, Philip	1.40	—	—	2.00	—	—
Kompnicki, Onufry	5.85	6.00	1.00	1.00	—	—
Kopsinski, Joseph	2.25	—	—	1.00	—	—
Kopsinski, Joseph	—	—	—	2.00	—	1.00
Kose, Wasyl	—	—	—	—	—	—
Korunik, John	5.75	5.00	—	—	—	2.00
Krol, Adalbert	5.80	10.00	2.00	2.00	.50	2.50
Kumik, Anthony	6.05	5.00	—	2.00	—	2.50
Kumik, Edward	1.30	—	—	—	—	—

	Envelopes Col.	Pew Rent	Fuel Col.	Charity Col.	Prop. of Falls	Spec. lat.
Leonowicz, Mrs. Polona	3.40	5.00	1.00	0.00	—	2.00
Leonowicz, Paul	—	—	—	1.00	—	—
Marcinkiewicz, Joz	.75	—	—	—	—	1.00
Mateleski, Andrew Sr.	—	5.00	—	—	—	—
Mateleski, Andrew Jr.	20.30	10.00	2.00	2.00	1.00	1.00
Mateleski, Thomas	13.75	10.00	2.00	3.00	2.00	3.00
Matwelecyk, Mich.	5.10	.50	1.00	1.00	—	1.00
Meyer, Helen G.	25.15	10.00	2.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Organek, Martha	12.20	7.00	1.00	2.00	—	2.00
Organek, Ben	—	—	—	1.00	—	—
Prawdzik, Andrew	11.45	10.00	2.00	2.00	1.00	2.00
Prawdzik, Anna	3.30	—	—	—	—	—
Renkie, John	13.30	5.00	2.00	2.00	1.00	2.00
Renkiewicz, John	5.20	5.00	—	1.00	—	1.00
Renkiewicz, Frank	3.50	10.50	1.00	1.00	—	1.00
Reynolds, Mrs. Josephine	—	—	—	2.00	—	—
Romanik, Frank	3.90	6.00	1.00	1.00	—	2.00
Romanik, Theodore	2.00	10.00	1.00	1.00	—	—
Solis, James	6.70	—	—	1.00	2.00	1.00
Skop, Eva	4.40	5.00	1.00	1.00	—	2.00
Skop, Mary	2.10	—	—	.50	1.00	1.00
Skop, John	5.50	10.00	2.00	1.00	—	2.00
Skop, Michael	1.40	7.00	—	—	—	1.00
Skop, Wasyl	9.10	8.00	2.00	2.00	—	3.00
Skop, Emma	.10	—	—	1.00	—	2.00
Skop, Marko	1.75	5.00	—	—	—	—
Skop, Mrs. Mitro	16.00	10.00	2.00	2.00	—	1.00
Skop, Joseph	—	—	—	1.50	—	—
Snyder, Mrs. Regina	21.65	5.00	2.00	2.00	—	—
Stessak, Stan	4.95	6.00	1.00	1.00	—	1.00
Stewart, Mrs. Cliff	9.40	5.00	2.00	2.00	—	1.00
Szcepelak, Peter	5.10	10.00	1.00	2.00	—	2.00
Szcepelak, Stella	5.10	—	—	1.00	—	—
Szcepanski, Mary	4.55	5.00	1.00	7.00	1.00	1.00
Szcepanski, Felix	2.70	3.00	—	1.00	—	—
Teslak, Michael	—	—	—	1.00	1.00	—
Teslak, Mitro	7.55	10.00	1.00	2.00	—	2.00
Thomas, Corriale	—	—	—	1.00	—	—
Tomaszewski, Joseph	—	—	—	2.00	—	—
Topolinski, John	6.55	10.00	2.50	2.00	1.00	2.00
Topolinski, Joseph	3.05	2.00	1.00	2.00	1.00	2.00
Tymoc, Wasyl	4.20	—	—	1.00	2.00	2.00
Wasilewski, Michael	6.25	7.00	1.00	2.00	—	2.00
Wasilewski, Vincent	—	—	—	—	—	1.00
Wasilewski, Walter	3.50	1.45	1.00	1.00	—	1.00
Wasilewski, John	4.00	5.00	—	1.00	—	1.00
Wojciechowski, A. J.	13.50	10.00	2.00	2.00	1.00	1.00

