

Centennial CELEBRATION

St. Hyacinth Church

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A Time of Thanksgiving

As we celebrate our 100th anniversary as a parish, we do so with thankful hearts. Jesus was with this parish from the beginning. It was founded by one of the successors of the Apostles, Bishop Richter of Grand Rapids. Jesus put it in the mind and heart of the pastor of St. Stanislaus to purchase the original property on the corner of Michigan and Cass. It was under his direction that the architect was selected, the contractor chosen and the building of the original church, school and convent was well underway before the first pastor, Fr. Alexander Lipinski was even appointed to St. Hyacinth. Few parishes have such an extraordinary beginning. Since that time thousands of people were baptized, confirmed, forgiven their sins, anointed and came to know Jesus through the breaking of the bread in the Sunday Eucharist. Many have been married here. Some of our members were called to be priests, or Religious Women. The children of St. Hyacinth have gone to every part of the United States and some abroad sharing the faith that they received here.

Every decade of the history of this parish saw its growth spiritually and physically. The right pastors, assistants, Felician and other Sisters, principals, lay teachers, lay leaders, lay organizations provided what the parish needed for that time. People grew in faith, wisdom and grace. Property was purchased, money was raised, buildings were built as a sign of faith.

What the future will hold is in God's hands. He will continue to build us into a more perfect Body of Christ.

Today we express our thanks to God and ask Him to give us growth as a community of love, inflamed with the gift of the Holy Spirit and His spiritual gifts which are given to build up the Body of Christ. Thank you, O Lord our God.

Father Edward J. Konieczka

Father Edward J. Konieczka, Pastor

The History of St. Hyacinth Parish

The Parish of St. Hyacinth is 100 years old. The life of the Parish has been filled with so many events that it would take volumes to record everything. There have been Priests who have served as assistants and returned to be Pastors of this Parish. There have been numbers of Faithful Parishioners who have attended St. Hyacinth Parish over the past 100 years and thousands who have known no other Parish but St. Hyacinth in their lifetime. There are many interesting stories concerning our Parish and its life, which our "old timers" can relate to. Right from the very founding of our Parish, a lot of those memories being recollected as if they just happened yesterday. However, it is impossible to record everything, and so it will be our best try to recall most of the highlights of events which have developed the Parish of St. Hyacinth into the large and beautiful Parish as it stands today.

Documents were found in a sealed copper container which was enclosed in the cornerstone of the original Church-School complex which was affectionately known by most of us as "the old school". That building was razed when the construction of the new Parish Center was completed and dedicated on August 15, 1976 by Monsignor Eugene A. Forbes, the Vicar General of the Diocese of Saginaw. The original cornerstone (dated 1906) can still be viewed in the lobby of the new Parish Center. Most of the contents which were found in the cornerstone of the original Church-School building were transferred into the cornerstone of the New Parish Center. They included copies of the Bay City Tribune and the Bay City Times, the Narod Polski, coins of each denomination which were placed within the box just prior to the laying of the original cornerstone. These remains were sealed in the new cornerstone of the Parish.

In July, 1901, Father Kozlowski and St. Stanislaus Church Committee entered into a contract with Ellen Symonds for the purchase of 3 1/2 acres of property on Cass and Michigan for the sum of \$2,500.00. The final payment was made in the Spring of 1905. On July 30, 1905, a meeting of the South end parishioners was held to discuss the formation of a new Parish. The gathering took place at St. Stanislaus Church, and at the time the following committee was chosen: Fr. Frank Schram, Martin Kowalak, Ignace Schultz, Vincent Mienkwicz and Joseph Zielinski. On September 15, 1905, the newly elected committee presented a formal request to Bishop Richter for the establishment of a new Parish under the name of St. Hyacinth.

The Bishop gave his written permission (letter below) and St. Hyacinth was underway as a new Parish:

October 4, 1905

The most Rev. Bishop, Henry Joseph Richter, of Grand Rapids, imparts his permission and Episcopal Benediction to Rev. Edward Kozlowski and the Church Committee of St. Stanislaus, Bay City, in dividing their parish to form that of the present St. Hyacinth Church, corner of Cass and Michigan.

Cathedral, Grand Rapids, Michigan

Rev. Edward Kozlowski
St. Stanislaus Kostka Church
Bay City, Michigan

Reverend and Dear Father:

In accordance with your petition of September 15, 1905, signed by yourself, the Church Committee of St. Stanislaus, and the Temporary Committee of the Polish Catholics, of South Bay City - We have decided to divide the parish of St. Stanislaus Kostka, Bay City, along the lines laid in your mentioned petition. We therefore, order and decree: that,

- 1) A new congregation be organized in the Southern part of St. Stanislaus Parish, Bay City;
- 2) The boundary lines between the old and the new parish shall be 27th St., so that all Polish Catholics living south of this street shall belong to the new congregation;
- 3) The parish of St. Stanislaus shall reimburse the out-going families in the amount of \$9,277.67 - their actual contribution towards the erection of St. Stanislaus;
- 4) Immediate steps shall be taken to erect a substantial building, suitable for church and school purposes, on the site already secured, corner Cass and Michigan, without, however, incurring any debt.

We take this occasion to express to yourself and the members of your parish our extreme gratification at the spirit of harmony and good-will manifested in the arrangements for the separation of the two congregations, and, while praying that God's blessing may prosper both the old and the new parish. We lovingly impart to you all our Episcopal Benediction.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Henry Joseph,
Bishop of Grand Rapids

The Architects of Pratt and Koepp were chosen to design the new edifice, and the ceremony of "turning the first spadeful" for the new Church-School building took place with Fathers Edward Kozlowski, Joseph Kaminski and John Gatzke being participants in the ceremonies. City officials and notables and every parishioner present took part in the ceremonies. An amount of \$446.75 was collected for the privilege of participating in the ceremony.

Father Joseph Kaminski was delegated to visit the homes of the 335 families then living south of 27th Street and to take up contributions for the new Church. He was well received for the spirit of enthusiasm ruled the South End and there was a flush of eagerness on the face of every Polish pioneer and those of the second generation. On April 24, 1906, the blue prints for the new edifice were approved and accepted. The estimated cost of the building was \$33,620.80, but at this time it was not clear whether that amount included the finishing of the interior. J.W. Thompson was awarded the masonry contract and the carpentry contract was given to J.F. Steinbaur.

With a special invitation to the congregations of St. Stanislaus and St. Hyacinth the laying of the cornerstone for the new St. Hyacinth Parish took place on Sunday, October 14, 1906. It was a

glad day for St. Hyacinth Parish, the day was warm, the sky clear; the parade of numerous societies, carrying their flags and marching down the dusty streets all the way from St. Stanislaus was a sight to see. Among the bystanders, some smiled and some laughed as the mounted Marshals of the march held a tight rein on their frisky steeds and threw out their chests with pride, though unaccustomed to the saddle. At the same time silent tears of joy were quietly wiped away by many of those present, both of the laity and the visiting clergy. It was an occasion of rejoicing and jubilation.

Monsignor Schram, later the first Bishop of Toledo and after that Archbishop at Cleveland, Ohio, blessed and dedicated the cornerstone. Father L.P. Krakowski preached an inspirational sermon. The Very Rev. Edward Kozlowski was in his glory for he had prompted the establishment of the new Parish.

Work on the project was stopped by the winter but was resumed in the early spring and the building was under roof by the summer of 1907.

On September 4, 1907, Father Alexander Lipinski was appointed the first Pastor of St. Hyacinth Parish. He proceeded to contract for the completion of the building and the erection of the Rectory. In the meantime, Sunday Mass continued to be said for the St. Hyacinth Parishioners at St. Stanislaus Church by Father Lipinski who made his temporary residence at 1400 Cass Avenue.

The Most Reverend Joseph Richter, the Bishop of Grand Rapids Diocese, blessed the new Church on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, December 8th, 1907. Three weeks later the first sittings were rented out to the anxious parishioners. Those less fortunate were asked to pay 10 cents per sitting on Sunday.

In October of 1918, Father Lipinski, the First Pastor of St. Hyacinth, took sick and died after a Pastorate of some eleven years. On December 1, 1918, Father Joseph Lewandowski was appointed as the second Pastor, and he remained for 15 years. During his pastorate the Parish persevered through bleak days of the big Depression of 1929 to 1933.

In 1936 St. Hyacinth Ushers Club, a service and social organization, was formed. In 1938, C.Y.O. (Catholic Youth Organization) came to St. Hyacinth. It was later renamed St. Hyacinth Athletic Club in 1945 by Fr. John Kolevar.

Fr. Damien Krawczyk, O.F.M., was born Louis Krawczyk in Beaver, Michigan on July 30, 1909. He was the first member of St. Hyacinth parish to receive Holy Orders, he went to St. Joseph's Seminary, Grand Rapids, after finishing grade school at St. Hyacinth's. He was ordained May 28, 1938. Fr. Damien sang his First Solemn High Mass on Monday, May 30, 1938, at St. Hyacinth Church. Fr. Damien died on Sunday, November 29, 1942 at St. Mary's hospital in Saginaw.

In 1938, the Diocese of Saginaw was formed and it embraced the Eastern part of the State as well as the Thumb area. Bishop William Murphy became the First Bishop of the Diocese of Saginaw. On September 8, 1943, Father Andrew Narloch became the third Pastor of St. Hyacinth Parish. Under his guidance, the parish came to life and set about preparing plans for a new Church and



Laying of the Cornerstone for the new St. Hyacinth Church – October 8, 1950



St. Hyacinth 50th Anniversary Celebration in the New Church on April 29, 1956

Rectory. Mr. Joseph Goddeyne was contracted as the Architect for the planned structures, and construction began in April of 1950. The cost of the buildings plus the interior furnishings and the landscaping amounted to approximately \$270,000.00. And to this day this structure is about the most beautiful in the Diocese of Saginaw.

In the early 1950's, the ladies of the parish formed an Altar society and, while meeting socially, took on the responsibility for decorating the Church and cleaning and maintaining the Sanctuary and altar linens.

Father Andrew Narloch was a generous but gently rough Polish priest, with a heart of gold who ran the Parish with a firm hand. His Pastorate saw the construction of the new Church and new Rectory, but he never saw the completion of his work. God called him from the vineyard on November 19, 1952. The first Mass and the first Funeral in the new Church was for Father Andrew Narloch. The building was not yet completed, and make-shift provisions were made for the funeral. Father Kenneth Povish (then the assistant at St. Hyacinth) was named temporary Administrator.

On December 23, 1952, Father Casimir T. Skowronski became the Fourth Pastor of St. Hyacinth Parish. His tenure was to last until May of 1965, when a prolonged illness and a stroke forced him to resign his Pastorate. Father C.T., as he became known was a man who was well read, intelligent, with a keen sense of humor, a humor which most people could not grasp. He was an excellent Pastor who had a knack of turning his assistants into very capable administrators (per Fr. Vern Sierminski), who had a knack of getting boys interested in the Priesthood. Fr. Skowronski had the task of completing the construction of the new buildings. He also renovated and updated the "old School" as per the demands of the Fire Marshall and safety. A new boiler room and chimney was built to heat the school, at a great expense.

On January 19, 1953 the Felician Sisters moved from the school quarters to a renovated rectory which then became the convent. February 1, 1953, Fr. Skowronski organized the first CCD Program in the parish.

Fr. Skowronski also organized the St. Vincent dePaul Society of St. Hyacinth Church in 1954. It was a group devoted to helping the poor. Bishop Woznicki said that when a parish has a Legion of Mary (and St. Hyacinth's did), they have to have a St. Vincent dePaul Society. Thereby the women from Legion of Mary visited the women of the parish and the St. Vincent dePaul Society visited the men of the parish. They visited Mercy Hospital and General Hospital. St. Vincent dePaul members accompanied Fr. to the Funeral Home due to the low attendance of people. The rules then, were they had to meet weekly with a maximum of twelve members, if there were more a new Conference was started. Members had four special days for Corporate Communion and if they missed more than three meetings without an excuse they were no longer members.

On September 9, 1954, Ground breaking for an extension was made to the north side of the convent, with a new Chapel being on the first floor and five more rooms on the second floor to accommodate the nine sisters who were teaching in school at St. Hyacinth. The convent had been in the



Convent – 1955



Inside of Chapel – 1955

old school building, and these quarters were converted into classrooms. On April 20, 1955 the annex was completed and the sisters occupied the four additional bedrooms. The first Mass in the Sisters' new Chapel was on May 16, 1955.

The Golden Jubilee of the Parish began with the Solemn High Mass at 10:30 a.m. on April 29, 1956. The Parish debt stood at \$274,000.00 and under the guidance of Fr. Casimer Skowronski it was diminished and amortized, a feat which was most challenging. Fr. Richard Jozwiak was his faithful right hand in those trying days, and he took very good care of the elderly Priest, who had by now received the honor of Monsignor ship.

On June 1, 1957 a historical venture was initiated to promote vocations to the holy Priesthood in Bay City. Five deacons were ordained to the Priesthood by the Most Reverend Bishop Woznicki. This was the first of its kind in Bay City in forty years. The drama unfolded itself before a large assemblage at the beautifully decorated St. Hyacinth Church. The Ordination Mass was broadcasted on radio with newscasts on television. On June 2, 1957, the celebration of the First Solemn High Mass of two newly ordained priests, Reverend Bernard Skornia and Reverend Barney Janowicz.

Fr. Skowronski was also a Consultor to the Bishop, and was one of the members of the Diocesan Building Committee which was instrumental in the construction of St. Paul Seminary which was built in the outlying territories west of Saginaw. There has been criticism of the construction of the Seminary, but it did see some very bountiful days. However, with the Advent of Vatican II, vocations to the Priesthood have dwindled to almost zero, and as a result the Seminary had to be closed, which was a most sorrowful end to a beautiful ideal. However, not all was in vain, because the facilities are now used as the Diocesan quarters for the Diocesan Offices (a great improvement over the former offices which were in an old Bank building on Hamilton Avenue in Saginaw) and also the home to Nouvel Catholic High School.

