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St. Stephen Church

New Boston, Michigan



The Reverend Alexander J. Wyrwal
Pastor

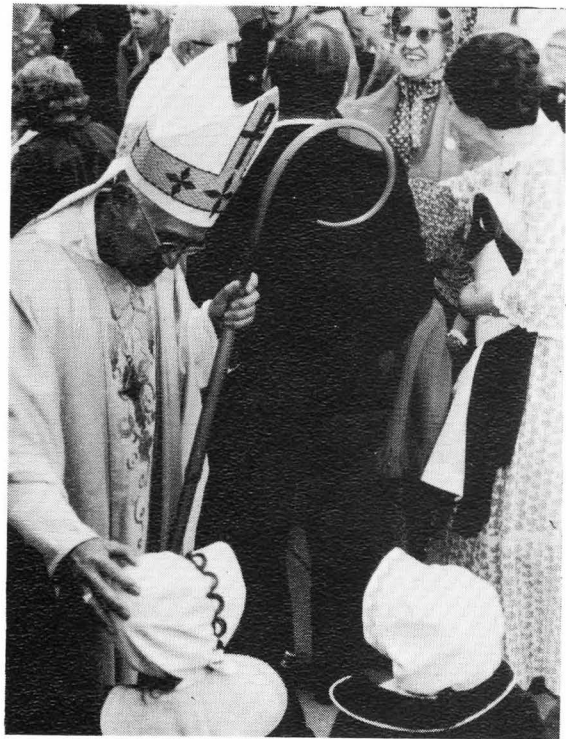
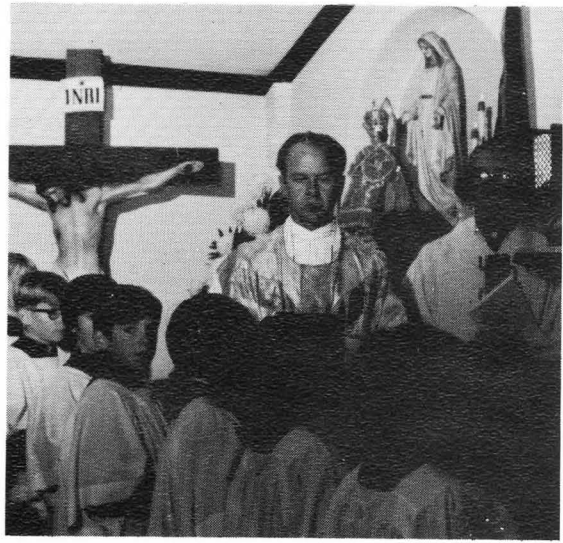
TO FATHER FRANK SKALSKI
WITH BEST WISHES

FROM

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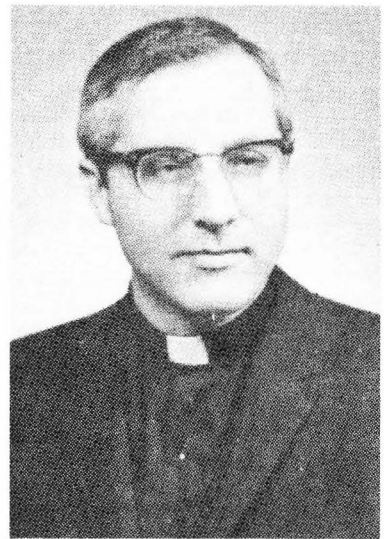
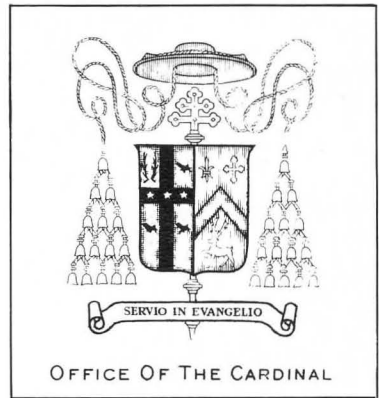


His Holiness, Pope Paul VI

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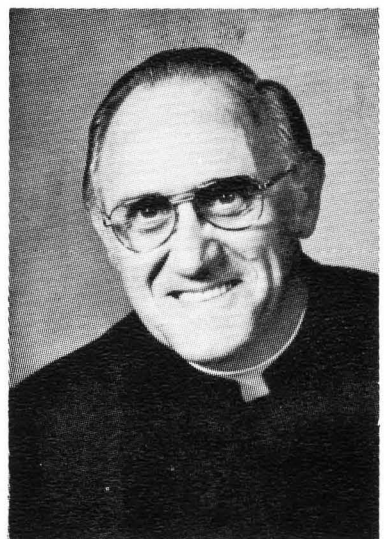
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September 20, 1974

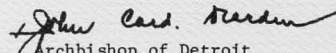
Dear Father Wyrwal:

On Sunday, October 20, 1974, St. Stephen's parish, New Boston, will celebrate the centennial of its establishment. And it is good to know that you are planning the anniversary with the solemnity and joy that it merits.

Because I will be in Rome attending the Synod of Bishops at that time, it will not be possible for me to be with you on the joyous occasion. However, I do welcome the opportunity that this letter offers me to congratulate you, the religious who staff the parish school, and the entire parish community.

A centennial day is before all else a day of thanksgiving to God for blessings received. I know that, as the parish and its friends unite in a special action of prayer, they will ask God in His goodness to continue to make St. Stephen's parish abidingly faithful to its mission in the Church.

Cordially yours in Christ,


Archbishop of Detroit

THE FELICIAN SISTERS, O.S.F.
38800 SCHOOLCRAFT ROAD
LIVONIA, MICHIGAN

March 7, 1976

Rev. Alexander J. Wyrwal
St. Stephen Parish
18858 Huron River Drive
New Boston, MI 48164

Dear Reverend Wyrwal and Parishioners of St. Stephen Parish:

It is with genuine pleasure that we extend to you our sincere and heartfelt congratulations on the occasion of the hundredth anniversary of Stephen Parish.

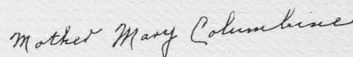
The progress and value of this Parish is evident. The continual support given to the people of God, including the Felician Sisters, in the forms of prayer and services as well as monetary assistance manifests the dedication and loyalty of each member.

Your time, your efforts, your sacrifices, and your love have truly endeared each of you to the Felician Sisters, and I am sure, even more so to God.

The Felician Sisters consider it a great privilege to have served you over the years and to have been an intimate component in the educational and spiritual life of the Parish.

We beg that God's benediction rest serenely upon all of you today and always. Please be assured of the prayers of all the Felician Sisters of the Livonia Province on your behalf.

Sincerely in Christ,



Mother Mary Columbine, CSSF
Provincial Superior



Mother Mary Columbine, CSSF
Provincial Superior

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

November 5, 1974

TO THE CONGREGATION OF ST. STEPHEN
CATHOLIC CHURCH

I am pleased to be able to join with you on this the happy occasion of your one hundredth anniversary.

During the past one hundred years St. Stephen has served its community with great distinction. I know the pride you all must feel at this time, and I trust that this same pride will continue to be a source of strength as you carry on with your important work.

May God continue to bless you in the years ahead.

Gerald R. Ford



President Gerald R. Ford



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WILLIAM G. MILLIKEN
GOVERNOR

November 13, 1974

Reverend Alexander J. Wyrwal
St. Stephen Church
18858 Huron River Drive
New Boston, Michigan 48164

Dear Reverend Wyrwal and Members:

I was pleased to learn that St. Stephen Catholic Church in New Boston is celebrating its one hundredth anniversary.

The many years of the church's service to its members have added to its spiritual leadership and have enriched the lives of those who have worshiped there.

Please accept my congratulations on the one hundredth anniversary of your church, and my best wishes for many more years of ministering to the congregation of the St. Stephen Catholic Church.

Kind personal regards.

Sincerely,

William G. Milliken

Governor



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Office of the President-Rector

October 22, 1974

Dear Father Wyrwal and
 Friends of Saint Stephen's Parish,

The Family -- the basic unit of our social structure, that nucleus from which, through the Parish, the bonds of Christian love are fostered, developed, and spread to join all of humanity -- bears witness to the fact that man does not stand alone. In his life he must seek communication and interaction with his brothers. He must experience himself, he must experience his God in and through others.

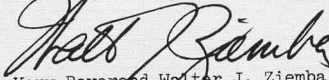
The love of Christ, the worship of the one, true God has for centuries united man in a strong bond. It is this religious bond fortified and complemented by common links of history, culture, and language which have made the Parish Family such an important, revered, and treasured element of the Catholic Polonia.

Indeed, the Polish soul centers around an intense love, a deep and abiding fidelity to God, country, and heritage. And the Polish spirit has found the source of all these things in the Family and in the Parish.