Financial Report for St. Augustine Parish

BOYNE FALLS, MICHIGAN

1949

INCOME

Ordinary Income:	
Bal., Jan. 1, '49	\$ 211.30
Envel. Coll.	1,558.27
Pew	322.00
Offertory	464.66
Rental of Catechisms	10.95
Cemetery	265.68
	\$2,832.86
Extraordinary Income:	
United Charities	\$ 227.45
Fuel	318.39
Donations	134.72
Subscriptions	23.73
Entertainments	307.93
Holy Land	22.90
Prop. of Faith	144.17
Vigil Lights	3.25
Sale of Religious Goods	337.13
Special Coll. for Sisters	82.62
Mission Coll.	174.47
Lenten Coll.	16.91
Int. on Savings	123.49
Sale of First Com- munion Articles	88.33
	\$2,003.49
Total Income:	
Ordinary	\$2,832.86
Extraordinary	2,003.49
	\$4,836.35
Total Disbursements:	
Ordinary	\$3,602.47
Extraordinary	5,277.97
	\$8,880.44
Total Income	\$4,836.35
Tot. Disbursements	\$8,880.44
1949 Deficit	\$4,044.09
Prev. Bal.	7,504.87
Total Bal.	\$3,460.73

DISBURSEMENTS

Ordinary Disbursements:	
Payment of debt to B. C. Church	\$657.20
Cathedraticum	51.75
Chancery	51.75
Salary of Pastor	600.00
Sal. of Assistants	110.00
Sal. of Sexton	150.00
Candles, incense, etc.	564.45
Ordinary repairs	159.64
Fuel	164.99
Light, Water, etc.	93.03
Insurance	222.69
Printing, Stationery, etc.	161.06
Housekeeping Allow.	190.00
Transportation	50.00
Western Michigan Cath.	95.27
Catechisms	19.65
Sal. of Sisters	82.62
Catholic Literature	93.32
	\$3,462.42
Cemetery	
Salary of Sextons	\$104.00
Purchase of new Equipment	36.05
	\$140.05
Extraordinary Disbursements:	
Diocesan Charities	\$373.04
Holy Land	22.90
Prop. of Faith	144.17
New Furniture	611.25
Redecorating Altar & Statues	172.29
Wiring repairs	33.52
Church Signs	146.10
Remodeling Church	2,867.94
Installing New Lights	285.09
Remodeling rectory 1/2 shure	621.67
	\$5,277.97

CHURCH COMMITTEE

Walter Gibes	Tony Kullik	George Matelski
Felix Szczepaniak	Sylvester Wojciechowski	
FATHER MAX J. OSTROWSKI, Pastor.		

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	Envel.	Pew	Fuel	Char.	Cemet.	Total
Wojciechowski, Anthony	\$65.00	\$10.00	\$ 5.00	\$26.00	\$ 5.00	\$111.00
Renkie, John	44.65	10.00	5.00	35.00	5.00	99.65
Kuzmik, Casimir	52.50	10.00	10.00	19.00	5.00	96.50
Matelski, George	50.25	10.00	5.00	23.00	5.00	93.25
Kondrat, Steve	33.90	10.00	5.00	22.00	5.00	75.90
Matelski, Tom, Sr.	31.25	10.00	5.00	26.00	5.00	77.25
Gibes, Walter	38.50	10.00	5.00	14.00	5.00	72.50
Kondrat, Mike	25.90	10.00	5.00	19.50	5.00	65.40
Matelski, Andrew	27.90	10.00	5.00	9.00	5.00	56.90
Skop, Wasyl	16.20	10.00	5.00	20.00	5.00	56.20
Chmielewski, Vitold	27.00	10.00	5.00	13.00		55.00
Orgonek, Benny	29.90	5.00	5.00	9.25	5.00	54.15
Kullik, Anthony	24.50	10.00	5.00	8.50	5.00	53.00
Salisz, Steve	17.70	5.00	5.00	20.00	5.00	52.70
Faszczewski, Anthony	13.85	10.00	3.00	23.25	3.00	52.10
Salisz, James	12.75	10.00	5.00	18.00	5.00	50.00
Reynolds, Mrs. Henry	17.00	5.00	5.00	14.00	5.00	47.90
Jarema, Stanley	13.90	10.00	5.00	9.00	5.00	44.45
Kipusz, Steve	26.40	5.00	5.00	4.25	3.00	44.45
Prawdak, Mrs. Frances	15.45	10.00	5.00	9.00	5.00	44.45
Wojciechowski, Sylvester	21.90	10.00		10.00		41.90
Jazwinski, Frank	15.80	5.00	5.00	11.00	5.00	41.80
Grygier, Andrew	11.60	5.00	5.00	16.90	3.00	41.60
Tymoc, Wasyl	15.36	8.00	5.00	6.00	5.00	39.36
Klekotka, Andrew	13.20	10.00	5.00	6.00	5.00	39.20
Zyniewicz, Stanley	11.15	10.00	5.00	8.00	5.00	39.15
Tesluk, Dmitrow	14.85	5.00	5.00	9.25	5.00	39.10
Popolinski, Joseph	14.85	5.00	3.00	9.25	5.00	39.10
Prawdak, Leo	13.70	10.00	5.00	10.00		38.70
Howard, John	7.75	10.00	5.00	13.00		35.75
Jarema, Leon Paraska	5.65	10.00	5.00	8.00	5.00	33.65
Koncpacki, Mrs. A.	15.20	5.00	2.00	3.00	3.00	33.20
Denise, Mrs. Gale	17.05	5.00	5.00	6.05		33.10
Roberts, Mrs. Cecelia	16.60	5.00		5.00	5.00	32.60
Matelski, Edward	21.65	8.00		5.00		31.65
Jarema, Leo, Mary	3.00	10.00	5.00	7.50		31.40
Szepelak, Peter	9.15	8.00	5.00	0.00	3.00	31.15
Munnich, Mrs. Steve	15.00	5.00	5.00	5.00		30.00
Kondrat, Bernard	7.75	10.00	5.00	7.00		29.75
Kroll, Mrs. Agatha	6.80	5.00	2.50	12.00	3.00	29.30
Marwejezyk, Mike	7.25	5.00	5.00	7.00	5.00	29.25
Grybowski, Andrew	7.28	10.00	5.00	3.75	3.00	29.00
Holowiecki, John	10.75	10.00	5.00	3.00		28.75
Dunn, Frank	10.59	10.00	3.23	4.75		28.62
Piel, Mrs. Sophie	10.60	5.00	3.00	2.20	5.00	27.30
Salisz, Frank	11.10	5.00		3.00	3.00	27.10
Reszkiewicz, Frank	4.85	10.00	3.00	4.00	5.00	26.85
Wagylowski, Mike, Sr.	8.70	10.00	5.00	2.00		26.70
Skop, Marce	3.10	10.00	5.00	3.50	5.00	26.60
Tesluk, Michael	19.00	5.00		2.00		26.00
Green, Harvey	4.90	10.00	3.00	5.00	3.00	25.90