Upon an announcement and a formal letter from the Diocesan Office on September 9, 1962, St. Hyacinth ceased to be a national parish and became territorial. Parish territorial lines were: From the river east to Pine Rd. and from German Rd. (Bay Saginaw line) north to 27th Street. All living within that area were urged to become enrolled, participating members of the Parish.

Changes continue to take place rapidly. In September of 1962, the 400 lb. bronze bell that served the people of the parish for half a century was removed as a precautionary measure because the weight of the bell was weakening the supports of the tower. Since 1953, the old bell had been silent due to the replacement of a modern electronic system in the new church. The old bell was delivered to Argyle, Michigan to serve the people at a Mission Church there.

On May 19, 1963, Rev. Fr. Casimer Skowronski celebrated his Golden Jubilee of the Priesthood with a Solemn High Mass, followed by a reception and luncheon at the school cafeteria, with Rev. Bishop Stephen Woznicki attending. School children, choir, societies took part in a program in the School Auditorium on this joyous occasion for Msgr. Skowronski.



Aerial View of St. Hyacinth Church - Convent - School



Breaking Ground for St. Hyacinth New Gym Building on July 17, 1966

At last the long awaited day came for the burning of the Church mortgage. On October 6, 1963 a Chicken Bar-B-Que Dinner was served behind the school on the blacktop and at 6:00 p.m. the ceremony of the burning of the mortgage took place with Mayor Monte Wray attending.

In 1963, St. Hyacinth Athletic Club built their field house and they continue to maintain and share it with the parish family. On May 11, 1965, Msgr. Casimer T. Skowronski due to health problems relinquished his post as pastor of St. Hyacinth Church. (Msgr. Skowronski past away on August 18, 1966.)

On May 11, 1965, Fr. Michael J. Kujawa was installed as the Fifth Pastor of St. Hyacinth Church. He was heir to a parish which was already well established and fast growing. It was a parish which was out of debt, but it still was a parish with many needs. Progress continued with Fr. Kujawa as pastor. The two 10,000 gallon oil tanks were drained and filled with sand. Redecorating of the interior in the old school took place and the oil furnace was converted to gas.

On June 4, 1967, the newly ordained Parishioner, Rev. Dale Orlik celebrated his First Mass at St. Hyacinth Church.

Father Kujawa had a special liking for basketball, and since the Parish was in need of additional classroom space, Fr. Kujawa was responsible for the construction of the Junior High (presently known as St. Hyacinth's Gym). The ground breaking for the new school and gymnasium took place on July 17, 1966 and the blessing of the cornerstone took place on September 19, 1966. Also, uniforms for the school children were introduced. The new St. Hyacinth School and Gym was first used in the fall of 1967. The short tenure of Fr. Kujawa saw his interests centered upon the new Junior High at a cost of approximately \$465,000.00.

Fr. Michael Kujawa died unexpectedly on November 20, 1967 at his cottage and Fr. Gerald F. Kukla was named administrator until the installation of Fr. John Boguslawski as the Sixth Pastor of St. Hyacinth Parish on January 2, 1968. His Pastorate lasted until January of 1970.

On May 25, 1968, the parishioners of St. Hyacinth took part in the celebration of a Golden Jubilee at a Solemn Mass for Sr. Mary Bertrand; Sr. Mary Sybille; Sr. Mary Ferreria; daughters of St. Hyacinth.

A Saturday Evening Mass was voted in by the parishioners, with the first Mass held on October 18, 1969 at 7:00 PM, eliminating the 6:00 AM Mass on Sunday.

Rev. Thomas Luczak, newly ordained parishioner, celebrated his First Mass at St. Hyacinth on June 15, 1970.

In October of 1970, new playground equipment was installed. It was purchased by the A.C. Club for youngsters to enjoy during lunch hour and after school. This was to encourage physical fitness and fun, the equipment consisted of Monkey bars, Two slides, Eight swings and Merry-go-round.

On January 17, 1970, Fr. Vernon J. Sierminski assumed Canonical possession as the Seventh Pastor of St. Hyacinth Parish. It was a parish with which Fr. Vern was familiar, having been an assistant here from June 15, 1956 thru September of 1958. Many challenges had to be faced, among them were the parish debt of over \$200,000.00. One of the first things which happened was the formation of a Board of Education which would help in the direction and development of the St. Hyacinth Elementary School. In March of 1970, the first President, Mr. Richard Mrozinski and the newly formed board had one of the greatest tasks to make the Parishioners aware of their "Fair Share". Before school was out for summer vacation in 1970, a Home and School Association was formed and the first meeting was held in May of that year, with Mr. Jerry Wisniewski as the first President.

In 1970 the Church closed from July to Labor day for renovation. The walls were covered with golden colored stone, the Church was repainted and trimmed with gold foil, the Altar railing was removed and a new Altar of Sacrifice was designed and put in place. Carpet was laid over the green and black tile floor, and new kneelers were installed. A new Bell Tower System was purchased and put into use for the first day in the "new Church".

In the meantime, the convent was repainted and carpeting was installed throughout the entire building, new furniture was purchased for the sisters. The Rectory was also renovated during the same period, with the kitchen being completely remodeled, the complete building being repainted and some new furniture being purchased. All of this renovation was completed for about \$100,000.00 and completed without a drive for funds.

On July 24, 1973, the final payment was made upon the debt and the Parish was finally out of debt. The year of 1973 also saw the formation of our Church Council with its own Constitution and saw it officially become known as the Parish Council. It not only serves in an advisory capacity, but it also is a decision making body which works hand in hand with the Pastor as a unit for the better operation of the Parish. The face of Parish life is changing and the Parish will operate in a little different manner than in the past. The Parish and Parishioners will have to adjust to this type of management in Parish life, although the Pastor of this Parish still retains the capacity of "The Boss"! But it will be a new phase in Parish life with more people becoming involved in Parish life and Parish decisions.

As the year of '74 came to a close, a strong push was made for the construction of a new School, because of the urgency placed upon us by the Insurance Company for increasing improvements in our old School which really were needed. After many hours and lengthy meetings, and arguments, a new School was contracted for. In the Spring of 1975, the Architects of Schmidt - Thiel of Saginaw were given instructions to the needs of the Parish, and in September ground was quietly and unceremoniously broken by Jim Pumford, the general contractor, Mr. Peter Martin and Fr. Vern Sierminski.

Construction continued throughout the entire winter as the building was already enclosed by that time. The building was constructed on an Owner-Contractor management program, wherein the Parish contracted all of the phases of the construction. And this was done under the careful eye



St. Hyacinth New Parish Center – December 8, 1975

and help of Jim Peplinski , Peter Martin and Fr. Vern Sierminski. The cornerstone was laid by Fr. Vern Sierminski and Fr. Eugene Seidenwand in the presence of the school children on the morning of December 8, 1975. The building was completed and dedicated by Monsignor Forbes on Sunday, August 15, 1976. The opening of the school year for 1976 and 1977 saw our youngsters in the new school, with the newly formed Kindergarten being added for the first time and the enrollment being about 500.

After the new school was almost completed, the “Old School” was razed in the meantime. A sale of school items was held just prior to the “tear down”, and the usable items transferred to the new school. In the meantime, a new boiler was installed in the Jr. High since the old boiler room was converted into a garage and janitor’s work area. The old boilers were steam, and the heat in the Jr. High was hot water, so it was most sensible to change and improvement be made since the country was entering upon an energy awareness and consciousness. The new Educational Center was built at a cost of \$618,456.00, complete with all of the furnishings and necessary equipment. The whole project cost about \$658,000.00, which included the demolition of the old school, the old chimney and the old garage, the new boiler and boiler room, the fill dirt, the conversion of the old boiler room to a garage-janitor room, the landscaping (\$39,025.00). And the Parish debt stood at \$500,000.00. Our Summer Festivals, Oktoberfests, Bingo games, Buick Regal Parties, new 50/50 Home & School Monthly drawings and other projects helped alleviate the debt.

Fr. Vern’s famous quote is: God is good; God has blessed us; God has given us a Cadillac Parish!!!

In July of 1978 Fr. Vern Sierminski was transferred as pastor of St. Agnes Parish in Sanford. He returned on July 30, 1978 to bless the Shrine were the “Old Church and School stood. And as of April, 2007 has just been refurbished.

In July of 1978, Fr. Joseph V. Adamec became St. Hyacinth’s eighth Pastor. The size of the parish

continues to grow and the challenges of the 1980's are even more staggering than before. The addition of an associate pastor (Fr. Jeffrey J. Donner), a permanent deacon (George F. Keller), and an intern deacon (David L. Parsch), helped to reduce the work load; however, the spiritual growth of St. Hyacinth's parish never ends! Since Vatican II the needs of the parish and the parishioners have changed and increased. Fr. Adamec and the Pastoral Team, along with the super fantastic parishioners of the parish will never give up the hope of meeting these needs and working at solutions to problems.

The new reconciliation rooms were ready in December, 1978. Penitents were able to choose to confess their sins through a screen or face to face with the priests.

On October 26, 1979, the ordination of David L. Parsch and John F. Cotter as Deacon took place at St. Mary's Cathedral with Bishop Francis Reh as the presider.

In October of 1979, Fr. Adamec proceeded with replacing the roofs on the church and rectory at a cost of \$41,800.00. And the plans for the renovation of the convent were in the making.

In November of 1979, John F. Cotter was assigned as a Deacon-Intern and served with David L. Parsch in this capacity.

A committee was formed on November 4, 1979 to organize St. Hyacinth 75th Diamond Jubilee Anniversary as a parish. Many events were scheduled to take place the following year, some of which were: Fish Fry, Buick Regal Party, May Crowning with an Outdoor Mass, Jubilee Pageant, Rosary Society Card Party, Ice Cream Social, Oktoberfest, Eucharistic Devotions, Souvenir Medal and Diamond Jubilee Dinner Dance (by Ushers Club), and Liturgy with Diamond Jubilee Banquet.

On Sunday, April 4, 1980, Fr. David Parsch celebrated his First Mass at St. Hyacinth parish followed by a reception in St. Hyacinth Gym.

In February, 1980, Deacon George F. Keller was unanimously voted in by the Parish Council as the New Religious Education Director. He will build on the foundation already laid by Mr. James Fielbrandt (St. Hyacinth Principal).

The ordination of John F. Cotter to the priesthood took place on July 18, 1980 at Sacred Heart Church in Mt. Pleasant. Fr. Cotter celebrated his first Mass at St. Hyacinth parish on Sunday, July 20 at 11:00 A.M., a reception followed in the Parish Center Cafeteria. Fr. Cotter left St. Hyacinth at the end of November, 1980 to be an Associate at SS. Peter and Paul in Saginaw.

Starting in July, 1980, additional work on updating the convent begin. The chapel was repainted, storm windows put up throughout the building, outside woodwork painted, bathrooms repaired and remodeled, new furnace (change from oil to gas) was purchased and installed, and now the kitchen. The Parish Council felt a need to provide a comfortable residence for the Sisters in this, one of the largest parish schools that the Felician Congregation staffs in the State.

The Diamond Jubilee was celebrated on August 17, 1980 (Feast Day of St. Hyacinths') at a 4:00 P.M. Liturgy presided by Bishop Francis F. Reh and attended by priests from our parish family,

those who once served here, and those from Bay City, along with the Felician Sisters Community and our Mayor. The banquet was held at Bay Valley Inn with Bishop Kenneth Povish being the main speaker.

Bishop Kenneth E. Untener was installed as Bishop of the Diocese of Saginaw on November 24, 1980 at the Saginaw Civic Center.

St. Hyacinth Parish congratulates the Felician Sisters on their 125th Anniversary of their Congregation.

On June 30, 1981, a Farewell party was held for Fr. Jeffrey Donner, as he was being transferred to St. Stephen's in Saginaw. Also, a farewell to Sr. Mary Euphrasia, having been with St. Hyacinth School/Parish a total of six years. And a big Thank You to Esther Pagryzinski on her 25th Anniversary as the organist.

We also, welcome Fr. James Wm. Bessert as the new associate of St. Hyacinth Parish. Fr. Bessert is very talented in the music area, as was Fr. Donner. We welcomed Wolfgang Streichardt as a new deacon-intern, as he prepares for the priesthood.

In December of 1981, St. Hyacinth Parish invited the Fremont Methodist congregation to celebrate their Christmas in our church, as their church was recently destroyed by fire. We felt that our Christmas was more blessed than otherwise for having invited this "homeless" community to share our House of Worship. The Fremont Methodist congregation celebrated their Christmas Eve service in our Church. There had been so much good, positive feedback from our parishioners that it alone made Christmas very special at St. Hyacinth's. They in turn were grateful and sent a note of thanks:

"Dear St. Hyacinth Friends",

We of the Fremont Avenue United Methodist Church wish to express our appreciation to you for letting us have our Christmas Eve service at St. Hyacinth's Church. I am quite sure that down through the years our families will remember the Advent Season of 1981 and especially the Christmas Eve service.

Reverend Robert Worgess,
Pastor of the Fremont Avenue United Methodist Church.

We continue to celebrate Thanksgiving Ecumenical Services with them every year since.

In December of 1981, the reception of Communion under both kinds was introduced. The Bishops of the U.S. extended their permission and encouragement of the greater expression of communion. We hope to extend this privilege at all the Masses as we gather and train new Ministers of the Eucharist.

On November 21, 1982, Deacon Rick Filary (a parish son) and Deacon Wolfgang W. Streichardt were ordained to the priesthood here at St. Hyacinth Parish at 4:00 P.M. Fr. Wolfgang W. Streichardt became the associate at St. Hyacinth until he was assigned to help Fr. Eugene Seidenwand at Holy Family in Sebawaing.

The Festival Pole Building was destroyed by fire on the morning of December 27, 1982. It was covered by insurance and rebuilt along with various items needed for the festival (games, benches, dance floor, counters etc.), under Michael Manning, his Festival Committee and St. Hyacinth Parish volunteers.

On June 19, 1983, Fr. Jim Bessert left to attend school at Notre Dame for the summer, on his return he will be going to Blessed Sacrament in Midland. Fr. Joseph M. Griffin has been assigned the new associate to St. Hyacinth's.