Today, we the Orchard Lake Family -- students, faculty, friends, priests, and sisters -- rejoice in celebrating with you the 100th Anniversary of Saint Stephen's Church. The Church of Saint Stephen has been an effective witness for the past 100 years to the rich and living heritage which the Poles have always found in their Parish-Families. We send our congratulations and our wishes of happiness to you, Father Wyrwal, and to your Parish for 100 years of active cultivation and development of the Christianity which led so many to Christ.

May the God of all men bless you and join us all, by His Friendship, into the love which gave us new life and eternal joy. And may we together seek to live in that special Family which shares in so great a love, so great a heritage, and so great a faith.

Sincerely in Christ,


 Very Reverend Walter J. Ziembra
 President - Rector

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CENTER FOR POLISH STUDIES AND CULTURE/CENTER FOR PASTORAL STUDIES/POLISH-AMERICAN LITURGICAL CENTER

Dostojny Księżu Proboszczu,
 Rodzino Boża Parafii Świętego Szczepana,


Na Jubileusz Wasz, Dostojni Rodacy, patrzymy przez pryzmat Świętego Milenium Polski, skąd otrzymaliśmy światło Wiary Chrystusowej i gorącą miłość do Świętej Bożej Rodzicielki. Na Jubileusz Waszej Parafii patrzymy na tle życia Polonii Amerykańskiej, która już przed laty obchodziła swoje stulecie założenia pierwszej parafii Panny Maryi w Texas. Patrzymy w perspektywie Jubileuszowego Roku Założyciela Seminarium, Księdza Dąbrowskiego. Na Wasz Jubileusz patrzymy też w perspektywie kiedy pierwsze parafie katolickie zostały założone w New Boston i okolicy.

Sto Lat służby w Kościele Chrystusowym to piękny okres czasu, to historia nie tylko tej wielkiej rodziny parafialnej, ale każdej w niej rodziny, każdej indywidualnej duszy, która w życiu parafialnym starała się być Bożą.

Dziś wraz z Księdzem Proboszczem, nasza Uczelnia Chrystusowa Orchard Lake prosi Dobrego Boga, aby wszystko coście uczynili dla Kościoła Świętego, dla Katolickiej Polonii, i dla Seminarium Polskiego było Wam policzone na niebo. Wieleście uczynili i wiele też otrzymaliście błogosławieństw Bożych. Oby Matka Boża Królowa Ludu Polskiego i Serdeczna Matka prowadziła Was w przyszłości.

Modlimy się z Wami, cieszymy się z Wami, i gratulujemy Wam, Rodzino Boża Jubilatko, Parafio Świętego Szczepana.

Szczerze oddany w Chrystusie,


 ks. W. J. Ziembra
 Rektor

SOCIETY OF CHRIST
6100 DOROTHY AVENUE
DETROIT, MICHIGAN 48211
(313) 921-9754

February 20, 1976

Dear Father Wytrwał:

On behalf of the Society of Christ for Polonia, I send you and your wonderful Parish our congratulations and the best wishes on your Golden Jubilee of St. Stephen's Parish.

I am very happy that God gave me this opportunity to meet you, Father Wytrwał, and your good Parish Family. In today's time many parishes are going through a crisis. But your Parish is still growing up with God's blessing and with your wise guidance and eager care of His people.

For us there is one special reason to be proud of your Parish. This Parish was established one hundred years ago by our Polish people who came here at a time looking for freedom and bread. They were poor with material things but very rich with their faith which they brought from their country, from Poland. This Church and your Parish are a wonderful monument of our forefathers faith in the USA.

Niech Bóg i Królowa Polski błogosławią nadal Księdzu Proboszczowi i całej Parafii w waszej wspaniałej pracy, niechaj Parafia rozwija się jak najpiękniej i prowadzi ludzi do Boga w długie lata, tak jak to czyniła już przez sto lat.

Szczęść Wam Boże!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Rev. Władysław Gowin S. Ch.
Rev. Władysław Gowin S. Ch.
Provincial Superior of the Society
of Christ in North America.

ST. LADISLAUS CHURCH

2730 CANIFF AVENUE
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December 19, 1974

Dear Father Wytrwał:

It certainly affords me an avenue of great joy to be able to participate in the "Centenary" of St. Stephen's Parish, New Boston, Michigan. It is also a pleasure because twenty-five years previously (1949), I had the privilege of celebrating the "Diamond" jubilee of the parish in the presence of Edward Cardinal Mooney, Archbishop of the Archdiocese.

A Jubilee day recalls many memories of past graces and spiritual favors bestowed by Almighty God through the parish church. For this reason, it is a day of deep joy and gratitude. In the years that lie ahead, may St. Stephen's parish continue to be a center, as it were, where all are inspired to greater love and devotion for Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

On this Jubilee occasion, I welcome the opportunity of congratulating you and the entire parish community. I know that this celebration will be an occasion of gratitude and of renewal. May the years ahead bring God's continued blessings upon the parish so long dedicated to His holy work.

With sentiments of esteem and renewed felicitations,
I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Edward J. Miotke
Rev. Fr. Edward J. Miotke

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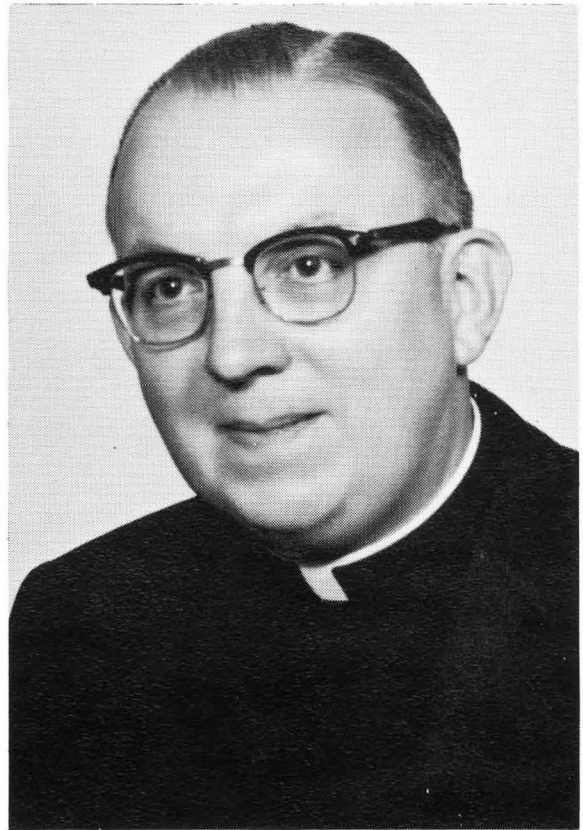
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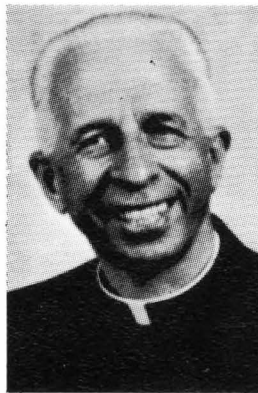
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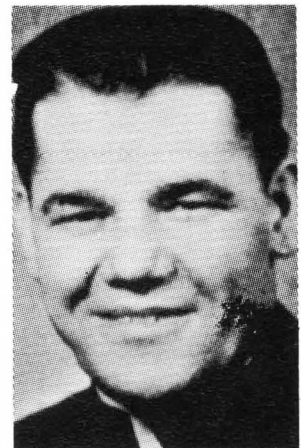
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*Reverend Alexander J. Wyrwal
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Former Weekend Assistant*



*Reverend
Joseph Kubik
Former Weekend Assistant*



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St. Stephen Church

One Hundred Years of Faith and Sacrifice Forge a Parish

Pioneers

“On October 20th, 1974, we gloriously and with pride celebrate the Centennial of our beloved parish, St. Stephen’s in New Boston, Michigan,” its pastor, Reverend Alexander J. Wyrwal, told his parishioners.

But St. Stephen’s heritage goes even further back in time, as far back as the Polish people’s first recorded appearance in America in October, 1608, when Captain Christopher Newport anchored his ships — the *Mary* and *Margaret* — off the shore of Jamestown, Virginia. Among his passengers were five Poles who had been recruited to begin the production of pitch and turpentine. They proved to be such an asset with pick and shovel that Captain John Smith invited more of them to settle in Jamestown. Within a few years fifty Poles were living in the area. They came from the villages and hamlets of Austrian, Russian, and German Poland. Behind them they left their dismembered homeland and willingly suffered the hardship and expense of traveling half-way around the world to the United States where the golden opportunity for freedom, land, and achievement was present.