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	Envel.	Pew	Fuel	Char.	Cemet.	Total
Wasylewski, Mike, Jr.	13.20	10.00	---	2.50	---	25.70
Romanik, Frank	5.45	6.00	5.00	4.00	5.00	25.45
Thomas, Joseph	6.20	10.00	5.00	4.00	---	25.20
Snyder, Mrs. Pauline	15.15	6.00	4.00	---	---	25.15
Romanik, Theodore	2.60	10.00	5.00	2.00	5.00	24.60
Szczepaniak, Mrs. Mary	5.15	5.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	24.15
Matejski, Tom, Jr.	12.30	5.00	---	6.00	---	23.80
Konopacki, Joseph	3.00	10.00	5.00	5.00	---	23.00
Renkie, Edwin	9.00	5.00	2.00	6.00	---	22.80
Bernadyn, Onufer	6.95	---	3.00	6.00	---	22.45
Jarema, Steve, Nellie	2.55	10.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	21.25
Cieslak, Mrs. Sophie	3.20	5.00	5.00	3.00	5.00	21.20
Skop, Michael	6.35	5.00	5.00	4.00	---	20.35
Skop, Joseph	7.60	---	5.00	2.00	5.00	19.60
Organcik, Mrs. Martha	10.95	5.00	---	3.50	---	19.45
Jazwinski, Mrs. Constance	11.25	5.00	---	3.00	---	19.25
Kondrat, John	6.95	---	3.00	3.00	5.00	17.95
Skop, Stanley	3.45	10.00	---	2.80	---	16.25
Jacobson, Mrs. Pauline	6.55	5.00	4.25	---	---	15.80
Kosc, Wasy	4.70	---	5.00	6.00	---	15.70
Skop, Mrs. Sophie	4.50	---	5.00	2.00	4.00	15.50
Matejski, William	7.00	5.00	---	3.00	---	15.00
Czerkis, Steve	4.30	---	3.00	2.50	5.00	14.80
Jablinski, Leo	2.75	10.00	---	2.00	---	14.75
Skop, Mrs. Eva	4.55	5.00	3.00	2.00	---	14.55
Damer, Steve	1.25	10.00	---	2.00	---	13.25
Organcik, Constantine, Jr.	4.90	5.00	---	3.00	---	12.90
Fisher, Raymond	8.99	---	---	3.00	---	11.99
Szczepaniak, Felix	10.80	---	---	1.00	---	11.80
Klekotka, Joseph	4.84	5.00	---	1.75	---	11.59
Topolinski, Miss A.	3.06	5.00	1.00	2.23	---	11.29
Prawdzik, Tom	1.90	5.00	3.00	.55	---	10.45
Sawinski, Mike	6.20	---	---	4.00	---	10.30
Reynolda, Gael	1.40	5.00	3.00	---	---	9.40
Debuts, Elmer	4.25	---	1.00	4.00	---	9.25
Kowalski, Joseph	3.20	5.00	---	1.00	---	9.20
Denise, Mrs. Howard	1.65	5.00	---	2.00	---	8.65
Sawinski, Louis	3.70	---	3.00	1.50	---	8.20
Spohn, Mrs. Herman	1.54	5.00	---	1.50	---	8.04
Chmielewski, Jacqueline	7.15	---	---	.75	---	7.90
Fuzaszewski, John	1.60	5.00	---	1.25	---	7.85
Czerkis, James	1.15	---	---	1.25	5.00	7.46
Wojciechowski, Hilary	1.35	5.00	---	1.00	---	7.35
Fanning, Bill	2.05	---	---	5.25	---	7.30
Jarema, Leon, Barbara	3.45	---	---	3.00	---	6.45
Aldachin, Mrs. Anna	1.25	5.00	---	---	---	6.25
Kondrat, Tom	.10	---	5.00	1.00	---	6.10
Carson, Mrs. Gertrude	.50	5.00	---	.25	---	5.75
Fiel, Albert	.65	5.00	---	---	---	5.65
Skop, Mitre	---	5.00	---	---	---	5.00
Tousley, Robert	---	---	2.00	3.00	---	5.00