During Fr. Griffin's time here, he started a RENEW program and received several letters (from Cardinal Pironio, Cardinal Willebrands and H.E. Mgr. Paul Poupart, Archbishop of Usula) for his efforts. The RENEW program would break into small group sessions to pray for the effort of renewal and spiritual growth of St. Hyacinth. Fr. Griffin was also congratulated on being named the "Young Clergyman of the Year" by the Bay City Jaycees.

In July of 1984, Fr. Joseph V. Adamec was assigned pastor of SS.'s Peter and Paul Church in Saginaw.

Fr. Thomas E. Sutton was assigned the ninth Pastor of St. Hyacinth Parish and was welcomed on July 15, 1984.

Fr. Sutton expanded the Administration Committee to consist of the following sub-committees: Buildings & Grounds, Personnel Committee and Stewardship was to be established in the future.

Along with Parish Council, he observed the necessity to strengthen many areas in the parish. Some of which they specified were: Lack of programs for the youth, Need for adult education, parishioners awareness of the primary role of Church, Lack of involvement by young adults, CSA and other diocesan programs, Parishioner attendance at weekend liturgies, Lack of financial support, Promote small events and family programs, Time and Talent survey, Remodel the Church, Restructure parish organizations, Improve communication and Update education aids.

In 1986, a new pastoral team came aboard: Phyllis Boman as Religious Education Director, Sr. Mary Epple as Pastoral Minister and Barb Geary as the new Principal.

On June 9, 1986 a reception was held for Mr. James Fielbrandt who had taken a position as Principal of St. Gerard's in Lansing.

Capital Improvements were in the making. A handicap ramp on the north entrance of the church, the north and south entrances to the Education Center (Parish Center) needed to be repaired to solve drainage and ice problems, work on the Bell Tower, replace the garage roof and water blasting the front of the church.

The Christian Service Commission along with Sr. Epple put much effort into organizing the Funeral Luncheons, being one of the best things the parish has done. Till this day the Christian Service Commission (with Fran Gibelyou and many faithful stewards) is involved in many, many projects such as: Funeral Luncheons, Giving Tree, Baby Bottles, Soup Kitchens, Going away and Welcoming Parties, Coffee & Donuts, Crop Walk, Right to Life, Relay for Life (for cancer),

Migrant Ministry, Pumpkin Patch, Outreach, Blood Drives, Church Women United and what ever comes along that benefits the entire St. Hyacinth Christian Community along with the whole City of Bay City. "KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK"!!!

August, 1986, Fr. Joe Griffin moved on to be Pastor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish in Chesaning. And Fr. Rick Filary became the new associate at St. Hyacinth's.

Repairs to the church roof, new flashing to stop the leakage, install 5 new windows in the rectory to help prevent cracking of the plaster were done in November of 1986.

On June 21, 1987, Fr. Rick Filary left St. Hyacinth Parish to be pastor in Kinde and Fr. Sylvester O'Keefe is St. Hyacinth's new associate as of July 12, 1987.

Major improvements are under way for the following projects: New roofs for both the Education Center and Jr. High (Gym) building, plus finishing the tuck pointing of the rectory and church, removal of broken asphalt on the north side of the service garage (east side of Jr. High) and the area will be filled in with dirt and seeded, the refinishing and relining of the gym floor, replacing the flat roof on both the rectory and church, power washing the copings on the same buildings in preparation for sealing and water proofing, work is being done on the copper eaves, repairing or replacing leaking sections, north area of the maintenance garage is being filled with dirt and seeded (by volunteers). Fr. Sutton's quote: "One of these days everything is going to be in A-1 condition in the parish, except for the debt, of course, that is growing to pay for these projects." All these improvements were done from July thru October of 1987.

Vicariate VIII School Committee (eleven people in all) met on November 19, 1987, to review the results of the Middle School survey sent to parents of the Vicariate's school children. About 85% of the parents responded. The survey reflects a desire to pursue a Middle School (grades 6-8) Program.

St. Hyacinth Athletic Club celebrated their 50th Anniversary with a Party on Saturday, February 27, 1988 at the Knights of Columbus Hall.

Continuing with the ecumenical spirit that has promoted cooperative efforts between St. Hyacinth's and Fremont Methodist, the pastors exchanged pulpits on February 7, 1988. Pastor McLaurin preached at the 11:00 a.m. Mass and Fr. Thomas Sutton preached at their 10:30 a.m. Service.

Plans (enlarged drawings) of a proposed remodeling project for the Church have been displayed in the case in the main entrance of the Church. The plans were discussed by the Worship Commission, Parish Council and the Administration Commission. For now they will be seeking bids mainly for the painting of the interior of the Church. A Town Hall Meeting was held on June 20, 1988 in the Education Center, with about 90 people in attendance. Several shared their concerns, criticisms and, at times, misunderstandings about what has been proposed. The fear of taking on an additional debt of \$260,000.00 was certainly a valid concern. The remodeling was put aside, but avenues of raising funds will be investigated so that proper financial position is in place when the time arrives.

In March of 1988, the pastors of the Vicariate voted on the issue of starting a Middle School in September of 1988. A vote among the students that will be in the middle school was taken and they named the Vicariate VIII Middle School: "HOLY FAMILY MIDDLE SCHOOL". The new Middle School will occupy the former St. Stanislaus High School on the corner of Grant and Kosciuszko.

Fr. Tom Sutton was named pastor of St. Stephens Parish in Saginaw effective in September of 1988. Fr. Lawrence M. Pashak was named St. Hyacinth tenth Pastor, effective on October 20, 1988. Fr. Larry served as an associate pastor several years back. Fr. Sylvester O'Keefe was named administrator until Fr. Larry will arrive.

St. Hyacinth expressed their Congratulations to Brother Thomas Clark, F.S.C. who was celebrating his Profession of Perpetual Vows on September 17, 1988 at the Christian Brothers Center, Lewis University, Romeoville, Illinois. Brother Thomas is a former member of St. Hyacinth Parish.

A new "Support Group For the Aging" was formed by Sr. Mary Epple. This group meets twice a month in the convent, and was beneficial for St. Hyacinth's seniors. Also, along with Nancy Ciesla and Germaine Bayer they formed the "Befriender Ministry Program".

St. Hyacinth Parish & School welcomed Deanna Siler as the new Principal and Administrator for the 1989-1990 school year. The sixth, seventh and eight grades are now at Holy Family Middle School. St. Hyacinth enrollment is at 215 for this year (Pre-School & Kindergarten thru fifth grade).

In December of 1989, Fr. Sylvester O'Keefe was placed at St. James Parish to help Fr. Joe Bauer (recuperating from surgery). Then Fr. Syl will be assigned as a Pastor. A reception was held on Sunday, January 21st in the Education Center Cafeteria.

A farewell reception was held on Sunday, April 29, in the Education Center for Sr. Mary Epple, as she was assigned to another parish as Pastoral Administrator. Phyllis Boman left to become Religious Education Director at St. Boniface Parish, and Sue Roznowski became part-time Minister of Religious Education/Formation Program.

An anonymous gift for the figure of the "Resurrected Christ" was given to the parish. At the Parish Council Meeting held in October, it was the consensus to proceed with the cleaning and refurbishing of the baldachino (canopy over the big Altar) before the figurine was put into place. The figure has arrived from Italy. All was completed by Christmas of 1990. The cost was covered by donations from St. Hyacinth Parishioners.

On Saturday, August 31, 1991, Tim Krzyzaniak a parish son of St. Hyacinth's was ordained to the priesthood for the Diocese of Lansing, by Bishop Kenneth Povish. Fr. Tim celebrated his first Mass of Thanksgiving at 12:30 p.m. on Sunday, September 1, 1991 in St. Hyacinth Church.

In December, 1991, the Parish Council accepted the recommendation of the Finance/Administration Commission to paint the interior of the church building. A letter was sent

to all parishioners explaining the project along with asking their financial help to fund it, at the cost of \$18,000.00 for painting and \$20,000.00 for new carpeting. The contract was awarded to Reno Painting to do the inside of the church, and the carpeting to Mid-West Carpet. Other projects include: Refurbishing the two front confessionals: one to house the crucifix from the high altar and the other to house the holy oils, refurbish the statues in church, cleaning the Stations of the Cross, clean and polish the stain glass windows and frames, including the Rose window, removal of one pew in the middle of church and pad the 2 front pews, and all was completed for Christmas 1992.

Bids for the removal of asbestos in the church boiler room had been obtained and the approximate cost is \$5,490. The asbestos was removed in December of 1992 and after Christmas the new boiler was installed at a cost of \$17,700.00.

The old baptismal font was converted into a permanent Baptismal Pool, utilizing marble from old sanctuary artifacts and new oak to match all other wood works in the Altar area (altar, candle stands, ambo, flower stands etc.).

In August of 1994, Fr. Larry Pashak was appointed pastor of St. Agnes Church in Freeland. We welcomed Fr. Gerald F. Kukla, who was assigned the eleventh pastor of St. Hyacinth Parish.

Deacon George F. Keller opened the doors to explore "The New Catechism of the Catholic Church" in September of 1994. All interested parishioners were encouraged to attend.

Great News!!! St. Hyacinth Parish received notice from First of America Bank that it was remembered in the will of Mr. Henry Tesner. \$162,000.00 was placed in a Trust Fund for St. Hyacinth Parish with the specification that the interest on the fund be used by the parish "primarily for church beautification, including decorations, landscaping or improvements to said church, it being the Grantor's intent that funds be used for capital expenditures and not for normal maintenance only; and further that strictly quality materials be used in said projects". (The parts in quotations are the exact wording in the will). One of the first things needing improvement is a new sound system in church. Olson-Anderson was contacted and they can install a Sound System for \$22,000.00. The Parish Council and Worship Committees gave their consent.

In November 1995, St. Hyacinth Parish hired a Youth Minister, Marcy Perry, to put together a program to benefit our young people. Many events for the youth (ages 1 thru 17) started to happen.

Donations (memorial and otherwise) were made to St. Hyacinth Parish for the purchase of Chimes (Carillon) for the bell system which were installed in November of 1996. Fr. Larry Pashak being one of the big donors in memory of his mother, Nellie Pashak.

Celebration of St. Hyacinth Parish 90th Anniversary (then 1906-1996) started with a Mass on Sunday, August 18, 1996 at 1:00 p.m. with Bishop Untener, as the main celebrant, along with former pastors, associate pastors, including Bishop Povish, religious and lay persons who served the parish in the past. Following the Mass a Special Dinner was held in the Gym. 90th Anniversary T-Shirts were sold as a remembrance.

Due to the cost of operating the convent for two sisters, consideration has been taken to demolish the convent. The recommendation of Parish Council was to demolish the convent. Preparation for demolishing the convent and Rummage sale of convent items started August 4, 1998. The Diocesan Building Committee granted permission to demolish the convent at a cost of \$25,800 (which included the removal of asbestos). Permission was also given to repair the roof on the Rectory. On Tuesday, August 25, at 5:00 p.m., a Mass was celebrated for the last time in the convent before they shut off the electricity.

In September of 1998, delegates from the parishes of Vicariate VIII proposed that St. Hyacinth be included in a cluster that includes St. Stanislaus, St. James and Our Lady of Guadalupe Parishes. The plus for this cluster is that it will be the last cluster to lose a priest. Other clusters are: St. Joseph, St. Boniface and St. Johns; St. Hedwig, Holy Trinity and St. Mary; St. Vincent dePaul, Visitation and St. Maria Goretti.

Fr. Jerry Kukla with the consensus of the Parish Council decided to cut down on the number of days and the size of the Festival. There will no longer be a Union Day nor a day on Friday. The plans are to continue with a raffle, chicken dinner, bingo, children's games.

ST. HYACINTH SCHOOL stays open: The recommendation (2-20-2000) by Vicariate VIII Pastors, that St. Hyacinth Campus be closed for 2000-2001 school year because of its small numbers. Fr. Jerry consulted with the Bishop and after reviewing the recommendations, Bishop Untener decided that St. Hyacinth's Campus will remain open.

In July, 2000, Fr. Jerry Kukla had been assigned the new pastor of Our Lady of the Lake Huron, in Harbor Beach, and their pastor, Fr. Edward J. Konieczka became St. Hyacinth's twelfth pastor. A Farewell Party for Fr. Jerry was held on Sunday, July 9, 2000 in the Parish Center Cafeteria. A Welcome Party for Fr. Ed was held on Saturday, July 15, 2000 following the 4:30 p.m. Mass.

On January 28, 2001, a decision was made to close St. Hyacinth School for the 2001-2002 school year. The Parish Center will be the Holy Family Middle School. Parishioners have discussed, disputed and expressed their concerns at several meetings, and were very sad and disappointed to lose St. Hyacinth School's identity after 94 years as a Catholic School, along with the loss of the Felician Sisters Community, which served the school all those years. Now, both St. Hyacinth Gym Building (All Saints High School) and St. Hyacinth Parish Center (Holy Family Middle School) are leased with a renewal annually.

Over a period of four to five years many capital Improvements have been made to the Church, Rectory, Gym Building, Parish Center, Driveways/Parking Lot and Landscaping, with a total cost of \$902,015.00.

The Church Renovation (all paid with Loans, Memorials, General and Renovation Funds) included:

Roof, Insulation, Heating & Cooling, Painting, Carpeting & Tile, Electrical, Plumbing, Refurbish the Pews, Altar, Sanctuary chairs, Candle stands and Woodwork, Painting of the Statues and Stations, St. Hyacinth and St. Vincent dePaul Murals, Bell Tower, Sound System, Baptismal Font, New outside doors,

refinish the interior doors, replace front steps/sidewalk and install heating coils, new plastered walls and paint and speckled, highlighted and caulked the windows and pave parking lot and repair St. Hyacinth Shrine (the old school).

The Gym Building (all paid with Bay Area Capital Improvement Fund, Memorial, General and Renovation Funds) includes:

Roofs, Gutters, Doors and Masonry Repairs.

The Parish Center (all paid with the same as Gym Building) includes:

New Gutters, repair roof leaks and new boiler.