Some people claim that these Polish immigrants came to this country carrying most of their possessions in their hands. But Polish historian Joseph Wyrwal, brother of Father Wyrwal tells us: “. . . in his memories, in his habits and his heart the Pole carried the building materials so necessary for the American environment.” Most of these

immigrants came from a rural economy where industry was one of the outstanding traits. The principal economic and social unit of the rural community was the family partnership in which the father and sons performed the heavy task and the woman cared for the house, made the bread, butter, preserved the fruit and vegetables and even wove the cloth and sewed the clothing. This strong partnership, together with the Polish immigrants’ skills to produce crops, breed animals, mend a wagon or shoe a horse, made his success inevitable, but not without sacrifice and hardship.

Still, like other immigrants unable to speak English when they first arrived, they were severely handicapped and exposed to exploitation. But like most immigrants these Poles were enterprising people who understood that the conditions of survival compelled them to develop the shrewdness of the trader and the foresight of the investor. With vigor, faith, and a will of iron they plowed our virgin land, worked with pick and shovel to build our roads and railroads and labored in the mines and factories. And despite suffering, homesickness, and difficulty, they prospered and helped their friends and relatives to come over.

The pioneer Polish woman, equally industrious and intelligent, worked in the hotels and restaurants as domestics and cleaners. Later their daughters worked in the first cigar factories, or operated sewing machines and punch presses in the automobile plants until they moved into the professions.

Soon industry sought these skilled workers and was as grateful for the new hands as John Smith had been at Jamestown three hundred and fifty years earlier.

New Boston

Before long, the Poles discovered Michigan, a wilderness whose first residents were friendly Huron Indians. Always, even while pioneering, the Pole has been essentially a religious person, proud of his Christian heritage of more than a thousand years. As soon as he established himself in an area where there was opportunity for work at the mines, railroads or mills he joined with others in organizing a church that would subsequently become the center of his community life. Once the church was established, the long hours of labor and sacrifice

would reap the reward of the joy and comfort of the old religious customs, the rituals and the familiar language of the old country.

Many settled in the township of Huron. New Boston, situated in its northeastern section, was originally known as Catville, a name derived from the initials of C. A. Trowbridge, a dealer in grocery supplies whose products were prominently displayed in Marvin Wilcox's grocery store. The village and post office officially gained the more aristocratic appellation of New Boston in 1881, six years after St. Stephen's founding.

St. Stephen's

In 1874, tradition asserts, about twenty persons organized and attended the first services of the Roman Catholic Church in New Boston at the home of Anthony Reiser, on what is now known as Sibley Road. Mass was celebrated by the Reverend Louis Florent Gillet, C.S.S.R., who travelled by horseback from Monroe. To deal directly with the needs of the local families, a parish, under the patronage of St. Stephen, first Christian martyr, was planned. "While the possibilities of a place to worship were contemplated," according to Mrs. Dorothy Dugan, an earlier historian and first parish organist, who has researched and written about this period of time, "the faithful gathered on the upper floor of a red brick building at the corner of Huron River Drive and Craig Street which was used as a general store and owned and operated by Steven Sims." Here the mission work was continued by visiting priests from Dearborn who came once a month to minister to the community.

A lot, on the corner of Craig and Evans Streets, was purchased for two hundred dollars and before long a small pink brick church with seating capacity for two hundred and fifty persons was erected. It was completed so as to be used for the first time on November 26, 1875, but was not consecrated until September 14, 1884. Reverend Edward Joos, who was later raised to the rank of Monsignor, the first priest of the Diocese of Detroit to be thus honored, performed the ceremony of dedication. At that time the parish was under the care of the Reverend Bernard G. Soffers of Monroe. In May, 1885, it was placed in the charge of Father Stephens and other monks from the St. Bonaventure Monastery of the Capuchin Order in Detroit.



Reverend Edward Joos, I.H.M.

In October, 1888, Reverend John Lovett was assigned to New Boston and lived on Evans Street. He left within the year and for the next eleven years the parish continued as a mission of Sacred Heart, Dearborn, under the pastorate of Reverend John Marker, who came the third Sunday of each month. With the appointment of Reverend John Frances Needham as the first resident pastor of a new parish at Whittaker, New Boston became a mission of St. Joseph's, Whittaker, in Washtenaw County. The earliest record we have of a baptism at St. Stephen's was on March 20, 1904, when Father Needham baptized Edward Respondek.

Father Needham was succeeded in 1909 by Reverend Lawrence Henry Soest, who in turn left the parish in 1919. Then Reverend Francis J. Hardy officiated until January, 1920. His successor was Reverend Charles Joseph Dillon, the last pastor from Whittaker parish to take care of St. Stephen, New Boston.

During those early years the cost of St. Stephen's continued to weigh heavily on the shoulders of the poor parishioners. But church historian John Peters tells us that these were also happy times. There were bathing beaches on both sides of the Huron River and the boys swam and fished throughout the summer. Rinne's Grove, located on the banks of the Huron near West Road,

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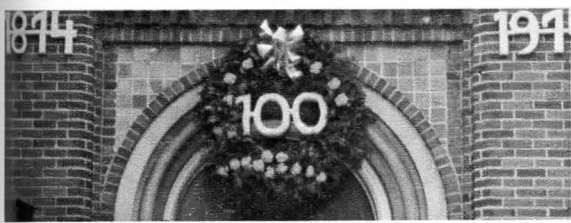


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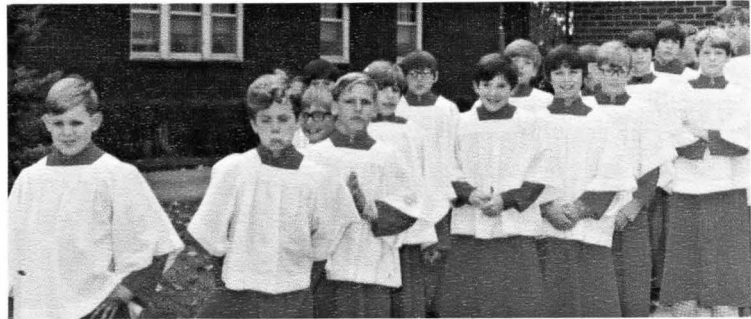
“For where two or three meet in my name,
I shall be there with them . . .”

Mt. 18:20





Anniversary Highlights —
Tomorrow's memories are built
from such joyous moments as these



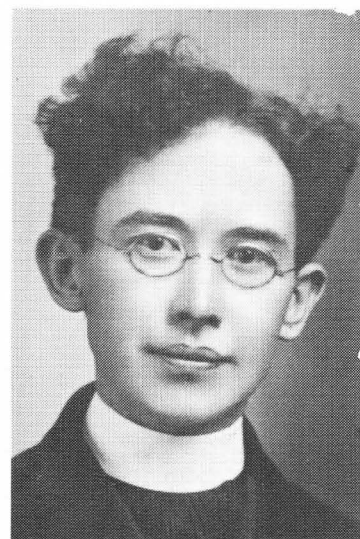
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Setting cornerstone for St. Stephen's Church, October 14, 1923



Sanctuary as it appeared in days long gone



Reverend John Needham

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was popular for summer picnics and Saturday night dances. In the winter, Willow Hall was the setting for musicals and dances. In those days, haircuts were fifteen cents and the electric bill was fifty cents a month during the summer. Taxes that are now fourteen hundred dollars were then forty-five dollars and there were no telephone or water bills

Reverend Alphonse Nowogrodzki

At last, in 1920, the most Reverend Bishop Michael Gallagher appointed Reverend Alphonse Nowogrodzki as first resident priest of St. Stephen. Efficient, resourceful, and sacrificing, Father Nowogrodzki immediately recognized the needs of his overflowing parish and directed his attention to the building of a new church and rectory. When some of the parishioners studied his plans they expressed doubt that such a large church would be practical in New Boston. But Father Nowogrodzki replied, "Some day this church will be too small for our community. I want it to last for some time." He then proceeded to purchase the present grounds at Huron River Drive and Sibly Road. The rectory was built on the property in 1922.

On September 31, 1923, ground was broken for the new St. Stephen's. This was a glorious day for the enthusiastic parishioners. Again they willingly contributed their time with picks and shovels and the sorely needed money. Among those active at the time were George Bloomfield, Frank Gutt, Peter Gabriel, Alex Bossick, Earl Bloomfield, Andrew Bossick, Leo Roach, Leo Lewandowski, Joseph Tabaka, Frank Schultz, Chester Dykowski, Thomas Monczkowski, Frank Monczkowski, Alex Bodary, and Theodore Gratowski. St. Stephen's parish owes much to these staunch pioneers and benefactors.