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Kondrat, Basil	4.95	---	---	---	---	4.95
Jarema, Frances	3.81	---	---	1.00	---	4.81
Klekotka, Victor	2.43	---	---	2.00	---	4.43
Skop, Peter	4.30	---	---	---	---	4.30
Kipisz, Lorraine	3.70	---	---	.10	---	3.80
Czerkis, Bernice	3.65	---	---	---	---	3.65
Jarema, Catherine	2.20	---	---	1.25	---	3.45
Sawinski, Joseph	1.35	---	---	1.50	---	2.85
Fisher, Ralph, Jr.	2.20	---	---	.50	---	2.70
Carson, Sam	2.51	---	---	.10	---	2.61
Skop, Stella	2.20	---	---	.30	---	2.50
Henning, Mrs. Freida	2.44	---	---	---	---	2.44
Kowalski, Josephine	2.35	---	---	---	---	2.35
Wojciechowski, Geraldine	2.05	---	---	---	---	2.05
Bernadyn, Walter	2.00	---	---	---	---	2.00
Cieslak, John	1.00	---	---	1.00	---	2.00
Carson, Anne	1.88	---	---	.10	---	1.98
Sawinski, Larry	1.10	---	---	.50	---	1.60
Debuts, Evelyn	---	---	---	1.00	---	1.00
Matejski, Irene	.95	---	---	---	---	.95
Konopacki, Frances	.69	---	---	---	---	.69
Wasylewski, Frank	.55	---	---	---	---	.55
Wisniewski, Cecelia	.50	---	---	---	---	.50
Cieslak, Regina	.15	---	---	.30	---	.45
Jazwinski, Joseph	.35	---	---	---	---	.35
Sawinski, Clarabelle	.25	---	---	---	---	.25
Mumich, Steve	.10	---	---	---	---	.10
Wasylewski, Anne	.10	---	---	---	---	.10
Kosc, Virginia	.07	---	---	---	---	.07

CONTRIBUTIONS OF FORMER PARISHIONERS & VISITORS

Jazwinski, James	---	---	---	10.00	---	10.00
Kozminski, Joseph	---	---	---	6.00	---	6.00
Dziedzic, Pauline	---	---	---	5.00	---	5.00
Skop, John	---	---	---	5.00	---	5.00
Baczkowski, John	---	---	---	1.00	---	1.00
Briggs, Matthew	---	---	---	1.00	---	1.00
Kobyiczak, Martha	---	---	---	1.00	---	1.00
Masley, A. J.	---	---	---	1.00	---	1.00
Matejski, Grace	---	---	---	1.00	---	1.00
Salisz, Wanda	---	---	---	1.00	---	1.00
Skop, Helen	---	---	---	1.00	---	1.00
Stachurski, Mrs. Joseph	---	---	---	1.00	---	1.00
Weeks, Mrs. Adelaide	---	---	---	1.00	---	1.00
Skop, Mrs. Frank	---	---	---	1.00	---	1.00