The Rectory Kitchen (all done with donations) includes:

New cupboards, New ceramic tile floor, Paint, Sink, Faucets, Water Filter, Stove, Microwave and update electrical.

The Landscaping (all done with Donations and Fund Raisers) include:

Remove old shrubs/trees, landscaping all around the church, rectory and shrines, install fountain and automatic sprinkler system.

A Renovation Pledge Drive started in April of 2003 and continued thru 2007. This drive helps to pay back the loans. Donations and St. Vincent dePaul Fund Raisers paid for murals, Stations of the Cross, and all the Landscaping.

St. Hyacinth Church welcomed Deacon Lee Stilwell and his wife, Judith to our Parish. Deacon Stilwell is the second Deacon appointed to St. Hyacinth Church.

In October of 2003, St. Hyacinth Church under the direction of Barb Bukowski and her committee agreed to participate in the "Food For Faith" Program. This program is an Ecumenical Project that serves the poor of our community by providing a meal each Sunday of the year at the Trinity Episcopal Church on Center Avenue. Parishes and organizations in our area take turns providing, preparing and serving the meal. St. Hyacinth's Parish does this two times a year.

St. Hyacinth Parish along with Diocese of Saginaw mourn the death of their Chief Shepherd, Bishop Kenneth E. Untener, who died in March of 2004. Bishop Untener will be remembered by many for his "Little Books", his moving from rectory to rectory, his interest in hockey and other important qualities in his life.

On February 24, 2005, Bishop Robert J. Carlson was installed at St. Mary's Cathedral as the fifth Bishop of the Diocese of Saginaw.

On April 2, 2005, the Catholic Church lost their great leader Pope John Paul II (Karol Wojtyla). Pope John was a great blessing to the Catholic Church and to the whole world. He was a leader of Peace, Love and Joy. Our new Pope (Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger) was named Pope Benedict XVI.

St. Hyacinth Parish received and accepted by Fr. Edward Konieczka, from the City of Bay City, a 100th Anniversary Proclamation at the City Council Meeting on August 7, 2006, presented by Commissioner Mary Jane Gorney. Also present was Commissioner John Davidson, Geri Rinz and Mary Ann Whitbrodt along with several parishioners.

On September 28, 2005 a meeting in the Parish Center Religious Education Office was held to start "St. Hyacinth Parish 100th Anniversary Celebration", chairpersons were: Fr. Edward Konieczka, Theresa and Wayne Dzurka and Betty and Ray Dabrowski.

Events honoring the 100th Anniversary were:

Soup Suppers, St. Hyacinth Church Christmas Ornament, Two Polish Masses one with Fr. Andrzej Borock and another with Fr. Richard Jozwiak (Pan Franek and Zosia, with a Parish Potluck), Wawel Folk Ensemble (Polish Dancers), Card Parties, May Procession and Crowning, Mother & Daughter Breakfast, 100th Anniversary Parish Pictorial, St. Hyacinth 100th Anniversary 2007 Calendar, 100th Anniversary New Year's Eve Party, Special 100th Anniversary Parish Book. The Grand Closing Dinner was held on April 22, 2007, in St. Hyacinth Church and Gym. The Church service was held at 2:00 p.m., the Main Celebrant: Most Rev. Robert J. Carlson, Principal Concelebrants: Bishop Joseph V. Adamec and Rev. Edward J. Konieczka, Other Concelebrants included Priests of the Vicariate, Parish Sons, Former Pastors and Associates with other priests in attendance. Master of Ceremonies: Rev. James W. Bessert and also present, Deacon Lee Stilwell.

Director of Music: S. Joyce Lewandowski and St. Hyacinth Church Choir accompanied by Instrumentalists. The Dinner Reception included a Polish Smorgasbord Dinner lead by an Invocation by Fr. Lawrence M. Pashak. Mistress of Ceremonies was Susana Roznowski. Speakers: Parishioner, Marcel Sujkowski, Fr. Thomas E. Sutton, Fr. Lawrence M. Pashak, Bishop Joseph V. Adamec (Bishop of Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown), Bishop Robert J. Carlson (Bishop of Diocese of Saginaw). Presentations by: Mayor Michael Buda, Christian Service - Frances Gibelyou, Theresa Dzurka and the Papal Blessing by Bishop Robert J. Carlson, Remarks and Blessing by Fr. Edward J. Konieczka.

On December 8, 2007 the final Mass will be celebrated to close the 100th Anniversary Celebration.



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Fr. Richard M. Filary – November 21, 1982
Fr. Timothy Krzyzaniak – August 31, 1991

Brother Gregory Horning O.F.M. – August 15, 1971

Brother Thomas E. Clark F.S.C. – August 22, 1981

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Fr. Larry Pashak 1988-1994
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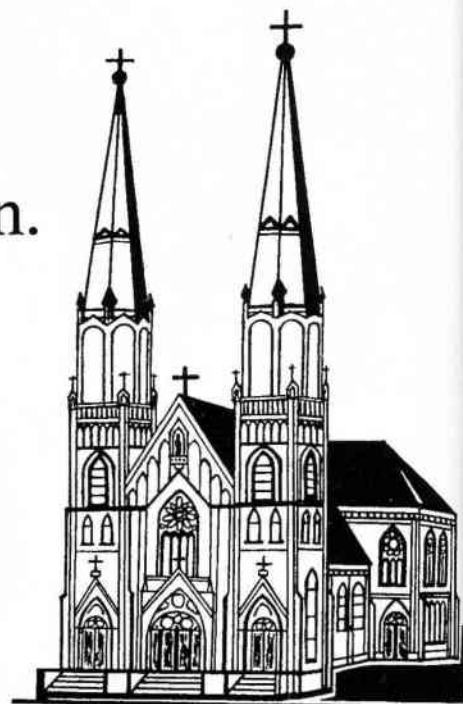
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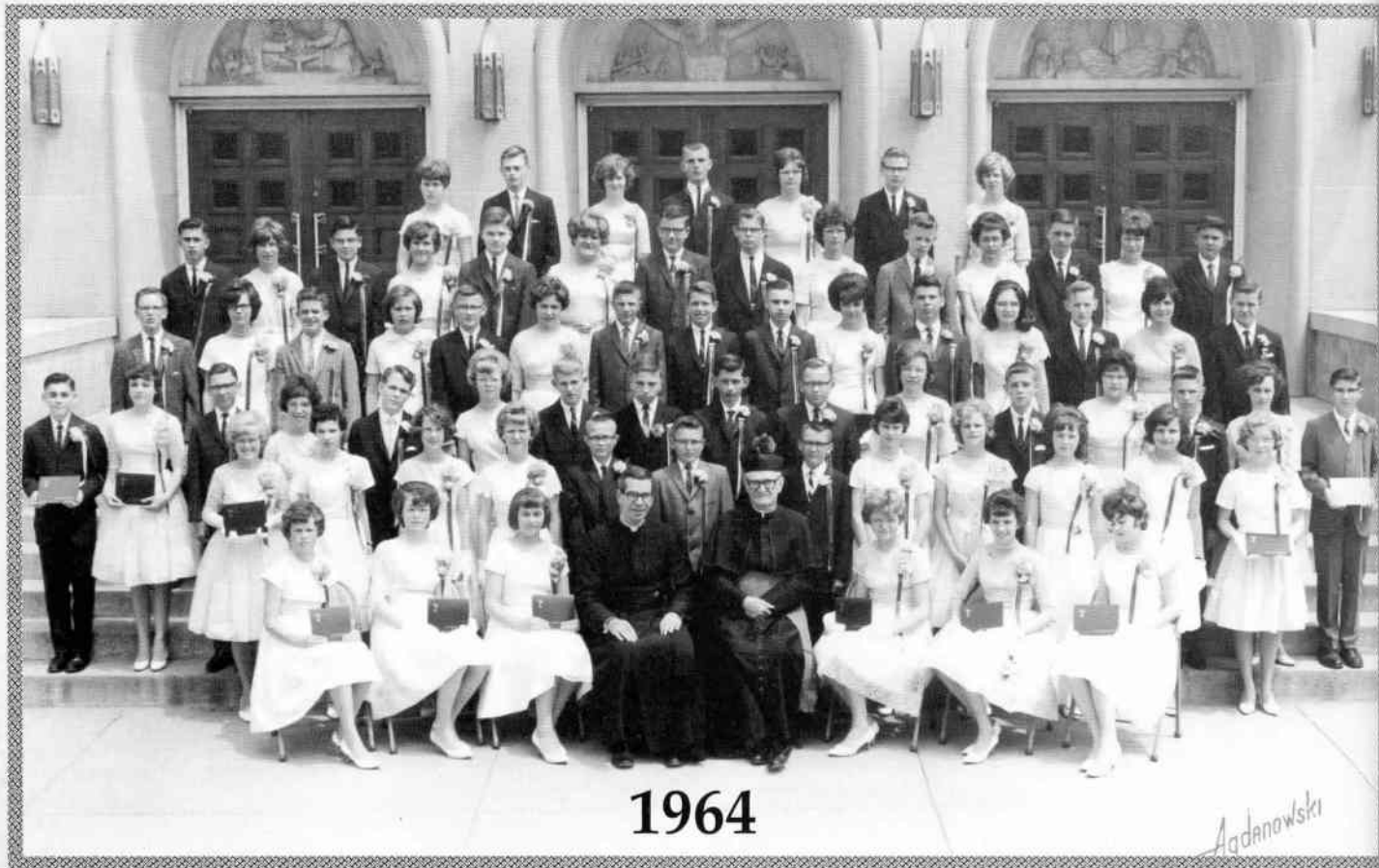
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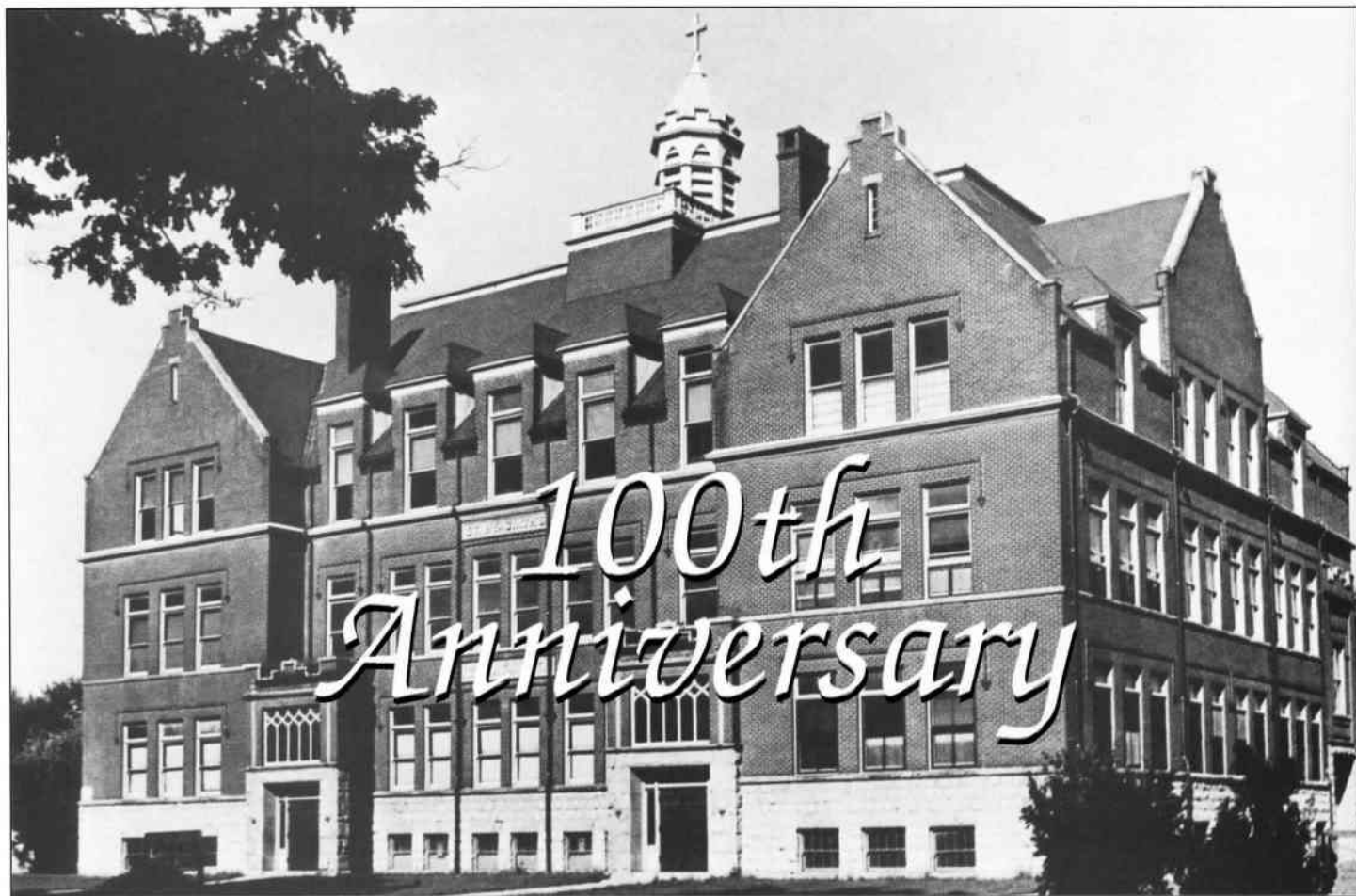
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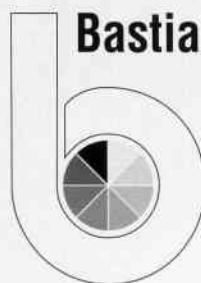
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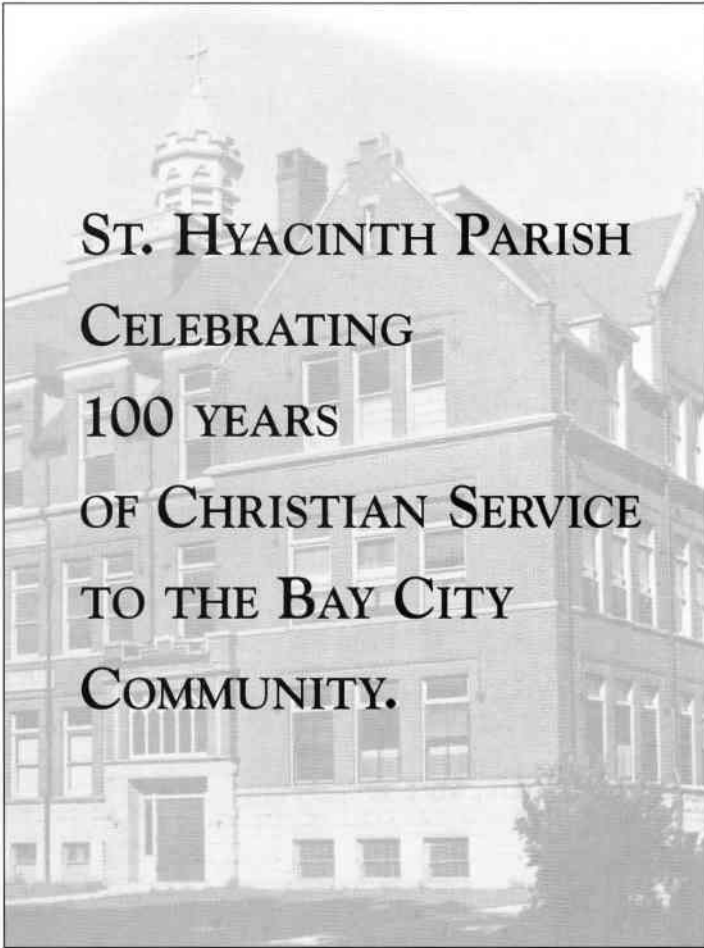
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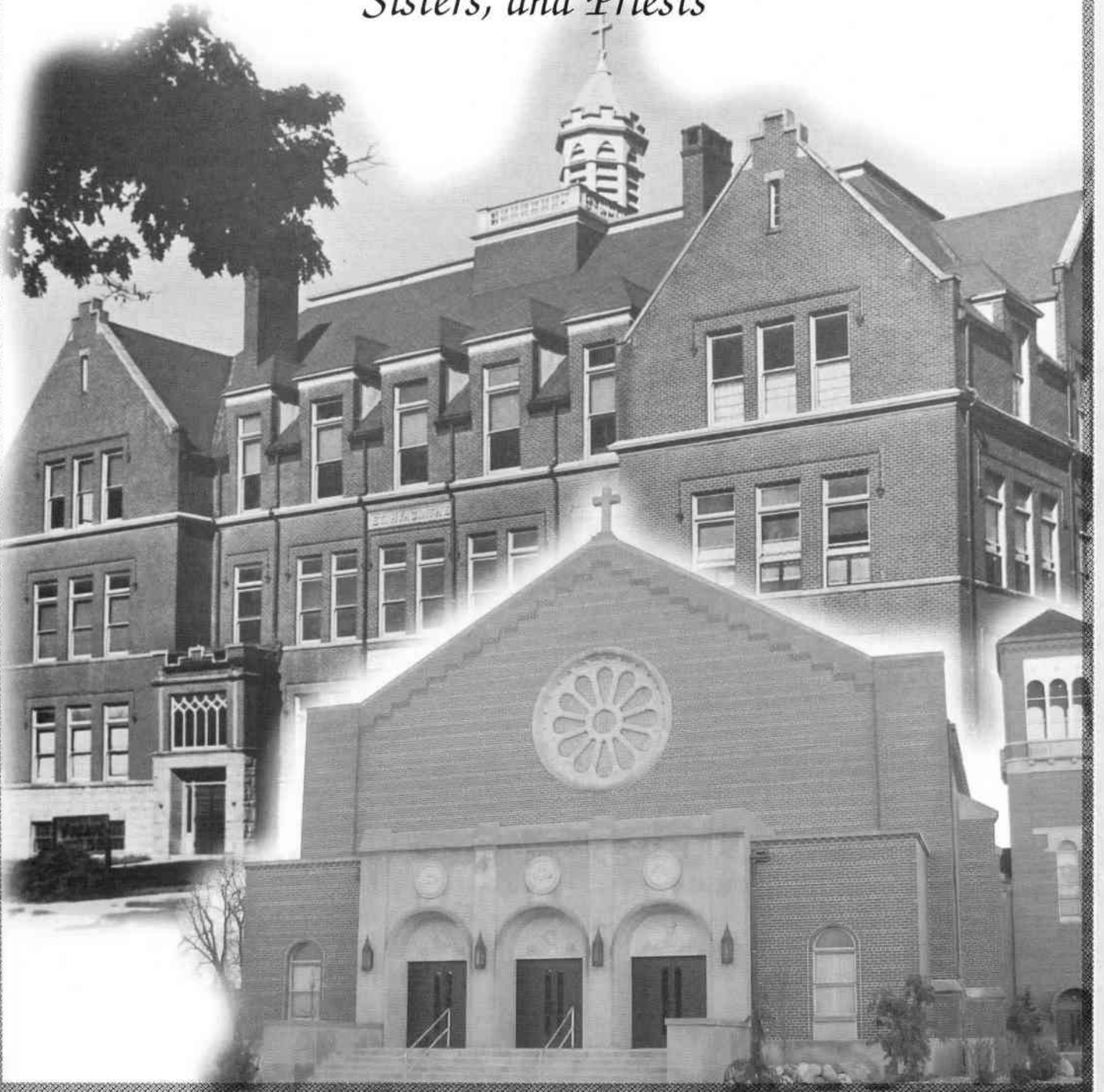
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Memories