The setting of the cornerstone took place on October 12, 1923. Again this was a festive, happy occasion, with almost all of St. Stephen's parishioners attending the ceremony. The farmers brought their horses and dug out the basement. One of these men, Mr. John Pustelak, is now ninety years old and can still remember the occasion. All this volunteer help aided in keeping the church cost down. Still, this was the period of the Depression that followed

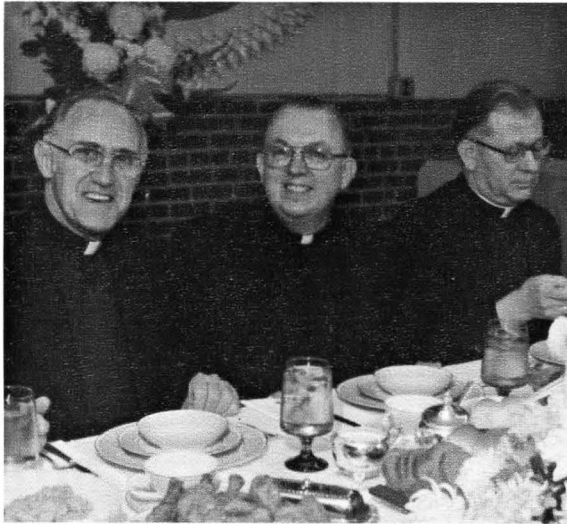
World War I and Father Nowogrodzki and the parishioners had to pay what were then exorbitant prices for skilled workers. The carpenters were paid \$1.25 an hour and brick layers took home \$13.50 for each eight hours of work. The laborers received seventy cents an hour, plus \$1.50 carfare each day. The completed church building cost approximately twenty-three thousand dollars.

Over the years St. Stephen's still stands majestically at the gateway to New Boston. Its traditional architecture has enough modern aspects to make it practical and functional. The statues remain as they were. Since a large percentage of the parishioners were Polish, Father Alphonse would give the sermon in Polish and in English. This resulted in a Mass that was an hour-and-a-half long. Visiting friends and relatives from Detroit remarked that they attended two Masses each Sunday at St. Stephen's.

In those days "it was an honor to see Frank and Bertha Shultz come to church," states John Peters. "Frank was proud of his handlebar mustache. Some of the men called him King because he resembled Kaiser Wilhelm. Albert Drouillard would arrive early and 'by coincidence' meet Mary Chapp on her way to Mass. Frank Gabriel and Stanley Wegienka discussed farm prices before the bell rang and Judge Arnold Haener would leave his cigar on the right window ledge when entering church and retrieve it after Mass. John Peters parked his car behind Margaret's car, making sure she didn't get away without a chat. The Leonard Bozmans drew 'ahhs,' as they ambled up the church steps. Andy Bodary once outbid all the fellows to the tune of twenty-nine dollars for the box lunch of his school-teacher fiancée at the Vinning School Box Social Party. Henry Hoffman passing the collection box with his famous smile is still a fond memory . . ."

Now that his new church was built and the comfort and spiritual needs of St. Stephen's parishioners assured, Father Nowogrodzki turned his attention to the spiritual care of the needy Catholics in nearby Belleville. He purchased an Episcopal church, remodeled and furnished the building for religious service, and re-named it St. Anthony.

But by 1942 the strain of dual pastorship made itself felt and Reverend Francis Lukasiewicz



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was sent to aid the sick Father Nowogrodzki. Reverend Peter Wyrzykowski then assumed the pastorate since Father Alphonse was too ill to continue. But Father Wyrzykowski's administration was short-lived: he died suddenly in the rectory on December 18, 1946.

Father Nowogrodzki died December 14, 1947. He was buried on the first anniversary of Father Wyrzykowski's death.

On December 19, 1947, Reverend Edward Miotke succeeded Father Nowogrodzki. He was installed in a solemn ceremony at St. Stephen's on January 25, 1948. At that time Father Miotke began the annual Third Sunday in August Festival. He placed the booths behind the church, purchasing the present woods and acreage behind the structure for this purpose. Earlier, St. Stephen's Festival had been held at various Huron Township locations.

St. Stephen's Diamond Jubilee

In 1949, St. Stephen's Parish celebrated its Diamond Jubilee. Father Miotke and St. Stephen's parishioners were honored by the presence of Edward Cardinal Mooney, D.D., Archbishop of Detroit, who officiated at a consecrated Mass. On that happy seventy-fifth birthday, Father Miotke told his parishioners: "May God be as generous in His blessing as you have been in your service. May the year to come bring you continued progress for our church and country." After the ceremony there was a parade that began at the church steps with all the church groups participating to make it not only a colorful but memorable day for everyone attending. A dinner in the church hall followed the ceremonies.

Father Miotke's profound religious spirit and his administrative ability was an inspiration to those who knew him. At that time the children, "Christ's little ones," as he called them, had a brief religious education. Father Miotke arranged to have two Felician Sisters, Sister Mary Rosamond and Sister Mary Gerald come to the parish each Saturday morning to give catechetical instructions to the elementary school children.



*Reverend Alphonse
A. Nowogrodzki
Former Pastor of
St. Stephen's Church*

New School

Father Miotke's dream of a school for the children was realized when, at last, plans for a parish school were drawn up in 1949 by architect Arthur DesRoisers. Father's eagerness to devote his energies and talents to a schoolbuilding was infectious. Soon there were many willing helpers and liberal donations for the school.

On Pentecost Sunday, May 28, 1950, the groundbreaking ceremonies took place and Andrew Bodary, the contractor, transformed sketches on paper to foundation, wall, roof and classrooms. Father Alexander J. Wyrwal, St. Stephen's present pastor, newly ordained at that time, was acolyte for the dedication.

The history of the groundbreaking ceremonies was still being written when Father Miotke was transferred to Our Lady Help of Christians in Detroit.

Father Ignatius Czapski was then named the new pastor in June, 1950. A kind and amiable hardworking man, he immediately plunged into the building program with enthusiasm. The school was due for completion in September of 1951, but it was not until October, when Sister Mary Crescenta, Sister Mary Suzanne, Sister Mary Andrea and Sister Mary Theonilla greeted the first classes of one hundred and eighty children, that its doors were opened. Sister Mary Gordon, who was the first principal, now lives in retirement at St. Stephen's. Each Sister taught two classes with approximately fifty students to a grade.

Aerial view of parish plant, circa 1966. Msgr. Tobias G. Morin addresses honored guests, parishioners, and friends on the occasion of the Blessing and Dedication of Blessed Virgin Mary Shrine



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And, in 1952, the first St. Stephen's graduates, Martin Cady, Ralph Dulecki, Robert Lobkovich, James Lukomski, Joseph Morris, Edward O'Conner, Samuel Piaseczny, Richard Szoke, Victor Winter, Margaret Fleszer, Virginia Makowski, and Jeanette Miron, achieved a milestone on the road to giving the Church better citizens who were well-versed in the things of God and of man. Father Czapski was proud of the school's full scholastic program and his graduates as he posed for a graduation photograph with them.



At this time American soldiers were fighting thousands of miles away from home in Korea. In Washington, President Truman consulted with Generals Bradley and Marshall and agreed that General Douglas MacArthur must go. What a blow up! Winston Churchill said that it reminded him of the dismissal of his ancestor, the Duke of Marlborough, by Queen Ann in 1711; Senator Nixon demanded the General's immediate reinstatement; and Senator Jenner threatened to impeach Harry Truman. And MacArthur, in an address to both houses of Congress, drew tears even from television audiences when he quoted the army ballad, "Old Soldiers Never Die, They Just Fade Away."

On June 19, 1955, Father Ignatius Czapski said a Mass of Thanksgiving and the parish held a banquet to honor him on his Twenty-Fifth Anniversary of Ordination. Two years later, with the help of a number of dedicated parishioners, the Blessed Mother's Shrine was built. This was one of Father Czapski's favorite projects. The Sisters, especially Sister Mary Calesta, have fond memories of Father planting and caring for the flowers around the Blessed Mother's pedestal.

But on May 7, 1959, this devoted, hard-working, and zealous priest suffered a heart attack. He was buried on May 11th in the presence of Archbishop Dearden, Monsignors, brother priests, nuns and parishioners. The loss was great for St. Stephen Parish in New Boston.

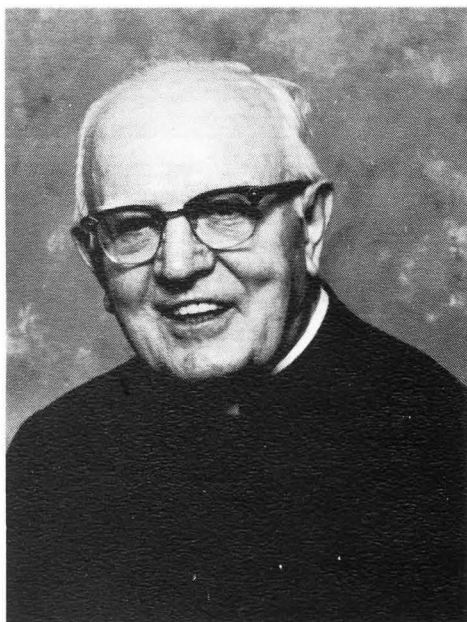
From June 12, 1959, until January 18, 1967, the pastorship was in the hands of Father Ladislaus Golas who came to St. Stephen from St. Albertus Parish in Detroit. Thus he became the fourth resident pastor of St. Stephen's.