Blessings



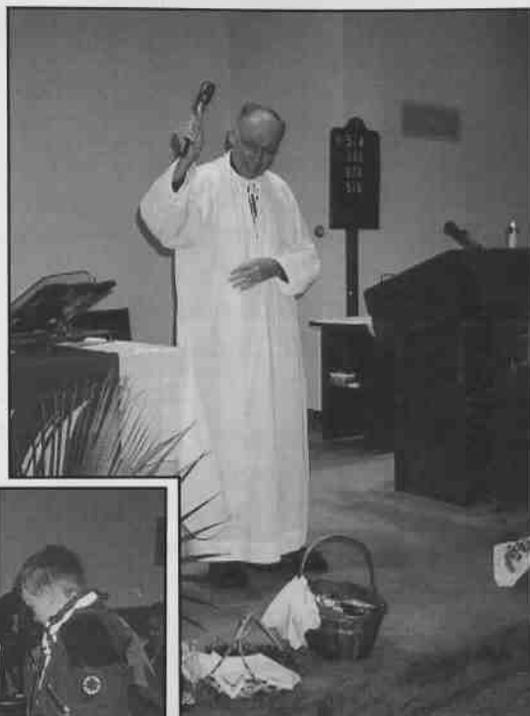
Bishop Cooney blessing the cemetery altar
July 31, 1994



The blessing of the parish hall
July 31, 1994



Baccalaureate 1980



The Blessing of
Easter Foods



Baccalaureate 1994



Feast of St. Blaise

Early Settlers ... and other people who've been a part of our parish

One of the easiest ways to determine the early settlers of Boyne Falls is to look no further than the road names. Many of the roads' names simply defaulted because of where the "road" led. Hence, we find the roads: Fiel, Romaniak, Grieger, Kuzmik, Reynolds, Denise, Bauman, Topolinski, Renkie, Skop and Brown that led to those families.

Some of the known early parishioners instrumental in the building of St. Augustine Church in 1901 include the Paszkewicz, Grzybowski, Matelski, Jazwinski, Prawdzik, Tomaszewski, Jaglowski, Locke, Wisniewski, Mashinsky, Doyle and other families.

With the wave of immigration that the early 1900's brought, the parish, too, saw a major increase in new members, especially of Polish descent, coming from what appears to be two areas of Poland, the village of Hludno in the province of Galicia, and the area around Augustow, in the Russian province. Coming to Boyne Falls to make their home were the Kondrats, Kuzmiks, Kipisz, Tymocs, Czerkies, Skops, Jaremas, Szczepaniaks, Salisz, Romaniaks, Cieslewicz, Staszak, Wasylewski, Klekotka and Kowalskis to name a few. It's still amazing though, that coming from a village in the Old Country, comparable in size to Boyne Falls, that there were two or three families of Skops, Romaniaks and Kondrats that had multiple families, yet claimed they weren't related.

It was the lumbering industry that brought so many of our people to Boyne Falls and

when Cobbs & Mitchell Lumber Company left town, unfortunately so did many of our parishioners. In 1925 Father Sliszka transcribed the following in the parish register: "Cobbs & Mitchell Lumber Co. finished lumbering operations in June. In consequence thereof many parishioners are forced to look for work elsewhere - Detroit, Grand Rapids, etc. Entire families left for good, others disposed of their chattels without selling the farms and moved to Detroit, etc."

Throughout the years, we've seen many families come and go, many of whom have played vital roles in the make up of our parish life. However, what is probably even more significant is the fact that many, if not all of the original establishing parishioners of 1901, are still represented by descendents who are active members of St. Augustine Church today.

The next thirteen pages contain photographs of people who have been a part of our parish over the years...many have already gone before us. Following after are individual family sponsored pages containing their unique histories. One thing that can surely be said about our early ancestors is that they were truly brave. Many came for a better life in a foreign land with not much more than hope in their pockets, travelling a week or more by ship with no idea of where they'd go or what they'd do once they got to America. Luckily for us, they ended up in Boyne Falls and established St. Augustine Catholic Church.



Josephine Czerkies' Wedding



Ed & Frances Bobowski
1992 Polish Festival Grand Marshalls



Francis, Joanna & Lawrence Cieslewicz



Lawrence Burdo



Sylvester Czerkies



Sophia, Josie & Pete Cieslak



The Bernadyn family. Back l-r: Pauline, Pete, George,
Mary & Walter. Middle l-r: Chester, Rose, Frank,
Mr. & Mrs. Frank Bernadyn & Joseph. Front l-r: Frankie,
Theresa, Raymond & Ronald.