*Fond Memories of
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Florence Banaszak

I am Florence Banaszak. I was raised in St. Hyacinth parish. I belonged here all my life. I was baptized here and I was married here in 1937.

I had my golden wedding anniversary here. My husband passed away November 28, 1995.

I loved to go to meetings and play Bingo and go to church. I loved to work at all the picnics. I worked at every one since I got married. Twenty years ago I had to retire. My husband retired so I retired. I would still like to be active but I can't.

Fr. Narlock was here when we were building the church. My husband installed the cement sidewalks around the church.

I graduated from the 8th grade. We didn't have any high school, just a regular grade school. My children were all raised here. They went to school here. When they graduated, they went to St. Stan's High School. They graduated from the Catholic schools.



Florence Gatza

I am Florence Gatza and I belonged to St. Hyacinth all my life. I am 90 years old already. I enjoyed all the priests that we had. Fr. Larry was my favorite, he took an interest in my family. I have his picture in the house all the time. He was the one I was closest to I think. Fr. Sutton was a nice priest too. Fr. Jozwiak too. I was happy to belong to St. Hyacinth. I could just walk to school and come home every day for lunch. All my sisters went to school here, and belonged to the parish when they were younger. My favorite memory from school was how we used to have plays. Kids from certain grades were dancing, some were singing. It was on the third floor. You had to walk all those stairs before the new church was built. Then when my sisters got married they went on their own. But they all went to school here and graduated from 8th grade here. We were a very close family. I belonged to the Rosary Society

It was a pleasure to watch the new parish as it was being built. A lot of people joined our church when the new church opened. When they were building our new church, I could see from my basement window that there was a fire. I could see the flames and the smoke. I don't know how it started, but luckily there wasn't much damage.



Leonard Glowiak

I have been a member at St. Hyacinth's all my life. I was an altar server and served at daily masses. Sometimes Father would ask me to also help out at the Sunday masses when he needed help as an altar server. My wife and I were married at St. Hyacinth's church. We both looked forward to going to all the parish picnics every year. My wife and I went to listen to the Polka music, play a few of the games, and of course, watch the ball games.



Stephanie Gruzynski

I went to school all my life there. I was married there. All five of my children are baptized there. They went to school there and they made their First Communion there.

I remember Bishop Adamec. He was here when we started the Novena to the Blessed Mother; they are still having the Novena at our church today! Then there was Fr. Larry, we were really close with him. I felt very bad when he had to leave. He was very good to us. He was really good to my son when he was sick.

We always had some project that we were fundraising for, so we had to sell tickets. I always donated Afghans. I worked at the bingo a lot. As long as I was able, I always worked at the picnics. I belonged to the Rosary Society, Altar Society and the Senior Citizens group. We had special crowning of the Blessed Virgin, and I even crowned Blessed Mother when I was 90, it was a great honor.

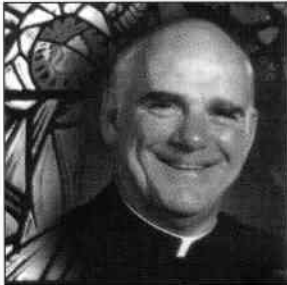
The sister I really liked the most was Sr. Simon. I was 13 and in the 8th grade and I almost died. They told me they had no hope for me because my appendix had ruptured, but God helped me survive; I was in the hospital 17 days. Sr. Simon came there every day to see me. After I came home, she would walk down to our house to see me. She wanted me to come back to school. She said, "I know you're bright. I'll help you. You will catch up." I was devastated that I could not graduate from the 8th grade, it broke my heart. I would have come back to school, but my father had a real bad fire. His barn and everything burned down 3 days before Christmas. But then I had to help my mother and I wasn't able to go. Sr. Simon was a sister I really liked and she will always have a special place in my heart.



Rita Luczak

I went to St. Hyacinth's school. I skipped the 3rd grade. I don't know how many there were. There were about five kids at the top of the class we went from the 2nd to the 4th grade. That was pretty hard. We really had to study. We used to have to go up in the front and talk about anything. So you always had to prepare. We had Polish Bible History. I could read pretty well in Polish. Sister Eugenia was one of my teachers that I remember. Then there was Fr. Lewandowski. We used to go to the church and the priest taught us our catechism there once a week.

When I first saw the new church I thought it was beautiful. I could not get over how big it was!
I enjoyed going to all the picnics. We always had music, dancing and a lot of fun. Great times!



Father Vern

I was an associate pastor with Monsignor Skowronski, we won't talk about that! As the pastor of the church I found that we were in great need of remodeling, especially the Church Bells. A few tidbits: in 1970 there were 567 students in the first through eighth grade and the mandatory tuition was \$3.00 weekly and we had to raise it to \$5.00 for 3 or more kids (under a lot of protest from the parents!)



Marion Ruminski

I've been with St. Hyacinth since 1970 and have loved every minute of it.

The priest I have the fondest memory of is Fr. Kukla. I used to work with his dad at the Parts Plant in Saginaw. I remember him as a young boy growing up.

When they had the parish festivals I always worked on the card games. They had all different kind of card games. I even had my buddy that I worked with helping us out, his name was Adams, and he was pretty good at getting people to play the games. We had a lot of good times over the years in this parish, I have made a lot of friends over the course of my 90 years and St. Hyacinth's has played a big part in those memories.



**Dolores and Sally
Glaza**

First a few memories from Dolores: I attended St. Hyacinth School when the school, convent and church was all in one building. I attended here for seven years. We had to study in Polish and English. Having been able to learn Polish, I've been able to travel to Poland, and was able to translate. We had many traditional things that were brought to Poland that we celebrated here such as on August 15, the Assumption to the Blessed Virgin. People would bring flowers and herbs to the church to be blessed and sometimes take them home.

I remember when they used to have suppers in the basement. I remember one time I was a kid and I sat across from Fr. Lewandowski and I had a pork chop and I put my knife in it to cut it and it slipped and it hit the priest. My impression when you first walked into the new church was well it was a shocker. It wasn't what I thought it would be. It's a big beautiful church. You know what impressed me the most were the Hyacinth flowers on the poles.

Now some memories from Sally: I went to school here for eight years. We had Polish and English in every class. Sometimes we had to have class in the church; I believe that was when I was in the 8th grade. There was no room because the church was on the second floor for all the classes. I sang in the choir too. The Felician Sisters taught us for eight years Polish and English, every class, from the first to eighth grade. We got a good education through their teaching. My brother played the organ and Dolores did too. I sang for them too. They had the Sodalities and May Crowning which was really beautiful. They had processions outside which was very nice. My first impression of the new church was what a big building! I was glad in a way we had a new church because it was always on the second floor of the school in one building. We used to have an auditorium on the 3rd floor. The auditorium only took 3/4 of the top floor. Way too many stairs! We remember Fr. Narlock., unfortunately he didn't live to see the church completed and it was his idea to build the new church. Fr. Bobic, Fr. Kwatz. They were good friends of ours. Fr. Lewandowski was pastor here when we were kids going to school. The sister we remember most was Sister Cornelia in first grade. It was 1928. Sally had to sit in the first seat because she was the smallest one in the class. They were wonderful teachers and we learned a lot. We learned two languages Polish and English. At Easter time on Holy Thursday, they would have a parade and all kinds of flowers. We also had 40 hours of devotion which was usually in August. Everybody would take turns coming to pray for one hour.



Peggy Williams

In 1952 we moved to the South End. I became pregnant and we knew at that time we would want to have St. Hyacinth as our parish and have the baby baptized there. So my husband went over to see Monsignor Skowronski, who was the pastor then. He suggested to Paul that he may want to join some of the societies that were there at that time. She was baptized the same day as the open house for the new church and rectory that had just been built. Monsignor let our two little boys carry candles for her baptism which is slightly different than it is now. Our children went to the school here. I joined the Mother's Club and became the financial secretary one year.

Then Monsignor had his stroke. There was no secretary at the parish then. The assistant did the secretarial work. One time when one assistant went to the hospital to spend time with the Monsignor, he needed someone to answer the phone. That was my first contact with the rectory of St. Hyacinth. I answered the phone; I learned a very antiquated addressograph machine.

I guess I was essentially the first secretary of St. Hyacinth. One time I was asked to type a letter to the Chancery office. As I was trained to do in Business College, I started out with the addressee followed by Gentlemen: which brought a smile to the face of the young assistant that was there. It was an unusual time in the parish because the Monsignor was recuperating after having a stroke. We had Fr Jozwiak and Fr. Pashak at the time. Monsignor had lost his ability to speak. One word that stayed with him was "Si Si Si Si" which meant "yes." So he had a little Spanish training there.