Reverend Golas was born at Three Rivers, Massachusetts, on November 27, 1910. After attending public elementary school in Three Rivers, he moved to Erie, Pennsylvania, where he attended St. John Cantius High School. Father Golas then entered St. Cyril and Methodius Seminary at Orchard Lake, Michigan in 1923 and was ordained on June 6, 1935, by Bishop Michael Gallagher.

Beautiful garden glen is the setting for statue of Our Lady on church grounds. Note decorations placed about statue commemorating the Blessing and Dedication of Blessed Virgin Mary Shrine



*Reverend Ignatius Czapski
Former Pastor of St. Stephen's Church*



*Reverend Edward Miotke
Former Pastor of St. Stephen's Church*

On May 29, 1960, the parish sponsored a banquet to honor Father's Twenty-Fifth Anniversary of Ordination and on June 6, 1965, the parish was honored to host a Pearl Jubilee celebration in honor of his Thirtieth Anniversary of Ordination.

In the 1960's the St. Stephen's Dads Club was formed to sponsor Little League baseball, boys and girls scouting, C.Y.O. and girls softball. In 1963, the Little League team won the Huron Township Championship. All Huron Township games were played on St. Stephen's four diamonds behind the school. There were Pee Wee Little League and Babe Ruth Divisions. Some evenings four games were played simultaneously. St. Stephen's was the center of baseball in the area with boys from Romulus, Ash-Brownstone, and an entire team from Carleton playing in our Leagues.

Somebody up there loves us! In '63" we also played two games with mighty Dearborn's Divine Child. We beat the undefeated Willow Run Baptist Champions ten-to-nothing in a post-season game. They challenged us to a game and we responded. They even requested that we join them in their pre-game prayer, which was their policy. Our boys must have prayed harder. We won!

The boys and girls, and even the adults who performed here, have many pleasant memories to look back upon, as well as lifelong friendships that were cemented during these activities.

During this time the parish began to increase slowly and this had a bearing on the school enrollment. With the increase of the number in the school and with the archdiocesan ruling of forty students per classroom starting in the fall of 1966, Father Golas soon realized that the four-classroom school was quickly becoming inadequate.

In November 1966, a general parish meeting was held at St. Stephen's with Father John Zwiers, the Superintendent of Schools of the Archdiocese of Detroit and Father Golas' newly appointed first parish school board. The problem was discussed, and a plan formulated to increase the school facilities to alleviate the overcrowded conditions.



Groundbreaking for St. Stephen's School addition by Father Alexander J. Wyrwal

Blessing of school flag which is flown day and night. In the evening the flag is spotlighted



Reverend Alexander J. Wyrwal

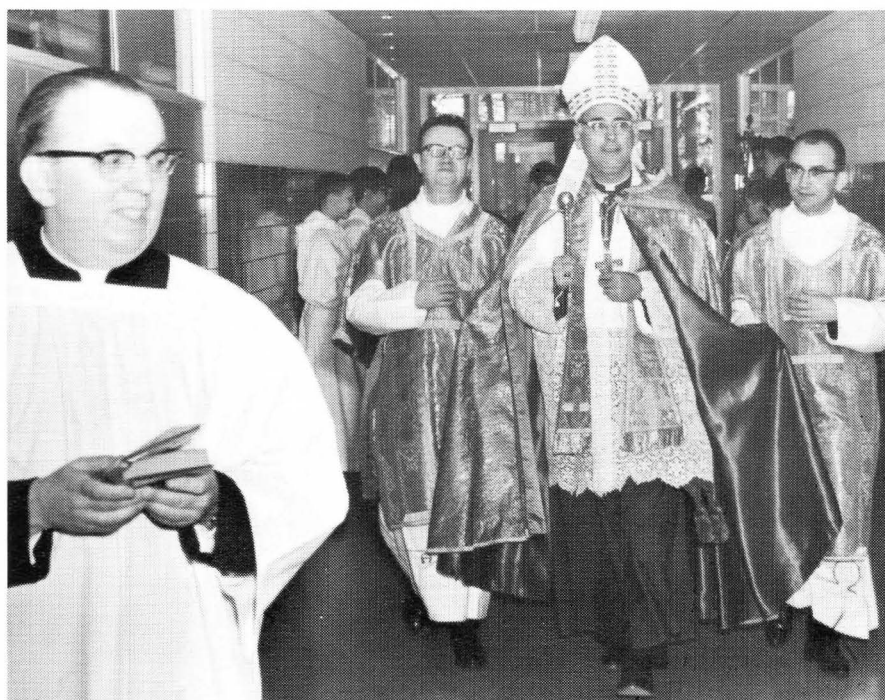
Shortly afterward, Father Golas was transferred and our present pastor, Father Alexander J. Wyrwal, was appointed. On January 18, 1967, St. Stephen's became the first pastorate for Father Wyrwal. Born in Detroit on April 20, 1923, he attended St. Andrew Grade School and St. Casimir High School in Detroit. He received his A.B. Degree June 9, 1946, from St. Mary's College, Orchard Lake, Michigan. Theology was taken at Mount St. Mary of West Norwood, Ohio. Father also took graduate courses at Wayne State and the University of Detroit from which he has since earned two Master of Arts Degrees

in psychology and religious education and a Certificate in pastoral and marriage counseling. He has also received a Master of Arts Divinity Degree from St. Cyril and Methodius Seminary. He was ordained May 20, 1950, at the Blessed Sacrament Cathedral by Edward Cardinal Mooney, D.D.

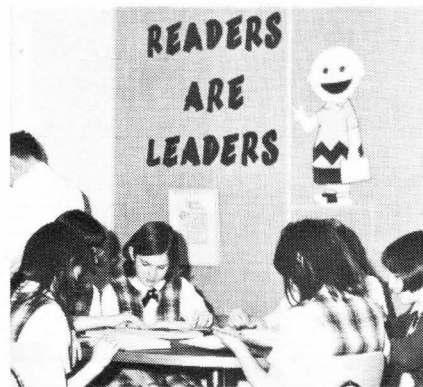
Like Father Golas, Father Wyrwal came to St. Stephen's from St. Albertus in Detroit with a wide variety of experiences obtained from his work at seven parishes where he had previously served as assistant pastor. Quick to perceive the many needs of his new parish, he set the school problem aside



Rev. Ladislaus G. Golas, Former Pastor, above. At right: Blessing and dedication of school addition by Bishop Walter Schoenherr. Fr. Wyrwal, Pastor, Fr. Richard Maloney and Fr. Adalbert Gorajski assisted



Entrance of St. Stephen's School



St. Stephen's students in school library

temporarily while he set about handling other, more pressing, issues. The Sisters desperately needed transportation, so they were presented with a new Chevrolet Impala. The convent and rectory were refurnished and redecorated. The sanctuary of the church was modified and a portable altar was installed in order that the priest could say Mass facing the people.

While this busy period of construction and renovation went on, Father Wyrwal did much to encourage the spiritual and temporal life of his parish. In October, 1967, approximately one hundred and twenty-five parishioners took active part in a parish synod up to the Diocesan level. Prior to this, acting on the recommendation of the school board previously created by Father Golas, and following Archbishop Dearden's ruling of forty children per classroom, Father Wyrwal leased two portable schoolrooms for temporary use by the children of the lower grades.

While utilizing the portable classrooms, Father Wyrwal and the school committee continued to study and hear recommendations on what was best for their school. On July 8th, Father received a letter from Monsignor Thomas Gumbleton, now Bishop Gumbleton, of the Diocesan Building Commission granting permission to St. Stephen's Parish to award a preliminary architectural contract for a four-room addition, library and office, to the existing four-classroom school. The architectural firm of Rollason, Rockicki, and Crombe was awarded the contract on July 15, 1967. After the approval of the drawing the Building Commission and Superintendent of Schools of the Archdiocese and his staff awarded a contract to the architect in the amount of \$8,438.85, to prepare complete and detailed architectural drawings. After the drawings were completed bids were solicited from various contractors. The original estimate to complete the addition was \$191, 593. Contracts were awarded to H. F. Good and Company for \$111,240, to Standard Plumbing Company for \$56,000, and to County Electric Company for \$24,353.

State Representative Edward Machalik and Reverend A. Gorajski, a visiting scholar from Europe, joined Father Wyrwal, Sister Mary Virginia, Mrs. Nellie Wyrwal (Mother), Joseph Wyrwal (Brother), Mrs. Veronica Kuliga (Aunt), and the children and members of the parish at

groundbreaking ceremonies on July 21, 1968. At that time the builders agreed that the addition would be completed within one hundred and eighty days. To help defray expenses, the shovel used by Father Wyrwal and the children at the groundbreaking ceremony was auctioned off and the Ushers Club won the shovel with the highest bid.

The school addition quickly began to take form. There was much speculation and curiosity as parishioners gathered at the site each day to watch the work progress. On January 31, 1969, the fifth, sixth, seventh, and eighth grades happily moved into their new, modern, and inviting classrooms. The third and fourth grade students who had been occupying the portable schools were able to move back into the permanent structure and the children were once again housed under one roof.

The two portable schoolrooms were then rented to the Huron School District while their new school was being completed.

Dreams Become Reality

Congratulations Father Wyrwal on this memorable day . . . a dream is fulfilled . . ." These were the thoughts and feelings expressed among the many parishioners as they prayed and witnessed the dedication ceremonies performed by Auxiliary Bishop Walter J. Schoenherr on Sunday, February 16, 1969. The ceremonies began at 4 p.m. with a procession from the rectory. Together they had come a long way . . . at the dedication Father Wyrwal gratefully told his parishioners, "On this day you, the parishioners of St. Stephen Parish, New Boston, have accomplished both a dream as well as a necessity. My deepest gratitude for the support you have given me in remodelling of the old school building and in constructing a new and beautiful school addition and for allowing me to share this day with you."

Also speaking at the ceremony, Father Joseph Immel, pastor of St. Peter, Blissfield, told St. Stephen's parishioners: ". . . your building is a monument to the sacrifices, planning, and cooperation of a committed community: St. Stephen's Parish. You are a people of a living faith. It is my pleasure to pay tribute to your pastor Father Wyrwal, my long-time best friend. His heart and sincerity are as



Festival Time! Father Wyrwal stands near sign announcing annual parish event

big and obvious as his size. Father is one who is truly and deeply interested and moved by the concerns and cares of his parishioners. He is the most thoughtful, considerate, genuine, and gentle man I've ever known. His priest friends are many — every priest who ever met him. And they all think Father Al's just great, as I know you do too."

In his sermon Father Immel admonished the Sisters and teachers: "You must teach them not only the creation of God, but must make them aware that God's creatures are signs of an ever-present, ever-creating God who is very close and cares for and about us. You must not only teach them the sciences but also how to use this knowledge to help others too. You must teach them to use the things God made according to His plan. That we are agents through whom God can bring His love to others. From you the boys and girls will learn the truths of a religious faith: a history past and present of a God's interest in bringing his love to His family, on earth and in eternity. From you they will learn moral values, stemming from relationship to a loving Father-Creator and extending to a community of brother sons of God. That sin is not making a return to God for His love of them. You'll teach them how to control the powers within them through discipline. You must awaken in them an awareness of God-ness in others, of a desire to return the love their parents have given them. You must teach them to discover other people, to accept the contributions of an older culture, of an adult



At the barbeque pit: Bob Sobodash, Frank Viger, Joe Viger, and Joe Dalto make ready for our Bar-B-Q Chicken Dinners

world. Though they must be modern and improve the past, they must build upon rather than tear down what experience took so long to build. These truths are doubly necessary today when no mention of God in public education teaches, in reality, that God is unimportant, and is not relevant to the modern age, that man is self-sufficient with his knowledge of science and is unaccountable to God for his actions, that morality is whatever is fashionable."

After Benediction, Reverend Walter J. Schoenherr, Auxiliary Bishop of Detroit, Father Wyrwal, his classmate Father Richard Maloney, associate pastor of St. Rose, and Father Albert Gorajski, a visiting scholar and resident priest, proceeded to the school where Father Wyrwal and Sister Mary Virginia, CSSF, principal of the school, assisted the bishop in the ribbon-cutting ceremony at the entrance of the new school addition. They then proceeded down the hallway to the new library where the blessing and hanging of the Crucifix took place.

After the dedication ceremonies the happy visitors and parishioners gathered in the multi-purpose room of the new addition where the seventh and eighth graders, under the direction of Sister Del Marie, presented a short musical program to the guests and various friends of the community. Later, a short tour of the building and a reception sponsored by the St. Stephen's Mothers' Guild followed the day's joyful festivities.



Sister M. Axentia, Sister Mary Leonisse, Sister M. Veronica, and Sister Mary Isabelle lend support



Astronaut David R. Scott, of Apollo 15 Moon Mission makes an historic visit to St. Stephen's Church

The 'Seventies

On September 11, 1971, Father Wyrwal and St. Stephen's Parish were host to United States Astronauts, Majors Scott, Warden, and Irwin, the crew of Apollo 15 — vehicle to the moon. "What a day that was," remarked one of St. Stephen's parishioners. On November 2nd of that year eighteen-year-olds cast their first vote.

In Washington, after twenty-three years of differences in policies, President Nixon made plans to visit Peking for an eight-day trip to China, which he called a "journey for peace." As one result of this visit, here at home many of the parishioners were able to watch a Chinese ballet group on TV, while the Nixons, with Madame Mao sitting between them, watched a live performance of the ballet in China.

Many say that 1974 was truly a watershed year. The Watergate scandal and Vietnam, our longest war had come to an end. President Nixon left in disgrace, but we had a new president, Gerald Ford. The energy question was caught in an ideological political whirlpool and the recession went on and on. But at last President Ford announced, "Our long national nightmare is over." And we began to breathe easier.

For St. Stephen's, 1974 was a special One Hundredth Anniversary Year. The parish was celebrating a new era full of promise, of greater understanding and of laurels for Father Alexander.

On February 5th, the Huron Township Rotary Club honored Father Wyrwal at a dinner held in the Orchard Grove Restaurant. On that occasion Harvey Carey presented the "Man of The Year" award to Father Al. Nellie Katlof Wyrwal, his mother, who was commemorating her fifty-second wedding anniversary on that day was present at the ceremony to honor her son. Among the many other guests and well-wishers was his brother Joseph Wyrwal, historian and principal of Wilson Junior High School in Detroit.

Another accolade for Father Wyrwal — this time he was the 1974 recipient of Cardinal Dearden's John Farrell Award. This award is presented annually to a recognized clergy who puts forth special effort in the ministry. At that time Bishop Schoenherr wrote, "Through this letter I want to set in writing your appointment to theological study in Rome from March 1st to June, 1974. This is the result of your selection by the Cardinal for the John Farrell Award. As you know from your meeting with the Cardinal, you were selected for this recognition because of your hard work in Parish ministry and also because of your special efforts to keep abreast of the continued growth of the Church. I am delighted with the selection and offer my hearty congratulations. You have worked quietly, without a lot of fanfare, and you have done a wonderful job. And, of course, the people of St. Stephen's Parish deserve some credit too — good people help to make good priests!



Father Wyrwal receives Apostolic Blessing from Pope Paul VI on behalf of St. Stephen's parishioners

"I want you to announce the award to your people and, if possible, put this letter in the parish bulletin. Good news should be shared."

As part of the award Father Wyrwal received a grant for three months of theological study in Rome. While in Rome Father Wyrwal shook hands with our Holy Father, Pope Paul VI, and the Pope bestowed his Apostolic Blessing to all of St. Stephen's parishioners on the occasion of the Parish Centennial.

In September there was a Centennial Ox Roast. The enthusiasm with which the crowd responded to the evening's events prompted Mr. A. J. Haener, chairman of the Centennial Celebration committee, to call it our "Fall Ball."

On Sunday, October 20, 1974, St. Stephen's parishioners celebrated their church's one hundredth birthday with a special concelebrated Mass. A large Centennial wreath adorned the front archway of St. Stephen's as Bishop Arthur Krawczak, Father Wyrwal, and the only living former pastor, Father Edward Miotke, assisted in the ceremony. Father Joseph Kubik, who served the parish for eighteen years, preached the homily. After the concelebrated Mass there was a buffet dinner and reception for the honored guests, priests, Sisters, and parishioners.

But the joy and thanksgiving of St. Stephen's Centennial continued throughout the year. A three-day festival, composed of folk songs, dance ensembles, skits and patio dancing, a polka contest and Gypsy dancers, was especially joyful during the Centennial Year. "The chicken dinners were extra

delicious," wrote a delighted guest. The booths and concessions housed in our all-purpose, white building, built during Father Ladislaus Golas' pastorship, were especially comfortable and inviting. As church historian and long-time resident John Peters stated: "St. Stephen's festival is the finest celebration in the diocese. People come from all over for the woods and for a day of pleasurable entertainment and for the courteous country atmosphere displayed here. Almost everyone in the area looks forward to the third Sunday in August as their 'must' annual outing. This is the biggest event of the year in Huron Township."