I worked on festivals. I scheduled many of the rides the little kids would come. The little kids would want a ticket for the ride and I would sell them a ticket. They would come back and I would say, "Well how was the ride?" And they would say "terrible, just terrible. Give me another ticket." But to schedule rides as we did then, there were 18 rides one year, and we had to get someone to man it every three hours for three days. We had a lot of agreeable good volunteers to do that.

One of the special memories I had with the sisters was if my children came home from school and they saw a cake that was decorated quite fancy, they would say, "When are we going to take that over to the convent?" They usually got the ones with the blue-birds on and the fancy writing. I am certainly grateful for them. I don't think my four children would have gone through their 12 grades of school and gotten such a good education without having had them. The four children went to college, and they were able to get extraordinary good marks in their college following their Catholic education. And the same way with their ethics, their emotional status, everything about them, much of it can go back to the Catholic school education and the Catholic training they got at St. Hyacinth's.



Frank Gwitt

I was in school for 8 years, and then I went to part-time school. I can remember the old school had rooms on the first floor, second floor, and even on the third floor. I was even in the third grade on the third floor and in the fifth grade on the third floor. And the 4th, 8th, 1st and 2nd was on the first floor. The 6th grade was in the church next to the choir. That's where I went. My teacher was Sister Samuel. She was a nun that would put on the plays for Fr. Joe's namesake, St. Joseph. We were the biggest kids so we had to do the work. She was very nice. Then there was Sister Darcedia she taught 7th grade. Sister Darcedia made us feel special; our family had some rough times. The old janitor was Stanley Sikorski. He was kind of crippled. So after school we had to help sweep. We'd do some sweeping and helping whenever he got sick. My older brother and another fellow by the name of Gradowski, we called him "Whitey", him and Whitey would take over his duties over the boiler while he was sick. It was quite a rough deal and then it always went down. I was in the 4th grade, went the first day to school, the nun put me in the first bench which was this high. I was the tallest one in the room. I didn't know why, I didn't say anything. I came home and told my mother, "The nun put me in the first seat." "Why?" "I don't know." I asked her. Sister said, "You're a class clown. You make trouble. You interrupt. I had to put you where I can see you." I was in the 4th grade. I sat there for awhile, naturally, you're going to get teased.

One of the priests that I recall was Fr. Lewandowski, a hell of a nice guy. He would have Mass, 2 or 3 marriages on a Saturday. Then he would go into the sacristy and come back with just a white cassock (they call it a komoska in Polish). I got married at 7 o'clock in the morning.

One of my memories of the new church was when the labor went on strike. They hauled the benches over in a semi and they wouldn't unload them. They had to take them to a warehouse someplace where the driver would have to dump them off. Fr. Narlock found out about and said, "You aren't going anywhere" to the driver. He went to school and got the kids out and we unloaded the benches. That was one of last things he did was get those benches unloaded and then he got sick. He had a series of strokes. The first one wasn't so bad. The second one kind of was crippling. The third one was the worst, he didn't make it. He was down to earth. He always spoke the truth. My dad would come home laughing. I would say, "What are you laughing about?" He would said, "You should have been to 10 o'clock Mass. People almost crawled underneath the benches. Father was talking about confessions. He said, "Why don't you tell me your sins. You come here to tell me I said "shit" that is just dirty words he'd said. But I can tell you what your real sin is." He said, "When you come to communion in the morning during the week and you walk down the block and there's six, seven or eight of you standing on the corner. You're not talking about anything good or good about anyone. Across the street, there's a guy that goes home to have a beer. You call him a rotten drunk. That's what's sinful. Break up your gang and go home." People were blushing. "I don't want to hear shit anymore in the confessional. I'm too old to listen to that stuff." Oh, he was a card. People began to complain about the Polish language being taught in school. So Father said, "I'm not going to fight with the parishioners. The best thing I can do is talk about it in church. And you hold a meeting and whatever you decide, you vote. If you decide to quit the Polish language we'll quit. But I am not going to get into it. I have a church to fill." He always told it like it was.



**Sister Agnestine
Rosinski**

Being a teacher at St. Hyacinth's parish has been a wonderful memorable six years of my religious life. The people were so welcoming and I really felt at home. May your Centennial celebration be a wonderful time for you all. Blessings as you celebrate 100 years of growing together. Take time to be still and listen to the voice of the Spirit ever there to accompany you on your journey of love, the stillness will bring peace and help your parish continue to grow.



Lee Stillwell

60 years ago St. Hyacinth's was a church and a school that some of my friends attended. I knew where it was located and that it was a Catholic parish. I also remember my Catholic friends did some things differently. They did not eat meat on Fridays. They had special holy days when they did not have to go to school. I fondly remember their special activities at Christmas, especially all the good food their mothers would prepare. I was envious that their Christmas started on Christmas Eve right after mass, and we had to wait until morning. I also remember when lent came around they gave up certain things they liked to eat or to do. One thing that was foreign to me was the special devotion given to Mary. My friend's religious practices were different than mine. 60 years later there are no differences because I am now Catholic. Judy and I are members of the St. Hyacinth family. I am also blessed to serve as deacon. Happy 100th birthday St. Hyacinth family and May God bless us with countless more until he comes again in Glory!



**Sister Mary Epple,
RSM**

Congratulations on your 100th Anniversary! I am pleased to have been a small part of it. My best memory was when I was interviewed for the position of Pastoral minister; Fr. Tom Sutton asked if I could get Funeral Luncheons and the RCIA started, I said of course I could! I am so pleased to hear these two projects are still going strong. I was the first non-Felician sister to live in the convent with the Felician Sisters. I made many friendships, of which many are still in my life today. I will always treasure the knowledge I received about the Polish culture, food customs and language.



**Marie Dabrowski
Augustyniak**

I am Ray Dabrowski's wife. We got married in 1929 in Chicago on the South Side. So when I came here I was only 18 years old. My husband took me to St. Hyacinth Church. The church had sisters living in the building. We had a basement for children who went to school here to eat and had other occasions in that building. The nuns were living there too. Ray took me to church, to Fr. Narloch, and he introduced me as his wife. Fr. Narloch, says, 10 cents a week from each one of you. And that was how he started saving money to build the new church. So after that he raised it to 25 cents so that was 50 cents we paid every week we went to church. Fr. Narloch built that church one dime at a time. It was beautiful when it was finished. I thought it was much better looking than St. Stan's.

I was President for the Rosary Society, also was the Altar Society President, I was just a member of the Senior Citizens group. It was started a little bit later. But I remember how we used to make Paczki. How we used to make Crusczecki. I remember when Mrs. Bujarski was the President. It was Mother's Day and the ladies were working two days in a row to make the Paczki and Crusczecki and other things. That's how our Mothers were working. But I was just a young one. When we had all that done in the kitchen, we went to church and we each paid for our carnations they were 10 cents. We walked in together as a group. They had pails there, and we put each carnation into the pail. That was our offering. We didn't go in and fix our church up this way and that way. Whatever flowers we brought in were the flowers we put on the altar.

The sisters were very good. I was active in everything I could be. They had 8 grades. If we had any big doings like our celebration of 50 years, and I do believe that we had Fr. Lewandowski at that time, we would have a big dinner on the third floor. They used to teach the children the violin. My Paul, and my Ray were learning to play the violin, they enjoyed learning that. He had his own orchestra after that.

My Ray entered the seminary. I think he was there 4 years and then he came out. He met this nice woman and got married to her, her name was Betty. And if it wasn't for her, I wouldn't have all my wonderful grandchildren. I have at least 5 great, great, great grandchildren. Five Generations.



Chet Kazmierski

I started school at St. Hyacinth's, I was six years old when I was in the first grade. I went all the way through to the 8th grade and graduated. The first grade sister was Sister Susanna. I used to know all the Sister's names but I forgot them now. She was the principle here at the time, Sister Susanna. The nuns used to warn us not to throw snowballs at the girls at recess time. And we just couldn't help it. We just had to throw snowballs. We'd get back in class and we would have to put our hands out. She had a wooden ruler. And it kind of stung a little bit.

I was on the Finance Committee when Fr. Larry Pashak was here. And of course I was very close to Fr. Larry Pashak. I was also president of the Athletic Club.

I was very close to Fr. Joseph Lewandowski. I was very close to Fr. Klaus, I think his name was Fr. Kam, He was an assistant here, and he was quite interested in our sports. We had a baseball team here, and he used to follow us all over town and watch us play. I was very close to him. He had surgery. He had his appendix taken out. He wanted to go to Detroit. He was from Detroit. He asked me to drive him there and I did and I met his parents there.



Sister Mary Euphrasia

As a former teacher at St. Hyacinth School, I am happy to be a part of your centennial celebration. Leaving St. Hyacinth's Parish, I took along with me the following memorabilia: As a teacher I have continuous prayerful concern of my former students. What a joy to hear that today they are concerned devoted parents, teachers, police officers and one of them became a religious. Being a Minister of the Eucharist to the sick was a noteworthy event. May those to whom I paid a visit now experience the heavenly bliss. Being a member of the Worship Committee kept me alive with the celebration of the Eucharist. My trip to Cedar Point with dear friends is a frequent happy recall. I loved singing in the choir and working with my students in the field of music. Finally, I remember the people of St. Hyacinth Parish as courteous, thoughtful of others and hospitable. Congratulations on your Centennial Celebration and May God continue to bless you.



**Eugenia & Ralph
Wesolowski**

Eugenia: We moved here from the west side and we joined St. Hyacinth parish. We had our son baptized here and our daughter. They both made their First Holy Communion here, and were confirmed here. We were going to church all the time. We enjoyed taking our children to all the events that the parish supported.

I was a member of the Rosary Society for quite awhile. We were always doing any odd things at the church that needed to be done. I also was part of the Mother's Club.

When I first saw the new church I really liked it. It was so big compared to where I came from. It was one of the nicest churches I had ever been in.

Ralph: I used to help out at the school when I was in maybe the 7th or 8th grade. I remember Sister Euphrasia. I had her in the 7th and 8th grade. I used to help the janitor cut grass. I remember when Fr Narlock died. I think Fr. Lewandowski was our pastor then. I remember when they had Fr. Narlock's funeral. The church wasn't finished. They had to hurry and put seats in there for his funeral.

My father poured the sidewalks around the new church. He was always working around the church. My dad was a painter and did work for the church, painting. I remember when I was young, I don't remember how old, but from the old parish, and we used to bring home the stations of the cross on two wheel buggies and bring them home one at a time. He'd re-do them and then we would haul them back. We didn't have an automobile. We had to take them on those carts.

I used to belong to the Holy Name. I enjoyed that, especially the breakfasts. I belonged to the sports organizations. I tended bar a couple of times at our 3 and 4 day festivals and Jean helped out in the game stands.



**Henry & Jeanette
Skornia**

Small batch of the famous Sloppy Joe Recipe:

5 # Hamburg (brown & drain)	2/3 cup mustard
18 oz. tomato paste	3/4 cup brown sugar
2/3 cup chopped celery	1 Tbsp Salt
2/3 cup chopped green pepper	2/3 tsp Pepper
21 oz. bottle of ketchup	1/4 cup paprika
2/3 cup chopped onion	

Mix well and simmer for 30 minutes.

A special thanks to Lee Stilwell for going to our home bound parish members and interviewing them!



**Edward & Anna
Rytlewski**

Edward:

When we bought this property, this was nothing but an open field. The only thing around here was the house next door. And I made our own prints for the house and we built this house 53 years ago.

At one time, we went to St. Stan's, and then St. Stans and St. Hyacinth didn't get along with each other. They separated and St. Hyacinth's church was formed. We lost a lot of parishioners in the last few years. They went back to St. Stan's. Our son, maybe you've seen him in church, he's Santa Claus with the big beard and everything. He brings us communion every Sunday.

When the church was finished we walked in and thought it was just beautiful. We were not sure about the green tiles though; some folks wouldn't go because they thought it looked like a restroom.

Anna: Well the mothers always participated in different clubs we had. We had the Mother's Club; the Rosary is still here and the Altar Society. Then we had the Sodality and Mothers of Children of Mary. The kids behaved when they were in school. The nuns took care of that. That was why I was glad to have the nuns because the teachers, especially now days, cannot touch the child. I have fond memories of Sister Pacifica, she was wonderful. Sister Euphrasia was nice. She was Barbara's favorite. Everytime Barbara sees her; it is just like old friends. They get along very well. Our favorite priest was Fr. Narlock, Fr. Jozwiak. And I liked Monsignor Skowronski. They were very strict, especially Fr. Adamec. He had his ways. When my son moved here, he wanted to have his daughter as an altar girl, and Father did not believe in it. And guess what, a couple of years later, they had altar girls.

The new building was very impressive, but to me, a church is a church. You go there to pray not to look around and gawk because I don't see any reason for that.

We both worked at the festivals and it was always the same people working.

When we first started having festivals, we had them across the street. Then they transferred it to the field. Like I said, the same people worked all the time and the same people took the stuff down and put it up.



Sister Alice Ann

I loved making the floats for the homecoming games; the family fun nights will always have a special place in my heart! I loved the convent and the beautiful church. We always had such fun planting the flowers by the convent. The people were GREAT!!!



**Sister Florence Marie
(Sister Mary Maximine)**

Let's go and see St. Jack's School." Where is that? Come and see. As we walked down Michigan Avenue, we saw the school building at which was printed: "Szkola Swietego Jacka" What does it mean? In English it would be: School of St. Hyacinth. How great it was to be able to teach at this school built by holy people. I had the privilege to work, pray and be supported by the parents of the Parish who entrusted their children to this great institution. What disciplined children! Most of the students walked to school, as there were no school busses. School sessions began by an individual ringing of a hand bell. At the signal the students stood silently at attention ready to pray the morning prayers to plead for the blessings for the day. The prayer was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to show how thankful we are to live in the United States. Now, students greeted the teacher by a "Good Morning" and were ready to work according to their ability.

Government lunches were not available. All teachers and Sisters were assigned to supervise the lunch hour. Our teaching staff used a mimeo machine to run off copies of items for the students. Hurrah! A little later, a ditto machine was purchased. How happy we all were. Much time was saved by improving and speeding up the work.