On November 10, 1974, a Centennial Mass and dinner were held as a special tribute to the Felician Sisters of the parish. Some two hundred Sisters attended the celebration. On Saturday, November 30, 1974 a Centennial Ushers' dinner-dance was held to commemorate St. Stephen's historic one hundredth birthday.

Parish Organizations

As St. Stephen's Parish concludes one hundred years of service, the vital work begun by those early pioneers is continued by the many workers of its organizations. Among them: the Parish Council, through which the cooperation of religious and lay people assists the apostolic work of the Church both in evangelizing and sanctifying, and in charitable, social and other endeavors. Its members are:

Father Alexander J. Wyrwal, Pastor
 Reverend Wojciech Baryski, Week-end Associate
 Sister Mary Celine, CSSF, School Principal
 Reverend Roman Swienchicki, OFM,
 Richard Klaes, Parish Council President and
 Chairman of Education Committee
 Louis Fendt, Chairman, Administration Committee
 Mrs. Florence Ripple, Chairman of Christian Service
 Stanley Paluch, Chairman of Worship
 Chester Urbanski, Representative of
 Age Group 50 and up
 Mrs. Judith Santina, Secretary and
 Representative of Age Group 26-49
 Andrew Paluch, Representative of Age Group 14-25



Sunday, November 10, 1974 Felician Sisters' Centennial Dinner



Smiling faces show pleasure derived from new library facilities



*Sr. Mary Celine, CSSF
Present Principal*



Father Golas and Sister instruct children in library usage

St. Stephen School

Reverend A. Wytrwal	Pastor Administrator
Sister M. Celine, C.S.S.F.	Principal

Teachers

Mrs. Gloria Scheuer, Mrs. Ann Bunting, Sister Mary Rosetta, CSSF, Mrs. Janet Cahill, Miss Susan Langmesser, Sister Mary Veronica, CSSF, Mrs. Emily Blicharz, Mrs. Karen Peters, Mrs. Virginia Kuehnel, Secretary, Miss Adele Brulez

Rosary Altar Society

Mrs. RoseAnn Farnstrom	President
Mrs. Marceline Germain	Vice-President
Mrs. Inez Smeltekop	Secretary
Mrs. Rosemary Cady	Treasurer

Usher's Club

Mr. Barney Tobacco, President	Mike Lenart
Leonard Biel	Joe Luczak
Mike Bomba	Richard Mandeville
Jerome Chapp, President	Walter Micik
Russell Dagenais	Albert Nowak
Joe Dalto	Jim Quigley
Dick Diedrich	William Santina
Peter Ducharme	John Stanke
Lou Fendt	Frank Szoke
Martin Glinski	Barney Tobacco
Arthur Greca	Edward Tupacz
Herman Hoffman	Stanley Uchman
Tony Jaskolski	Edward Umin
Stan Kochanowski	Frank Viger
Jerry Larabell	Joe Viger
Julius Laroy	George Wesserling
Joe Lenart	Edward Zakerski

St. Stephen's Ladies Guild

Mrs. Diane Kovach	President
Mrs. Julia Mick	Vice-President
Mrs. Jean Poet	Secretary
Mrs. Shirley Vass	Treasurer
Mrs. Guadalupe Nowak	Corresponding Secretary

Samaritan Club (Bingo Social)

Mrs. Christine Gamber	President
Floyd Drouillard	Vice-President
Mrs. Stephanie Komisar	Secretary
Mrs. Floyd Drouillard	Treasurer

Members: Mrs. Barbara Greca, Mrs. Helen Mate, Gerald York, Mrs. Louis Paducha, Our Saminarians, Eugene Beil

St. Stephen School Board

Mr. Walter Micik	President
Mrs. Mary Viger	Secretary

Members: Mrs. Lorraine Brulez, Mrs. Rosemary Rogalle, Mr. Richard Diedrich, Mr. Joseph DeJack, Mr. Dick Ortner, Mr. Fred O'Hotzke, Miss Shirley Lukomski, Sister Mary Celine, Reverend A. J. Wytrwal

Mrs. Mary Viger	Librarian Chairman
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Today

On May 18, 1975, a Jubilee Mass of Thanksgiving was offered in honor of Father Wytrwal's Twenty-Fifth Anniversary of Ordination to Christ's priesthood. His concelebrants were Reverend Mitchell Bednarski, Reverend Stanley Bereda, Reverend Joseph Immel, Reverend Joseph Kernosek, Reverend Marian Lesniak, Reverend Casimir Wiercioch, Reverend Joseph Matlenga, Reverend Joseph Sito, Reverend Raymond Skoney, Monsignor Jerome S. Smalarz, and Reverend Jerome Szelc. Monsignor Smalarz, a long-time friend, preached the Silver Jubilee homily. Father's many friends and relatives proudly joined in the Thanksgiving Mass and reception that parishioners had long awaited to honor him with on his Silver Jubilee.

In his acknowledgement, Father Wytrwal said, "Today I thank you all who have had a part in these twenty-five years of my holy priesthood."

As pastor, Father Wytrwal's thoughts go to the future and the unity of his church and people as he dedicates this Centennial Book to them. "On October 20th, 1974, we gloriously and with pride celebrated the centennial of our beloved parish, St. Stephen's, in New Boston, Michigan. I imagine during the past one hundred years we did have our 'fat and lean' years. There were years and times where things looked so hopeless for St. Stephen's. And still our determined forefathers and founders of this parish, with the help of God's grace, rose up on every occasion. And so, after one hundred years, we as their benefactors are happy and justly honored. Our present accomplishments have been many and significant, thanks to St. Stephen's dedicated priests, Sisters and parishioners. We dedicate this Centennial Book to the memory of Father Alphonse Nowogrodzki, Father Peter Wyrzykowski, Father

Ignatius C. Czapski, Father Ladislaus Golas; Sister M. Celine, CSSF, and to all the Felician Sisters, both living and deceased, who served St. Stephen School; and to our entire parish community, living and deceased. May God, Our Father, be pleased with us! May Jesus, our Brother, be the source of our continued strength! May the Holy Spirit that lives within us all guide and succor us in all our endeavors! Today, together with our beloved Bishop Arthur Krawczak representing our Chief Pastor, John Cardinal Dearden, we humbly offer our thanksgiving to our Eternal Father, and to our Patron, St. Stephen, for one hundred years of paternal care given to us.

"I congratulate today the priests, the religious, and every member of this wonderful parish in this historic Centennial Book. Like our forefathers, you and I have made many sacrifices for the good of St. Stephen's Parish here in New Boston, Michigan. I know for this God will bless us all abundantly! We are the family of God's people. Let us continue to pray for one another. For those whom God called to the next world and who now rest in our St. Stephen Cemetery, for our children, for our youth, and for the old, that we may still carry on with greater zeal, what we have guarded and treasured for these last one hundred years.

"As your Centennial Pastor during the Centennial Year 1974, I bless you one and all from the depths of my heart. I welcome the opportunity the printing of this Centennial Book gives me of expressing to you my sincere congratulations to the

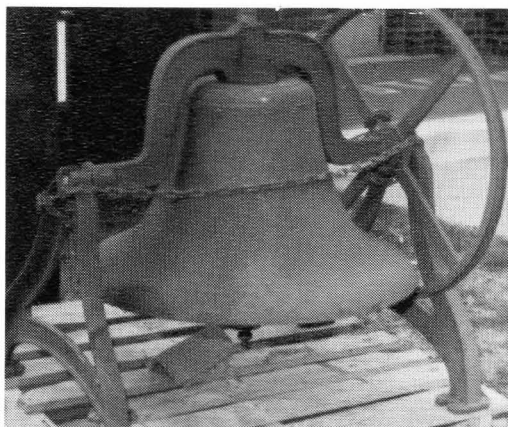
good people of St. Stephen's, to Sister Mary Celine, our principal, to our Sisters and Teachers who presently staff our school. Somehow, we all share in the Priesthood of Jesus in our own unique way as we continue to build the Body of Christ. Surely this is a good time to look back, and together with you I thank God for the blessings that have come to people of this parish. We look now confidently to the future and pray for those whom the parish will serve in the years to come. We live at present in very turbulent times. Let us not fail to recognize that time and circumstances will necessarily make changes in our progress. Still, we must remain confident that in the years to come St. Stephen's Parish in New Boston, Michigan, will continue to be a leading instrument guiding us all to God. In the years to come may this Centennial Book we now publish in the year of our Lord, 1976, recall the hallowed date of our First Centennial and the historical place that it now has in the history of this Centennial Parish. Saint Stephen, our Parish Patron and Martyr, Pray for us."