For music classes or need for music, teachers used a phonograph with recordings. For Religious and Educational enrichment, films on a film projector were used. Overhead projector was also a great help.

Students had time to be entertained as they moved to the third floor to watch a movie. A movie projector was provided. What a treat it was to watch the "Movies" in black and white. The students had time to go for daily Mass. When everyone was settled in the pews the angelic voices prayed: "Oh Sacrament Most Holy, O Sacrament Divine all praise and all thanksgiving be every moment Thine." The students used their missals during Mass.



Grace Clark

I have very fond memories of St. Hyacinth, mostly of the school. The teachers and the children, and the good times we had. There are a lot of good memories.

I liked all of the Sisters, I got along with everybody. But there were mainly Sisters but then the lay people came in too. I got along with all of them. I remember Sister Pacifica. She taught first grade. She wasn't there when I was there, but she had my children in school. We moved here in 1955, and all my children went to school at St. Hyacinth and graduated from there. Sister Pacifica was one of the main ones I remember from then.

I used to work at the Festivals. We had Mother's Club; I belonged to the Mother's Club.

It was more like a Parent Teacher's Association. We had meetings once a month, luncheons, and things. It was fun to get together with the parents.

I was very close to Fr. Vern. He was the one that hired me for the school. I was very close to Fr. Larry. He is a distant cousin of mine.

I was very impressed when the new church was built. I think they have a beautiful group of buildings over there, especially the school as it was when I worked there.

We were in the old school for three years, and then they built the new school. And we moved into the new building. I worked there until 1999, and then they were there one more year after that. Now it is the Middle School, Holy Family. I went through 8 principals.

One of my most precious memories I remember was all the special attention I got on Secretary Day's. They had a black and white day for me on one Secretary's Day.

All my gifts were wrapped in black and white paper. And all the priests came over from the rectory in their black suits. And everyone was dressed in black and white that day. That was a secretary's day. At that time, I had a black and white car, a black and white house, and a black and white cat I think.

I started at the school in 1973, and I worked at the school through the day and then at the rectory for about 3 hours a day after for about 3 years. My fondest memories are from the school. The parents are my extended family and the children and the teachers. I still keep in contact with a lot of the teachers.

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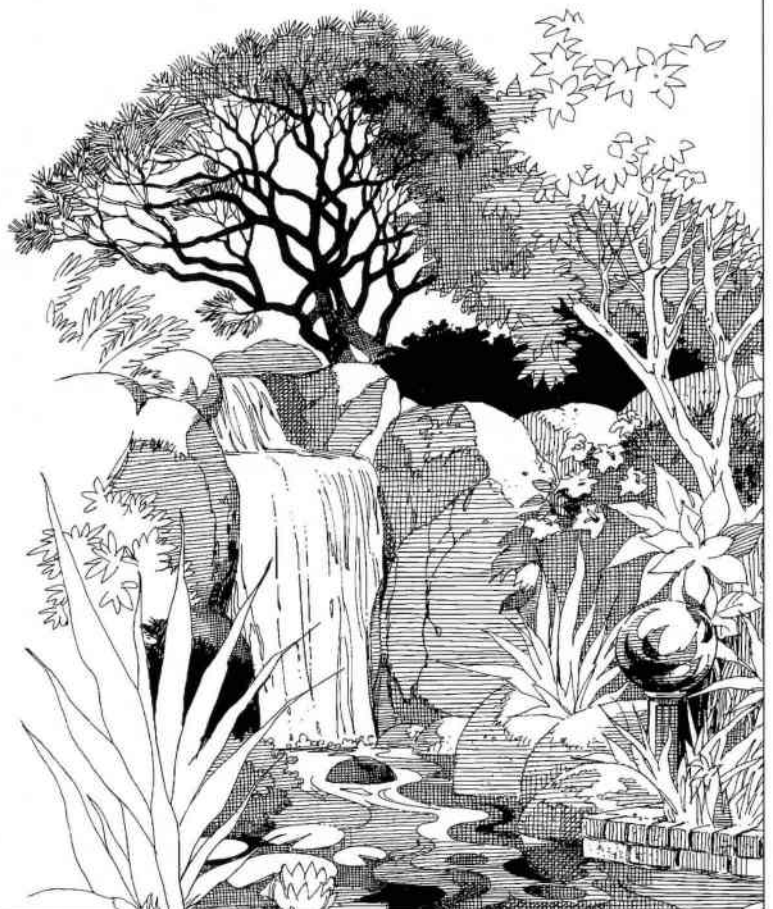
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January 8, 2007

Reverend Edward J. Konieczka
Pastor, Saint Hyacinth Parish
1515 Cass Avenue
Bay City MI 48708

Dear Father Konieczka,

Anytime that a parish faith community can observe a milestone, such as a centenary, it gives me great pleasure to join in the celebration, especially if it relates to a parish of which I was once pastor. April 22, will be such an observance for you and the faith community over which you preside.

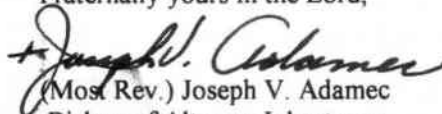
I write to congratulate you and the Faithful of Saint Hyacinth Parish. There have been many individuals, both ordained and non-ordained, who helped bring the Parish to this day. They have done it with dedication, commitment, and, above all, their faithfulness to the Lord Jesus. I am proud to have had a small role to play in the one hundred years of witness to the Lord on the corner of Cass and Michigan.

My six years at Saint Hyacinth's were a source of blessing for me. The Clergy, as well as the Faithful that we served together, reflected the Lord's activity in the lives of his people. I am grateful for the patience, the kindness, and the support that I received in that service and pray that my presence may have served the Lord's Reign and his Kingdom to some small degree.

As the parish opens its door onto the next one hundred years, I challenge it to remain open to the Spirit. Those who came before us were not afraid of the future in order to bring us to the present day. May it be so with the current members of the Parish in regard to generations yet to come.

Joining you in thanksgiving to Almighty God for the abundance of blessings, which He has bestowed upon the Saint Hyacinth parish faith community over these past one hundred years, I remain

Fraternally yours in the Lord,


(Mos. Rev.) Joseph V. Adamec
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24th January, 2006

Rev. Fr. Edward Konieczka, pastor
St. Hyacinth Church
1515 Cass Ave.
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Dear Fr. Ed,

I am very happy to include a message for your Centennial Memory Book. A century of service to the good people of the South End and the community, is a wonderful milestone in the overall history of the Church and Bay City.

My assignment to St. Hyacinth's on 16th of August, 1960 as Assistant Pastor to Msgr. Casimir Skowronski was my first appointment following ordination. In my estimation, my first assignment in the Priesthood and my first appointment as Pastor are very special to me. I cherish those years until 11th of May, 1965, when I left St. Hy's to become Pastor of St. Agnes in Pinconning.

The 4 ½ years with you, under the pastorate of Msgr. Skowronski, gave me a lot of experience which seminary training did not provide. Visiting the classrooms for Religion classes, directing the Altar Servers, serving as Spiritual Director to the Altar Society and the Ladies Rosary group, the Athletic Association and other groups helped to develop a deep love for the parish and its wonderful people.

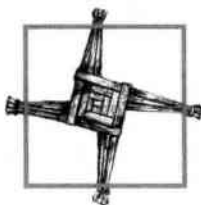
I am very happy to extend my sincere congratulations to you, Fr. Ed, and your good people, on the historic occasion of your parish centennial. The words of Psalm 100 are beautifully appropriate. "Sing joyfully to the Lord; serve the Lord with gladness....He made us, we are His people. How good is the Lord: His faithfulness to all generations."

With every best wish, I remain

Fraternally in the Lord,

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Wednesday, February 1, 2006
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Father Ed Konieczka
Ms. Theresa Dzurka
Saint Hyacinth Church
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Dear Father Ed & Theresa:

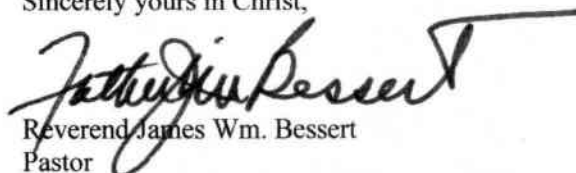
I am delighted to have this opportunity to share some personal thoughts and memories at this time of celebration of the parish's Centennial. As a former Associate Pastor (1981-1983), I hold very fond memories of my days there. It was a parish of many "firsts" for me – the first time to be assigned to a parish school, the first time to work hand-in-hand with parish musicians and liturgy planners in the planning and celebrating of the parish's liturgy, the first time to be part of parish festivals and gala dinners, the first time to assemble and direct a Children's Choir. And, last, but not least, the first time of planting myself in a community for more than a year and forming lasting friendships through celebration of life's joys and sorrows.

I am indeed blessed as a priest today from the experience and opportunities afforded me as a young Associate Pastor of Saint Hyacinth Parish and I will be forever grateful.

I pray for blessings upon the staff, leadership and parishioners of the Church of Saint Hyacinth on your wonderful Centennial celebration.

With every best wish, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,



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I had the privilege to serve at St. Hyacinth for a total of 9 years. (3 years as an Associate and 6 years as Pastor). My first assignment after Ordination in 1967 was at St. Hyacinth. I was unique in that I served all my years as an Associate in one Parish but with three different Pastors. I came to St. Hyacinth in August, 1967 and served under Fr. Michael Kujawa until his death in November. I was then named "Administrator" by Bishop Woznicki, but was told: "Don't do anything.", of course he was referring to the acceptance of the new Gym-Jr. High Building because there was difficulty between Fr. Mike and the Contractor. I then served as Associate to Fr. John Boguslawski until 1970 then he was succeeded by Fr. Vern Sierminski. I found my years at St. Hyacinth as Associate a very learning experience, having served under three different styles of Pastoring.

In 1994, Bishop Untener asked me to return to St. Hyacinth as Pastor, where I served in that capacity until the year 2000. Initially, my father lived with me for about 5 months until his death in January of 1995. St. Hyacinth was home for him and when he learned of my assignment to St. Hyacinth, he stated "I am going home to die." I will always appreciate how well he was treated by the Staff and Parishioners of St. Hyacinth during his brief stay.

It was very special for me to be at St. Hyacinth, as pastor. I had the opportunity to work with some very fine people both on Staff, Parish Council and Commissions. St. Hyacinth School was a very special blessing to me. It was so wonderful to work with Sr. Alice Ann and the Faculty of the School. The School Masses were always very special to me.

The Liturgies were always special. The music, under the direction of Esther, was wonderful and I appreciated very much the assistance of Deacon George Keller and was especially honored to be asked to write a letter to Pope John Paul II seeking the unprecedented permission for Deacon George to remarry to his beautiful wife Florence after the death of his first wife.

Overall, I guess my pastorate was uneventful (building-wise) but I hope that the Parishioners were able to grow just a little bit more in their faith because of my presence. I offer to St. Hyacinth and its Parishioners my Congratulations on Your Centennial and may God Bless You for many more years. "STO LAT"

Fr. Jerry Kukla

Holy Spirit



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I send warmest congratulations to the good people of St. Hyacinth's Parish on your centennial celebration. I also send my deepest gratitude to you for helping me on my journey to priesthood.

My assignment began in the fall of 1978 when Bishop Francis Reh assigned me to your parish. I was fortunate to serve with Fr. Joseph Adamec (now Bishop Adamec), Fr. Jeff Donner (now sadly gone from us), Fr. Stan Fron and Deacon George Keller. We had a lot of fun together and I learned a great deal from all of them. I stayed in the parish until February of 1980 when I was assigned to Blessed Sacrament in Midland.

Our staff at the rectory was wonderful, as were those who worked in the school, religious education programs and music ministry. I was assigned to work with Christian Service. We had a lot of great meetings and many enjoyable times together.

Some special memories include being told to "shake 'em up" when I was taking my turn calling bingo for the women's group. The delicious fish dinners we had with Fr. Fron and Veronica. Bishop Adamec's wonderful laugh and generous spirit. Fr. Jeff's zaniness, hard work and how we used to do little things to bug the pastor. The trips to Cedar Point with the 8th graders. The festival and all of the hard working people. The school being so full of kids we needed two grades of everything to accommodate them all. Esther's beautiful music and her teamwork with Fr. Jeff on special celebrations. The way you could walk from the house into the beautiful church. The kindness and goodness of the people of St. Hyacinth. Learning how to play "shmere" and pronounce Polish names. The eternal gratitude to God and all of you for allowing me to share life with you, learn from you and be able to say "Yes, Lord!" to his call.



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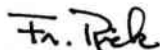
Remembering the Parish Family of Saint Hyacinth:

I can fondly remember being a little child, held in my dad's arms, and watching a baptism take place at the church. The priest asked my dad if we needed to get closer to see. I remember going to school, as a guest in my Halloween costume, to visit my older sisters in their classrooms. I remember when my sisters, in grade school, were part of the first Mass celebration of priest sons of the parish. I remember some of the priests and religious sisters who have served the parish over the years. I remember my family's involvement in the parish, from my own parents when we lived in Bay City, and on through my aunts, uncles, and cousins.

I remember being in church for family weddings and funerals. I remember the other priest sons of the parish, especially my old next door neighbor, Fr. Dale Orlik. I remember that this is the parish where I was baptized and where I was ordained. I remember being privileged to serve there in the 1980's as an "associate" under Fr. Tom Sutton. I remember the parish school students and staff, the parish office staff, the annual festival picnic, the skunk that got into the rectory basement laundry room (!), and much more. I remember the people that have remained friends and the many kindnesses shown to me. I will always remember my "home parish."

May God's blessings continue to come upon the People who are the Church of Saint Hyacinth!

Prayerfully,



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+St. Thomas Becket

Mrs. Theresa Dzurka
2906 S. Jefferson Street
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Dear Mrs. Dzurka,

I am writing as a priest-son of St. Hyacinth parish in response to your letter. I will share with you what I can recall of my years as a student at St. Hyacinth Grade School. I attended St. Hyacinth School from September 1964-June 1972. Grades 1-6 were held at the original church/school complex on Michigan Avenue. Grades 7-8 was held in the then newly constructed Junior High School building.