Together St. Stephen's parishioners and priests have come a long way. The one hundred years of faith, dedication and growth of St. Stephen's is a tribute to the leadership of its priests, the sacrifice of its parishioners, and the determination and responsibility of St. Stephen's organizations. "Sto Lat," long life of a "Hundred Years" to each and everyone. Our story is far from complete.



Patricia Diane Maciejewski and Roy Michael Locklear were wed by Father Alexander J. Wyrwal, August 16, 1975 – "Sto Lat!"

CENTENNIAL MASS
OFFERTORY PROCESSION –
October 24, 1974



The Offertory Procession at this Mass represented the overall life of our Parish-Family for the past one hundred years. The following were brought to the Altar:

The Baptismal and First Communion Registers which symbolize spiritual growth in our parish throughout the one hundred years –
Baptism . . . Dorothy Dugan – Leon LeBlanc
First Holy Communion . . . William Modzelewski – John Pustelak

The Marriage, Confirmation and Convert Register which represents the commitment of our Parish members through the years –
Marriage . . . Joseph and Pauline Milosch
Confirmation . . . Converts . . . Frank Gabriel – Ray Kreyger

Death Register represents our parishioners who died in Christ –
Flora Roberts

The Bible signifies God's Holy Word proclaimed from this spot and to be proclaimed for years to come.
Anthony Jaskulski

The Lord has been praised by the Parish-Family for one hundred years by the unique sacrifice of Christ as represented by the bread and wine.
Anna Shaja Edmund Laginess

The chalices and ciboriums have been donated by the Bushey and the Gasidlo families.

Jerome Chapp Florence Bushey
John Gasidlo Marianna Ostrowski

Red roses signify the Martyrdom of St. Stephen our Patron Saint who was stoned to death for proclaiming the Risen Christ.
Irene Wegienka

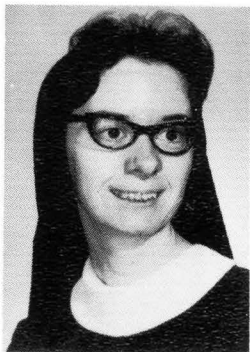
School books and the Diploma represent the twenty-three years that our Parish has educated and graduated its Youth.
Sister Mary Celine, C.S.S.F. Joseph Bodary

Flag, symbol of our freedom, was donated by VFW of Carleton.
Bruno Joblinski

Flowers presented to the Rt. Reverend Bishop Arthur H. Krawczak by Ann Drouillard, symbolize our Love and Dedication to the Church of St. Stephen's.



Reverend Joseph Immel



Sr. Patricia Glaab, I.H.M.
Vocation from the parish



Mr. Charles Unseld
Speech Therapist



Mrs. Dorothy (O'Brien) Dugan
First Parish Organist



Mrs. Leona Glaab
Parish Organist

Teachers In St. Stephen's School

1951-52
Sr. M. Gordon, Principal
Sr. M. Andrea
Sr. M. Crescenta
Sr. M. Suzanne

1951-53
Sr. M. Gordon, Principal
Sr. M. Andrea
Sr. M. Crescenta
Sr. M. Suzanne

1953-54
Sr. M. Gordon
Sr. M. Crescenta
Sr. M. Theonilla
Sr. M. Laura

1954-55
Sr. M. Rosamond, Principal
Sr. M. Loretta
Sr. M. Lucia
Sr. M. Alfreda
Sr. M. Desideria

1955-56
Sr. M. Rosamond, Principal
Sr. M. Desideria
Sr. M. Paschaline
Sr. M. Edith

1956-57
Sr. M. Rosamond
Sr. M. Phillipine
Sr. M. Paschaline
Sr. M. Elaine
Sr. M. Edith

1957-58
Sr. M. Paschaline, Principal
Sr. M. Fabiola
Sr. Joanne D'Arc
Sr. M. Edith

1958-59
Sr. M. Paschaline
Sr. M. Callista
Sr. Luanne
Sr. M. Vivian

1959-60
Sr. M. Paschaline
Sr. M. Callista
Sr. M. Leontine
Sr. M. Rozanne

1960-61
Sr. M. Paschaline
Sr. M. Leontine
Sr. M. Gabriel
Sr. M. Leontine

1961-62
Sr. M. Paschaline
Sr. M. Rosanne
Sr. M. Noelita
Sr. M. Gloria

1962-63
Sr. M. Paschaline
Sr. M. Rosalie
Sr. M. Noelita

1963-64
Sr. M. Domicella, Principal
Sr. M. Antonia
Sr. M. Felicitas

1964-65
Sr. M. Domicella
Sr. M. Vincintine
Sr. M. Hyacinth
Sr. M. Annunciata

1965-66
Sr. M. Domicella
Sr. M. Eucharis
Sr. M. Maurita

1966-67
Sr. M. Virginia, Principal
Sr. M. Natalie
Sr. M. Assicia
Sr. M. Maurita

1967-68
Sr. M. Virginia
Sr. M. Augustine
Sr. M. Georgia
Sr. M. Maurita

1968-69
Sr. M. Virginia
Sr. M. Charlene
Sr. M. Berchmans
Sr. M. Del Marie

1969-70
Sr. M. Virginia
Sr. M. Charlene
Sr. M. Berchmans
Sr. Carolyn Marie

1970-71
Sr. M. Virginia
Sr. M. Natalie
Sr. M. Berchmans
Sr. M. Caesaria
Sr. M. Paulinette
Sr. M. Patricia

1971-72
Sr. M. Virginia
Sr. M. Patricia
Sr. M. Caesaria
Sr. Eugene Marie

1972-73
Sr. M. Maristella, Principal
Sr. M. Gordon
Sr. M. Lourdetta
Sr. M. Leontine
Sr. M. Juanita

1973-74
Sr. M. Celine, Principal
Sr. M. Gordon
Sr. M. Rosetta
Sr. M. Francesca

1974-75
Sr. M. Celine
Sr. M. Gordon
Sr. M. Veronica
Sr. M. Rosetta

1975-76
Sr. M. Celine
Sr. M. Gordon
Sr. M. Mercedes
Sr. M. Margaret

Pray For

Mr. Adam J. Lewandowski — Died January 2, 1969

And For All Of Our Parish Benefactors

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Friends and relatives assembled for Father Alexander J. Wyrwal's 25th Anniversary of Ordination. Center left, seated, is former pastor, Father Edward Miotke. At Altar: Father Marian Lesniak, Father Wyrwal, and Father Joseph Immel. Below: Father Wyrwal with mother, Mrs. Nellie Wyrwal, and relative from Poland, Mrs. Joseph Wyrwal; brother, Joseph Wyrwal; godmother, Mrs. Lena Killian; and ninety-two year old aunt, Mrs. Mary Nycz

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Memorable scenes from the One-Hundredth Anniversary Mass. Top row left: from left are Altar Boys David Glaab, Jeff Laurain and Ed Viger; Leon LeBlanc, Mrs. Dorothy Dugan, Frank Gabriel, William Modzelewski and Ray Kreuger . . Top row right: from left are Floyd Drouillard, Father Ed Miotke and Bishop Arthur Krawczak greeting Irene Wegienka . . Middle row left: Father Wyrwal, Bishop Krawczak and Father Miotke during Mass . . Middle row right: from right are Ray Kreuger, Mr. Joseph Milosch, Mrs. Roberts and Jerry Chapp. Bottom left: from left are Fathers Joseph Immel, Joseph Kubik, Robert Sable, George Kowalski . . Bottom right: Father Wyrwal and classmate Father Marian Lesniak

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Top left: Linda Nowak and Kenneth Badiuk beneath the Centennial wreath. Middle left: the parish grotto adorned with flowers . . Middle right: Altar Boys from left are Danny Smith, Steven Ritter, Greg Haener, Patrick Gabriel, David Bodary, Jerry Wawrzyniec, Joe Fendt, Greg Stedman, Ronnie Farnstrom, Gary Micik, Jim Smith, John Bodary, Michael Glaab, Phillip Wawrzyniec Larry Frederick and John Gabriel. Bottom left: Mrs. Dorothy Roberts and Jerome Klaes . . Bottom right: Procession of priests includes Fathers Bednarski Mitchell, Wojciech Baryski, Joseph Kubik, Ray Skoney, Robert Sable, Joseph Kernosek and Joseph Immel

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Colorful costumes, happy faces and good food – the ingredients of a thanksgiving feast. Shown enjoying Centennial Banquet are at top left Bishop Krawczak, Father Wyrwal and Father Lesniak; at top right, Tammy Gabriel, left, and Deborah Komisar; at center right, the Bishop and Father Wyrwal join the pastor's mother Mrs. Nellie Wyrwal; and at center right are Mrs. Theresa Drouillard, at right, Mrs. Rosemarie Schoolmaster and Mrs. Judith Fredericks. Shown at the bottom is the school as it became a sanctuary for many parishioners when the Centennial Mass was broadcast over the public address system