I can recall all the names of my teachers. I do not recall all the last names of the Felician Sisters.

1st Grade: Sr. Mary Pacifica Andrzejewski
2nd Grade: Sr. Mary Vincent
3rd Grade: Sr. Mary Judith
4th Grade: Mrs. Mary Frances Theisen (later Graham)
5th Grade: Mr. Lawrence Snedeker
6th Grade: Sr. Mary Loretta
7th Grade: Sr. Mary Paula
8th Grade: Mrs. Mary Frances Graham

Memories of First Grade: My memories of first grade have to do with Christmas and music. Sr. Pacifica prepared us for Christmas by teaching us Christmas carols. Some students were taught to play various percussion instruments, like sticks and wood blocks, sand scrapers and finger cymbals. Sr. Pacifica had us visit all the classrooms in the old school and sing our Christmas carols for the various grades.

Sr. Pacifica also kept her classroom decorated for the various times of the year. Sr. Pacifica allowed us to help with the construction of the cave/stable of Bethlehem. She

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Holy Mary, Mother of God, Pray for us.

took large sheets of brown butcher paper and had some students use crayons to color on the sheets, using deep colors. Then Sr. Pacifica lightly sprayed silver paint over the colored paper and then crumbled the paper to make it look like rock or stone. This was used to create the manger that would decorate our classroom during December.

Memories of Second Grade: My second grade class in 1965/66 was held in one of the two basement classrooms off the cafeteria. For all school assemblies we had to climb the steps from the basement to the third floor where the old gym/auditorium was located. This was certainly a long way to travel as a second grader while trying to behave at the same time. I recall that one time our class must have misbehaved on the way to or back from the assembly. Sr. Vincent lined up the entire class and each student received corporal punishment with the paddle.

Memories of Fourth Grade: Sr. Wenceslaus would come to our classroom to teach our religion classes. Sister often brought with her a small bag of religious items. If we would answer our questions well we would be able to choose a religious item or holy card from her special bag. I recall choosing a very tiny statue of St. Joseph.

General memories:

I recall the May Crowning ceremonies that were held at the outdoor shrine between the school and convent. The entire school gathered at the shrine (*in my day there were roughly 600 students enrolled at St. Hyacinth School*) and one of the girls from probably the eighth grade was dressed in a beautiful dress and crowned the statue of the Mother of God as we sang hymns in her honor.

I recall cleaning the classroom floors in the old school by moving the desks to one side of the room and putting what looked like saw dust on the floor and sweeping it up. I imagine whatever the cleaning compound was it helped to keep the dust down. It might have been in 6th grade that Sr. Loretta wanted us to use wax paper to shine the floors. So we would place pieces of wax paper on the bottom of our shoes and slide around the classroom in order to buff up the tile floor.

I recall having the Mother's Club sponsoring movies for the entire school. They would sell popcorn to the students to eat during the movie. I can recall watching movies about the apparitions of Lourdes and Fatima.

At Christmas time we would have full school assemblies either on the third floor of the old school or in the new gymnasium in the Junior High School building. In 7th grade Sr. Paula had me sing solo "*Silver Bells*" during the Christmas assembly that year. Of course my voice had not yet changed, so I was singing soprano.

I remember altar server training in 5th grade. There were roughly 100 altar servers at that time! We were assigned to teams of 3 and wore black cassocks and white surplices. We served for Sunday and daily Masses. I recall riding my bicycle in the darkness of early morning to serve 5:30 a.m. daily Mass. The final changes of the Mass after the Second Vatican Council were happening in the early days of serving. The prayers at the

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foot of the altar were still being said, but were soon removed. By that time the Mass was in English. I loved serving Mass and considered it a privilege.

I hope that these memories will be helpful in the creation of your centennial memory book.

The following is information regarding my seminary studies and ordinations:

1983-1985: I attended college level seminary at St. John Vianney Seminary, St. Paul, Minnesota.

1986-1991: I attended graduate level seminary at St. Mary Seminary and University, Baltimore, Maryland.

March 31, 1990: ordained to the Diaconate in the St. Mary Seminary Chapel by the Most Reverend P. Francis Murphy, auxiliary bishop of the Baltimore.

August 31, 1991: ordained to the Priesthood at St. Mary Cathedral, Lansing, Michigan by the Most Reverend Kenneth J. Povish.

Currently I am the pastor of St. Mary Church in Manchester, Michigan.

Yours in Christ, I am

Fr. T. D. Krzyzaniak

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Sunday, October 23, 2005...Polka Mass at 10:30 a.m.

Sunday, November 13, 2005...Paczki will be served following 10:30 a.m. Mass

Saturday, December 10, 2005...Czarnina & Vegetable Soup will be served following 4:30 Mass

2006

Thursday, January 26, 2006...Polish Mass at 10:00 a.m. Lunch to follow

Sunday, February 12, 2006...Paczki will be served following 8:00 a.m. Mass

Sunday, March 12, 2006...Coffee Cake & Coffee will be served following 10:30 Mass

Saturday, April 1, 2006...Card Party

Saturday, May 13, 2006...Ice Cream Social following 4:30 Mass

Sunday, June 11, 2006...Chrusciki will be served following 10:30 Mass

Sunday, July 9, 2006...Coffee Cake & Coffee will be served following 8:00 Mass

Saturday, August 13, 2006...Polish Hot Dogs will be served following 4:30 Mass

Sunday, September 10, 2006...Polka Mass and Parish Picnic

Sunday, October 15, 2006...Men's A.C. Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, November 13, 2006...Cider & Doughnuts following 10:30 Mass

Sunday, December 10, 2006...Paczki will be served following 8:00 Mass

2007

Saturday, January 6, 2007...Chicken & Golabki Soups will be served following 4:30 Mass

Sunday, February 11, 2007...Coffee Cake & Coffee will be served following 10:30 Mass

Sunday, March 18, 2007...Coffee Cake & Coffee will be served following 8:00 Mass

Sunday, April 22, 2007...100th Anniversary Dinner

Saturday, December 8, 2007...Final Mass celebrated to close the 100th Anniversary Celebration

The Feast of St. Hyacinth

—August 17, 2005—



St. Hyacinth, the glorious apostle of Poland and Russia, was born of noble parents in Poland, about the year 1185. His early education was entrusted to the care of his uncle, a pious priest who later became Bishop of Cracow. Hyacinth manifested so much learning and piety that he was sent to complete his studies at the best universities in Europe.

In 1220 he visited Rome, and while there met St. Dominic. He became one of the first members of the newly-founded Dominican Order. Because of his spirit of prayer and his zeal for the salvation of souls, he was sent to preach and establish the Dominican Order in his native land, Poland. He journeyed also to Austria, Bohemia, and the shores of the Black Sea, and eventually to China, Sweden and Norway. Because of his evangelizing,

multitudes were converted, and churches and convents were built. He worked numerous miracles, and at Cracow raised a dead youth to life.

He inherited from St. Dominic a child-like and tender devotion to the Mother of God. To her he attributed his success, and to her aid he looked for salvation. When Hyacinth was at Kiev, the fierce Tartars sacked the town, but it was only as he finished Mass that he heard of the danger. Without waiting to unvest, he took the ciborium in his hands, and was fleeing the church. It is recorded that as he passed the image of Mary he heard a voice say, "Hyacinth, my son, why dost thou leave me behind? Take me with thee and leave me not to mine enemies. "Although the statue was heavy alabaster, Hyacinth took it in his arms, it was light as a reed. With the Blessed Sacrament and the image of Mary he came to the river Dnieper, and walked over the surface of the waters.

Worn out by his constant labors and vast journeys, Hyacinth spent the last few months of his life in a convent he had founded at Cracow. There on the feast of St. Dominic, 1257, he fell sick with a fever that was to end his earthly life. On the eve of the feast of the assumption, he was warned of his coming death. In spite of his condition, he celebrated Mass on the feast day, as a dying man. He was anointed at the altar, and died the same day in 1257.

He was canonized in 1594 by Pope Clement VIII.

The Day of Celebration

—April 22, 2007—



St. Hyacinth Church
100th
Anniversary
1907-2007

You are cordially invited to the
100th Anniversary Celebration
of St. Hyacinth Church (1907-2007)
to take place on
Sunday April 22, 2007
Mass at 2:00 pm in the church
followed by cocktails at 3:30 pm
and dinner at 4:30 pm
in the St. Hyacinth gymnasium.

Celebrants
Bishop Robert J. Carlson Bishop Joseph V. Adamec
Fr. Edward J. Konieczka

Donations Requested

RSVP by April 1st

MINISTERS

Main Celebrant

Most Rev. Robert J. Carlson

Principal Concelebrants

Bishop Joseph V. Adamec

Rev. Edward J. Konieczka

Other Concelebrants

Priests of the Vicariate, Parish Sons
Former Pastors and Associates
other priests in attendance

Master of Ceremonies

Rev. James Bessert

Deacon

Lee Stillwell

Readers

Robert Anthony

Anna Zuraw

Altar Servers

Elizabeth Davidson

Chris Dowd

Nicole Turek

Gift Bearers

Ray and Betty Dabrowski

Theresa and Wayne Dzurka

Eileen and Michael Malleck

Greeters

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Mrs. S. Joyce Lewandowski

Cantors

Nancy Ciesla

Carol Michalak

Choir

St. Hyacinth Church Choir

Instrumentalists

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

Mistress of Ceremonies

Susana Roznowski

INVOCATION

Fr. Lawrence M. Pashak

SPEAKERS

Parishioner - Marcel Sujkowski

Fr. Thomas E. Sutton

Fr. Lawrence M. Pashak

Bishop Joseph V. Adamec

The Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown

Bishop Robert J. Carlson

The Diocese of Saginaw

PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Michael Buda

Christian Service-Frances Gibelyou

Theresa Dzurka

Bishop Robert J. Carlson – Papal Blessing

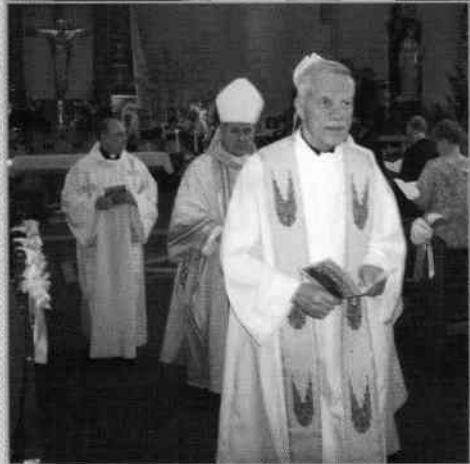
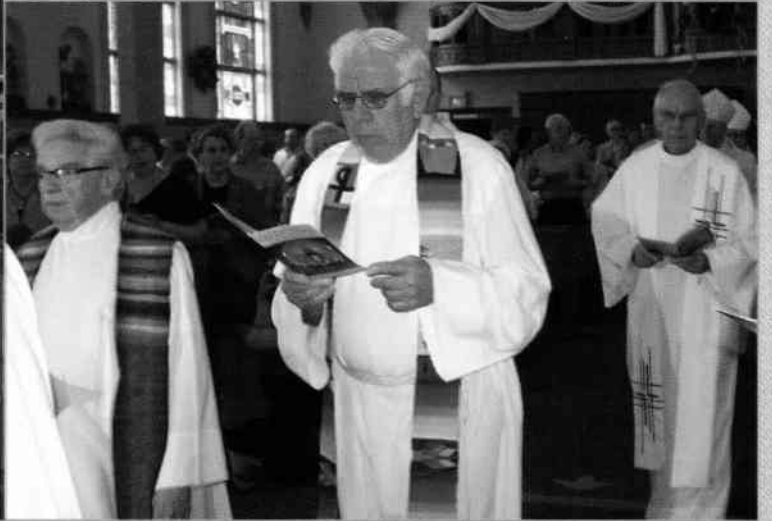
REMARKS AND BLESSING

Fr. Edward J. Konieczka

The Day of Celebration Mass

-April 22, 2007-





Looking Back...

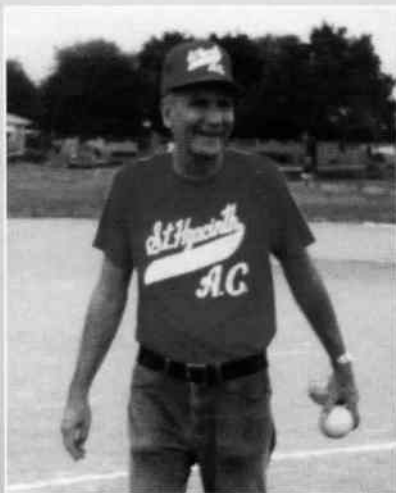
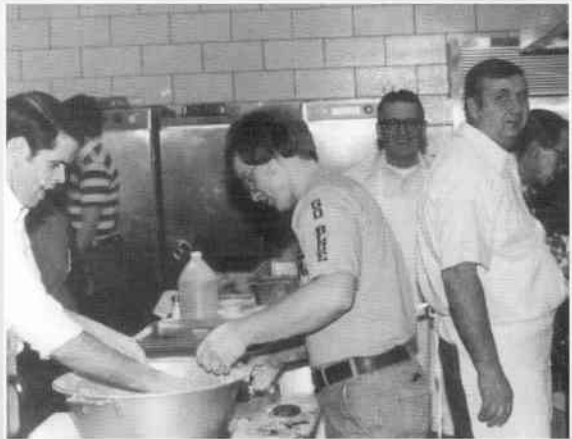
St. Hyacinth's Old School – Inside and Out





Looking Back... Past Activities in the Parish





More Past Activities...



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FOR OVER 65 YEARS**

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Photos from a past St. Hyacinth Festival



A black and white photograph of the interior of St. Hyacinth Church. The view is from the back of the sanctuary looking down the central aisle towards the altar. The church features a high, vaulted ceiling with several ornate, multi-tiered chandeliers hanging from it. A large, circular rose window is the focal point at the front, set within a large archway. Below the rose window is a balcony with a railing, decorated with a long garland of flowers. The pews are arranged in neat rows on either side of the central aisle. The overall atmosphere is solemn and grand.

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